



## Pastor Bruce Rowell

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Bruce, Polly, and their four children came to FBC Palmer from metro Atlanta in July 1997 after he led a construction mission team from Georgia to Palmer in July 1996. He has pastored since 1979 serving churches in Georgia and Mississippi. He earned his Bachelor's at Mercer University (GA), MDiv at New Orleans Seminary and DMin from Southern Seminary (KY). Polly has been teaching in public schools since 1978 and her cher EdD. She teaches 1<sup>st</sup> grade at Butte Elementary. Oldest daughter Erin, Josh and Jacob (1<sup>st</sup> grandchild) live in Palmer. Katie is pursuing professional piloting and Matt a career in the USAF, both are students at UAA. Christopher begins at Palmer High School this year.

Pastor Bruce has been active in Southern Baptist denominational life elected President of the Alaska Baptist Convention for 2 years and is currently serving as Alaska's member of the SBC Executive Committee. He also is an adjunct faculty for Wayland Baptist University, Anchorage campus.

About moving from Georgia to Alaska, "We've enjoyed living and serving everywhere God has taken us. But, we can't imagine being happier anywhere else in the world." While not expert, he enjoys summer fishing, fall moose hunting and winter cross-country skiing.

A Scripture passage that means much to Bruce is: ". . . *the God we serve . . . can rescue us from the furnace of blazing fire, and He can rescue us from the power of you, the king. But even if He does not rescue us, we want you as king to know that we will not serve your gods or worship the gold statue you set up.*" Dan 3:17-18 (HCSB)