

Hi, I'm Jim Crooks the Senior Pastor here at Southside Baptist church. I began serving as the senior pastor in August of 1988. I've loved it here. I grew up in Marietta, Georgia, a city near Atlanta. I have had the joy of watching Florence change a great deal since I have been here.

**BASIC STUFF:** I married my wife Nancy February 3, 1980. She grew up in South Carolina and while I grew up in Georgia. Her father was a Southern Baptist Pastor, her brother is a Southern Baptist Pastor, and she married a Southern Baptist Pastor. I started my ministerial journey when I was 17 years old. I have served churches in Atlanta and Gainesville, Georgia, in Bogalusa, Louisiana and in Charleston and Florence, South Carolina. We have three kids: Jason who is married to Jenn and they live in Conowingo, MD along with our granddog, Jeremy who is a student at Francis Marion University, and Kimberly.

**Birthday:** December 21, 1955

**Education:** I have attended Marietta High School, Truett-McConnell College (AA), Charleston Southern University (BA), and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary (M.Div.)

## **INTEREST AND FAVORITES**

**Favorite Place:** Front porch of a mountain cabin with my wife a cup of coffee and a good book

**What's on your IPOD:** What's an IPOD?

**Books:** I read a lot of books on leadership, bible study books, and the Bible would be on my short list.

**What do you TiVo:** What's a TiVo?

**Sport Teams:** Clemson University, Atlanta Braves,

**Movies:** Anything but a chick flick.

**Favorite Website** – [www.southsidebaptist.org](http://www.southsidebaptist.org), [www.kensmith.org](http://www.kensmith.org)

**Hobbies:** Fishing, a "little" golf, and spending time with my friends

**Dislikes:** Brussel sprouts, and squid

**Odd Fact:** I have had the privilege of preaching in Brazil

**Life Scripture:** Trust in the Lord with all your heart, lean not to your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him and he will direct your paths.  
Prov.3:5-6