

# Greg F. Jackson

Greg was born in 1961 in Northridge to Fred and Dyne Jackson and graduated from NHS in 1980. His father has been a middle school custodian since 1984. His sister, Sheila, and her husband, Rick Ford, also are Northridge grads. An outstanding student, Greg is best remembered as the star point guard on the basketball team in 1979 and 1980. He was all-SWBL in both seasons and on the Journal Herald All-Greater Dayton team in 1980. The team won the SWBL championship and was sectional champs and district runner-up in 1980. Who will ever forget the district final triple overtime game against Dayton Dunbar at a jam-packed U.D. Arena! Greg went on to play basketball for Sinclair College. He worked for the U. S. Post Office from 1984-1995 and has been pastor of the First Southern Baptist Church in Camden, Ohio, since 1993.

In 1994 Greg began his religious studies with a Degree in Pastoral Ministry from the seminary extension program of the Southern Baptist Convention. In 1999 he earned a Bachelor of Ministry degree from Bethany Bible College; in 2000 he earned an Associate's Degree in Religion from Liberty University; and next spring he will receive a Master of Ministry Degree from Bethany Theological Seminary.

Greg has been married for 18 years to his high school sweetheart Renee (Smith). They have two children, Drew (16) and Stacey (13). They are active in Preble Shawnee schools. Greg wrote: "I am both humbled and honored to be considered part of the Northridge family. The memories of growing up in this community continue to encourage me as a husband, father, and pastor. Realizing that many are more deserving of this award, I stand in the gap for every Northridge family, student, and athlete who have worked hard to make this community and school a great place to live and raise a family. God has richly blessed me and given me the privilege to preach the gospel. Even though our kids are Preble Shawnee Arrows, Renee and I will always be "Preble" Polar Bears. Thank you for blessing us far beyond expectation. This is a time that will be remembered as one of the greatest moments of our lives."