



Mike Smith

OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

About the Family

I am blessed to have recently celebrated 23 years of marriage. The Lord blessed me with a wife who loves God and loves people unlike anyone else I know.

The Lord also blessed us with two incredible children. I am truly proud to be their dad, and I can honestly say that they are both incredible human beings. I am indeed excited to see how the Lord uses them in the years to come to impact His kingdom and His people.

I must also say that I am inexplicably blessed to have been raised in a Christian home. My parents understood that it was paramount for me to know the Lord. I credit all I have been able to do and all that I am to the Lord and to the godly family and people He has placed around me.

About My Ministry

I am currently serving as the Command Chaplain at Naval Aviation Schools Command in Pensacola, Fla. The command in which I serve is known as a training command. I have the opportunity to minister to instructors and staff who are here to support the school and students in various aviation-based training pipelines.

All of the young enlisted sailors who report here come directly from boot camp. The enlisted sailors are attempting to become qualified as Naval Air Crewman, and some of them go on to become Rescue Swimmers. Additionally, we have young officers who arrive directly from the Naval Academy and Officer Candidate School, aspiring to become Navy and Marine Corps pilots. For all of them, the training is arduous, and a massive amount of support is needed.

Find out how you can
Pray.
Participate.
Provide.

PRAY.

Pray that I would have wisdom as I spend hours counseling countless numbers of young sailors and officers on every imaginable life issue.
Pray that I have boldness as I minister not only to young sailors but also to very senior officers.
Pray that I will keep Christ first and that my relationship with Him will always be primary.
Pray that my calling as a pastor and a minister of the gospel will always be the thing that compels me to do what I do. May it never be that I take my eyes off my calling and only look at my military career. May Christ be exalted!

PARTICIPATE

Commit to long-term prayer support. Explore the opportunities to extend the reach of your church by becoming a chaplain. Be involved in supporting chaplains and their families. Send notes of encouragement. Talk with a chaplain about his or her ministry context. Send resources that support a chaplain's ministry context. Pray for chaplains and their families.

PROVIDE

Learn the ministry strategy and context, so you can provide relevant resources. Support a missionary financially.