

## Reverend, Dr. Martia Creighton Thigpen, D.C.

Martia Creighton Thigpen, D.C. , was born and raised in Waterloo, Iowa. She is the oldest daughter of Pastor Belinda Creighton-Smith (Pastor of Faith Temple Baptist Church, Waterloo IA) and LC Smith. Along with her three younger brothers, Martia was brought up and spent much of her time in the church. She operated in many positions in ministry while at Faith Temple Baptist Church before relocating to her present home in Columbia, SC at Rehoboth Baptist Church where she has served as, Minister, Youth Choir Director, Youth Ministry leader, Health and Wellness Ministry Chair/member, CDC Advisory Board member, CDC Director, and the first lady of the church.

Martia Creighton Thigpen is a graduate of the University of Northern Iowa, where she received her Bachelors of Arts in Biology (Pre-Med). In 2005, completed her graduate studies at Palmer College of Chiropractic with a Doctorate in Chiropractic Medicine and in 2022 she graduated from The Interdenominational Theological Center of Atlanta, GA receiving her Master of Divinity.

Along with her husband, Rev. Dr. Ivory Thigpen, she founded and operates Restore Chiropractic Family Wellness Center, LLC since 2014. This clinic specializes in holistic care; serving the “whole” person; mind, body and spirit. Through the gift of laying on of hands, the clinic was developed on the scripture found in Mark “and they will lay hands on the sick and they will be healed(restored)”.

Martia Thigpen is the proud mother of four children, Uriaha, Ivana, Ivory III, and Ananias. Along with the accomplishment of raising four children, she has been blessed with several awards and acknowledgements to include: Humanitarian service to India-Clinic Abroad, National Coalition of 100 Black Women “My sister’s keeper” Health Award recipient, and The Black Pages Top 40 under 40 honoree.

Dedicated and committed to the calls God has given her, Dr. Thigpen operates as mother, physician, counselor, minister, and teacher. In answering to help God’s people become healthier, in 2010 she became a licensed Zumba instructor and a certified AFAA group fitness instructor. In 2016, she became an adjunct Anatomy and Physiology instructor at Midlands Technical College. And most recently in 2021, the Honorable Dr. Thigpen, was appointed by the governor to the South Carolina Board of Chiropractic Examiners where she serves our state as the first African American female board member.

One scripture that Dr. Thigpen holds dearest to her heart is “Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends” John 15:13.

“It is one by the grace of God that I am who I am. If I give until I am or have no more; having done all that God has asked and required of me, then my living will not have been in vain and my life will have meaning”. ----- M. Creighton Thigpen