



STAFF BIOS

REV. RUDY SHEPTOCK JR. | SENIOR PASTOR

Rev. Rudy Sheptock, Jr. was born in 1960 in Passaic, New Jersey and is very proud of his Jersey roots. He grew up Roman Catholic and made a personal commitment to Jesus Christ as his Savior as a freshman in high school. Rudy later felt called by God to full time ministry and went on to Philadelphia College of Bible. After working with Youth for Christ, Rudy ministered full time in Dayton and Stow, Ohio and in Omaha, Nebraska, specializing in youth, college and singles ministry. Since the summer of '97, Rudy has been the Senior Pastor of The Lighthouse Church of the Christian and Missionary Alliance in Cape May County, New Jersey.



The church makes its mission to take the true treasure, Jesus Christ, beyond the doors of its building and lets it be known to all that there are **NO PERFECT PEOPLE ALLOWED!** Whosoever will may come and know the love of God! God has since done wondrous works in the midst of Cape May County and Rudy's prayer is that the bold moves of God, with God and for God will continue!

Rudy is husband to Terri and Dad to Rudy III, Leah, Abbie and Joel. He is also a Pop-Pop to Jude and Gideon (Rudy III and his wife Lindsey) and Lucia (Leah and her husband Jeff). Not a stranger to tragedy and very difficult times, the Sheptock's youngest daughter Abbie, battled back from kidney cancer and their middle 2 sons lived only a short time on earth. Nicholas Paul was born and died on April 5, 1995 and Benjamin Philip was born and died on March 7, 1999. There was even the loss of another child- 6 month into the pregnancy in June of 2005. Rudy grew up in a very unique family. His parents, Rudy Sr. (who graduated to glory in 2000) and Joanne had seven children of their own and went on to adopt 30 more. Rudy credits his parents for modeling real faith and being adventurous in following God.

Pastor Rudy is known for his passionate love for Jesus and contagious enthusiasm which becomes evident in his unique speaking style. Through the years, Rudy has been a featured speaker for Youth for Christ, C&MA Youth Camps throughout the country, the C&MA Colleges, Countless churches of all denominations and abroad in Australia, Malaysia, Russia, Mexico, the Dominican Republic and Rudy's personal favorite: Ecuador. He is also a big baseball fan (with a diehard allegiance to the New York Mets), coaches sports locally, loves music and hosts radio shows on the stations in South Jersey. His life verse is Ephesians 3:20 because he has experienced God's bigness personally and wants to show them Jesus until the day he goes home to Heaven!

GARY HRYNOWESKI | ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Gary was born was born and raised in northern New Jersey. At an early age Gary and his siblings were brought by his mother to Bethlehem Church to avoid the day to day chaos of their home. It was through this ministry that he met God, his wife and stated pursuing the call to ministry.

Gary attended and graduated from Philadelphia College of Bible and served his first seven years as the Youth Pastor of Mendham Hills Chapel. Over the past twenty years Gary has served in the ministry, educational and non- profit sectors. In 2003 Gary started a non-profit community based organization (Inverse, Inc.) to serve at-risk youth and families in northern New Jersey. In 2009 Gary transitioned Inverse into a faith-based



organization implementing a weekly worship service as well as community outreach opportunities. During the ministry of Inverse, Inc. Gary received a NJ Biz 40-under-40 award as well as a Five Sectors Alliance Lifetime Achievement Award. In 2010 Gary took on the role of Director of Hudson, Bergen, Passaic & Warren County for Youth Advocate Programs. Within YAP Gary developed, implemented and supervised services to youth and families involved in DCP&P and the NJ Juvenile Justice System.

In 2018 Gary responded to the call to serve alongside his mentor, Rudy Sheptock, at The Lighthouse Church. Gary has been married for twenty seven years to Debbie and they have two children, Emily & Greg.

REV. CHARLES HARRAH | ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Charles Harrah is a native of New Jersey, accidentally born in West Virginia and later grew up in Los Angeles during the 1960's. He began training in fine arts, but during the summer of 1974 God called him to the pastoral ministry. He began theological/biblical studies at Columbia Bible College in South Carolina.

After graduation (1979) he started in ministry in The Christian and Missionary Alliance in Pomona, New Jersey. He met the love of his life in that church, Donna, and married her in June 1982. The denomination sent the young couple to plant a brand new church in Briarcliff Manor, New York. Charlie also taught in the religion department of The King's College.

The Harrah's have pastored churches in New York, New Jersey and Delaware. Donna and Charlie have four adult sons - Joshua, David, Daniel and Philip. In October 2011, Charlie was hired full time at The Lighthouse Church. He is delighted to serve as pastor for caring, small groups and whatever else is needed. Besides his duties at The Lighthouse Church, Charlie is a lecturer in pastoral studies at The Reformed Episcopal Seminary in Blue Bell, Pennsylvania. Charlie's favorite verse is Zephaniah 3:17, and he'll even sing it for you if you ask him to.



JEFF SAVAGE | ASSISTANT PASTOR — YOUTH & COMMUNICATIONS

Jeff is a bit of a nomad, born in New Jersey but having lived in 6 other states. He graduated from Truman State University (MO) with a bachelor's degree in Communication. Jeff was called to youth ministry after serving as an intern for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes in Kansas City, MO.

In June 2012 Jeff became an intern and in the summer of 2013 he came on staff full-time. He has been licensed in the Christian & Missionary Alliance since 2016. He currently works with middle & high school students, oversees the communications and technology in the church, and is pursuing a masters degree through Fuller Theological Seminary as a part of MAGL Kampung 38. He likes a lot of bible verses, but his life verse is Hebrews 11:6.

Jeff married his beautiful wife Leah in 2016 and they have one daughter, Lucia, who lights up their world.



KRISTEN MCCLURE | CHILDREN'S MINISTRY DIRECTOR



ABIGAIL SHEPTOCK | WORSHIP DIRECTOR, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, & COUNSELING

Abbie has been going to the Lighthouse Church since 1997. Abbie is the Pastor's daughter and has grown up serving in the Church and serving on the Worship Team at TLC. From kid's choir in Sunday School, until now, Abbie has been drawn to Worship and the feet of Jesus. In addition to music, Abbie has a heart that longs to listen to people's stories, to help the hurting, and to assist those in need.

In 2016, Abigail graduated from Stockton University with her Bachelor's Degree in Social Work. Before taking the official position as Worship Director in 2018, Abigail worked in full time Social Work as a Drug and Alcohol Counselor. It was never her intention to work in full-time ministry, but everything fell into place quickly when the opportunity presented itself.

For such a time as this, she is honored to be serving the Lord in this capacity at The Lighthouse Church. Her hope is that people will constantly be reminded through musical worship that God is all that we need and all that we could ever want. "Let everything we say and do be glorifying to You!"



TERRI SHEPTOCK | ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT



LISA MIGLIACCIO | LIFT FM ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

