

A little about Pastor Drew
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I grew up with my four sisters in Presbyterian churches with my parents setting fine examples of faith and leadership. I do not recall many Sundays in my youth that did not involve sitting in a pew, and when I was in college at Florida Atlantic University was ordained as a third generation elder. Many expected that I would go straight to seminary after earning a BS in management & marketing, but God had other plans for the next 25 years and I served his purposes and church in a myriad of ways until I was 45 and called to seminary.

We sold our home in Winter Park and moved to Atlanta for three years and in 2009 I was called to serve as a Designated Pastor in Jacksonville, where we lived for four years before serving as Interim Pastor for a year in Gainesville.



My wife Suzi is my greatest ministry asset; after spending 18 years in banking, she followed her call to preschool ministry and headed up the parent's day out component of our church's preschool until we left for Atlanta. At seminary, she served as president of the Spouses of Seminarians group and worked as administrator at Columbia Presbyterian Church.

We have three wonderful children; Lisa (30), Vicki (27), & Stewart (19). Stewart is attending Santa Fe College where he is a vocal major, and is a paid choir intern at 1st Methodist Church in Gainesville.



Vicki is married to Matt Sumner, whose father and sister are Presbyterian pastors. Matt works for Tower Insurance and has been with the Gator Band drumline for over 10 years. Vicki's degree is in music ministry and she serves as Christian Education coordinator at 1st Presbyterian Church Gainesville. They blessed us with our first grandson in February 2013 (Shane), who is now delighting us with new skills weekly.

Lisa is married to Matt Fowler and they followed Vicki & the other Matt by blessing us with our second grandson (Tanner) just 21 days after Shane's arrival. They live between the beach and intercostal waterway in Melbourne where Matt grew up. Matt owns a commercial fishing boat and also is a rep for a sportfishing supply company. Lisa shares Suzi's gift with preschoolers and is employed by Holmes Regional Medical Center in their employee child care center.

