

## Biography for Dr. Stephen L. Ayers

**Dr. Stephen L. Ayers**      [SteveAyers@Hillvue.com](mailto:SteveAyers@Hillvue.com)

Pastor Steve believes that the Church is hope for the world today. In 1991 at Hillvue Heights Church in Bowling Green, Kentucky, he started with 30 members and the Holy Spirit and has learned that faith, hope and love, the greatest of these being love, will bring thousands to experience Jesus. He has found that churches grow when Jesus is the central focus. Since 1991, he has experienced Jesus leading a church from under 100 people to several thousand experiencing the transforming power of Jesus in their lives on a weekly basis. Church renewal focused on being a Jesus-centered community is the founding principle he teaches. Pastor Ayers believes God has a place for everyone, and the function of ministry is to guide people to that place. He grew up in Bowling Green, Kentucky. He has a Bachelor of Arts in Speech and Communication from Western Kentucky University, a Masters of Divinity at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and a Doctor of Ministry from Drew University. He was an adjunct professor at Campbellsville University. Most of all, he has been schooled in the everyday life of learning what it means to be a pastor. He speaks in a variety of settings from small, rural churches to conferences, delivering one message: When the Spirit of God is loosed among people, something God-sized is bound to happen. Steve has published several articles on church growth and leadership. Steve has been a contributing author for the book "Breaking Down Church Walls" with Steve Sjogren and released the book "Igniting Passion in Your Church." Steve and his wife of 38 years Elizabeth reside in Bowling Green, Kentucky. They have one son Blake and his wife Rachel and one daughter Claci. Blake and Rachel have added to their family, grandsons Tucker and Rhett.