



Lexington Baptist Church

Pastor Mark Owens joined the staff of Lexington Baptist Church on August 23, 2015, bringing with him a deep love for people and a heart for evangelism. A native of Fountain Inn, SC, Mark was called to ministry in 1995 after earning a bachelor's degree and playing football for the Clemson Tigers from 1990 to 1993. He later continued his education at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.



Over the years, Mark has served faithfully in several churches, including FBC Fountain Inn, SC; FBC Jackson, GA; and FBC North Augusta, SC. In addition to his pastoral work, he is the founder of *Laces4Love*, a nonprofit organization that provides new athletic shoes and socks to elementary-aged children in various counties throughout South Carolina since 2002.

Mark is married to his high school sweetheart, Rayna, who holds a bachelor's degree from Clemson University and an MBA from LSU Shreveport. She currently works in finance at the Baptist Foundation of SC. The couple has been married for 31 years and are proud parents of two children, Mary Elizabeth Ewing (Conner) and Seth Owens (Sydni), both of whom are teachers living in Anderson, SC.