

Presenting Roger Poppen, Pastoral Candidate

Roger was born in November 1942, and was raised his first thirteen years in a farming community in northeast South Dakota. Upon moving to California, he attended and graduated from Menlo-Atherton High School and Biola College. He sensed God's call to church ministry while in high school, and reaffirmation of that call upon graduation from Biola and while serving a summer internship in his home church. Roger then enrolled in Western Seminary in Portland, from which he graduated in 1969 with a Masters of Divinity degree.



During seminary he married Naomi, who passed away on May 1, 2012. God blessed their 44 years together with two children and two grandchildren. On May 31, 2014 Roger married Jeanne, who has served as a wonderful life and ministry partner, as well as a mother of three daughters and grandmother of five.

Upon graduation from seminary, Roger began a lifelong pastoral ministry in Oregon, Washington, and California, with the most recent lead pastor role being a twenty-year joy as pastor of Laurelglen Bible Church, until his retirement in September 2009. Since then, Roger has served in an interim pastor role of churches in the San Joaquin Valley and Prescott, AZ.

Roger views Laurelglen Bible Church as his "home church" and, upon church approval, is looking forward to returning as an associate pastor, using his gifts and experience to help Pastor Eric, the other staff members, and LBC succeed in their mission.