



Rev. J.D. Georlett

DPC Senior Pastor Candidate

Formal Education:

- 2005-2007, Doctor of Ministry Candidate**, University of Dubuque Theological Seminary, Dubuque, IA
(Completed doctorate program excluding dissertation portion due to Laura's battle with breast cancer)
- 1995-1998, Master of Divinity**, Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, CA
- 1985-1989, B.A. Finance and Marketing**, Augustana College, Rock Island, IL

Ministry & Work Experience:

Senior Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Muncie, IN (2013-2016)

J.D. accepted this call to a congregation that was thirsty to hear the Word of God. He immediately implemented a wonderfully successful Wednesday night family program at which he taught on several biblical topics. He designed the curriculum himself. He also began a hot meal program out of the church kitchen that was staffed completely by volunteers and served more than 20,000 meals to impoverished children and families.

Head Pastor, Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church, Rock Island, IL (2000-2013)

J.D. moved back to his hometown to lead this congregation that was the product of two churches merging only five years earlier. He helped them to find their new, shared identity through multiple domestic mission trips, adult Bible study, and by designing new member assimilation and youth confirmation programs. J.D. also began an award winning after-school program for children called Spring Forward Learning Center that has grown exponentially since its inception and branched out in relationships with several local elementary and middle schools.

Interim Pastor, First Presbyterian Church of Delphos and Middle Point, Ohio (1999)

Immediately following seminary, J.D. served these two, yoked congregations, in rural western Ohio. J.D. was ordained in the PC (U.S.A.) while serving here and, as he has done everywhere that he has gone, J.D. began a very successful adult Bible study and on his last day of service, he baptized more than ten adults in a congregation that averaged only 75 in attendance.

Singles Minister, Glenkirk Presbyterian Church, Glendora, CA (1997-1998)

During Seminary J.D. served this very large congregation where he led a large group of adults, most of whom had experienced divorce. He organized social events, retreats, discussion groups, provided grief counseling, and led worship and Bible Study.

Franchise Owner, Service Master Inc., Toledo, OH (1992-1995)

Thinking that his calling was to business and not to ministry, J.D. seized the opportunity to start a disaster restoration franchise. He merged his new business with an existing franchise, and assembled a small staff, but when the call to ministry became too strong to resist, he sold the franchise and went off to seminary.

Youth Minister, Christ Presbyterian Church, Toledo, OH (1990-1992)

Only two years after becoming a Christian, J.D. came to Ohio and began a youth group program at Christ Presbyterian Church. This is where J.D. was first given an opportunity to preach and do children's sermons and lead worship. It's also where J.D. met his future wife, Laura. According to J.D., Laura was an adult volunteer who took pity on the poor, pathetic Youth Minister. When he asked her what would happen if he "hypothetically" asked her out on a date. She said that "hypothetically" she'd have to think about it. They've been together ever since and were married in 1993.



In J.D.'s Own Words:

I was born and raised in Moline, Illinois. I came to faith in Jesus Christ as the Lord and Savior of my life when I was a 21-year-old junior in college. I immediately discovered that I had a great passion for the Word of God and was led by the Spirit into ministry. Having been raised to have a career in business, it took a few years for me to recognize and accept this new calling. Once I did, I stepped out in faith and followed God into the ministry. I was humbled to watch the Holy Spirit move in my life and develop gifts of preaching and teaching and pastoral care.

My life is all about church and family and the people in the churches that I have served. They have become family to me. You will find that I love to preach and teach with humor and passion, and with the Bible always at the center of my ministry.

I love all aspects of church ministry. In everything that it does—mission, worship, fellowship, education—the Christian Church exists for the purpose of raising up and training disciples of Jesus Christ. This is our purpose. This is our reason for being.

I come to Dundee with great hope and anticipation. I am humbled to be offered this call to ministry. I have said, “Yes!” to Dundee because it’s clear that this is a congregation that is blessed with many spiritual gifts, and is marked by a beautiful, joyful spirit. This is obviously a congregation that genuinely loves Jesus Christ. It is my honor and privilege to become a part of this community and to join with you in the remarkable things that God has been doing at Dundee for many years.

Fun Facts About Pastor J.D.



I am a devout, long suffering Detroit Tiger fan. You will find two genuine box seats from the old Detroit Tiger Stadium in my office.



There are three perfect games that human beings have invented—golf, bridge, and baseball and the greatest of these is...baseball.



As for bridge, I’m so lousy, that I never play. As for golf, when we play, muligans are allowed and encouraged and all three footers are good.



I make homemade cinnamon rolls from scratch. By all accounts, they are the greatest thing that has ever happened to food. I can’t guarantee when or where or even if you will ever have one, but if you do, it will change your life.

The Georlett Family



Laura Georlett (J.D.'s Wife):

Laura was born in Alton, Illinois and raised in Toledo, Ohio. She is the youngest of four. She is a stage 3- breast cancer survivor. She and J.D. have been married for 23 years. Laura graduated from the University of Toledo with a degree in Accounting. She has worked for several businesses doing accounting work, including a property management company, a pharmacy, and an accounting firm. Laura loves to read and travel. She also has a great weakness for chocolate.



Pierce Georlett (J.D.'s Oldest Son)

Pierce is 21, (March 13, 1995). He just started his senior year at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln. He is majoring in Communications. At Nebraska, Pierce has done play-by-play for football, women's basketball and men's baseball on radio and also on the Big Ten Network. He is the social media director for the Iron "N" student section. He has served as a Residence Assistant on campus for two years, loves Premier League Soccer, and has still never beaten his dad in a round of golf.



Kayla Georlett (J.D.'s Daughter):

Kayla is 18, (April 18, 1998). She just started her freshman year at Michigan State University this fall. She is majoring in dietetics. Last year, she served as President of Dance Marathon at her high school and helped to raise more than \$40,000 for a children's hospital. Kayla is never without her phone. She has been known to text family members from less than ten feet away.



Grant Georlett (J.D.'s Youngest Son):

Grant is 16, (February 24, 2000). He is autistic. He just began his junior year of High School. He loves dinosaurs and going to the zoo. If you buy him a bag of Skittles, he'll be your friend for life. He is very proficient on the computer and with several video games. Grant is very creative with a very vivid imagination and a great sense of humor. His favorite restaurant is any place that serves chicken and fries.



Ronnie (Family Dog):

Ronnie has been known to eat just about anything. Therefore, we suspect that Ronnie's mom was a black bear and his father was an alligator. He enjoys long walks, long naps, belly scratches, and chasing after rabbits. He does not understand why God bothered to make cats, but he's happy to woof at them whenever it is necessary and it is always necessary.

An invitation for the Dundee Church family, friends & visitors to meet the Rev. Georlett and his family.

Friday, November 11, 4:30-7:00 pm

Saturday, November 12, 1:00-3:00 pm

Sunday, November 13

One Worship Service - 10:00 am

Congregational meeting - 11:00 am

The Dundee Church Family is invited to a reception following the Congregational Meeting in the dining room.