

My Story

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Professional History

I completed an internship and served as Student Pastor at Pine Park Church of the Nazarene (1991-1993). I served Heaton Mersey Congregational Church (1994-1998). During this period, I completed the requirements to be included on the CF Roll of Ministries and was ordained on the 30 March 1997. From October 1998 to December 2008, I served Cumnock Congregational Church. From 2 January 2009, I took up the ministry of Witney Congregational Church and was inducted into this pastorate on the 25 January 2009. I have served the Congregational Federation in various capacities both at Area and National levels.

Philosophy of Ministry

All who believe in Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour are called in various ways to exercise ministry within the church. The ordained minister is the first among equals, called to study and preach the word, administer the sacraments, and provide pastoral enablement, nurture, and care. Strong team ministry is the springboard for effective mission as we proclaim the Good News to the whole person. Both minister and church demonstrate their catholicity through participation in the Congregational Federation, Council for World Mission, and ecumenical instruments. The vision of how the local church engages in mission is something that develops as the minister and congregation work together.

Theological and Pastoral Location

- 1. The Bible:** I believe the Word of God as contained in the Scriptures is inspired. The Bible is the final authority in the practice of Christian life within the fellowship of the church. Being a Christian involves the simple declaration that Jesus Christ is Lord. This confession has both personal and social dimensions.
- 2. Baptism:** The baptism of infants is administered when at least one parent is actively involved in church life and is prepared to make a confession of faith. When parents are not able or willing to make this commitment, I offer a Service of Blessing and Naming. Baptism is for adults not previously baptised. Where there is a strong desire for 'repeat' baptism, I would encourage a service celebrating the person's baptism involving a renewal of commitment.
- 3. Communion** is for the whole family of God regardless of age or church affiliation. The table is open to all who love the Lord Jesus Christ and call him Lord and Saviour.
- 4. Acts of worship** include everyone. People have a variety of ways in which they express themselves. It is important to incorporate hymns with traditional rhyme and metre set alongside modern songs, where people participate in scripture reading, times of 'free' (extemporaneous) prayer, and responsive prayers.
- 5. Pastoral Care:** The minister's role in **pastoral care** is prioritised on the basis of need, in particular, the housebound, hospitalised, and vulnerable.

Educational Background

I graduated with a High School Diploma in 1989. I studied piano, saxophone, and singing. I hold two degrees: Bachelor of Theology, High Honours, 1993 (Canadian Bible College); Master of Arts in Theology, 1994 (Nazarene Theological College of the University of Manchester, Victoria). I am awaiting the deliberations of the exam board and hope to be awarded a Master of Ministry from the University of Wales, Lampeter. I am in the process of applying for a PhD in contextual theology researching the experience of biblical preaching.

Personal Information

I was born on the 31 July 1971, in Melfort, Saskatchewan, Canada. The oldest of four children, I was raised in a devout Christian home where my parents were active members of the Church of the Nazarene. I have been shaped by the experiences of growing up in a rural, farming background. I was married on the 5 April 1997, to Viviane, a French national. We have three children: Naomi (10), Sonya (8), and Jeremy (7). I have a passion for music and swimming.



From left to right: Dr Janet Wootton, Rev Jason C Boyd, Rev Michael Heaney and Rev Graham Akers at the induction of Jason Boyd to the Witney Congregational Church. Photo is copyright of Michael Allen Photography (www.michael-allen.net)