

## *Rick Howerton*

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### **Personal Information:**

**Born:** September 10, 1957

**Hometown:** Springfield, Missouri

**Marital Status:** Married

**Spouse:** Julie Clay Howerton, Born November 29, 1958

**Children:** Joshua Lance Howerton, Born July 3, 1983

Lee Thomas Howerton, Born June 2, 1986

### **Education:**

#### *Seminary:*

- Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Graduated 1984, Master of Church Music

#### *College:*

- Campbellsville College, Graduated 1980, Bachelor of Church Music
- Morehead State University, January 1977 to December 1977

#### *High School:*

- Doss High School, Louisville, Kentucky, Graduated 1975, Diploma

### **Ministry Experience:**

*Kentucky Baptist Convention, Louisville, Kentucky, 2016 to Present*

Church Consultant, South Central Region

*LifeWay Church Resources, Nashville, Tennessee, 2013 to 2016*

Discipleship and Small Group Specialist

*NavPress Christian Publishing, Colorado Springs, Colorado, 2010 to 2013*

Global Small Group Environmentalist

*The Bridge Church, Spring Hill, Tennessee, 2002 to 2007*

Founding Pastor, The Bridge Church, Spring Hill, Tennessee

*LifeWay Church Resources, Nashville, Tennessee, 2000 to 2010*

Have served as church consultant in the areas of Leadership, Contemporary Churches, and Small Groups.

***Living Hope Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Kentucky, 1994 to 2001***

Associate Teaching Pastor with other responsibilities including the birthing and oversight of Small Group Ministry, Assimilation, management of lay-led ministries, and all Mission work. Interim Pastor, the year and a half following the senior pastor's exit.

***Living Hope Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Kentucky, 1999 to 2001***

Elder

***Living Hope Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Kentucky, 1992 to 1994***

Deacon

***Kentucky Baptist Convention, Western Kentucky University, 1990 to 1994***

Campus Minister/Missionary

***Kentucky Baptist Convention, Northern Kentucky University, 1983 to 1990***

Campus Minister/Missionary

***Kentucky Baptist Convention, University of Louisville, 1982 to 1983***

Campus Minister Intern

***Highland Park First Baptist Church, Louisville, Kentucky, 1981 to 1982***

Music Minister

***Immanuel Baptist Church, Elizabethtown, Kentucky, 1979 to 1980***

Youth and Music Minister

***Kentucky Baptist Convention, State of Kentucky, Summer 1978***

Camp counselor and touring drama team member (Son Share Players)

***Waddy Baptist Church, Waddy, Kentucky, 1974 to 1975***

Music and Youth Minister

**Honors and Awards Received:**

***Kentucky Colonel, Honorary Society***

***Elected Devotional Chairman, School of Church Music, SBTS***

1981

***Outstanding Young Men of America***

1980

***Voted Best Actor, Campbellsville College***

1980

## **Published Works:**

### **Bible Studies and Training Resources:**

***For the Kingdom's Sake: Discovering God's Preferred Future for Your Church***

Kentucky Baptist Convention, 2017

Co-author

***Redeeming the Tears: A Journey Through Grief and Loss***

Serendipity House Publishing, Copyright 2005, ISBN: 1-5749-4186-0

Co-author

***Small Group Life Ministry Manual***

LifeWay Christian Resources, Copyright

Co-author

***Great Beginnings: Your First Small Group Study***

Serendipity House Publishing, Copyright 2005, ISBN: 1-5749-4218-2

***Small Group Kickoff Retreat: Experiential Training for Group Leaders***

Serendipity House Publishing, Copyright 2005, ISBN: 1-5749-4219-0

### **Books:**

***Disciples Path: A Practical Guide to Disciple Making***

LifeWay Christian Resources

Co-author

***A Different Kind of Tribe: Embracing the New Small Group Dynamic***

NavPress Christian Publishing, Copyright, 2012

***Destination Community: Small-Group Ministry Manual***

Serendipity House Publishing, Copyright 2007

***Countdown: Launching and Leading Transformational Groups***

LifeWay Press, Copyright 2014

Co-author

### **Articles:**

***"Should Lead Pastors Love Their Staff?" August 13, 2012, Churchleaders.com***

***"Five Ways Church Leaders Can Be True Disciples" September 9, 2015,  
Vanderbloeman.com***

***"Five Reasons to Leave the Church You're Serving" February 28, 2012, Churchleaders.com***

*“Leadership With Impact,” LeaderLife Magazine, Fall 2003, LifeWay Church Resources*

*“How to Create an Environment of Authenticity,” February 18, 2013, Churchleaders.com*

*ChurchLeaders.com Top 100: The Best Leadership Articles, Practical How-To’s, and Features of the Year, 2012 Edition*

Outreach, Copyright 2011

Article pp. 291 – 294, Teach Your Small Group Members to Pray

**Blogposts:** Can be viewed at <https://rickhowerton.wordpress.com/>

**Pastor Training Videos, 2017 – 2018:**

Wise Counsel for Effective Pastors by Rick Howerton, Weekly 4-minute seminars for pastors with Rick Howerton,

<http://www.kybaptist.org/stories/wise-counsel-for-effective-pastors,3230?>

**Sample Sermons Online:**

Why Join a Life-Group?

- Go to this page - <http://eastsideky.church/watch/>
- Scroll down the page till you see a list of speakers (list is located below the graphic reading, “#my people.”)
- Click on Rick Howerton

The God I Wish You Knew: His Grace Is Enough

<https://vimeo.com/253998752>

When the Wheels Come Off

<https://vimeopro.com/user25651448/struggle-bus/video/227729530>

**References:**

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