

A black and white portrait of Dr. R. L. Rogers, an elderly man with glasses, wearing a suit and tie. He is looking slightly to the left of the camera.

# Dr. R. L. Rogers

Founder and Organizer of  
Harvey Avenue Baptist Church

October 1966 to July 20, 2019

The Only Pastor for 53 Years

In recognition of his lifetime contributions and achievements to Harvey Avenue Baptist Church as its founder, organizer, teacher, and Pastor for 53 years. Also, The Late First Lady, Sister Laura Ann Smith Rogers contributed greatly to the Ministry using her God-given talent of Gospel Singing. Pastor Rogers and Sister Rogers worked together under the guidance of the Holy Spirit for the uplifting of the Kingdom of God.

Rev. R. L. Rogers and eight families began to work out the beginnings of a new church. They were the Taylor Family, the Young Family, the Dedmon Family, the Davenport Family, the Hatten Family, the Donelly Family, the Williams Family along with the Rogers Family in October 1966.

The late Rev. M. L. Parson (South Riverside Baptist) and the late Rev. J. T. Robertson (Salem Baptist) came together to help organize  
**THE HARVEY AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH.**

History was made on September 18, 2019, when Dr. Jack M. Teeler was chosen as the first ever elected Pastor of Harvey Avenue Baptist Church to continue the charge given to the church.