

Shane L. Phillips



Personal information:

Born: October 27, 1973
Birthplace: West Columbia, SC
Marital status: Married – Misty Phillips
Ordained at: Crossroads Baptist Church of West Columbia, SC

Children:

Autumn Phillips – age 19
Nicholas Phillips – age 13

Education:

Seminary/Graduate School - Degrees listed are from Liberty University – Lynchburg, VA
Master of Divinity – 2011
Master of Arts – Religious Education – 2009
Master of Arts – Religion (Biblical Studies) – 2008
*Currently working on Doctor of Ministry

College/Bible College - Emmanuel College – Franklin Springs, GA
Bachelor of Science – Christian Ministries

Church Related Experience: Over 20 years (Children's/Youth/Associate/Pastor/Senior Pastor)

Senior Pastor – Golden Isles Baptist Church – Brunswick, GA – 2016 – Present

Interim Pastor – Pine Bluff Baptist Church – Columbia, SC – 2015 – 2016

Senior Pastor – Crossroads Baptist Church – West Columbia, SC – 2009 – 2014

Youth, Associate Pastor, Pastor – Chapel of Redemption – Lexington, SC 1999 – 2008

Children’s Pastor, Associate Pastor – Christian Outreach Center – West Columbia, SC – 1996 - 1999

Secular and Chaplain Work Experience:

Police Chaplain and Officer – West Columbia Police Department – West Columbia, SC - 2000 – 2017

Philosophy of Ministry

Though we have not formally met, please allow me the opportunity to share a few things concerning myself to help you better understand my ministry and calling before our Lord. I am not looking for a job, but a family. Ministry is not a job, but a calling... so, I am not interested in filling a pulpit, but rather I am looking for a family in which to belong. I believe as a Church that we are part of one another and when we love and work together, the Body of Christ is revealed.

In-reach and outreach are equally important. That is, we must not neglect the needs of the local body (elderly, sick or infirmed, those hurting or in need, youth and children), while at the same time we cannot neglect the Great Commission with missions both local and global.

In lending to transparency, my approach to ministry is that of a loving leader who serves by example. I never ask anyone to do something I am not willing to do myself. I do not see myself as better than anyone and see my calling as a responsibility to care for those that I serve in Christ. Love and compassion are first and foremost in my preaching and teaching. I do like to invoke humor where appropriate and try to make scriptures attainable/understandable to even the youngest of believers (there is plenty of meat in there too...) so that they can grow and experience what God wants/intends for them.

It is my conviction that none should be neglected in the Church. That is, ministry should be for all, and all age groups should be included and benefited. To say this another way, we should not neglect the elderly (the backbone of most churches) in the name of the “next new thing.” Alternately, we must reach out and include young families. If we do not reach the young.... the local body is on borrowed time. There is no reason why a Church cannot have an atmosphere that first and foremost glorifies Christ Jesus and meets the needs of the body as a whole (regardless of its makeup). I love people, and all age groups... We are a family, and everyone is precious and has gifts to offer.

In light of the present spiritual and political climate of our country, it should be noted that I am very patriotic and love my country deeply. To say that I am a conservative is an

understatement. I believe that the Bible is perfect and inerrant in all that it teaches. Sin is still sin, and Hell is real. God is Holy, and we are to be holy as well. We live in a time and climate of so called "compromise" or "progressiveness" – neither of which brings glory to Christ Jesus... these words are a cover for sin. Please do not get me wrong, I fully believe in the grace and mercy of God, and I long to see people repent and experience the salvation of our Lord, but as the Church we must not pander or compromise the truth and will of God. You will find, if you choose to listen to some of my sermons, that I am very compassionate and merciful in what I share in that I want people to hear Christ. Alternately, I hope that you also feel a firm conviction and commitment to be faithful to the Word of God in all things.

As to Church health, it is my belief that all Churches should desire both quality and numerical growth, and these two elements complement the other. That is, the building of mature/quality believers will inevitably lead to numerical growth in a Church that has the infrastructure to receive, retain, and disciple new converts. A healthy Church involves all believers using their unique gifts in unity, exhorting each other to good works for the benefit of all. To fulfill our purpose and experience the fullness of God's Spirit means that we all come to the place where each one is equipped and encouraged to fulfill God's calling upon their lives in the local Church Body - we need each other for the body of Christ to function properly and experience the fullness of God. To bring about this Spiritual mission, prayer and discipleship takes precedence in my ministerial thought and practice. Spiritual maturity is not an option for the believer, our calling is not simply to be Church members, but to grow in our Lord to the extent that we are able to disciple others - thus the Body of Christ grows as we grow.

Though my pastoral approach to ministry has a strong bent toward discipleship and teaching, still, maintaining an atmosphere of love, concern, and always a hint of humor is always beneficial. People should look forward to the opportunity to worship, and a pastor's approach can go a long way to promoting this optimism. Building people who passionately love Jesus is the greatest experience and reward a pastor will ever experience.

In Christ,

Shane Phillips