



Rev. Dewey Johnson

Rev. Johnson comes to us from Sandia Presbyterian Church in Albuquerque, NM where he is the organizing pastor. When he started the church in 1988, six people celebrated worship service in an elementary school. Now, the church has 1400 members and continues to be the largest Presbyterian Church in New Mexico.

Rev. Johnson is 63 years old and is a native of Roswell, New Mexico. He and his wife, Cheri (pronounced Cherry) have 3 grown children.

Prior to pastoring this large congregation in Albuquerque, Rev. Johnson served several other churches in New Mexico and Texas. He also found time to write several books: *Summer of Champions*, *Down to Earth in Roswell* and *When the Pastor Can't Get a Word Out*.

Rev. Dewey Johnson is considered an authority on church growth and often speaks at national conferences. A sought-after public speaker, he often keynotes for service clubs and other community events. Before he arrives at Grace, he is making presentation for the University of New Mexico Continuing Education, "Stories of New Mexico," series, the Historical Society of South East New Mexico, a local PEO group, and a New Mexico evangelism conference.

Rev. Johnson's vision has inspired lay leaders to develop a variety of ministries. His leadership style is one of collaboration and mutual respect. Some of his key theological issues include Christ's help in addressing pervasive loneliness, incivility to others, Christian identity, and consumer mentality towards church.

Rev. Johnson believes in and will strive to nurture five core values at Grace Presbyterian Church: worshiping weekly, inviting the non-churched, giving sacrificially, gift-based ministry, and a daily prayer/devotional life. Seeking a call to a church that is emerging and has an imaginative vision for the future was Rev. Johnson's prayer. We are fortunate that he feels led to help Grace Presbyterian carry out this mission.