

Dr. Tim Brown is the Senior Pastor of First Baptist Church of Clovis where he has served for the last eight years. He and his wife Charity have two daughters, Abigail age 7, and Allison who is three. Tim's wife, Charity, is the Director of Church Relations at Fresno Pacific University.

Tim is a graduate of Fairmont State College in Fairmont, West Virginia. While in college, Tim was an Associate in Campus Ministry for the West Virginia Baptist Convention, and he also served as the Youth Pastor for Simpson Creek Baptist Church in Bridgeport, WV.

Tim received his Masters of Divinity from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky in 1994 and his Doctorate of Ministry from The Northern Baptist Theological Seminary in Lombard, Illinois in 2000. He pastored in Indiana prior to going to First Baptist Church of Clovis.

In addition to his duties as Senior Pastor of First Baptist, Tim is also actively involved in the leadership of the region of churches in Northern California known as Growing Healthy Churches, formerly American Baptist Churches of the West. He has served as the President of the region and is on region staff as a Mentoring Pastor. This role involves training other pastors and staff in leadership, team development and church growth. He is also on the General Board for ABC/USA serving on the International Ministries Program Board and a member of the International Ministries Executive Committee. Additionally, Tim does leadership, team building, and church growth consulting and capital stewardship fundraising. He and his staff have worked extensively with pastors and churches in California, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Michigan and Indiana. Additionally, Tim is an adjunct professor for Fresno Pacific University.

Two years prior to Tim's arrival, First Baptist Church of Clovis had a split in which the Senior Pastor and Youth Pastor left with all the young families and started a church two miles away from the church campus. Since Tim's arrival to First Baptist Church of Clovis in 1997, FBCC has grown in average weekend attendance from 70 to over 700 with over 350 baptisms. The church has transitioned from a very traditional program-driven model of ministry to a purpose-driven model and changed its constitution and by-laws to reflect its vision and purpose for ministry. The church will complete a 2.3 million dollar building project in June of 2006.

FBCC is also the leading mission giving church in its region giving over \$100,000 to missions in 2005 and has planted three new congregations in the last two years, Flipside Christian Church, Clairemont Community Church, and Yosemite Gardens Community Church. In May 2006, FBCC was awarded the Purpose Driven Church Health Award by Pastor Rick Warren and his Purpose Driven Ministries Team at Saddleback Church.