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Dr. Lewis A. Shepherd, Jr. is the Vice President for Community and Intercultural Engagement at Ouachita Baptist University. Prior to this assignment, he served at Henderson State University and Ouachita in various administrative roles.

In addition to his position with Ouachita, Dr. Shepherd is the 16th pastor of the Greater Pleasant Hill Baptist Church of Arkadelphia, AR, which was founded in 1867; a position he has held since October 2000. Prior to serving as pastor of Greater Pleasant Hill, he was pastor of the New Haven Baptist Church of Camden, AR from June 1982 until September 2000.

Dr. Shepherd has distinguished his career with dedication to church, education, civic and community service. His community involvement includes but is not limited to: Arkansas State Police Commission, Past Chair; Metro Little Rock Alliance, Past Chair of the Board; Percy and Donna Malone Child Safety Center Board, President; Baptist Health Medical Center of Arkadelphia, Advisory Board, Past Chair; Clark County Economic Development Corporation, Past Chair; Clark County Strategic Planning Council, Co-Chair; Arkadelphia Regional Economic Development Alliance; Mosaic Templars Cultural Center Advisory Board, past member; Arkadelphia Area Chamber of Commerce, Past President; 2025 Commission, Secretary-Treasurer; Clark County Community Foundation, Past Advisory Board and Chair; Arkadelphia Community Foundation, Past Advisory Board and Chair; Clark County Pastor's Fellowship, African American Clergy Conference, and the South Arkansas Community Development, Past Board of Directors and Chair. Additionally, Dr. Shepherd was one of the founding members of the Arkadelphia Rotary- Sunrise Club and received designation as a Paul Harris Fellow. He is a past member of the Summit Bank Board of Directors. Dr. Shepherd was the 2003 Arkadelphia Area Chamber of Commerce President's Award for Outstanding Community Service.

In 2014, he was recognized by the Chamber of Commerce as the Citizen of the Year. Dr. Shepherd also served as the Chief Operating Officer and Executive Vice President of the Consolidated Missionary Baptist State Convention of Arkansas from 1999 to 2015.

Dr. Shepherd is a double graduate of Ouachita, having received a bachelor's degree in religion and a master's degree in education. He earned a doctorate in higher education administration from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock and received the honorary Doctor of Divinity from Arkansas Baptist College in Little Rock. A native of the Magnolia, AR area, he is the son of Mrs. Rosie L. Shepherd and the late Lewis A. Shepherd, Sr. Dr. Shepherd is married to Dr. Joyce Rose Shepherd, the daughter of the late Mr. & Mrs. Sid Rose of Lewisville, AR. Joyce is Professor of Sociology and Human Services at Henderson State University.