

Rick Grace

Rick began ministry in Illinois in 1974. He has served as a Youth Pastor, Associate Pastor and Senior Pastor since that time. He received his B.A. in Education from Eastern Illinois University, a Master of Divinity and a Doctor of Ministry from the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary.

Rick is currently serving as the Senior Pastor of the First Christian Church in Springdale, AR. In addition to those responsibilities, he also teaches Pauline Studies at Ecclesia College in Springdale, AR and Christian Foundations for Counseling in the graduate school of John Brown University in Siloam Springs, AR.

Rick is a life-long student of the Word of God and loves preaching and teaching from the Scriptures. He has written several articles for DHF, including [The Truth Shall Set You Free: An Evangelical Response to Homosexuality](#), along with being a frequent contributor to Disciples World magazine.

Rick has been active in Disciple Renewal since 1985, serving previously on the board for an extended time. He has also spoken at many National Conferences, along with leading workshops on marriage with his wife and best friend, Nancy, to whom he has been married since 1975. The Graces have two children, Erick of Fort Worth, TX and LeeAnne of Springdale, AR.