The Rev. Pr. John David Bryant

"John David"



Family:

Married to Harriet for 33 years, met her at Valdosta State University, and have been together since. Father of Sean (left) and Stephen (right). Stephen, Dr. Bryant, teaches at Juniata College in Huntingdon, PA. Sean is a lab supervisor at Shand's Hospital in Gainesville, FL.

Harriet and John David are Buster's (the black and tan) and Oscar's (the brown teddy bear dog) Dachshund parents and dote on them daily through service and song.

Education:

John David, proficient in Spanish since undergrad, has a Master of Divinity from LRU-Lutheran Seminary and a Master in Family Counseling from the University of West Alabama. He plans to earn a Doctor of Ministry from Hood Theological Seminary.

Background:

John David, a native of Douglas, Georgia, and a Lutheran pastor since 2011, currently serves as a supply pastor at a Presbyterian church. Despite his strong Lutheran convictions and dedication to traditional worship, he values blended worship and ecumenical ties, especially with ELCA partner denominations. His service includes Episcopal Cursillo, Lutheran Via de Cristo, Episcopal Happening, Christians Concerned for the Community, Suwannee Valley Recovery, and Teens Encounter Christ.

Sense of Call to Good Shepherd:

Maya Angelou says, "When someone shows you who they are, believe them the first time. People know themselves much better than you do. That's why it's important to stop expecting them to be something other than who they are."

I (John David) have introduced myself to the GSLC council and call committee, and they have shown me the authentic GSLC. These leaders describe GSLC as "perfectly imperfect." I share that view of myself and seek a long-term relationship with a congregation that understands that God calls us to be faithful lovers, not rigid, legalistic perfectionists. With such people, I can do meaningful ministry.