



Pastor Chris McCombs answered the call to be **Broadman's** pastor on March 16, 2003. Below is some information about our Pastor. But the best way to get to know Chris is to meet him, hear him preach God's Word and to work side by side with him in the ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ.



MINISTERIAL CREDENTIALS

• Ordained: March 18, 2001 — Dual: Harrods Creek Baptist Church of Crestwood, KY and First Baptist Church of New Orleans, LA

• Licensed: February 7, 1988 - Harrods Creek Baptist Church, Crestwood, KY

PERSONAL

• Born: April 18, 1970; Louisville, KY

• Salvation: July 3, 1985; Daytona Beach, FL

• Hobbies: Military History, reading, sports, and family

FAMILY

- Wife: Shawnetta
- Children: Samuel, Macy Joy and Savannah

EDUCATION

- Master of Divinity, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, May, 2002
- Master of Public Administration, University of Oklahoma, 1999
- Bachelor of Arts, psychology, University of Kentucky, 1992
- Combined Arms and Services Staff School, Fort Leavenworth, KS, 1999
- Aviation Officer Advance Course, Fort Rucker, AL, 1996
- Aviation Officer Basic Course, Fort Rucker, AL, 1992

EXPERIENCE

- Pastor, Broadman Baptist Church, Cuyahoga Falls, OH, March 2003 – present.
- Chaplain, Kent State University Football Team, Kent, OH, June 2007 - present.
- Pastor, St. Joseph Baptist Church, St. Joseph, LA, July 2001 – March 2003.
- Minister of Evangelism, FBC of New Orleans, August 2000 – July 2001
- Chaplain, Louisiana National Guard, August 2000 – March 2003.
- Counselor, Freedom Counseling, Brookhaven, MS, August 2000 – May 2002.
- Youth Minister, Zama Chapel, Camp Zama, Japan, May 1997 – December 1999.
- Military Officer/Pilot, United States Army, June 1992 - January 2000

STATEMENT OF CALL

“I was reared in a [Southern Baptist Convention](#) Church. I consider **Harrods Creek Baptist Church** to be my home church. Despite being churched most of my life, I truly did not come to know **Jesus Christ** as my Lord and Savior until I was fifteen. Shortly after my conversion, I felt God calling me to the ministry. Despite God’s calling over my life, life took me down some different paths, as a result God’s calling to the pastorate in my life took nearly fifteen years to become a reality. I had many ups and downs along the way, but God never gave up on me! It was over those years that God developed, trained and equipped me to be a pastor...even through my many mistakes. As I look back at my calling I can see the evidence of God’s influence and plan throughout my life, and I believe God’s calling over my life has been a continuous surrendering and learning process. I also believe with all of my heart that my life experiences in the ministry and military have equipped me to be an effective pastor. I know where I have come from and where God wants to take me and it is by God’s grace alone that I have received this calling. Therefore, I serve as a pastor today for His glory alone! **Broadman** has been the highlight of my calling. The Lord has truly blessed me, my family and His Church. I look forward to God’s continuation of His calling in my life and through my pastorate. May God be glorified.” — **Pastor Chris McCombs**

PHILOSOPHY OF MINISTRY

“The church is built upon the **Rock** and that **Rock** is **Jesus Christ**. It is essential that every ministry be grounded upon the **Rock**, for **Jesus Christ** is the chief cornerstone. The church is not a building, nor is it about programs. The Church is God’s chosen people who are called to glorify Him as we carry out his purposes here on earth. We are called to serve Him and one another in ministry. Every believer is a minister and every minister has a ministry. Therefore, we are to function as a body by being partners in the ministry with **Jesus Christ** and one another. ([Ephesians 4:11-16](#), [Matthew 28:18-20](#), and [Acts 6:1-7](#))

“I believe that **Broadman Baptist Church** is *A Church that Makes a Difference* because God has allowed us to adopt a biblical philosophy of ministry and put it into practice. Praise the Lord!” — **Pastor Chris McCombs**