

Hello, and thank you for visiting our church's website. I would like to take a moment to briefly share how God has worked in my life to bring me to the ministry here at Walnut Creek Baptist Church

I had the blessing of being born into a Christian family. As a result, I was exposed to church and the Gospel at a very young age. I came to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ at the age of 5 through the influence of my parents and grandparents. Upon salvation, I fell into a very task-oriented Christian life. Christianity became more about doing Christian things, and less about Christ. This caused me to fall into a very shallow walk with my Savior.

This attitude was drastically changed when God called my family to the mission field of Vietnam. When my family was first called to Vietnam, I was filled with bitterness and contempt against my parents and God for taking me away from everything and everyone that I so greatly cherished. It was through this experience though, that God changed my perspective about life. Through my time on this mission field God taught me that life is not about possessions, people, or pleasure, but about His Son and His Gospel.

After 2 years in Vietnam, God called my family back to the United States and into the ministry of the local church. During this time, I became heavily involved in church ministry and in growing in my walk with Christ. In my teen years, I fell under the mentorship of Ken Dady. Through this man, I came to discover and be led by the Spirit into full-time ministry. Although there was much spiritual formation during my teen years, I also struggled with a number of sinful habits and thoughts. This produced a time of outward conformity without inward transformation.

After high school, God led me to Piedmont Baptist College and Graduate School to study the Bible. The first 3 years of this time, God worked heavily in transforming my heart. Through the study of His Word, many selfish and sinful thoughts were challenged and changed. Through bringing many sinful habits into public light, God removed those sinful habits that I struggled with during my teen years. It was a time that was very evident of the fact that God was preparing me for ministry, not only with my knowledge and my actions, but with the desires of my heart.

During college, God not only transformed my heart, but also refined my call. God put upon my heart that I was to minister in the local church through the specific function of a pastor. Not only did God refine the type of call in my life, through the leading of His Holy Spirit, God has deeply placed a burden in my heart for the churches of America and for the ministry within their walls. Also during my time at Piedmont Baptist College God allowed me come to know the love of my life Stephanie. We were married June 22, 2009 and she has become one of the most valuable assets to my life and ministry.

After college God allowed me the privilege of service at Union Grove Baptist Church of Lexington North Carolina for a year and half before calling us to the ministry at Walnut Creek Baptist Church. We became of part of the church family at Walnut in March of 2012.

There is no greater desire of in my life than to see God praised through every thought, word, and action of my life (1 Cor. 10:31). I desire to see this accomplished through bringing my life into closer conformity to that of my Savior, Jesus Christ (Eph 5:1). I count all as loss for the sake that I might live my life in a way that praises my God, furthers His Gospel, and drives others to live their lives for Christ (Phil. 3:13-14). May God be glorified.

Pursuing the Goal
Pastor Michael McManus
Philippians 3:13-14