

Rev. Duncan Locke

FAMILY: Married Lynda Christian on June 4, 1983; we have two daughters, both grown and married, with families of their own. We have 6 grandchildren: 4 living on earth and 2 we'll have to wait to meet with Jesus.

SALVATION: Conversion by trusting Jesus as Savior and Lord on March 9, 1982, when God used a Christian friend to show me what it was like to have a real relationship with Jesus.

CALLING: In January, 1993, at age 38, the Lord stirred me to re-evaluate my life, career, and priorities in a six month process that ended in utter surrender of everything to Him – *hopes, dreams, ambitions, plans, family & relationships*. This cleared a way for God to speak into my heart a call to serve Him vocationally. Soon after, He provided a full-time position as Minister to Singles at North Metro First Baptist church, (the church at which my family held membership). Over the ensuing years, additional responsibilities in ministry were expanded to include ministries to Senior Adults and Children & Families.

In January of 1999, I perceived the Lord refining my call to serve as Senior Pastor and followed His lead to Lincoln Avenue Baptist church in Jacksonville, IL in August 2000. Both the church and I flourished during my 14 years of servant-leadership. Subsequently, the Lord led me out of the church setting and into a family venture with Chick-fil-A. During that year, the Spirit re-affirmed my call to the pastorate and led us back to GA to do so.

In October of 2015, I began ministry at FBC Tyrone as Pastor of Discipleship & Evangelism. Our Senior Pastor resigned in January, 2017, and I completed a 3-month interim after which the church called me to serve as Senior Pastor in April, 2017.

EDUCATION: Prior to accepting the position as Minister to Singles at North Metro First Baptist church in 1994, I began pursuing a Master of Divinity degree in Pastoral Studies from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary on a part-time basis. This degree was completed in 1999. My undergraduate B. A. degree in Communications was earned from Miami University of Ohio in 1979.

MINISTRY FOCUS: Strengthening Christ's body through preaching, teaching, counseling, exhortation and organization to take the gospel into all the world, starting right where we live. Helping each Believer understand his grace-based acceptance in Christ, his new identity as a Saint, the joy of being transformed by the presence and power of the Holy Spirit within us, and learning to live consistently from inside out so that Jesus is clearly and accurately experienced by us and expressed through us to the world.

"I cherish the time spent with God in study and sermon preparation that presses me to Him for His truth delivered His way to His church. I honestly love every aspect of pastoring – from administration to ministry organization to counseling to leading to testifying and witnessing of this beautiful God who fills us with His "Life-giving Presence" (Holy Spirit) to continue the transformation He began at salvation that will end in glorification (new imperishable bodies) at the Return of Jesus Christ."