

In the spring of 1965 I was saved by the grace of God at Bridgeton Bible Church. I attended night classes at Brookes Bible Institute and became a full time student in January of 1968. During my time as a full time student, I had many opportunities to preach the Word at various churches. In 1970, I accepted a position as pastor at Kimmswick Bible Church. While serving there, I graduated from Brookes Bible Institute in May of 1972. I was, also, ordained by Bridgeton Bible Church in September of 1972.

In the fall of 1972, I taught my first class at Brookes. In 1973, I resigned as pastor at Kimmswick and that spring accepted the position as administrator and full time teacher at Brookes. God blessed the school in a great and mighty way during these years. My first graduating class was in 1976 and Marty Zide was in that class. Many went on to Calvary Bible College where their credits at Brookes were accepted.

In 1974, I filled the pulpit at Woodburn Congregational Church in Illinois and officially became their pastor in January of 1975. I was a banker-preacher after I resigned from Brookes in 1976. The church in Woodburn grew tremendously and in 1988 I was their full time pastor. I retired on June 1, 2008 after 33 years and 9 months. A young man by the name of Jon Sander came to our church in 1995 and was mentored by me and served as associate pastor until I retired. Jon became pastor at Woodburn Bible Church on July 1, 2008. God is blessing his ministry and God is growing the church by leaps and bounds. During my time as pastor, I was blessed to see many souls saved and many growing in the Lord. It is evident that they are grounded in the Word of God. I just praise the Lord for all His blessings bestowed upon me.

My wife, Jan, and I now live in St. James, Missouri and just celebrated our 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. We have three daughters and adopted my sister's two sons and Jan's niece. Our three daughters and their families are active at Woodburn Bible Church. I was interim pastor at Rolla Bible Church for 10 months in 2010. Although retired, we are still serving the Lord. I am so thankful that I was able to attend and graduate from Brookes Bible Institute. Ephesians 4: 20, 21.