

## Deborah Boyd Purvis



**Deborah Boyd Purvis** is a native of Tarboro, North Carolina, and the daughter of the late Ms. Lillie Mae Boyd. She attended W. A. Pattillo School for her elementary and high school education until 1970, the year of school integration. Deborah graduated in 1972 from Tarboro Senior High School, a historic milestone as her class was only the second to graduate from the newly established school.

In 1979, Deborah earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Art (Visual Communications) from North Carolina Central University in Durham, North Carolina. Currently, she enjoys serving as a substitute teacher for Edgecombe County Public Schools in Tarboro, North Carolina.

Deborah is married to Tommy R. Purvis Sr., and together they have five sons and nine grandchildren. She is an active member of ESMBC in Tarboro, where she passionately serves God and delights in lifting up the name of Jesus.

In October 2024, Deborah accepted the position of Chairman of the Hall of Fame Committee, adding to her legacy of leadership and service.