

From Mark on Worship:

"Worship is our response to God in the world and in our lives. It is a journey with Jesus in celebration and re-creation of His story. It is our response to the moving and acts of the Holy Spirit. True worship unites believers, celebrates the gospel story of redemption, and celebrates God's grace, mercy and love in all of humanity. I personally value encouraging others in the love of Christ and worship of God, alongside the why and how of serving, giving, and creating. I believe that all ages, backgrounds, and people of musical persuasions should worship together when possible, learning to serve one another in a spirit of harmony and unity. It is what I believe to be a beautiful picture of God's kingdom."

Associate Pastor for Worship and the

Arts Search Committee:

Michael Barton, Co-chair

Kathy Fendley, Co-chair

Hope Adkins

Tracey Ford

Melodie Hardwick

Craig Kirby

Mick Musick (relocated)

After the completion of a thorough review of potential candidates, the Associate Pastor for Worship and the Arts Committee of Central Baptist Church of Bearden

respectfully recommends

Mark Groves
for the position of

***Associate Pastor for
Worship
and the Arts***

In view of a call from Central Baptist Church of Bearden.

June 14th, 2020

A vote will be taken immediately following the morning service both on campus and electronically.

CENTRAL  **BEARDEN**
Mark Groves



**Candidate for
Associate Pastor
for Worship
and the Arts
June 14th, 2020**

About Mark Groves

PERSONAL

Mark Groves is husband to Sarah Standerfer Groves and father to Gracie and Lily.

Mark was born and raised in Arkansas alongside an older brother and sister. It was at Blytheville First Baptist Church, where he began following Jesus, and answered a call to fulltime ministry. Mark's parents encouraged the development of his musical gifts through worship in the church from a young age.

His early influences came from a wide variety of ministers, teachers, musicians, friends, as well as professors and mentors during his college years at Oklahoma Baptist University. The Groves family enjoys sharing time together, and exploring through travel, arts & entertainment, outdoors, learning and enjoying life.



EDUCATION

2011-2012 * **Robert E. Webber Institute for Worship Studies**
Post-graduate studies in worship theology

1991-1994 * **Southwestern Seminary Fort Worth, Texas**
Masters of Music: Music Education, President's Scholar

1987-1991 * **Oklahoma Baptist University Shawnee, Oklahoma**
Bachelor of Music, Magna Cum Laude, Church Music/Conducting with a minor in piano and voice

LEADERSHIP & DEVELOPMENT

- Visiting speaker - Sacred Music Certificate program, University of North Florida
- Worship leader/keyboardist - General Assembly of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (Memphis, TN)
- Writer - *Worship* - LifeWay periodical
- Presenter/Session Leader - Williams Baptist University Small Church Worship Conference
- Member - various professional organizations in areas of leadership, music, arts; providing diverse music, worship and leadership conferences

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Associate Pastor: Worship and Communications; Deermeadows Baptist Church, Jacksonville, FL
September 2008- Present

Minister of Music/Worship/Media
First Baptist Church Jonesboro, AR
October 1999-August 2008

Minister: Music/Worship
Indian Springs First Baptist Church
Birmingham, AL
September 1996-September 1999

Associate Director of Music
Mountain Brook Baptist Church,
Birmingham, AL
September 1994-September 1996

Camp Director, Assistant Director, Music Coordinator Centrifuge, Ridgecrest Conference Center
Summers of 1992-1994

Undergraduate & Graduate School Music/Worship Internships:
Wilshire Baptist Church, Dallas, TX
University Baptist Church, Shawnee, OK; First Southern Baptist Church, Del City, OK