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With a keen curiosity about life, Mark explores the intersection of faith, church, and 21st century living. Mark has served as a pastor, new church developer, interim pastor, renewal pastor, therapist, nonprofit director, business owner, leadership coach, congregational consultant, leadership trainer, and author. Ordained in the Baptist Tradition, Mark is an ecumenical minister at this point along the way. Mark is a frequent presenter in lay leadership team retreats, clergy gatherings, and denominational gatherings. Much of Mark's exposure to shifts in the 21st Century church flows from his work as President of Pinnacle Leadership Associates, based in Columbia, South Carolina. Personally, Mark enjoys many outdoor activities, including mountain biking, hiking, camping, and running. He frequently finds ways to integrate time outside into his work opportunities.

- Married to Melanie, with 3 young adult children
- Lives in Chapin, South Carolina
- Ordained Minister, Baptist
- Author of 5 books
- Licensed Professional Counselor
- Leadership Coach and Life Coach
- Certified Peoplemap Communication System Trainer
- Trained Congregational Consultant
- Emotional Intelligence Trainer
- President of Pinnacle Leadership Associates, based in Chapin, South Carolina. Pinnacle is Mark plus 15 Associates

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Arts, Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, TN. Religion & Psychology. May 1985.

Master of Divinity, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, KY. Theology. May 1989.

Master of Education, The Citadel, Charleston, SC. Clinical Counseling. December 1994.

Post-Graduate work in Marriage & Family Therapy. Converse College, Spartanburg, SC. Summer 1999.

PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATIONS, TRAINING AND LICENSURE

Ordination as a Baptist Minister, Calvary Baptist Church, Little Rock, AR. June 1986.

Clinical Pastoral Education, Methodist Evangelical Hospital, Louisville, KY. January-May 1989.

Pastoral Counseling Internship, The Pastoral Counseling Department, Baptist Medical Center, Columbia, SC. August–December 1994.

Licensed Professional Counselor, South Carolina Board of Examiners, March 1997.

Licensed Marital & Family Therapist, South Carolina Board of Examiners, March 1999 – August 2017.

Clinical Member, American Association of Marital & Family Therapists, 1999 - 2011.

Supervisor for Marital & Family Therapists and Professional Counselors, South Carolina Board of Examiners, until 2011.

Congregational Consultant Training, Center for Congregational Health, Winston-Salem, NC. April 2004-December 2004.

Certified Life Coach, The Life Coaching Institute, 2006.

Certified Peoplemap Trainer, Spring 2007.

Associate Certified Coach, International Coach Federation, June, 2008. (Allowed my ACC certification to lapse....too busy coaching and keeping up other licenses! Coaching since 2003)

PROFESSIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

Interim Pastor, Memorial Baptist Church, New Castle, IN. February-May 1986.

Pastor, First Baptist Church, Crane, IN. July 1987-June 1989. Student Pastorate.

Pastor, Salem Springs Baptist Church, Murfreesboro, TN. July 1989-May 1991.

Living Skills Counselor and Group Therapist, Windwood Farms Childrens Home, Awendaw, SC. July 1991-July 1994.

Family Therapist, Berkeley Community Mental Health Center, Moncks Corner, SC. June 1995-September 1997. Children, Adolescent & Families Unit.

Pastoral Counseling Private Practice (part-time), On the campus of Fort Johnson Baptist Church, Charleston, SC. September 1995-October 1997.

Pastoral Counselor (full-time), Community Care & Counseling, Charleston, SC. October 1997-September 2000.

Interim Pastor (part-time), Corinth Baptist Church, Holly Hill, SC. July 2000-June 2001.

Founder and Director, Lowcountry Pastoral Counseling Center, Charleston, SC. October 2000-December 2003. (www.lowcountrypastoral.org)

Founder and Coordinator, Center For Clergy and Congregations, The Pastoral Counseling Department, Palmetto Baptist Medical Center, Columbia, SC. January 2004 – May 2008.

Interim Pastor (part-time), Emmanuel Baptist Fellowship, Lexington, SC. August 2006-October 2006.

Founder and Executive-Director, LifePoint Counseling Center, June 2008 – February 2011. Private, faith-Based, non-profit counseling center.

Renewal Pastor, Part-time. Kathwood Baptist Church, Columbia, SC, January 2010-December 2013.

Interim Pastor, Very Part-Time. First Baptist Church, Evans (suburb of Augusta), GA. March 2014-May 2015.

Founder and President, Pinnacle Leadership Associates, LLC. June 2008 – Present. Pinnacle provides Leadership Coaching, Life Coaching, Consulting, Training, Publishing, and Web Design. Publishing is through Pinnacle Leadership Press. www.pinnlead.com

PUBLICATIONS

Disciple Development Coaching: Christian Formation For The 21st Century, Mark Tidsworth and Ircel Harrison (Atlanta: Nurturingfaith, Inc., 2013).

Forty Days Of Prayer: Preparing Ourselves For God's Calling, Mark Tidsworth (Columbia, SC: Pinnacle Leadership Press, 2014).

Shift: Three Big Moves For The 21st Century Church, Mark Tidsworth (Columbia, SC: Pinnacle Leadership Press, 2015).

Making The Shift Field Guide, Mark Tidsworth (Columbia, SC: Pinnacle Leadership Press, 2016).

Farming Church: Cultivating Adaptive Change In Congregations, Mark Tidsworth (Columbia, SC: Pinnacle Leadership Press, August 2017).

-Mark writes regularly for the Pinnacle E-Newsletter, which can be found on the Pinnacle blog at www.pinnlead.com. Also Mark has a personal blog.







