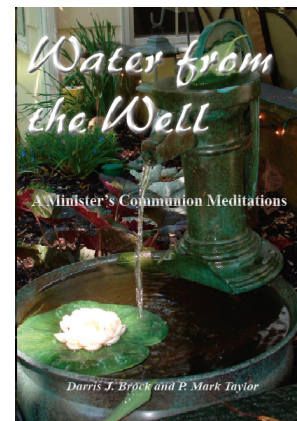




**D**arris Brock is an ordained minister in the Christian Church. He received his BA from Atlanta Christian College where he graduated *magna cum laude*. He obtained his MA from Emmanuel School of Religion where he wrote his thesis on *The Apocalyptic Structure of Matthew 24-25*. He went on to do AD studies in New Testament through the Toronto School of Theology. Areas of speciality include the Synoptic Gospels, Pauline Literature, Johannine Literature, and Intertestamental Literature. In addition, he is heavily interested in the Old Testament (particularly Genesis) cults, the occult, and non-Christian religions.

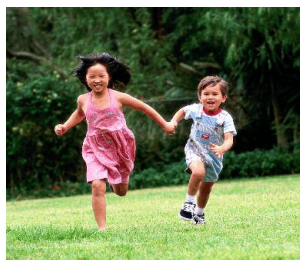
### RECENT WORKS

In 2004 he began teaching at Johnson University. While there, he has taught Hermeneutics, Elementary Greek, Intermediate Greek, Introduction to Biblical Languages and Tools (Hebrew and Greek), Christian Theology, Pauline Epistles, History of Israel, General Epistles, Old Testament Prophets, Pentateuch, and a section in Genesis. He also has taught Greek at Lighthouse Christian Church in Powell where he is the Worship Team leader and elder, teaches guitar and piano, teaches regularly and preaches semi-regularly. Along with Dr. Mark Taylor, he has co-founded a publishing company called *Koinonia Associates*. He and Dr. Taylor have co-authored and published two books, *Fast Food Education: Calling for a more natural approach to teaching and learning in America* and *Water from the Well: A Minister's Communion Meditations*. These books are available through Amazon and other outlets. Additional works are forthcoming. A list of titles currently in publication is available at the website PublishwithKA.com. He does photography and cover design for the books and he also records and produces audio books for clients. He also writes two columns for Examiner.com as *The Appalachian Mountains Travel Examiner*.



### VOLUNTEERISM

In addition to his volunteer work with the church, he has served as the vice-president of the Board of Directors for the *Eagle's Nest Christian Academy*. He is the President of *Reasonable Faith Knoxville*, an apologetics group based off of William Lane Craig's ministry work. He also assists the local *Ratio Christi* chapter at the University of Tennessee and attends the *Reasons to Believe* meetings in Knoxville. He writes blog posts on apologetics topics at ReasonableFaithKnoxville.org. He has taught Greek in his home for Johnson students. He has also been a leader and guitarist in a Young Life group.



### FAMILY

He is married to the former Lisa Branch of Knoxville. They have four children, ages 11-22. The family lives in the Halls Crossroads community in the northwestern Knoxville metropolitan area. His wife manages her own business.

## **CHURCH BACKGROUND**

He was born and raised in Cherokee County, Georgia and grew up in the Presbyterian Church. In his early twenties he joined First Christian Church in Cumming, Georgia and began Bible college while there. He taught a combined 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade class as well as ran the sound system and the tape ministry. Two years later he accepted a job as youth minister at Pleasant Hill Christian Church in Pickens County, Georgia where he also eventually served as choir director and interim minister until beginning Emmanuel School of Religion in 1998. While in seminary, he was the senior minister at Westside Christian Church in Morristown, Tennessee. After seminary he was interim minister for First Christian Church in Cumberland, Kentucky before moving to Mississauga, Ontario for additional advanced degree education in 2001. While there he and his family participated in the Churchill Meadows Christian Church plant headed by Jim Tune, founder of *Impact Ontario* and later *Impact Canada*. He taught a small group while there and did preaching on occasion. After returning stateside the family attended Halls Christian Church for about two years before moving to Lighthouse Christian Church in 2005.

## **ADDITIONAL WORK HISTORY**

### **RADIO**

Prior to entering the ministry, he served as the News Director at WHNE radio in Cumming, Georgia; had a private-party D.J. service, and had worked on-air at WYYZ in Jasper, Georgia and later at WDGR in Dahlonega, Georgia. He has done numerous live broadcasts including announcing baseball, basketball, and football games. He has covered virtually every type of news story, was a frequent contributor to Georgia Network News, WDUN, WSB, other radio stations, and news outlets such as the Associated Press and ABC Radio News. He has performed in, written, and produced hundreds of radio commercials, on-air comedy bits, and supplied character voices for each. He has many skills in production and a good family-style on-air demeanor.

### **NEWSPAPER**

After leaving WHNE, he served as a sports writer for *The Forum*, a local newspaper in Forsyth County, Georgia. He covered high school football, basketball, and baseball and wrote feature articles on selected players. He worked closely with coaches and had good rapport and reputation with them.

### **TEACHING**

He has also served as the lead tutor and parent/teacher specialist at Maynardville Elementary where he oversaw a K-5 after school program for Douglas Cherokee Economic Authority and taught computer education to adults.

### **MANAGEMENT SKILLS**

At various times he has been in both formal and informal management positions. During his time with R & P Properties (see Odd Jobs) he worked his way up to managing a crew of workers. This consisted of 2 to 4 people at a given time and had as many as a dozen houses to coordinate the work around. He was responsible for running ads to find employees, hiring them, and making sure they performed their duties.

During the years with Douglas-Cherokee Economic Authority, he was responsible for finding applicants for co-workers and recruiting volunteers to help tutor the K-5 students. In this capacity he had two regular employees under his charge and numerous volunteers. He was responsible for keeping payroll records, assigning duties, and ensuring the execution of said duties.

During his time in radio, he was a supervisor for others in short-term situations. This would include training new employees and assigning reporting duties to others.

In other office situations, such as Frontier Health (see Odd Jobs), he has naturally risen to the top in leadership skills. In such situations he was often tasked to structure work with and for others even though he was not formally their superior. This task was sometimes assigned by superiors and at other times arose naturally within the working group.

During the time in which he had the D.J. business, he not only managed all his own business but came to arrange others for work in the business as the workload increased.

Most of his ministry work has been managing volunteers, planning events, and coordinating activities.

### **WEB DESIGN**

He has designed web pages for his personal use, business use, his church, and has been hired to develop sites for others. He has skills with HTML, GIF animation, PERL scripting, Javascript, CGI, CSS, Swish videos and others.

### **COMPUTER SKILLS**

He has been using computers since the early 1980s and has owned, maintained, upgraded, and repaired computers through the present. He is heavily involved in computer use and has a very wide range of experience with all types of programs. He taught the use of Microsoft Office Suite while employed with Douglas-Cherokee Economic Authority. He can use the Wordperfect Office Suite, Internet Explorer, Firefox, Thunderbird, Open Office, Frontpage, InDesign, HTML Kit, Komposer, Dreamweaver, Ulead Cool 3-D, Ulead Gif Animator, GIMP, Scribus, and many, many others. He maintains his home, business, and church networks, web sites, and computers.

### **ODD JOBS**

He had done on-demand work for T. Lane Appraisals (property appraising). He worked for R & P Properties in Georgia, a residential home builder. He has worked in a call center for USAC (Ford's roadside assistance program). He worked at Frontier Health in Johnson City as a Claims Specialist dealing with outstanding insurance claims regarding the state of Tennessee.

### **HOBBIES**

Mr. Brock is a PADI certified Open-Water scuba diver, enjoys Karaoke with friends, plays six-string guitar, bass guitar, keyboard, and violin, tennis, racquetball, and golf. More can be learned about him through his personal website, <http://www.darrisbrock.com>.

# **Educational Background**

## **Toronto School of Theology**

Major Areas: The Synoptic Gospels and Intertestamental Jewish Literature

Minor Areas: Paul and the Johannine Literature

Salvation as Liberation ◦ Hebrew: Genesis ◦ Galatians ◦ German ◦ French ◦ Hebrew: Poetry  
New Testament Epigraphy ◦ Aspects of Matthean Interpretation ◦ The Synoptic Problem

Gospel of John ◦ Composition of the Sayings Gospel Q ◦ Readings in Intertestamental Jewish  
Literature

## **Emmanuel School of Religion**

Thesis: The Apocalyptic Structure of Matthew 24-25

New Testament Introduction I & II ◦ 1 Thessalonians (translation & exegesis) ◦ Exegesis of  
Romans ◦ Exegesis of Matthew ◦ Advanced Greek (translation of pre-biblical Greek)

Old Testament Introduction I & II ◦ Theology of the Old Testament ◦ Literary Structure of  
Zechariah ◦ Post-Exilic Religion ◦ Intertestamental Jewish Literature

Introduction to Christian Doctrine ◦ Introduction to Christian Ministry ◦ Studies of Eastern  
Christianity ◦ Methods & Models of Biblical Exegesis ◦ Theological German I & II

## **Atlanta Christian College**

Biblical Hebrew ◦ Greek I ◦ Greek II (exegesis of 1 John, Colossians & Matthew) ◦ Exegesis of 1  
& 2 Thessalonians (Greek III)

Restoration Movement History ◦ Christian Doctrine ◦ Church History ◦ Thought of the  
Restoration Movement

Gospels I & II ◦ Gospel of John ◦ Acts ◦ Terms of Salvation (Romans) ◦ Life and Literature of  
Paul ◦ Biblical Interpretation

Introduction to Christian Ministry ◦ Homiletics I ◦ Preaching Through a NT Book ◦ Practical  
Ministries ◦ Preaching for Special Occasions ◦ Urban & Cross Cultural Evangelism ◦ Church  
Growth

Genesis ◦ Old Testament Survey ◦ Old Testament History ◦ Old Testament Prophecy

Western World Literature ◦ Composition I & II ◦ Composition & Rhetoric III ◦ Environmental  
Science ◦ Western Civilization ◦ Ethics ◦ Introduction to Psychology ◦ Introduction to  
Sociology ◦ Introduction to Christian Education ◦ Introduction to Humanities ◦ Introduction  
to Philosophy ◦ Family ◦ US History ◦ College Math I & II