

Ande and his wife, Michelle, celebrated their eighth anniversary in September. They have two sons, Daniel age 3-1/2 and Andrew age 20 months.

Michelle is also an ordained minister with several years of service primarily working with college students. With two young sons, she wants to be a "stay-at-home" mom and assist Ande in his ministry.

Ande enjoys reading, playing guitar, playing sports, jogging and the NFL.



Experience:

- Virginia Baptist Mission Board,
Youth Resource Team 1997-2002
- Volunteer Chaplain,
Martha Jefferson Hospital 1997-2001
- Centrifuge Youth Camp 1993-1996
West Coast Traveling Director
East Coast Traveling Director
Union University World Changers Leader
Glorieta Backpacking Instructor
- Part-time Youth Minister, Second
Presbyterian Church 1994-1996
- Retreat Leader, DiscipleNow 1990-Pres.
- Summer Missionary with Hamilton County
Baptist Association 1988 & 1989

Other Experience and Accomplishments:

- Completed Young Leader's Program
through Virginia Baptist Mission Board
and the Center for Creative Church
Leadership Development 2003-2004
- Steering Committee
Young Leader's Network 2000-2002
- Saint Matthews Area Ministries,
after-school program 1994

Published Work:

- Reflections, 2002-2003*
devotional literature
- PASSPORT/Mission Exchange, 2001,*
Bible Study material

Cornerstone Baptist Church

Andrew Benton Myers
Pastorial Candidate



"A church family that cares."

October 17, 2004

Andrew Benton Myers

Ande Myers is currently serving as a bivocational pastor in Palmyra, Virginia, at Lyles Baptist Church.

His responsibilities include weekly services, pastoral care, visitation, Pastor's Sunday School Class, working with Youth and Children, participating in church committees and working with deacons. He desires to serve the Lord as a full-time pastor.

Ande began his ministerial career at Belmont Baptist Church in Charlottesville, Virginia. At Belmont he served as Minister of Children and Youth until April of 1998 and then as Minister of Youth and Discipleship Training for more than five years.

Ande received his Bachelor of Science in Business Administration at Samford University in Birmingham, AL, in 1992. He received his Master of Divinity at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville in 1996.

He was licensed in 1998 at Signal Mountain Baptist Church in Signal Mountain, Tennessee. He was ordained in the Spring of 2003 at Lyles Baptist in Palmyra.

Reflections on the Local Church and on Ministry

I can't remember a time when I wasn't involved in a local church's ministry. I was active as a child and as a youth; I assisted the youth minister when I was in college; and it is there that I began to hear God calling me to vocational ministry. I met most of the people I would consider mentors in the local church setting. My experience has been that when the local church is faithful and on mission, there is not a more effective institution or organization in the world.

That said, as pastor it is my privilege to lead from among the people. People would call me a 'team player' and one who works to build consensus. I can be creative and I enjoy working with people who are sensitive to the Lord's guidance in their lives. Trust is earned and I know this takes time. I also remind myself that the local church has worked long before I came on the scene and will work long after I am gone. We carry the baton but for a while and then pass it on.

Each person, man or woman, boy or girl, is created in God's image. We are each gifted in various ways. Therefore I do my very best to love everyone and to treat everyone with respect. I am thankful to God for the gracious ways he deals with me and I try to be gracious in my dealings with others.

In the pastorate I have found the calling for which God has gifted me and there is great joy and peace in this. There are two specific things about being a pastor that jump out as my favorites. The first one is that I love building relationships with people. We try to make this a priority in our family. I like to listen and laugh and joke and share with people. Our family is looking for a place where we can make friends; we are looking for people with whom we can share our lives.

I also love preaching and teaching and know that the relevance of the message can be clouded if the authenticity of the messenger is in doubt. So, I take seriously my commitment to be a faithful and growing disciple of Christ. I value and protect times of preparation, study, and prayer.

Jesus said, after teaching about following him and about bearing fruit; about discipleship and about remaining in his love: *I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.* The Christian's is a high calling...to help people discover this joy that can be found through Jesus Christ.

