

## Thanks for your interesting in learning more about me.

You're probably wondering how I came to be a Senior Pastor at Morningside Community Church. Well, that's a long story and more space than we have here on the website. Suffice to say God brought us here. I'm not sure I understand all the reasons why but, I know He has been totally behind our decision to move to South Dakota. We have been at Morningside since October 1, 2004 and love every minute of it. We look forward to the new adventures God has planned for all of us here.

My path to ministry didn't take the normal route. I have a Communications Degree from the University of Northern Iowa. In January 1986 I moved to Casper, Wyoming and took a job as a TV sportscaster with KGWC-TV and was there from 1986-1987. In 1987, I became Marketing Manager for Teton Homes.

Then, in 1993, God called us into full-time ministry with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. In late 1995, Highland Park Church asked me to be their youth minister. Thru a series of God-ordained circumstances, He made it clear that we were supposed to enter into church ministry and on January 1, 1996, I became a youth pastor. God blessed us with nine wonderful years there. In June 2004 Morningside Community Church asked us to consider a Senior Pastor position here. We were voted in by the congregation on August 29th and began our ministry here on October 1st.

I have a passion to communicate the Gospel with clarity and relevance to all generations. My personal mission statement as a pastor is: I will strengthen, encourage, and comfort you by sharing the Truth of God's Word and I will love you while doing it's based on 1 Corinthians 14:3 Galatians 1:6-9 and 1 Corinthians 13:1-2. I became a Christian on September 20, 1987 and was baptized that day as well. I was ordained by the Church of God on January 21, 2001.

My wife Elaine and I have been married since June 1987. We have three children, Jessica, Morgan, and Timothy. We love Brookings and are excited to be South Dakotans (I never have been one before). I look forward to being your Senior Pastor and helping all of us become rightly related to Jesus Christ. I also look forward to the opportunity to meet and talk to each and every one of you who visit this site.

Thank you for coming here. I hope the Holy Spirit has blessed this time for you.

Our ministry desires for people to glorify our Creator by serving others, sharing the truth according to His Word, daily growing and communicating with Jesus Christ, and connecting with one another in love.