Mark Tenniswood

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Senior Pastor | Preacher | Shepherd | Organizational Leader

Ordained pastor with 20+ years of ministry leadership, including church revitalization, multi-site ministry, and next-generation discipleship. Proven expositional preacher and shepherd who develops leaders, strengthens congregational health, and aligns vision with mission. Brings uncommon strength in organizational leadership, financial stewardship, and team development to help churches grow in both spiritual depth and sustainable structure.

Core Pastoral Strengths

- Expository Preaching & Teaching
- Vision Casting & Congregational Leadership
- Discipleship Systems & Spiritual Formation
- Elder/Staff Leadership & Team Development
- Church Revitalization & Growth Strategy
- Pastoral Care (counseling, weddings, funerals)
- Stewardship, Budgeting & Organizational Health

Ministry Experience

Highpoint Church

Bi-vocational Pastoral Leadership (Non-staff) | 2021–2026

- Helped launch and develop a church plant, contributing to preaching, discipleship, and foundational ministry systems
- Preached Bible-based sermons and taught in both large-group and small-group environments
- Led men's Bible study, fostering spiritual growth and community
- Served in children's ministry, discipling the next generation and supporting family ministry

Calvary & St. George's Church (New York, NY)

Executive Pastor / Chief Operating Officer | 2010–2017

- Played key leadership role in revitalizing a multi-site historic 200-year-old Manhattan church, aligning vision, staff, and ministries around gospel-centered mission

• Partnered with senior pastor and elders in shaping church direction, culture, and long-term strategy - Strengthened congregational health through improved stewardship, engagement, and operational clarity
• Led financial turnaround, reversing ~$250K annual losses into sustainable positive giving
• Directed capital campaigns and annual stewardship efforts, cultivating a culture of generosity
• Oversaw restoration of two major church properties, ensuring faithful stewardship of resources
• Led and developed staff across ministry and operations, building healthy teams and leadership structures
• Regularly preached and taught, contributing to the spiritual formation of the congregation

Savannah Christian Church (Savannah, GA)

NextGen Spiritual Growth Pastor | 2004–2009

• Co-led launch of a multi-site ministry reaching 1000+ young adults in a growing urban context
• Preached and taught across multiple services and campuses
• Built and led teams of staff and volunteers to support expanding ministry efforts
• Grew college and young adult ministries by 100% within one year
• Designed and implemented a discipleship pathway engaging 100+ participants in its first year
• Provided pastoral care including counseling, hospital visitation, weddings, and funerals

Lithuania Christian College (Klaipėda, Lithuania)

Campus Pastor & Professor of Oral Communication | 2002–2004

• Served as missionary pastor developing campus-wide spiritual life programs
• Led weekly chapel services and regular worship gatherings
• Organized outreach and evangelism initiatives
• Mentored and developed student leaders in spiritual formation
• Taught public speaking and communication courses

Early Ministry Experience

• Pastoral Intern, Princeton Community Church (NJ)
• Adult Discipleship Intern, Jackson Christian Church (OH)
• Singles Ministry Coordinator

Marketplace Leadership (Supporting Ministry Leadership)

Tenniswood, Inc. (Pensacola, FL)

Owner / Chief Executive Officer | 2017–2025

• Built and led a multi-site organization ($5M+ revenue, 12 locations, 100+ team members)
• Developed leadership systems, team culture, and operational structure transferable to church leadership
• Strengthened financial stewardship, budgeting discipline, and long-term sustainability
• Navigated organization through crisis (pandemic, natural disasters) with stability and continuity
• Experience informs pastoral leadership in organizational health, staff development, and resource stewardship

Earlier Career in Technology & Leadership

Developed foundational experience in team leadership, strategic planning, and organizational systems through management roles in Information Systems.

Education & Ordination

Master of Divinity (M.Div.), Princeton Theological Seminary
- GPA: 3.8

Bachelor of Arts in Communication, Wheaton College

Ordination — Meadowbrook Christian Church, Rochester, MI (July 20, 2002)

Redeemer Church Planting Fellowship (NYC with Tim Keller) — 2009–2010

Personal

Married to Regina; dad of 10 yr old twins, Nathan and Leah. Passionate about shepherding families and equipping the local church for spiritual growth and faithful discipleship.

Author: “Thank You God, for Onions” (Children’s book.)

References available upon request