

Meet the Palmers!

Michael Palmer was born in Missouri while his parents, Rev. James & Mary Palmer, were



pastoring the Ironton Church of the Nazarene. When Michael was 3, his family moved to Indiana where he lived until he graduated from Chrysler High School in New Castle, Indiana. He then attended Mid America Nazarene College (now University), and graduated in 1979. While at MNU he traveled for the college in Capital Campaigns, and he also held revivals across the Mid America region. During his senior year he met Mary Hull, who grew up in Missouri at the St. Louis Overland Church. Mary's parents are Howard & Glynelle Hull. Mike and Mary were married June 7, 1980. Mary received a Nursing/Sociology degree from MNU.

Michael and Mary's first pastorate was on the Missouri District at the Fenton Church. In 1982 Michael was ordained by Dr. V.H. Lewis at the Missouri District Assembly. Their next pastorates were in Burlington and Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Michael has served on various boards and committees on both the Iowa and Missouri Districts. He was also a police chaplain for a number of years, for a time being a member of the International Police Chaplains Organization.

Following their pastorates in Iowa, the Palmers entered into full-time evangelism. They were full-time evangelists for 7 years, holding revivals, camp meetings, and retreats across the country. In March of 2001, Michael and Mary accepted the pastorate of the Ferguson Church of the Nazarene, in St. Louis, Missouri, where they were serving when Michael was elected to the office of District Superintendent.

In the spring of 2009, Rev. Palmer graduated from Indiana Wesleyan University with a Master of Arts in Ministry with an Organizational Leadership focus.

The Palmers have 2 children, Mandi and Michael.

Michael's ministry verse is found in Ephesians 4:11,

“And He gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.”