

Dan Ott, Campus Pastor & Adult Ministries

Dan began his ministry at Anastasia in January 2004. In September 2007, with the launch of ABC's State Road 16 Campus, Dan became the Campus Pastor for the English congregation. Before coming to Anastasia, Dan served churches in Texas, Tennessee and Florida. He is a graduate of Carson-Newman College and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He and his wife Donna have three children, Jordan, Abbey and Joshua.

Favorite authors/preachers: Max Lucado and Frank Peretti are my all-time favorite authors, although I have recently enjoyed Robert Whitlow's Christian novels. I am also inspired and challenged by the words of Erwin McManus. The preachers I most like to listen to are James McDonald and Chip Ingram.

Favorite restaurant & menu item: Outback Steakhouse - besides the Chocolate Thunder, I love the Alice Springs Chicken. I will have to say, though, that my wife is quite the cook. I love her White Chicken Chili the best!

Favorite movies: Lord of the Rings Trilogy, along with Braveheart and the BCS Championship Game...oh wait, that's not a movie, but I have really enjoyed watching it!

Style of music most listen to: I listen to lots of different types of Christian music. I love the thought-provoking and life-challenging songs of Casting Crowns, but I also love to jam with some old DC Talk or Toby Mac.

What do you do for fun: In 2012, I began running to get and stay fit, competing in my first Gate River Run 15K in Jacksonville in March 2013. I enjoy going to dinner and a movie with my wife, Donna, and love to play volleyball and basketball with my children.

Favorite scripture: Acts 20:24 inspires me to be where Paul was in his commitment to the purpose God called him - "However, I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me - the task of testifying to the gospel of God's grace."

Who do you most admire: I really admire my Dad. He is always looking for ways to help those in need - whether it's a widow from the church, a community hit by disaster or a house sponsored by Habitat for Humanity, my dad is using his retirement for a greater purpose - showing the love of Jesus to a world in need.

What's your passion? "My greatest passion is to see people really get it - for them to understand and take their next step in their life's journey, especially that step across the line of faith!"