

## **PASTOR JIM MOORE: A PERSONAL AUTOBIOGRAPHY**

I grew up in Southeastern North Carolina. After graduating from Wingate College (A.A.) and Appalachian State University (B.A.), I entered Emory University in the Fall of 1970 to work on Masters of Divinity. As a side note of great importance, I worked in the summer of 1970 in a South Florida Church (i.e. Plantation UMC) where I gained experience in what it was like to be a Pastor but also met a young woman (Carol) who was home from West Palm Beach College. We got married the next Summer!

I graduated in Spring of 1974 from Emory University with the Master's degree while serving a small country church near the Lake Lanier Islands in Buford, GA. In 1975 I became the Associate Pastor at Druid Hills UMC in Atlanta. I worked with lots of inter-city missions during this time. I have been blessed to serve as Pastor of a number of churches from Stockbridge to Lithia Springs to Covington averaging nearly ten years at each church.

My claim to fame in sports came when I took third place in the Amateur Division at the Mr. Atlanta Body Building and Bench Press Contest. I think I still have the trophy from 1975!

Currently I am in my sixth year as Pastor at Maple Avenue UMC. The unique thing about Maple Avenue UMC is the large number of ways we are in missions and ministry as a smaller church. As someone said, "You can be a name on the role of a 2,000 member church or you can have an immediate impact in changing a human being's life for the better by simply plugging into one of the many and unique missions/ministries here at a smaller church."