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Reverend Darren L. Crotts

Rev. Darren L. Crotts is a second-career pastor at his second appointment. He graduated from Hood Theological Seminary in 2013, was ordained as Elder in Full Connection in 2016, and most recently is attending The Divinity School at Duke University's Doctor of Ministry Program.

He has been married for 22 years to his wife, Kim, and they have three children ages 21, 18, and 14. He is an executive board member of Family Promise of Davie County (an ecumenical ministry of 24 churches which exists to break the cycle for children and their families who are experiencing homelessness (www.familypromisedc.org)). Darren is enjoying his third year as Chair of the Yadkin Valley District Vitality Team. Forming community-building collaborations is his passion as a practice of ministry. Their most recent outreach opportunity seeks to build a culture of strength in their schools through a peer-based suicide prevention initiative called Sources of Strength (www.sourcesofstrength.org). To date, they have trained more than 100 middle-school-aged kids to be trusted peers for those in need - a blessed experience. He also enjoys time with his family when he is not found fishing from his kayak.

The son of a brick mason who lived on a dairy farm, Darren enlisted in the US Army at age 17 to finance his undergraduate studies in engineering. After 11 years as a sales engineer, the calling to ministry resulted in his resignation from sales in 2009. He has served as an associate pastor in charge of youth ministry development and has been serving as a solo pastor since 2011. Darren truly feels that every day affords him the opportunity for the next faithful step of call.

His mission/vision for his church is grounded in the blessings of collaborative ministry. As we work together, a synergy around evangelism and discipleship can recreate the excitement of Acts 2. As we continue to partner with one another around a mission of spreading God's love and hope through evangelism, we truly can accomplish great things. He is eager for and embraces this invitation from God.