



Larry Green

Senior Pastor-Lead Elder

Larry Green came to serve at Cedar Hill in the fall of 2009. With a passion for teaching the Word of God and a burden for church health and revitalization, he has come to lead the rebirth of our ministry. His experience in directional and organizational leadership is serving as a catalyst for change and ministry development.

Larry received his educational training and holds degrees from Cedarville University (B.A., '82) and Grand Rapids Theological Seminary (M. Div., '86). He serves on the Board of Trustees of Baptist Bible College and Seminary (BBC&S) in Clarks Summit, PA, and the Association of Baptist for World Evangelism (ABWE) in Harrisburg, PA., and has served churches in Ohio, Michigan and New Jersey. Larry and his wife, Beth, have four sons, Shawn, Stephen (Rachael), Stuart and David.



My Extended Story

Providence and grace are the common denominators and key determiners in every believer's story. My story is certainly no exception. God's providence and grace placed me in a godly home committed to serving Christ and His church. I am a fourth generation preacher of the gospel of Jesus.

I am the youngest of four children. I was born in Greenville, Ohio, in 1960, where my father had started his second church plant. As a toddler, a preschooler and an elementary student, I watched the church grow up, both physically and spiritually. In that context I came to personal faith in Christ and began my spiritual journey with a tremendous head start and a love for the church.

Grace Baptist Church in Cedarville, Ohio, became my church home during my formative junior high and high school years as my father came to Cedarville College as Campus Pastor in 1969. Here I was given opportunity to grow, serve and lead during my teen years in the church's youth ministry as well as in summer camp ministry from 1975 through 1979.

I had two growing loves in my life, ministry and sports (not always in that order). But in college I had the opportunity to connect the two together through international mission trips, team discipleship and weekend ministry. Gradually, my heart for ministry outstripped my passion for athletics, and through a variety of activities and experiences, God's call to pastoral ministry was confirmed. During my high school and college years, I had the privilege of working alongside my father in ministry in various settings. PG, as he was affectionately called on the Cedarville campus, was my greatest encourager and hero in the faith!

During the years of my formation and development, God was also preparing Beth Miller to come alongside me in life and ministry. She is the middle of five children raised in home of a church builder, pastor and Christian leader, at that time in the suburbs of Chicago. We met in the second half of our college days. Upon graduation, we married and headed to seminary in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The next 30 years would lead us to pastorates in Ohio, Michigan and New Jersey, and connect us in ministry partnership with both educational and missionary enterprises committed to the gospel ministry. Most importantly, we had the privilege of ministering to, among and with countless precious people who have become so dear to us.

And along this journey, God blessed our home with four sons. **Shawn** (11/84), graduated from Cedarville University in 2007 and is involved in a church plant in Pennsylvania and finishing his seminary training. **Stephen** (4/86), graduated from Cedarville University in 2008, was married to **Rachael** in 2011, and is a part of a church plant team in Englewood, CO. **Stuart** (10/88), graduated from Cedarville University in 2010 and is beginning his seminary training in the Fall of 2012. And **David** (12/93), our youngest, is now a freshman at Cedarville University. They are a source of great joy, laughter and blessing to our family!

As the Lord gives strength, it is our desire to serve Him and the mission of the gospel until our course is finished.

LIFE VERSE:

"I have set the Lord always before me, because He is at my right hand, I shall not be moved."

—*Psalm 16:8*

LIFE MISSION:

I exist to glorify the Father and exalt His Son, Jesus Christ, to lead my family in the ways of God, to lead and feed the church in harmony with the truth and develop men for service in His kingdom."

"We proclaim Him, admonishing everyman and teaching everyman with all wisdom, that we may present every man complete in Christ, and for this purpose also I labor, striving according to His power, which mightily works within me."

—*Colossians 1:28, 29*

LIFE JOURNEY:

Greenville, Ohio, 1960-69
Cedarville, Ohio, 1970-1982
Grand Rapids, Michigan, 1982-1986
Grafton, Ohio, 1986-1990
Grand Rapids, Michigan, 1990-2001
Tabernacle, New Jersey, 2001-2009
Cleveland Heights, Ohio, 2009-

FAVORITE SONGS:

All Things New, Nicol Sponberg
All Will Fade Awayr, Meredith Andrews
Blessings, Laura Story
Glorious Day, Casting Crowns
Grace Unmeasured, Sovereign Grace Music
Homesick, MercyMe
I Will Rise, Chris Tomlin
In Christ Alone, Getty and Townend
Lead Us, Lord, Brian Doerksen
My Soul Finds Rest (Psalm 62), Aaron Keyes
No More Pain, Point of Grace
Somebody's Praying Me Through, Allen Asbury
Speak O Lord, Getty and Townend
The River, Meredith Andrews
The Words I Would Say, Sidewalk Prophets
You Are My Shepherd, Tricia Brock

FAVORITE TEAMS:

Ohio State Buckeyes, Cleveland Browns, Cleveland Cavaliers, Cincinnati Reds