



My name is Ricky Tucker and for the past several years I had been preaching as a Lay Speaker/Pulpit Supply for the Tar River Baptist Association. I turned to Dougald McLaurin of the Tar River Baptist Association who was supportive and mentoring. Since that time, I have preached in fifteen of the TRBA Churches and many of these on multiple occasions. Recently, the Lord has placed upon my heart to take this to the next level.

I chose a career in Law Enforcement beginning in 1976 and for the past 46 years have served in many capacities, including Chief of Police. In 2003, I joined the North Carolina State Capitol Police and retired from there November 1, 2022.

Being raised in a Christian home had a huge impact on my life. I was saved at sixteen and continued to be active in the church. However, like a lot of young people, I sometimes strayed from the disciplines I learned early on. All throughout these instances, God always seemed to put someone in my path to remind me of where I was supposed to be.

My wife and I were members of a local Baptist Church for many years. We held numerous positions within the church, and it was there I became an Ordained Deacon. We began attending Pine Ridge Baptist Church during the pandemic and have since joined the membership. We believe that we have found a Bible believing, Bible teaching and Bible preaching Church.

Butch Gordon, the Pastor of Pine Ridge Baptist Church has been mentoring me for several years and has been assisting me with understanding where the Lord has been leading me. Pastor Gordon, along with the Associate Pastor Jerry Kennett, the Deacons and the entire body of Pine Ridge Baptist Church have provided me with love and support during the desire to move forward in my calling into the ministry.

In September 2021, the Church voted to license me as a Minister of the Gospel and a year and a half later, they voted to ordain me. I went before the TRBA Ordination Council to request Ordination into the Ministry. The Ordination Council recommended my ordination and Pine Ridge Baptist Church ordained me on March 26, 2023.

I am not completely sure what God has in store for me, coming into the ministry so late in life. But what I do know, is that I'm obeying God by preaching His Word and growing closer to Him through it. I will continue to follow God's leading, and we will see where that takes me.

Understanding God's call upon my life; I am available to any local Southern Baptist Church for Pulpit Supply as well as Interim/Transitional Pastor. Please feel free to call upon me as the Lord leads. My phone # is 252-908-1044.

Rev. Ricky Tucker

It gives me great joy to present and recommend the Reverend Ricky Tucker for consideration for Interim Pastor. I have known Ricky and his wife Dianne going on eight years and have gotten to know and love them like they were my own family members. Ricky was licensed and ordained by Pine Ridge Baptist Church and has the endorsement of the Ordination Council of the Tar River Baptist Association. Ricky is an excellent candidate for the position of Interim Pastor and I would be happy to provide additional information if needed.

Sincerely,

Rev. Butch Gordon, Senior Pastor
Pine Ridge Baptist Church
Zebulon, NC

It is with great pleasure that I present Reverend Ricky Tucker to any church that needs an interim pastor. For the last several years Ricky has been under the tutelage of Senor Pastor Butch Gordon and myself seeking to fulfill God's calling upon his life as an interim pastor. Ricky has been licensed and ordained by Pine Ridge Baptist Church with the approval of the Ordination Council for the Tar River Baptist Association.

Sincerely, Pastor Jerry Kennett: Minister of Music and Outreach for Pine Ridge Baptist Church