

Ammie Davis to lead Turner Theological Seminary

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Ammie L. Davis has been named president and dean of Turner Theological Seminary. She will be the first woman to head the African Methodist Episcopal institution in Atlanta.

Davis currently serves as pastor of Zion Chapel AME Church in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, and as connectional first vice president of AME/Women in Ministry. She is also state director of the Child Evangelism Fellowship of Mississippi.

Prior to pastoring, Davis spent almost 28 years in the US Navy—14 as a hospital corpsman and 13 as a chaplain. She retired from active military service in 2016.

She graduated from Turner in 2004 with a master's degree in the psychology of religion and pastoral care and counseling.

In an NPR interview, Davis said she was excited to return to her alma mater as president and dean.

"I am still waking up every morning just saying, 'God, I thank you for this open door.' . . . I see this opportunity as being a leader of leaders."