

David Elder, Worship Pastor

David began his ministry at ABC in August of 2005 as Associate Pastor/Minister of Music. He leads our Traditional Worship ministries, including Anastasia Choir and Orchestra. Prior to his ministry at Anastasia, David served churches in Florida and Texas. He earned his BS (Microbiology and Cell Science) from the University of Florida (Go Gators!); a Master of Music (Church Music) from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary; and a PhD (Music Education) from the University of Florida, for which he wrote his dissertation, "A History of Florida Baptist Church Music." He and his wife Marcia have two sons, Jamison and Brandon, who are both pursuing lives of ministry.

Favorite authors/preachers: Chuck Swindoll (general theology and Bible exposition), Leon McBeth (church and Baptist history), William J. Reynolds (hymnology)

Favorite restaurant & menu item: La Cocina (beef burrito); Cracker Barrel (you pick 'em); Sonny's (sliced brisket sandwich or salad bar); Schooner's (fried shrimp)

Favorite movies: It's a Wonderful Life, The Patriot

Style of music most listen to: Country, Pop/rock ("70s on 7"), CCM, Art music, Broadway

What do you do for fun: Read; ride bike/run in downtown St. Augustine; browse bookstores; visit historic sites

Favorite Scripture: Not one particular passage; If I was stranded on a deserted island and could have only one book of the Bible with me, it would be Romans ("Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will." Romans 12:2)

Who do you most admire: My parents, for the upbringing they gave me and my sisters; my wife, for putting up with me; and my sons, for the fine young men they've become in a really messed up world!

What's your passion? To provide a biblically-based, theologically-sound worship experience that results in transformation