

Greetings to you at First United Methodist Church Killeen!

Effective July 1, Bishop Lowry has appointed me to serve you as Senior Pastor. I am humbled and excited by this opportunity which will begin a new chapter in my ministry and your congregation's life. I anticipate the good things that God has for us together!

I have served as an Executive Pastor at First United Methodist Church in Waco for the past five years. I have led multiple ministry areas including worship, communications, and managing the campuses of a multi-site church. Some of my favorite responsibilities are those that come with the role of pastor and shepherd: teaching, preaching, pastoral care, prayer, and discipling others. Before serving Waco, I have worked in a variety of settings, including campus ministry, women's ministry, coaching other clergy, planting a new congregation, and serving at the largest United Methodist Church in the country, Church of the Resurrection. I have been ordained for 11 years and have served in full-time ministry for 16 years. I have a deep love for the local church, and there is nothing I would rather do than help people experience the love of Jesus Christ.

I am a graduate of Baylor University, where I studied Biology, and I have a Master of Divinity degree from Perkins School of Theology, SMU. I'm currently a mentor for Baylor University's Department of Religion, and I plan to begin a Doctorate of Ministry degree in the fall of 2021. My husband, Ben Simpson, is a faculty member at Baylor University's Truett Seminary in the area of Spiritual Formation. He has also served the church as a minister, teacher, and leader. We have two children, Joy and David, who are dynamite soccer players and thoughtful kids. Joy is 11, and David is 8. Our family likes to spend time outdoors hiking and camping, and we are all training in Taekwondo together.

I look forward to meeting you and getting to know the community. I am certain that the Lord has been at work in calling us together for the sake of the Kingdom of God. Until we meet, I'll be praying for you, Pastor Alan, and the McGrath family. May you have sweet times of celebration and offer appreciation for his work in your midst.

Blessings!

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