

BIO – JEREMY HOOVER



I preach for the Horton Road Church of Christ (HRCC) in Jackson, Michigan. I've worked with this church since July 2006 when my wife, Devon, and I moved here to begin working with this family of believers. We're expecting our first child, a son, in September 2010.

My main responsibilities at HRCC are preaching and teaching. I preach every Sunday and teach a Sunday morning adult bible study. On Wednesday evenings I lead our adult bible study in discussion-based learning from a biblical book.

I grew up in Windsor, Ontario where I learned the faith at the Westside Church of Christ. There, I cut my teeth in ministry during my high school years through song leading, leading at the Lord's Supper table, and teaching and preaching. I was fortunate to learn from, and later to work with, a great group of elders that included my grandfather and also my father.

I was educated at Rochester College in Rochester Hills, Michigan. At Rochester College I met my wife, Devon. We married in 1999 after I graduated summa cum laude in 1999 with a bachelor's degree in religious education. After our wedding, we moved to Memphis, Tennessee so I could attend the Harding Graduate School of Religion (1999-2001). During this time, Devon worked to support us while I studied for two years focusing on the study of preaching.

When our time in Memphis was over, we moved to St. Joseph, Michigan, where I worked in youth ministry with the Church of Christ in St. Joseph (2001-2003). There, I organized and led a start-up youth ministry. Following this, we moved back to Windsor because of a family illness. While in Windsor, I served as an assistant minister for the Westside Church of Christ (2004-2005), where I organized and guided a small-groups ministry.

When the time was right, we moved to Jackson, Michigan to work with the Horton Road Church of Christ. We've been here since July 2006.

I seek to be transformative in my preaching by staying close to the gospel and to the biblical text while demonstrating how the world and story of the bible is at work in our world today. I apply the bible by inviting listeners to enter into the story of the bible that God is calling them to. One writer has called the bible a "five-act drama" of which we only have the first four acts; we must improvise the fifth based on our knowledge of the first four dramatic acts. I seek to elaborate and encourage this in my preaching.

My ministry philosophy is simple: I want to follow Jesus. I want to be focused on Jesus with daily growth and transformation; to build Christian friendships of mutual encouragement and love; and to be a servant to others so they can see and learn the light of Jesus. I believe this is the one calling for all Christians. We simply manifest it in different ways. I encourage this transformative growth in my preaching and teaching and work with other believers.