

## **Dr. Mark Howell elected as Northeastern Baptist College's second president**

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Bennington, VT—The Board of Trustees of Northeastern Baptist College is pleased to announce the unanimous election of Dr. Mark Howell to serve as the institution's second president, effective immediately.

Dr. Howell succeeds Dr. Mark Ballard, who has faithfully served as the school's founding president and now continues in the role of chancellor. Under Dr. Ballard's leadership, the college has been firmly established with a clear mission to equip students for gospel ministry and Christian leadership.

"I could not be more pleased to know that Dr. Howell now serves as the President of Northeastern Baptist College," said Dr. Ballard. "I am confident that Dr. Howell will lead the college to its greatest days! My prayers, love, and appreciation for Dr. Howell and First Lady, Carmen Howell will remain at the forefront of my heart and mind."

The Board expresses its deep gratitude for Dr. Ballard's visionary leadership and unwavering commitment to the college's mission and looks forward with great anticipation to Dr. Howell's presidency. With a strong dedication to biblical fidelity and academic excellence, Dr. Howell is well-positioned to lead the college into its next season of growth and influence.

"As a young boy growing up in rural Pennsylvania, I never could have imagined that God would one day open the door for me to return to the Northeast in this capacity," said Dr. Howell. "I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to serve as President of Northeastern Baptist College and to invest in the next generation of leaders."

Northeastern Baptist College remains committed to the work the Lord is doing throughout the Northeast—raising up faithful pastors, church planters, and Christian leaders who are prepared to proclaim the gospel and serve with conviction and compassion. The future is bright as the college continues its mission to train the next generation for Christ-centered ministry and to advance the Kingdom of God across the region and beyond.

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