

# Pastor's Corner

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To God be the Glory,

As June arrives my thoughts begin to turn to conference time. This year will be a very special time for my family and me. June 13th will represent the end and the beginning of a long journey. This year I will be ordained as a full elder in The United Methodist Church. It will represent (7) years of work coming to completion and I would like to take the this time to express my gratitude and thanks to everyone at Ebenezer for your prayers and for your support.

In 2002, my family and I came to Ebenezer, I was attending Hood Theological Seminary in Salisbury. While it was difficult to travel, attend school, serve the church, and attempt to be a father and a husband, you as a congregation made the journey much easier by your support, your prayers, and your love.

As I said, it is the end of the ordination process, but it is only the beginning of what God has in store for me as I seek to serve him. I look forward to returning from conference and to continuing to serve and grow with Ebenezer for many years to come.

Thank you for overlooking my shortcomings and for helping me to continue to grow.

I would like to invite everyone to the Ordination Service that will be held at Lake Junaluska, Stuart Auditorium at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 13th. The service will probably last for (2) hours and you may want to come early to avoid the crowd. When the names of those who are to be ordained is called, anyone who is there and knows the person can stand in support of that person.

Again words cannot express the appreciation of all that you have done and I pray that we will continue to grow in knowledge and understanding of our Lord

God bless,

Rev. Eric Lane