



Evangelist James Hood and Family

Born to Ron and Barbara Hood on November 5, 1976, I am the third of six children. During my childhood, our family traveled much as we participated in ministry with my father, who is an evangelist.

As a family, we memorized a lot of Scripture while traveling. God used His Word to convict me and bring me to salvation. By God's grace, I was saved and baptized at the age of seven.

During my teen years, I became very slack in my walk with the Lord; but during a week of revival services at my church in September '94, God convicted me of my worldliness and failure to live fully for Him. In response to God's conviction, I rededicated my life to the Lord.

As I began spending time in God's Word daily and listening to preaching with an open heart, God helped me grow spiritually and begin to witness. The Lord graciously called me to preach on February 4, 1996. Over the next several years, God helped me discern that He has entrusted me with the gift of evangelist

God used my participation in various ministries of my home church to introduce me to Suzanne Cameron, who is now my wife. In 1996, Suzanne moved from Port Huron, MI to Greenville, SC to attend Bob Jones University. She earned a B. Mus. in Piano Pedagogy from BJU in 2000 and a M. S. in Counseling in 2002.

When Suzanne moved to Greenville, God led her to join Hampton Park Baptist Church, where we are still active members. She served in a variety of ministries at our church and taught piano for three years at Hampton Park Christian School. As we took part in soul-winning visitation, choir, and workdays for widows, God led us in developing a strong friendship. We were married on April 12th, 2003.

Training

My training for the ministry began in my childhood as my parents helped me memorize 1,100 verses of Scripture by the age of 15.

After rededicating my life to the Lord at age 17, I began to review the Scripture I knew and memorize new passages. As a result, God helped me grow spiritually and gain an understanding of many chapters and books in the Bible. With God's help, I have now memorized over 2,800 Scripture verses. I find that the memorized Word is a great help in my witnessing, preaching, teaching, and counseling.

God called me to preach on Feb. 4, 1996 and began using my father, Evangelist Ron Hood, to train me in preaching and other aspects of the ministry. We have served together in hundreds of churches and schools in the U.S. and twelve Caribbean Islands since 1995.

In May 1999 I graduated from Bob Jones University. Following graduation, I spent one year working full-time in the ministry with my parents—traveling frequently and helping with preaching, music, and many other ministries.

God led me to Ambassador Baptist College for additional ministry training in September 2000. Evangelist Ron Comfort is the founder and president of the college, which specializes in training people for full-time ministry.

I attended Ambassador Baptist College from August 2000 to May 2002, taking classes in Bible, preaching, theology, counseling, foreign missions, music, and the evangelist's ministry.

God taught me many valuable lessons for life and ministry through numerous godly preachers and teachers at BJU and ABC, and I am thankful for those God has used to train me.

Experience

❖ *Ministry in the U.S.*

My parents let me participate with them in ministry as a child and teen, and God began giving me opportunities to preach in May 1995. During the past eight years, God has allowed me to minister in more than fifty churches and Christian schools. This has included preaching, teaching in Sunday School, playing the piano, providing special music, helping with youth meetings and VBS, and soul-winning visitation.

In addition to the opportunities God has given me away from my home church, He has taught me much as I have served at Hampton Park Baptist Church. God allowed me to teach the teen boys' S.S. class and to help with music in our bus ministry for six years.

For several years, I had the joy of working with other young people in our Singles' group to provide preaching and music at a retirement center and Greenville Rescue Mission. I am thankful for what God has taught me through participation in choir, door-to-door witnessing, and home Bible studies.

❖ *Ministry in other countries*

During the past 20 years, God has provided for me to serve with my parents and siblings in 581 public schools in **eight Caribbean countries**. I have had the joy of preaching in over 170 public schools since 1996. It has also been a privilege to play and sing with my family to hundreds of thousands of people who need a good example of Christ-honoring, conservative music. My wife, Suzanne, has taken part in this ministry since May 2002.

While ministering in the public schools, God has opened doors for my family to edify Believers with preaching and music in numerous fundamental churches throughout the Caribbean Islands. Also, my Dad and I have taken several other trips to the Caribbean, specifically for ministry in churches.

Pastor Ward, in **Barbados**, invited me to spend four weeks (July 2001) working with his church and two others they had helped to start.

In July 2002, I had the privilege of going to **England** with a retired missionary couple in my church, Dick and Martha Knox. We helped an inner-city church in Birmingham for four weeks.

Since September 2002, the Lord has allowed us to serve in 16 churches and a Christian camp in New South Wales and Victoria, **Australia**.

During April 2006, God gave us four weeks of ministry among 12 churches in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, **Canada**.

As a result of these numerous ministry trips, the Lord has given Suzanne and me many opportunities for preaching, teaching, and music ministry. Over the years, God has allowed us to help more than 60 churches with such ministries as evangelistic and revival meetings, youth meetings, R.E. classes, children's Bible clubs and V.B.S., street evangelism, and visitation.

MINISTRY GOALS

God has given us a great desire to work primarily outside the U.S.A.—serving Christ and His church with the spiritual gifts, abilities, and training He has entrusted to us. As God permits, we desire to spend several weeks or months at a time helping one or more churches in an area.

We desire to serve in the following ways:

1. **Reach the lost with the gospel**

- Personal evangelism
- Teach and challenge Christians to witness
- Evangelistic meetings and open-air ministry
- Public school ministries
- Bible clubs and VBS for children & teens
- Help start new churches

2. **Help pastors edify believers and equip them for ministry**

- Preach and provide music for revival meetings, youth meetings, and camps
- Preach on Scripture memory, teaching its many benefits and a simple method
- Music and preaching in weekly services
- Teach Sunday School classes
- Preach and teach on music, in one-day seminars, classes, and private lessons
- Train Christians in music, preaching & teaching, witnessing, and discipleship
- Teach in Bible institutes and colleges
- Preach for congregations without pastors

God has provided financial support that enables us to be devoted to helping pastors, missionaries, and church planters for extended periods of time.

Our Home Church

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~ Dr. Drew Conley, Senior Pastor ~
~ Dr. David Yearick, Pastor *Emeritus* ~

Our Mission Agency

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~ Evangelist Ron Hood, Director ~