

Pastor Darrell L. Brooks is a man after God's own heart, who seeks to serve and help others. Pastor Brooks's service goes beyond the walls of the church into the community. He has served as the member of many non-profit boards impacting the lives of the community's most vulnerable population. He has served as chairman of the board for the Community Action Agency and a Board member of the former New Haven Family Alliance, just to name a few. Pastor Darrell also served as the Ward Co-chair for Ward 26, Vice-chair of the New Haven Democratic Party, the political action chair for the Greater New Haven NAACP, as well as the executive board for Local 825 Fire Union. Currently, Darrell serves as the Lead Pastor for the Gathering Place Community Church located in Waterbury CT. In addition, he serves as Police Commissioner for the City of New Haven Police Department, Trustee of the Police and Fire Pension Board for the City of New Haven and the Board of Directors for the Science Park Development Corporation.

In addition to his civil service, Pastor Darrell's ministry continues across the Dixwell/Newhallville community through his work at Beulah Land Development Corporation. Pastor Brooks believes that all persons, regardless of creed, color, or nationality, are entitled to live in a neighborhood void of blight, systemic poverty, and crime. As a result of this belief, the lives of residents and the neighborhood can be changed to improve the quality of life of an entire community.

Pastor Brooks has developed 50 units of housing which has provided homeownership and affordable rental opportunities in the Dixwell/Newhallville community. The Development Corporation broke ground on an affordable housing development using Mass Timber construction, the first of its kind on the east coast. In a world challenged by rapid climate change, the tail end of a global pandemic, and rising inflation and housing prices, 340+ Dixwell is at the forefront of environmental sustainability in the affordable housing industry. Utilizing mass timber construction methodology reduces both its carbon footprint and cost while simultaneously creating beautiful, healthy housing. The mass timber is manufactured off-site and delivered to the site in carefully planned stages that will increase the speed of construction; therefore, enabling a faster completion and occupancy for low- and moderate-income families. Once completed, the unique construction will also result in energy savings as well as maximize the indoor air quality.

He is the proud husband of Althea Marshall Brooks and the father of 3 beautiful children - Chelsea Elizabeth, Paige McKenzie and Darrell Joshua.