Hi I'm Rick Estes and have been on staff here at Southside since January of 2006. My responsibility is to help lead the church body into a closer relationship with Jesus Christ through the area of worship.

BASIC STUFF: I came to Southside via the Florida Keys, via New Orleans. We were residents there for seminary when Katrina hit. It was an amazing journey to get us here to Southside. We have always been big city folk (Tampa, Florida is home) but we love the change of pace here in Florence. My wife Janice and I were married December 17, 1994. We have two beautiful boys Benjamin and Sam.

I was called into ministry late in life. My former lives include teaching music for 6 years and working in broadcasting for two. I am a closet techno geek.

Birthday: March 5, 1968

Education: I have a degree in Music Education from the University of South Florida (Go Bulls!) and a Masters Of Divinity with a specialization in Worship Leadership from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

INTEREST AND FAVORITES

Favorite Place: Anywhere where I get to spend time with my wife and kids

What's on your IPOD: You name it. I have very eclectic musical tastes.

Books: God's Word. Any and everything on worship. (One of my favorites "An Hour On Sunday" by Nancy Beach) Anything by Lucado.

What do you TiVo: I don't TiVo. But I never miss "Prison Break" and "Heroes"

Sport Teams: South Florida Bulls, Tampa Bay Bucs

Movies: Anything Disney or Pixar puts out. Anything starring Gene Hackman or Clint Eastwood.

Favorite Website – Any website on worship.

Hobbies: As I said before, closet techno geek. I also like golfing and helping coach my boys soccer teams.

Dislikes: Grits (so I move to South Carolina), Yip Yip Dogs (You know what I mean), and lazy people.

Odd Fact: I climbed to the top of Mt. Fuji in Japan when I was 8.

Life Scriptures:

"Greater love has no one than this, than he lay down his life for his friends" John 15:13

"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11