

Dr. Andy Mangum Biography

Andy Mangum was born and raised in Abilene, Texas. He was raised in a moderate Southern Baptist Church, First Baptist Church of Abilene. He received his sense of call to full-time Christian ministry at church camp. He has two older brothers – one is a biology professor at Midland College, and the other is a computer support consultant/educator and runs a home restoration business in Austin, Texas. Andy attended West Texas State University (now WTAMU) following high school graduation. He met and married Lori Hollabaugh following graduation.

Lori spent fifteen years in elementary classrooms – Kindergarten, First and Second grades. In 2016, Lori earned an MEd from WTAMU (online) and became an educational diagnostician at Grand Prairie High School. Lori and Andy have three children. Madison Coleman married Taylor Coleman in August 2016. They are now expecting twins (due in December 2017). Madison earned a degree in Psychology and Communication from West Texas A&M University. She is currently enrolled in the PACE program to become a secondary English Language Arts teacher. Andrew Mangum graduated from Dubiski Career High School in 2016. He was in the engineering track. He will begin college at WTAMU in the fall of 2017. Andrew and Madison served on the Trinity-Brazos Tri-Area Youth Ministry Council. Joshua Mangum will be a seventh grader in the Fall of 2017. He attends Grand Prairie College Institute – a public charter school run by Grand Prairie Independent School District.

Andy graduated from West Texas with a BA (1992) and an MA (1994) in Speech Communication. In addition to ministry, Andy has taught speech at colleges and universities throughout his career. He graduated from Brite Divinity School (MDiv, 1998). In 2009, he earned his Doctor of Ministry from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary with a concentration on worship and proclamation.

Andy joined the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) while serving as Youth Minister at First Christian Church in Amarillo, Texas (1992-1995). While in Amarillo, he led mission trips to Bluff, Utah, and Orlando, Florida; participated in the Amarillo Christian Campaign for the Homeless; and served on the Hi-Plains Area Youth Ministry Council. He joined the staff of Central Christian Church in Weatherford, Texas, when he started seminary (1995-1997). He also served on the Regional Youth Ministry Council (1997-1998). Andy served as pastor of the First Christian Church of DeSoto, Texas, during his final year in seminary. He became pastor of the First Christian Church of Irving, Texas, in November 1998. He was ordained in February 1999. Andy served First Christian Church, Irving for almost four years (November 1998-August 2002). During that time, First Christian Church, Irving, sent the youth to three fully-funded mission trips – Denver, Colorado; GIRRARDVILLE, Pennsylvania; and Houston, Texas. They started an ESL ministry and engaged more directly with the Irving community and with Irving churches.

In 2002, Andy was called to serve as the Pastor of First Christian Church, Arlington, Texas—the position he currently holds. During that time, he has served as the Arlington Ministerial Association President, on the Board of Directors for the Arlington Martin Luther King Four Day Celebration (serving for eight years as the director of the Ecumenical service), Attending Clergy Association with Texas Health Resources and with the Arlington Resource Sharing Group, and the Arlington Clergy and Police Partnership. The church has maintained a covenant relationship with Blanton Elementary, a Title 1 school about one half-mile from First Christian. For the past seven years, the church has provided scholarship and logistical support for selected Blanton students to attend College for Kids at Tarrant County College, Southeast Campus. College for Kids is a summer enrichment program that extends for three weeks. Students get to choose from a range of age-

appropriate but diverse classes. The program costs \$200/student. Last year, First Christian Church provided 62 scholarships. In 2017, the Church provided 72 scholarships to College for Kids. The church started a Community Garden – Harvesting Hope. It has a partnership relationship with Tarrant Area Food Bank. First Christian Church nests a Spanish-speaking congregation Visión Mundial para la Familia (VMF). In 2017, VMF, First Christian Church and Tarrant County College entered a shared service to the community providing ESL classes and are looking toward additional job training classes offered at the church. First Christian Church is currently seeking to be a better steward of its space and now hosts a volleyball team providing Club-level Volleyball for middle and lower income families, a Boy Scout Troop and a Home School consortium, Liber Academy. A quilting guild has met at First Christian Church for decades. First Christian Church provides service to Arlington Life Shelter, Arlington Charities, and Safe Haven of Arlington. It has a strong children and youth ministry, adult Sunday School program, multiple fellowship groups, vibrant worship, Stephen Ministry and other forms of congregational care.

Andy is an Eagle Scout. He was inducted into Alpha Chi Honor Society at West Texas. In 2014, he was inducted into the West Texas A&M University Communication Hall of Fame, and in 2016 he was honored by Brite Divinity School with the Distinguished Minister Award for Innovative Ministry. Andy is frequently on camp staffs as counselor, director or keynoter. He loves Niners best of all. He served as the Chair of the Board of Directors for the Council on Christian Unity and served a six-year term on the General Board of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).