

LIFE VERSE

“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine... When you pass through the waters, I will be with you... For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.”

- ISAIAH 43: 1-3



REV. HEATHER SIMS

Joy Filled Servant of Christ

ABOUT ME

Raised in a military family, I developed an early foundation of resilience, adaptability, and a global worldview. This upbringing instilled in me a deep appreciation for the diverse “accents” of the Holy Spirit and a capacity for cross-contextual leadership within the local and global church.

I have been married for 31 years to my husband, Jonathan, who serves as a bi-vocational GMC clergy member. Together, we have been blessed with three sons: Noah (24), Daniel (22), and Michael (19).

I am a leader energized by spiritual renewal, the outdoors, and the transformative disciplines of solitude and silence. I am deeply relational and motivated by a hope-filled, Wesleyan vision for the mission of the church. My life is defined by a daily longing to see Jesus more clearly and a fervent desire to lead others into a life-transforming experience of the grace of Jesus Christ.

MINISTRY EXPERIENCE

SENIOR PASTOR — Christ Church Methodist, The Woodlands, TX
May 2024 - Present

2025 Highlights:

- 384 average weekly attendance (30%+ increase)
- 15 baptisms; 5 confirmations; 30 new members (27% increase)
- 3 students discerning full-time vocational ministry
- 188 active servant leaders (13% increase)
- 150+ children at VBS; 65% increase in Wednesday Night Connect
- 15% increase in tithes and offerings over 2024

LEAD PASTOR — Cornerstone Methodist Church, Houston
2021 - 2024

- Preaching, teaching, pastoral care, worship planning, sacraments
- Full staff development & supervision, including preschool
- Fiscal operations, stewardship, administration, community engagement
- **Milestones:** Vision integration; disaffiliation leadership; 20%+ increase in attendance & giving

PASTOR — Fairbanks UMC, Houston
2019 - 2021

- Pastoral leadership, worship, sacraments, staff supervision, fiscal oversight
- **Milestones:** Church relocation, property sale, merger, and major transition leadership

CONTACT INFO

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EDUCATION

Doctor of Ministry (In Process) Truett Theological Seminary, Baylor University

Master of Divinity Asbury Theological Seminary

B.S. Human Development & Family Studies Texas Tech University

LEADERSHIP & MINISTRY DEVELOPMENT

- **Advancing Pastoral Leadership**
Five-year executive-level leadership development program, Texas Annual Conference
- **Certificate in Spiritual Transformation (2008-2011)**
Twenty-six-month program with Ruth Haley Barton & The Transforming Center, Wheaton, IL
- **Exponential Learning Community (1999-2002)**
Invitation only WCA program for emerging pastors

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RETREAT & FORMATION MINISTRY

- **Retreat Speaker:**
Montgomery UMC,
Chapelwood UMC, St. Paul
UMC, Faith UMC, Spring
Woods UMC, FCC Abilene,
Friendswood Methodist
Church
- **Walk to Emmaus:**
Assistant Spiritual Director;
Spiritual Director

MISSIONS EXPERIENCE

- Weslaco
- Belize
- Mexico City
- Chicago
- Los Angeles
- Appalachia
- Local missions

DIRECTING PASTOR OF FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP —

Chapelwood UMC, Houston

2015 - 2019

- Oversight of children, youth, college, special needs, recreation, scouting, and day school
- Led 90+ employees and 7 direct reports
- **Milestones:** Day school vision shift; major staff transitions; expanded family missional engagement

CO PASTOR — Spring Woods UMC, Houston

2011 - 2015

- Pastoral leadership in a multi-national, multi-ethnic congregation (15 nationalities)
- **Milestones:** Worship time changes; staff restructuring; debt retirement; parsonage relocation; homeless ministry launch; capital campaign; cultural transformation toward community engagement

ADDITIONAL MINISTRY ROLES

- Associate Pastor, Faith UMC, Richmond
- Children's Ministry Director, Westover Fellowship, Amarillo
- Interim Pastor, FUMC Dalhart
- Women & Children's Ministry, St. Paul UMC, Abilene
- Alpha Ministry Leader, St. Nick's Anglican, Durham, England
- Director, Wesley Foundation, WTAMU

CONNECTIONAL & DENOMINATIONAL SERVICE

- **Global Staffing Task Force (Current)** — appointed by Mike Schafer
- **Chair, Trinity Conference Personnel Committee (Current)**
- **Global Episcopacy Committee (2024-2025)**
- **Elected General Conference Delegate (2024 & 2026)**
- **Youth Summer Camp Preacher, Trinity Conference (2025)** — sold out attendance (~600)
- **Preacher, Allegheny West Annual Conference (2025)**
- **Presenter, 2:42 Young Clergy Conference (2025)**
- **Preacher, West Plains Annual Conference (2024)**
- **Preacher, Trinity Conference Convening Annual Conference (2023)**
- **Women Thriving in Ministry Mentor (Asbury Seminary)**
- **Board of Trustees, Texas Annual Conference**
- **Board of Ordained Ministry, Texas Annual Conference**
- **Board of Higher Education & Campus Ministry, Northwest Texas Conference**