

About the Pastor
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How long have you been in ministry?

I have been in vocational ministry since August of 2007 when I started work as a youth pastor at First UMC Allen. Before then I engaged in various ministries such as in my local congregation, through the campus ministry program at Austin College, and as a summer intern with Project Transformation during the summer of '05.

Where did you receive your education?

I graduated from Whitesboro High School in May of 2003 and after graduation I started at Austin College the Fall of '03. I received my Bachelor of Liberal Arts degree with a Major in Religious Studies from Austin College in 2007 and went straight into my theological education with Perkins School of Theology at SMU. I then received my Master of Divinity degree from Perkins in 2012. As for my ordination, I was ordained as an Elder in the United Methodist Church in 2015.

What do you enjoy about ministry?

Honestly it's about helping people grow in their discipleship through so many different ways. I love introducing people to God and helping them deepen their relationship with God through preaching, teaching, and pastoral care. Since ministry is all about people, I love working with people who are passionate about reaching out into the world to spread the Gospel message.

What is something fun about you?

I'm a pretty laid back, casual dressing pastor. While "pastor" conjures up images for some people, I've found that just being casual around town (coupled with being a relatively young pastor) breaks through some of those images and people feel more comfortable approaching me with questions and searching thoughts. On top of all that, I'm a bit of a nerd. Some people follow their favorite sports teams or celebrities, but I follow the upcoming videogames, anything Marvel, and (unashamedly) Dungeons and Dragons.