

Presenting, Pastor Candidate John E. Johnson, and family
On May 23, 2010, am service, he will be preaching at Stones River Baptist.

Congregational Survey Requested...

- Baptist Seminary Degree
- Married Pastor
- Age between 40 & 50
- Prayer, Bible Study, Reaching the Lost

Search Committee Candidate...

- Bachelors of Science 1992
- Ordained Baptist Preacher 1994
- Baptist Seminary Degree 1995
 Masters of Divinity
 12 hours toward Doctor of Ministry
- Married over 17 years
- Age 43
- Senior Pastor 13 Years Experience
- Bible Study, Missions, Community Involvement

Pastor John E. Johnson, wife Ruth Ann,
 Dale 23; Anthony 20; Alexia 9, & Makayla 8



Family...

He and Ruth Ann met in a Sunday School class at the First Baptist Church of Winter Park, FL. Ruth Ann was born in Georgia. She is a graduate of Georgia State University where she earned a B.S. in Medical Technology. She currently works in the hematology department of the lab. She is very supportive of their ministry and actively participates in the church, singing in the choir, solos, as well as working in ministries of the church as she is led.

They have adopted the 4 children shown above. Both boys are in college, and the girls are in 2nd grade.

“My desire is to work with a church, rather than impose an agenda on a church, to accomplish the mission and ministry God has designed for that body of believers. I do not have a pre-designed plan or program with the idea to make a church my plan. God gives leaders wisdom and direction to be able to follow His plans, not just the latest bestseller at the Christian bookstore, and He also gifts a body of believers to work together to further His Kingdom.”

Turn the page over to read his
 Philosophy of Ministry



What kind of position am I looking for?

“A pastor position in which I can serve God with joy, preach with freedom, love the people I worship with, and see God expand His Kingdom.”

Please come join us on Saturday, May 22, 2010 at Sharp Springs Park, Shelter A, from 4-6 pm. He will be sharing his personal testimony.

References...

Impeccable! He provided more references than any single candidate. Several committee members called references on each candidate. We spoke with Pastors, Church Members, the local and state Baptist Association. He was the undisputed champion of glowing reports and people who wanted him back at their church, and hated to see him go.

Philosophy of Ministry

John E. Johnson

- 1) I believe in salvation by grace through faith solely in the life, death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. (Eph 2:8-9, Rom 10:9-10, Titus 3:3-5)
- 2) I believe the Bible to be the inspired Word of God, truth without error. I believe that the Bible is our final authority on all matters of faith, ethics and morals personally & in church organization. (II Tim 3:16-17, John 17:17)
- 3) I believe the Church to be God's instrument of His mission to redeem a lost world; therefore the first priority of the church is to make disciples by winning lost souls to Christ & teaching them to grow up into the image of Christ. Disciple-making is what we are commanded to do (Matt 28:18-20) & empowered to do (Acts 1:8).
- 4) I believe that each believer has a responsibility and a calling to grow in their walk with Christ. God has called us to be holy and conformed to the image of His Son. (Rom 8:29)
- 5) I believe that Christians ought to dwell in unity within the church. Jesus said by unity and love, the world will know that the Father has sent Christ and that we are His disciples. (Jn 17:21-23, Jn 13:35)
- 6) I believe that the growth of the church is supernatural and given by God to those churches who are faithful to lift up Christ as the only Savior and Lord- (I Cor. 3:6, Matt 16:18)
- 7) I believe that the spiritual growth of the church should take place first and foremost through small group Bible study. It is the church organized for learning, fellowship and support, which is the best reflection of the early church. A great Bible study ministry focuses a church on the strength of its' people. (Acts 2:41-47)
- 8) I believe that music in the worship time should be joyful, worshipful and lead people to focus on Christ and not on themselves. A good worship ministry is essential to good preaching. Music can lead people to direct their attention on Christ and prepare their hearts to receive the Word of God. (Ps 40:3, 9-10)
- 9) The role of pastor is not dictator, but as spiritual leader, pace setter and partner in ministry with the church. His main function is to equip the saints for the work of the ministry. Practically that means the pastor should, while not controlling each ministry, be involved with & interested in all people of the church from the children to the senior adults in order to encourage, teach and inspire them to live out all that God has placed in them. All age groups need to know and have a relationship with the pastor of mutual trust, understanding and respect. (II Tim 1:13, Phil 4:9)
- 10) I believe the church should be involved in the community beyond holding worship services. Community service projects, partnerships with local agencies & ministries, family events and workshops focused on the needs and situations of the people send a message to a community that a church cares and is relevant to their life today. (Acts 2:42-45)
- 11) I believe that the pastor should preach messages that are Biblical, relevant, understandable and applicable to life. Biblical because the Bible is our source of truth, hope and help. Relevant, because Jesus is real and alive today. Understandable, because we have a society that is becoming increasingly more illiterate regarding Christianity and the Bible. Applicable, because knowledge does us no good without application to our lives. (John 17:8, 17-19; II Tim 3:15-17, Romans 15:4, Acts 20:32)
- 12) I believe missions should be the heartbeat of a congregation in both giving & going- local, regional & foreign. A church should give as much as they feel led to mission causes & encourage each member to participate in missions projects. A church that is willing to give sacrificially and go willingly, will in turn be blessed for its' heart to reach others. (Psalm 96:2-5,10; Acts 13:46-49, John 20:21, Luke 4:17-21)