

### More about Mike:

When the group of believers came together and decided they wanted to explore the opportunity of forming a new ministry, they knew they wanted a ministry that was different from anything in the community. They wanted a ministry that served the community in an "out of the box" manner. Their first call was to Mike and Karen Mobley.

A brief meeting on a Saturday morning ended up being the beginning of what is now known as the Church of Grady County. Mike was called to be the shepherd of this group of individuals. The Church met for the first worship service on May 19, 2013. How appropriate that the birth of the Church would be on Pentecost Sunday which is recognized as the birthday of the Church of Grady County!

Mike has served in different ministry areas throughout the years. He was born and raised in south GA. Following high school graduation from Ravenwood Academy in 1982, he attended Florida State University where he earned a B.S. degree in Business in 1985. Mike and Karen married in December of 1985 and have now been married over 40 years. They have one son, Alex who is their next-door neighbor to Mike and Karen on the family farm outside Whigham.

In 2003, Mike completed a M.Ed. program in Counseling from Albany State University. While serving on staff at a local church, Mike felt a call to further his education. Mike completed his coursework at Asbury Theological Seminary. He uses the combined knowledge and skills from his business background, counseling training, and seminary education to serve the Church and the community in a variety of ways. Mike has previously served as the Palliative Care Chaplain for John D. Archbold Memorial Hospital and also as the Chaplain at the Lewis Hall Singletary Oncology Center. Mike serves on the local board for Easter Seals and The Thomas Grady Service Center / The ARC.

Mike has previously served on the Board of Living Bridges Ministry in Valdosta as the Director of Spiritual Development and continues to support this ministry in various ways including teaching classes to help build life skills for their clients.

Mike serves as a board member for the South Georgia Walk to Emmaus. He has served in various capacities on the spiritual retreats for adults as well as serving youth on Chrysalis weekends and older adults on Face to Face Encounters.

Mike and Karen have a passion for helping couples build strong marriages. Karen has worked as a school psychologist . She and Mike enjoy working with couples to strengthen their parenting skills. They both understand that increased communication (combined with lots of grace) is the key to a great marriage. Ask them for more information!

Mike's goal for the Church is for it to be a light that shines hope into a community. He realizes that to do that, the Church must live out our mission statement of "living intentionally in a Christlike manner to bring glory to God". Mike attempts to make all of the worship services relevant. Life happens. We should all learn to come to Christ with childlike faith with mature realities. Jesus never said it would be easy. He also said that He would be with us through it all. Mike tries to remind us all of that in the messages each Sunday.

Mike loves people! He would love to get to know you better. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact him via email at: [pastorofthechurch@gmail.com](mailto:pastorofthechurch@gmail.com) or by calling him at 229-224-1819.