

Walter West, Senior Pastor

After serving on the pastoral staff for 10 years, Walter was called to serve as senior pastor of Anastasia Baptist Church in 2008. Walter is a graduate of Tennessee Tech University (1986, music education), Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary (1990, Master of Divinity), and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary (2008, Doctor of Ministry). Walter has previously served churches in Texas, Tennessee, Germany and Canada. He and his wife, Elisa, have three children, Beth, Billy, and Ben.

Favorite authors/preachers: John MacArthur and Billy Graham would have to be at the top of the list. Billy Graham's messages are so simple, clear, direct. His witness of Christ over a long-life has been consistent to his preaching.

Favorite restaurant & menu item: A local restaurant, *Mango Mango's*, has a chicken dish, arroz con pollo. It's great!

Favorite movies: The Indiana Jones series (except NOT the Crystal Skull)!

Style of music most listened to: Classical Symphony, Piano.

What do you do for fun: Saturday morning dates with my amazing bride, Elisa. I know it's really cliché, but I enjoy long walks on the beach. Since we live in St. Augustine, why not? I also relax by playing the piano.

Favorite scripture: I think that Romans 12:2 gives assurance to followers of Jesus that God really does reveal His will to believers. God's will is not a mystery anymore! "Do not conform any longer 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."

Who do you most admire: My wife, Elisa, for her strength of faith. Also I admire our former senior pastor, Ron Moore. He has been an example of Christian humility, kindness, service and excellent leadership.

What's your passion? I really get a charge when I see people growing in fullness and strength in the Spirit. It's remarkable!