

David Thompson Sr., came to Latham in June of 2019. He is the son of a Methodist preacher Orval Leroy Thompson who served in the Missouri West Conference. David and his wife Karen have a daughter Kristin, who teaches at the University of Alabama-Huntsville, and a son, David Jr. who served as, the Youth Director at Latham for a couple of years before moving to become the Youth Director at Trinity UMC in Homewood, Alabama. David Jr. is also attending seminary to become a United Methodist Pastor.

David Sr. attended the University of Alabama receiving a Bachelor's Degree in Speech and Theater in 1974. He received his Masters Degree in Educational Administration in 1981 and completed his PhD in Educational Administration in 1985.

David Sr. served in Education for 27 years teaching on the high school level for 7 years and then taught at the University of Alabama, coaching the debate team to a National Championship in 1989. After teaching and coaching Debate at the University of Alabama he became the principal at Woodstock Elementary in Bibb County then at Vance Elementary in Tuscaloosa County for 13 years. On retiring David began the course work to become a United Methodist Minister. He completed the course work at Emory University in 2009.

David loves to play the guitar and often plays for schools and hospitals. He is active in the Kairos Prison ministry as well as the local jail ministry. For fun he likes to ride his motorcycle and is a member of the Christian Motorcycle Association.

Prior to his appointment to Latham, David service as Associate Minister at Forest Lake United Methodist in Tuscaloosa Alabama from 2002 to 2006 and then served as the Senior Pastor at Union Chapel UMC in Northport, Alabama from 2006 to 2010.

He is married (1974) to the former Karen Field from Sylacauga Alabama. She is a graduate of Sylacauga High School and has her Bachelors and Masters Degrees from the University of Alabama. She retired after 25 years of teaching where she taught first grade, third grade and gifted and talented education.