

Josh Bruffey's Bios

Josh Bruffey was born and raised in the Washington, D.C. area to Deaf parents. He is hearing but has grown up in the Deaf community and loves the people, the language and the culture that is beautiful. Josh has served Deaf churches since 2002 when he first began preaching and teaching at First Baptist Church of Bowling Green, Ky which had a small Deaf ministry, later becoming the part-time pastor there. Josh was the associate pastor of Oakwood Baptist Deaf Church for four years before becoming the full-time pastor at Woodhaven Baptist Deaf Church in Houston, TX.

Josh married Elizabeth Parish on August 5, 2006, after meeting her at Camp Shocco for the Deaf in Talladega, Alabama. She is an amazing wife and friend and mother. Josh and Elizabeth have 4 children here on earth: Jacob (9), Ruth Evelyn (7), Rebekah Eileen (5), and Emma (2) who keep the family moving. Josh and Elizabeth also have 2 children that are in heaven due to losses during pregnancy: Jordan and Jonathan. We are grateful for all we have and look forward to joining our children in heaven when the Lord wills.

Josh's father was Clifford Paul Bruffey and Josh learned much from his father as he watched Clifford minister, preach and teach to anyone who wanted to learn or needed help. Clifford was also the chaplain at Gallaudet University for over 30 years and Josh had the rare opportunity to spend a lot of time with Deaf students and to be on campus as a young child.

Josh's mother was Ruth Ann Bruffey and she was a very strong woman. She was an encourager; she was faithful and loving and sacrificed much for her family. Josh learned the power of empathy, of feeling other people's pain and hurt and sadness, through her. Both of Josh's parents were very athletic, but it was Ruth who participated in the Deaflympics in 1961 in Helsinki. She was an amazing basketball player, too!

Josh has said many times that everything he has in life – his job, his family, all comes from having been blessed with Deaf parents. The Deaf community has given much to Josh and he will never take it for granted and will always try to give back to the people he loves – the Deaf.