

M. Gray Clark

Pastor

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Gray Clark was born in Bladen County, NC, and educated in the public schools. He and his family were active members of the Presbyterian Church in Elizabethtown. Upon graduating high school, Gray went on to St. Andrews University in Laurinburg, NC, where he majored in Religion and minored in Economics and graduated with a Bachelor's degree. He was also inducted into the St. Andrews Athletic Hall of Fame for his accomplishments on the soccer field. In 1973, he graduated from Eden Theological Seminary with a Master's degree in Contemporary Theology where he was recognized as editor and publisher of the student-faculty journal. In 1979, he earned a Doctor of Ministry degree from McCormick Theological Seminary. His doctoral thesis was on Contemporary Issues and the Bible. He was licensed as a pastor in the United Church of Christ in 1972 and ordained as a pastor in the Presbyterian Church (USA) in 1974.

Churches where he has served include: Kill Devil Hills Presbyterian Church, Kill Devil Hills, NC; Columbia United Church of Christ, Columbia, IL; Little River Presbyterian Church, Hurdle Mills, NC; First Presbyterian Church, Asheboro, NC; Fellowship Presbyterian Church, Greensboro, NC; and Presbyterian Church of the Cross, Greensboro, NC. Rev. Clark has been active in many of the committees of presbytery, synod, and general assembly with a particular interest in youth, missions, and peacemaking. As a part of his ministry, he has served as a consultant for various churches in the areas of long-range planning, budgeting, and leadership. He has traveled to Mexico, Jamaica, Russia, and Belarus representing the church in missions and cross-cultural experiences.

Community interests have led him to be active in various areas that include civil rights, peace initiatives, Habitat for Humanity, immigration, politics, and a variety of other issues that relate to justice and compassion in our community and world. In 1984, he took a leave of absence from his pastorate and served as Campaign Chair for U.S. Congressman Robin Britt. He has also served as board president for The Learning Disabilities Association, Greensboro, and Guilford Child Development, Greensboro.

He is married to Janet Phillips Clark and his children include: Josh, Will, Kelly, Aaron, and Jacob. All of the children are adults and Janet and Gray are blessed with a grandchild, Olivia, who lives in Kernersville, NC.

His hobbies include: anything outdoors, soccer, mountain biking, and camping. In 2007, he started a business, Yellow Dawg Construction, LLC, where he is a Licensed General Contractor who focuses mainly on remodeling and home improvement. Today, he uses that business to supplement his income while he serves Church of the Cross.

While he enjoys preaching, teaching, and counseling, Rev. Clark loves the faith and fellowship of ordinary people, hoping to challenge them to get the most out of God's loving presence in their lives! Not just for themselves, but for others as well.