

What People are Saying About Blake

Blake is so easy to talk to, and a good listener. He is always open to explain anything. – Ann Seel

He was really friendly and even though the interaction was over video chat we both felt a connection with him immediately. He seems like the right fit for our youth as well as the church. – Kailey Stangle

When I have been around Blake, I come away excited, energized and filled with hope for the future of our church. – Lee Whitton

Blake is a very positive person with an energetic enthusiasm about life and his ministry. His experience in ministry will be an asset for the future of our church. - Charlotte Jensen

I was impressed by Blake's ability to relate to small children as well as to adults of all ages. His sermon was quite memorable. – Paul Palugod

I particularly like his spontaneous humor. I like his ability to tell life stories that are meaningful to his portrayal of the faith. – Gary Cresse

Schedule of Events

- Open House Reception
Cotter Hall Saturday,
January 14 3:00-6:00PM
- Scheduled Service with Rev. Spencer Preaching
Sanctuary Sunday,
January 15 10:00 AM
- Congregational Meeting to Vote on the Call to Blake Spencer
Sanctuary, Sunday,
January 15 Immediately following the service
- Coffee Hour
Cotter Hall Sunday,
January 15 immediately following the Congregational Meeting

When I first met Blake, it was only on video chat, but it felt as though he was in the room with us. He is a great person to talk to and he is very outgoing. - AJ Fortunato

The breadth of Blake's interests and depth of his experience give me confidence that he is the right partner to walk with us on our future journey. – Kristen Williams

Notice of Meeting

This brochure is to serve as notice of the Congregational Meeting to vote on the call to Rev. Wm. Blake Spencer

The PNC

is pleased to present

Rev. Wm.
Blake
Spencer



A Brief Biography by Blake Spencer

I was born in Corpus Christi, Texas. I have never taken for granted the name of the city where I was born; Body of Christ. Though I did not grow up in Corpus Christi, I did learn what it means to be a member of Christ's body. At the age of five I was moved to Conroe, Texas where both sides of my family have called home from the mid 1800's. My family joined the First Presbyterian Church of Conroe where I was baptized at the age five and confirmed at the age of 12. The faithful members of the church in Conroe taught me the basics of the Reformed Faith and nurtured me into adulthood.

In High School a number of my friends left the church to attend what they called a "spirit filled" community. They encouraged me to join them, telling me that God's Holy Spirit was no longer present in the Presbyterian Church. I did not leave the church. Though at the time I could not clearly articulate what I felt to be true, I did sense God's presence right where I was. The teachers who had taught me from kindergarten, my Pastor and Associate Pastor, and parents as well as my friends brought alive the Bible stories we read and learned.

It was in High School I began to sense a call into ministry. In the early days of my call I could only imagine serving as a Christian Education Director/Youth Director. My home church affirmed my gifts and during college allowed me to serve as summer youth director for two summers. While in college, the Associate Pastor of the church I was attending in Austin, Texas helped me to discern my call into ministry. I chose to attend Louisville Presbyterian Seminary. At that time the seminary in Louisville offered a curriculum with emphasis on small church ministry and also provided an excellent field education program.

In the last 23 years of ministry I've served in four installed and two interim positions. My journey has allowed me to serve the church as Associate Pastor, Solo Pastor, and Senior Pastor of two multi staff churches. Of course I have experienced challenges and difficulties along the way, but over time I have come to understand

that some of the very events and experiences in ministry and life which are difficult and seem threatening really are gifts designed to offer insight and maturity.

I give thanks for the journey of faith I've been blessed to experience. I've traveled to Africa two times, once to Cameroon to stay with a family who was part of the church I served in Houston and once to Kenya to help build a new church. I was also one of nine pastors in the Synod of the Sun to participate in a two year pastoral leadership program designed by Ellis Nelson and funded by the Lily Foundation.

I am the father of two children and am a proud grandfather of one grandson. My ex-wife and I have been abundantly blessed by our 21 year old son Wayde, 19 year old daughter Madeleine and our one year old grandson, Damian James. Wayde is training to become a firefighter and he, his partner, Nakia, and son live in a small community west of Houston. Madeleine lives in Dallas where she is attending college. I am also the son of James and Gertie Spencer and the brother of Randy Spencer and Jaime Davis.

I enjoy hiking, photography, love to explore local history, watch movies and enjoy time with my friends. I am both intrigued, and filled with wonder as to what God has in store for my next journey in life and ministry as I move to New Jersey. I continually give thanks for the goodness of God's grace!

