

PERSONAL

- Eldridge M. Bowen, Jr
- Born August 7, 1960 in Cordele, Crisp, Georgia
- Married to JoAnne and reside 410 E 19th Ave, Cordele, Georgia
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- Two sons and nine grandchildren, Statesboro, Georgia area



CONVERSION AND CALL

- Surrendered my life to Christ at 13 years of age
- In 1979, I felt God calling me into His ministry as a lay speaker
- Unemployed in secular world in 2005, my wife and I felt God moving us in full time ministry

MINISTRY OBJECTIVE

When God called me into the ministry, a pastor shared with me three principles that have become my upmost.

- Love God. To do exactly what Matthew 22:37 says “*Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.*” My desire is to have an intimate relationship with God through Christ Jesus. I value my time in prayer and study of God’s Word and seek to do all that brings honor and glory to Him.
- Love People. My love for people is shared three ways. First I love my family. Secondly, I must love the church family where ever I serve. And thirdly, I must love nonbelievers. This love goes beyond race, color or creed and beyond social and economic backgrounds. This love includes telling others about the love of God, which came through His Son Jesus Christ. We must all look for that opportunity to share Christ with a dying world.
- Preach Jesus. Every sermon that I preach always goes to the cross. Jesus is the living Word of God and I preach the Word from the pulpit as well as live it. I believe as Paul wrote to Timothy in 2 Timothy 4:2 “*Preach the Word....*”

LICENSE AND ORDINATION

- Licensed by Morningside Baptist Church of Cordele, Georgia, November 17, 1979
- Ordained by First Baptist Church in Cordele, Georgia, September 25, 2005

FORMAL EDUCATION

- 2005-Present Seminary Extension
- 1980-1987 90 hours Ministerial Degree, Georgia Baptist Extension Institute
- 1980-1986 145 hours, Georgia Southwestern University
- 1979-1980 Computer Programming, South Georgia Technical Institute
- 1978-High School Graduate Crisp County High

EXPERIENCE

- Pastor, Lighthouse Baptist Church, Cordele, Georgia - Aug 2005 - Aug 2008
- Pastor, Mt Pleasant Baptist Church, Pineview, Georgia - Jan 2009 – Present

Pulpit Supply/Lay Speaker

- First Baptist, Northern Heights, Pleasant Grove, Ebenezer, Morningside, Riverview, Antioch Baptist, Drayton Baptist, Dooling Baptist, Warwick First and Oakfield Baptist in Houston Baptist Association
- Pitts Baptist in Little River Baptist Association
- Bay Springs Baptist and Haw Pond Baptist in Turner Baptist Association

DENOMINATIONAL INVOLVEMENT

- Served as messenger to Georgia Baptist Convention and Associational meetings
- Member of a mission group to Moldova and Ukraine; February 2007
- Church involvement in local, state and foreign missions
- Counselor - local associational and county evangelistic events as Jam Fest and Team Impact

SECULAR EMPLOYMENT

- 2005-Present Shop Manager, Logos Screen Printing and Embroidery
- 2004-2004 Manager Shoe Dept.
- 2002-2004 Manager, B. C. Moore's Inc., Daily Operations of Department Store
- 1992-2002 Assistant Manager, B. C. Moore's Inc.
- 1978-1992 Manager at McDonald's, Pizza Hut, Dairy Queen, and service stations

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Special Olympics Treasurer, Lions Club Board of Directors, Relay for Life

HOBBIES/INTEREST

- Spending time with my wife, watching sports, fishing, hunting and computers

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Downloadable resume and sermon @ <http://allroadsleadhere.net/EMB/>

REFERENCES

Rev. Clark Standard Pastor Emeritus 6949 Springlake Drive Columbus, GA 31909 706-569-0641	Dr. John G. Smith III Pastor Antioch Baptist Church 1016 Scenic Route Cordele, GA 31015 229-273-6724	Rev. Roger Hanson Associate Pastor First Baptist Church 1601 Pine Acres Drive Cordele, GA 31015 229-273-3762 office
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