

## Jim Gerlt—Executive/Senior Adult Pastor

Jim is a Texan at heart. Unfortunately, his parents were geographically challenged and he was born in Versailles, MO., but he got here “as soon as he could.” He married Judy Wallace following their sophomore year at Southwest Baptist College in Bolivar, MO. While in college he pastored Elk Creek Baptist Church. He received a B.A. with a double major in Christianity and Psychology. Upon graduation Jim and Judy moved to Ft. Worth where he enrolled at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, earning a M. Div. in 1975. While in seminary Jim and Judy had their first child. They now have three grown and married children and twelve grandchildren. He has pastored, in addition to Elk Creek, First Baptist, Bryson, TX; First Baptist, Burns Flat, OK; Knob Hill Baptist in OK C; Woodland Acres Baptist, Tulsa, OK; and Indiana Avenue Baptist, Lubbock. Following a two-year stint out of ministry, Bacon Heights (and these are Jim’s words) “loved me back into ministry.” Jim joined the staff in January, 2006, as the Executive Pastor. In October of 2016, Jim took on the additional role as Senior Adult Pastor.