

We, the Pastor Study/Search Committee, charged by the church with the duty of seeking out a Man after God's own heart to be our pastor would like to introduce

BRO. ISRAEL DAVID BROOKS



By the leading of God we have asked Bro. Israel Brooks to come and preach a trial sermon for the church's consideration June, 17th 2007.

Bio

Age 26

Single

Bro. Brooks was born in Nashville and raised in Ridge top. He attended the University of Memphis where he graduated with his B. A. Philosophy in 2003.

He was licensed for ministry by Greenbrier First Baptist Church in December 2004.

By the leading of God Bro. Brooks attended New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary achieving his Master of Divinity in Pastoral Ministries May, 2007.

PERSONAL VISION

God has called me to pastoral ministry. I have been used strongly in discipleship and also in teaching, preaching and missions. My heart's desire is to: 1) help lost people find their Savior; 2) help wayward Christians return to their first love; and 3) lead the family of God to a true, personal revival and an understanding of the fullness and sufficiency of Christ.

I have worked in discipling the body of Christ, in both individual and corporate ways, seeing people inspired to a truer love for God, leading to the genuine outpouring of the breath of His spirit, and the deep fulfillment that comes with it. I want to help people connect personally with Christ in all aspects – in his love, joy, pain, and suffering – bringing forth an undeniable, passionate and real relationship with a perfect Savior, which will produce His glory through His people.

PERSONAL TESTIMONY

I was born and raised in Nashville and Ridgetop, Tennessee, a little community just north of Nashville. The Lord taught me a lot during my years through high school, the most significant being the value of hard work, which I saw demonstrated strongly in my dad's life. I accepted Jesus in the summer of 1996 and moved on to the University of Memphis in 1999.

At U. of M.'s Baptist Collegiate Ministry, I was entrusted with many opportunities to lead and teach others for Christ. I began as a student in Mechanical Engineering, but the Lord had other plans. At the end of my

junior year, I sensed the Lord calling me to change my major to Philosophy; I did and then felt His calling to the Christian ministry and, more specifically, the pastoral ministry.

I graduated from the University of Memphis in December of 2003 and proceeded on to seminary, to pursue the Lord's calling for my life. I felt guided to attend New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. During my time there, the Lord has infused my life with many lessons and truths, but I believe the most significant is the standard of purity and unfailing obedience I have seen lived out in the professors' lives. At N.O.B.T.S. I am seeking a Master of Divinity in Pastoral Ministries. I was licensed for ministry by Greenbrier First Baptist Church, Tennessee in December 2004. I have also been on, and led, several mission trips both national and international.

MINISTRY EXPERIENCE

Collegiate Minister Sept 2005 – Aug 2006
Baptist Collegiate Ministries
University of Memphis • Jeff Jones
Memphis, TN
Disciple and brought students into a closer walk with Christ while spreading his love.

Pastor • Missionary • Counselor July 2005 – Aug 2005
R. A. Camps • Alabama Baptist State Convention • Steve Stephens
Montgomery, AL
Led R.A. kids by preaching, teaching, and reaching into their lives with Christ's light.

Assistant to Pastor Feb 2005 – May 2005
Tammany Hills Baptist Church, Pastor Uriah Oxford
Covington, LA
Preached and discussed vision for the church with Pastor Oxford.

Assistant to Pastor Jan 2004 – July 2004
Greenbrier First Baptist Church, Pastor Fred Baldwin
Greenbrier, TN
Preached and assisted Pastor Baldwin, as well as learned under his ministry.

President, Baptist Collegiate Ministries June 2003 – Dec 2003
The University of Memphis Baptist Collegiate Ministries
Memphis, TN
Taught, led and helped give vision for B.C.M.

Men's Disciple Leader, Baptist Collegiate Ministries Jan 2003 – Dec 2003
The University of Memphis Baptist Collegiate Ministries
Invested in my peers by empowering them through the teaching of God's Word.

Activities Council

Aug 2001 – Aug 2002

Venture Collegiate Ministries (the Ugly Mug)
Memphis, TN
Established and carried out activities for the ministry to spread God's love.

The church will vote on his calling June, 24th 2007.