

Rick Rufenacht

Name

Wes Brown

Consulting Specialties

TIPs Pastor

Visionary leader with 30 plus years of pastoral experience, with the ardent desire to recruit, develop, equip, and release the laity for effective community & global ministry.

Over the past thirty years, I successfully served as senior pastor in local churches ranging from 150-450 average attendance. In all of these churches, conversions and baptisms were the core of ministry success. Changed lives and church growth/health are passions of mine!

Employment

Head of School (Interim)

July 2019-June 2021 First Wesleyan Christian School, Gastonia, NC (Provided oversight and leadership to 50+ Faculty & Staff, 270 Preschool – Eighth Grade students with \$1.5 million annual budget.)

Senior Pastor

July 2008 – June 2019 First Wesleyan Church, Bessemer City, NC

Senior Pastor

July 2002 – June 2008 Firestone Wesleyan Church, Gastonia, NC

Senior Pastor

July 1997 – June 2002 Shady Grove Wesleyan Church, Colfax, NC

Senior Pastor

July 1992 – June 1997 Bales Wesleyan Church, Jamestown, NC

Education

Southern Wesleyan University, Central, SC 29630

1985-1987

- B.A., Theology
- Magna Cum Laude

References

Rev. Jerry Lumston, District Superintendent, 336.889.4694

Mr. James Inman, City Manager of Bessemer City, 704.629.5542

Mr. John Whitaker, Director, Hope 4 Gaston, 704.689.2219

Mac Clubb, Vice-Chair, LBA, B.C. 1st Church, 704.965.2126

Mrs. Stacie Harkey, Vice-Principal FWCS Preschool, 803.242.2968