

MEET REV. DAVID MILLER LEAD PASTOR BON AIR BAPTIST CHURCH

ABOUT REV. MILLER

Rev. David Miller has been in the ministry for 30 years. He has served as a Youth Pastor, a Family Pastor, and, for the past 16 years, was the Lead Pastor of The Fellowship Church (formerly, the Southpointe Baptist Fellowship) in Leesburg, Florida. He is passionate about evangelism and winning souls to Christ and growing believers in spiritual maturity. His focus is on building up a church with children, youth, and young families.

Rev. Miller is an engaging and energetic preacher grounded in biblical content. He has experience in preaching across live and broadcast media. He is a growth-oriented pastor with a demonstrated track record in church revitalization, strategic vision casting, financial stewardship, Next-Generation leadership development, and a leader of global missions.



“David is a man of integrity. He is real, honest and lives an authentic life.”

Allison Ripoll, Missionary, Word of Life (baptized by Rev. Miller when he was Youth Pastor)

“David is a man of integrity. He values discipleship and raising up leaders—he is in the trenches, cares about and loves people.”

Rev. Tim DeTellis, President, New Missions (ministry partner with The Fellowship Church)



PHILOSOPHY OF MINISTRY

“I was raised in a ministry home where I saw firsthand both the beauty and the weight of shepherding God’s people. From an early age, I sensed the Lord’s call to serve the local church, and it has been my joy to live out that calling in a variety of ministry contexts.”

David is deeply passionate about helping churches flourish in health, unity, and Gospel impact. He believes that vision, mission, and ministry must be undergirded with intentionality.

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE

David attended both Samford University and Liberty University, where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Religion (Magna Cum Laude). He later completed a Master of Arts in Christian Ministry from Liberty Theological Seminary and pursued additional studies at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

In 1997, David was ordained at Sun Coast Baptist Church in Jacksonville, Florida. He served as a Youth Pastor at Riverbend Church, Gainesville, Georgia and from 2004-2010, was the Family Pastor at The Chapel, a non-denominational, multi-site church in Buffalo, New York, which had a staff of 21 and a budget of nearly \$2M. In 2010, he was called to Leesburg, Florida, to coach the Southpointe Baptist Fellowship. He was then called as the church's Lead Pastor and led that church through a transition.

SKILLS AND SPIRITUAL GIFTS

Beyond his preaching and leadership skills, David is equipped in team development, financial stewardship and is known for building strong servant-volunteer cultures. He has led ministries focused on marriage, parenting, students, children, and families. He has equipped large volunteer leadership teams and is committed to increasing volunteer mobilization at BABC.

His spiritual gifts are preaching, teaching, leadership, and mercy. He also says he has the gift of "hanging out" and loves to talk with people and engage them on a deep level. He and his wife, Darlene, share the gift of hospitality.

RELATIONAL APPROACH

David's strong relational skills enable him to interact with all age groups--from children to senior adults. He is committed to investing time and finances into children, youth, and young adults as future church leaders. He is passionate about creating positive relationships between the church and the community.

David has a commitment to an effective and efficient staff—which he refers to as his "team." His approach is to encourage people to thrive in their areas of passion, resulting in the best team possible.

"I care deeply about developing leaders, clarifying vision, strengthening organizational health, and aligning ministry around a shared purpose so that the church can move forward with confidence and unity."

"David is a servant leader... cares deeply about people... and lives out his faith and values daily." Tim Euhus, former volunteer at The Chapel

"David is a strong relational leader with all with whom he interacts. His heart for sharing the gospel is driven by establishing relationships with everyone." Greg Kappas, Founder, Grace Global Network



David, Jr., Diana, and Ruby



Danielle and David



Daila

PERSONAL LIFE

David grew up in the Atlanta area in a pastor's family, an upbringing that gave him an early appreciation for the local church and the importance of faithful ministry. He came to know Christ as a teenager and later sensed God's call to vocational ministry after beginning his professional career.

David and his wife, Darlene, have been married for 36 years and are known by those who know them best as a strong and complementary team. They are grateful for their family and the joy of this season of life, which includes being grandparents.



David and Darlene

Family has always been a central priority, and they enjoy spending time together through outdoor activities, shared traditions, and spiritual disciplines that have helped nurture their faith over many years. One reference described the warmth and closeness of the Miller family as something that naturally “extends to [David’s] congregation and staff.”

Throughout his life, David has enjoyed athletics. He played college baseball and remains an enthusiastic fan of baseball, football, and basketball.

WHAT IS HIS VISION FOR BON AIR BAPTIST CHURCH?

David is excited about BABC’s contemporary and traditional services, the strength of our local, national, and international missions, and our music ministries. He has stated that he is “energized by opportunities that require clear vision, collaborative leadership, and courageous faith to step into the future God is preparing.” Rev. Miller sees BABC as a legacy church with a rich tradition on the threshold of transformation.