

John Talley

I am thankful to have been born and raised in a Christian home. My parents lived in the same home for over 50 years in Little Rock, Arkansas. My older sister, younger brother and I loved growing up on the outskirts of town on the 5 acres of land my family had and surrounded by 40 + acres that belonged to my grandmother.

I accepted Christ as my Savior when I was 7 years old at Green Memorial Baptist Church. My parents sang in the choir and dad was a deacon. While attending youth camp I sensed God's call to music ministry and made that call public there and at my home church. After graduating high school, where I met Marcy Burleson, I attended the University of Central Arkansas. Marcy and I began dating the spring of my sophomore year and married March 17, 1984. I received a Bachelor of Music Education Degree that summer. I taught public school music (in a junior high school) for one year and served a church just west of Little Rock.

Under the influence of my pastor and my father-in-law, who was a music minister, we moved to Fort Worth, Texas in August of 1985 so I could attend Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. There I served a church in Arlington while attending school. We had our first daughter, Aimee, while I was still earning my Masters and then our second daughter, Emilee, a few years after I received a Masters in Music degree.

We moved to the Houston area where I served churches in Tomball, Jersey Village and Katy before moving back to bi-vocational ministry and selling energy and energy saving products.