

## Biography of Malcolm L. Lance

In April of 1960 I was born to Howard and Wilma Lance of Brevard NC.

I attended Brevard Schools and in 1979 I married Jamie Roberts.

I worked in the Grocery Business working my way up from bagger and stocker into the meat department and later into supervision of Meat Markets before answering God's call on my life to full time ministry in 1991.

I was saved July 31, 1980 at Midway Baptist Church, under Pastor George Thompson's pastorate. I was a lost church member and realized I needed a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. We joined Enon Baptist Church in 1983 and were members there until we took our first church in 1994.

I graduated from Fruitland Baptist Institute in 1994 with an Associate Degree in Religion.

I have pastored three different churches since 1994.

Under my leadership and with the Lord's guidance I have led a church in a Building Program.

I have led teams on several local state and foreign Mission Trips. God has blessed me in allowing me to go on several foreign trips, with both an evangelistic and medical emphasis. My wife, Jamie and I have both served as volunteer short term missionaries with Baptist Medical Dental Missions.

Under my leadership we have implemented The Release Time Program and GED program at Blue Ridge. We initiated the starting of the Awana Program last year.

I was a founding Board Member of Lauren's Hope Foundation, a non-profit organization.

I have been married to Jamie for 29 years. We have 3 grown sons, Ryan, Matt and his wife Shantelle, Jared and his wife Brandi. We have 5 grandchildren, Jessica, Ashley, Daneli, Scout and Aiden.

My wife Jamie was saved in 1981. She has been supportive of our calling into fulltime ministry. She was involved in starting The Piedmont Women's Center (A Crisis Pregnancy Center) in Greer, SC. She has served as Literacy Tutor, Youth Leader, Sunday School teacher, VBS Director. She has also gone on several Mission trips with me and our boys as teenagers and has helped plan and participate in several Medical Mission Trips. She has served along beside me as a prayerful supportive wife, mother and encourager.

We enjoy reading, hiking and spending time with our children and grandchildren.

## Vision Statement of Malcolm L. Lance

Vision: the act or power of seeing, foresight.

Proverbs 29:18 "Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he."

As a minister of the Gospel a leader, pastor of the Church, preacher of the word a vision is a must. I believe that a vision is setting goals that point to one central goal or purpose.

My vision for Cathey's Creek Baptist Church:

1. To have a clear sense of purpose. For a church to be strong all its activities and programs must focus on winning and discipling people for Jesus Christ.
2. Build a warm and loving fellowship. A place where people will find the love of Christ and acceptance. But remember, acceptance is not approval. Jesus accepted the woman at the well. He did not approve of her five marriages and divorces or her live in relationship with her boyfriend. . He called her adultery what it was, sin. Because Jesus accepted her without judgment, he could tell her about the living water and see her life change forever.
3. Build a great Church. Based on the word of God, Jesus said "I am the way, the truth and the life." First, show people the way. Second, tell them the truth. Third, they will live the life.
4. Follow the time tested laws of Sunday School growth or Bible Study. I believe that the Sunday School can be the greatest way for outreach. Building a great Church that rescues the perishing means giving attention to Sunday School and Bible study. The backbone of a strong church is the lay people teaching the Bible to a small class.
5. Pastor the people. Being a pastor means to love your people, to visit them in the hospitals, nursing homes and in their homes. A caring pastor knows the needs of the Church members and is available to them.
6. Encourage the Church to become involved in Missions both local and foreign. To take groups on Mission trips to see firsthand the work that God is doing and how He can use us to fulfill the Great Commission.

The motto of my ministry will be:

"Wake up, pray up, sing up, preach up, pay up and never give up, let up, back up or shut up until the cause of Christ is built up."