



*Meet Pastor Jonathan
And
The Sherrod Family*

I am a child of God and disciple of Jesus Christ, created in the image of God, yet broken and imperfect. I am privileged and humbled to work with the Kirk of Holly Springs and to become a part of the larger Kirk family. What an exciting time to engage in the ministry of a new worshipping community in one the fastest growing towns in North Carolina!

I have been married for almost 28 years to Dr. Camille Grady Sherrod. Camille and I met in Richmond, Virginia, while both of us were attending Union Theological Seminary (now Union Presbyterian Seminary). However during her seminary studies, she recovered her calling to minister to God's four legged and winged creatures and upon my graduation from seminary began studying full-time to earn her Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine from North Carolina State University. After graduating from Vet School in 2000, we soon thereafter, welcomed our daughter, Zane Noble, into this world in 2001. As a 16 year old sophomore at Enloe High School, Zane is still identifying herself and discerning her place in this world. We are, however, proud of her biting and sarcastic wit—except when it's directed at us! While Zane is at school, Camille practices her medicine as a full-time Associate Veterinarian at Falls Village Veterinary Hospital in North Raleigh.

We make our home in Knightdale, where we keep our “four legged children” of Isa the dog and Natasha and Midnight, the cats. Of course, what veterinarian's family doesn't have a cadre of animals in the house! Aside from school and work, life in the Sherrod house is relaxed. We enjoy taking walks to the Neuse River not far behind our neighborhood. When we can, we'll travel east and watch the marsh grass bend with the wind from the dock of a family getaway spot on Topsail Island. We also love to get away to the mountains, particularly to Asheville, where we are always sure to make a pilgrimage to Montreat to dip our feet in the creek, eat some ice cream at the Huckleberry, and visit the gift shop.

Following my graduation from Union in 1992, I was called to the congregation of Edgewood Presbyterian and was ordained on July 17, 1992. After two and a half years at Edgewood, I heard the call into Camp and Conference ministry and began to serve the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina as Associate for Outdoor Ministries in January, 1995. Working in camping ministry allowed me to tap into my passion for the outdoors and the opportunity to nurture that love for God's creation in others. I spent eight years with Coastal Carolina directing their two camps—Monroe and Kirkwood. Following my years with Monroe and Kirkwood, I was called to serve an outdoor ministry partnership between Foothills and Trinity Presbyteries in South Carolina and their camps—Buc and Fellowship. I served in South Carolina for four years and, then, discerned that I needed to support my wife in her next career move.

We moved back to North Carolina, and settled in Knightdale in 2007. I was able to find part-time ministry work at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church. During my two and a half years with St. Andrews, I heard God's call for me to go back to full-time congregational ministry. Eventually, I was able to respond to the call to Westminster Presbyterian Church in Raleigh. We spent five years together seeking to transform the church together for a brand new day. But, where one relationship began to end, God was opening the door to a brand new one by bringing me and the Pulpit Nominating Committee of the Kirk of Holly Springs together.

Conversations with the PNC were marked with laughter, thoughtful reflection, and hope for the future. Conversations with Pastor Jody—our Senior Minister at the “Big Kirk” have revealed a wonderfully special relationship with the Kirk-Cary. With the enthusiastic leadership at the Holly Springs campus and the great leadership and support from the Cary campus, we are poised to bear witness to the grace and love of Christ in our uniquely Reformed and Presbyterian way in Holly Springs.

Though, it is, to say the least, a challenging time in our culture to start a new worshipping community. Distrust of institutional religion in the form of the local church seems to be at an all-time high, yet new worshipping communities are thriving. I am hopeful for our work together as we seek to find the balance between innovation in ministry and the goal to connect all people to the ancient Truth that is the Gospel of Jesus Christ. My work in the community is part-time (20 hours per week), so most of what I am doing is preaching on Sunday mornings and serving as a resource to our ministry teams. During the week I work in my home office in Knightdale.

C. Jonathan Sherrod

