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Pulpit Minister at University Avenue Church of Christ in Austin since 2008.

### **Biography**

I was born in Bronte, Texas on November 5, 1951. Leon and Billie Sharp are my parents. My dad preached for 45 years. Since I grew up as a preacher's kid, I have always been a part of the Church of Christ and love it dearly.

I went to Rice University to study physics in 1969. This was a time of crisis and discovery for me. This was a wilderness in which I had to find my own faith. During this time, I was able to see the significance of life with Christ and the futility of life without Christ. Through the ministry of the Central Church of Christ, Dan Anders and, especially, the widows of the Central church, I was called to preach. I transferred to ACU in 1970 and finished a Bible major with a physics minor.

Annette and I married in 1972. We worked with the church in Trent, TX from August, 1972 until June, 1974. We moved to Las Vegas, NV and worked with the Oakey Blvd. Church of Christ for a year. In June, 1975, we moved to the University church in Albuquerque. After two and a half years, we moved to the Sunset congregation in Carlsbad, N.M. Then in the summer of 1980, the Sharps moved to Abilene after a six-year wandering in the deserts of Nevada and New Mexico. After working for 28 years with the University Church of Christ in Abilene, we moved to Austin, Texas to work with the University Avenue Church of Christ.

We have three children and two daughters-in-law. Trent and his wife Heather live in Austin, where he works as an administrator with Austin I.S.D. They have a boy named Sailor. Our daughter Carey practices family medicine in Richardson, Texas. Scott and his wife Devan are in Baylor Law School.

### **Favorite Scriptures**

I have a favorite scripture and several important things my dad told me. The text is 2 Corinthians 5:14, 15: "For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again."

My dad told me, "Eddie, never give up on anything that Jesus was willing to die for." And he said, "Remember. Christ is better than Christians." These three thoughts have helped me stay focused through the years.