

Toni James

Name	Consulting Specialties
Toni James	TIPs Pastor

I was born in Nashville, Tennessee in 1976 while my dad was a student at Trevecca Nazarene College. I guess you could say that I have been both Nazarene and a Trevecca Trojan my entire life. I graduated from Trevecca in 1999.

I began full time ministry in 2005 and was Ordained as a Nazarene Elder in 2016. I love teaching people about Jesus. I want them to understand that He's so much more than just a man they read about in the Bible. I want Scripture to jump off the page and become real to them. It's my goal that people know from an early age and throughout their lives that God loves them and has a plan for them. They are special, loved, and important to God.

The Lord has taken me on quite a journey throughout my life. I've lived in six states (including my time before I began ministry), in large cities and small towns. Sometimes the places were very diverse and sometimes they were not diverse at all. I was a Children and/or Youth Pastor for 11½ years and was a Lead Pastor for the last 5½ years. I enjoy working with all age groups from children through senior adults.

Over my years in ministry, I have walked through the church transition process several times from the perspective of the people who are left behind after the pastor leaves. I understand the frustration, pain and confusion that can happen during that time, and I have a heart to help churches walk through those days so it can be a time of growth rather than uncertainty.