

## Rev. Troy Richard (Ricky) Clark

The Music Minister Search Team (MMST) developed a Music Minister Profile and position description by utilizing a congregational survey that was distributed via paper form and online in April/May. Using the results from the survey, the MMST thoughtfully and prayerfully created a position description and Music Minister profile and began to solicit application materials. Beginning in June, the team collected and reviewed applications from over 50 individuals.



### EDUCATION

- \* Bachelor of Music, Sacred Music Major - Union University (1979)
- \* Master of Church Music, Emphasis in Voice and Ministry - New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary (1981)

### EXPERIENCE

- \* Minister of Music - West Jackson Baptist Church, Jackson, Tennessee (1994-Present)
- \* Associate Pastor/Music - St. Andrew Baptist Church, Panama City, Florida (1988-1994)
- \* Minister of Music - First Baptist Church, Humboldt, Tennessee (1983-1988)
- \* Minister of Music & Youth - Grace Memorial Baptist Church, Gulfport, Mississippi (1981-1983)
- \* Minister of Music & Youth - First Baptist Church, Greensburg, Louisiana (1979-1981)
- \* Minister of Music & Youth - Hillcrest Baptist Church, Jackson, Tennessee (1976-1979)

### HIGHLIGHTS

- \* Music Director of the the 70 voice Jackson Community Choral Society
- \* Member, The CenturyMen, a Baptist auditioned recording and concert group
- \* Member, Tennessee Baptist Chorale
- \* Past President, Tennessee Baptist Church Music Conference
- \* Past President, West Tennessee Ministers of Music
- \* Interim Director, Union University Vocal Ensemble
- \* Guest Lecturer, Union University Worship Leadership Classes
- \* Choral & Handbell Adjudicator, Tennessee & Florida Baptist Music Festivals
- \* American Choral Directors Association
- \* Baptist Church Music Conference

## STATEMENT OF CONVICTION

God has given me passions in two primary areas: worship and pastoral ministry. God has created us to worship Him and one of the great privileges and responsibilities of the church is to join hearts and spirits in that worship. The church in worship is a three-way conversation: God speaks to us, we speak to God, and we speak to one another to edify the church and to teach one another and encourage one another. I believe God has called me to be a part of that conversation through the avenue of music and to help prompt the church in singing the song God is writing on her heart. Pastoral ministry was modeled in my childhood years through my father who was a Baptist pastor for 48 years. By both word and deed, he passed on to me his love for the people of God, for the bride of Christ, His church, and for the work of ministry. To walk with people through the challenges and the joys of life helping to give comfort and share joy is a gift from God. It serves as a great opportunity to help them sense the work of God in their lives and at the same time sense their never-ending need for Him.

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### **Sunday, November 13**

Introduction of Candidate and his family.

### **Saturday, November 19**

1:30 – 3:00pm: Candidate Meet and Greet with the congregation in the Narthex

3:15 – 4:45pm: Choir Practice

### **Sunday, November 20**

Trial worship service and church vote in special-called business conference

*The MMST wants to thank you for your prayers through the search process. We are very excited to introduce Ricky and Sandra to the congregation.*

*If you have any questions about the call weekend, please see one of the MMST members: Jeff Reynolds, David Ham, Carrie Taylor, Stacey Forsythe, Daniel White, Nancy Cron, Harold Whitfield, Rick Matar, Dana Tinius, Rhonda Dotson, and Vivian Gentry.*



*Ricky and Sandra Clark*

*“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.” - Philippians 4:6-7*