

Celebrating 40 years
of PREACHING
GOD'S WORD

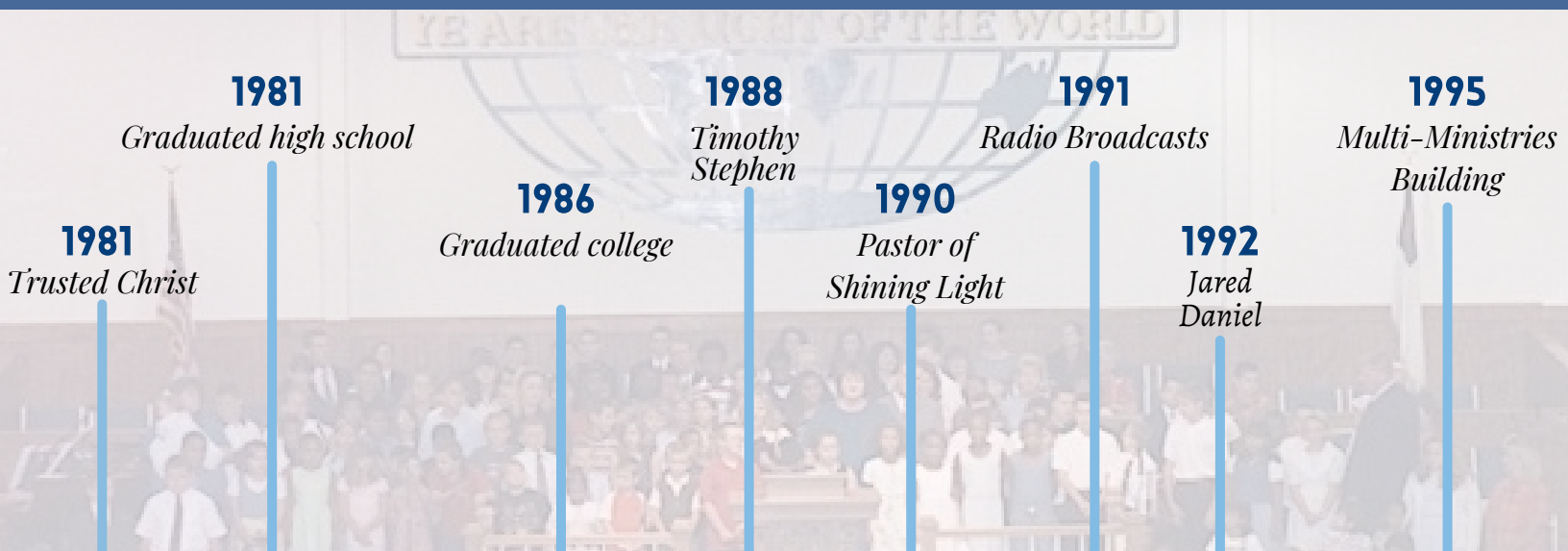


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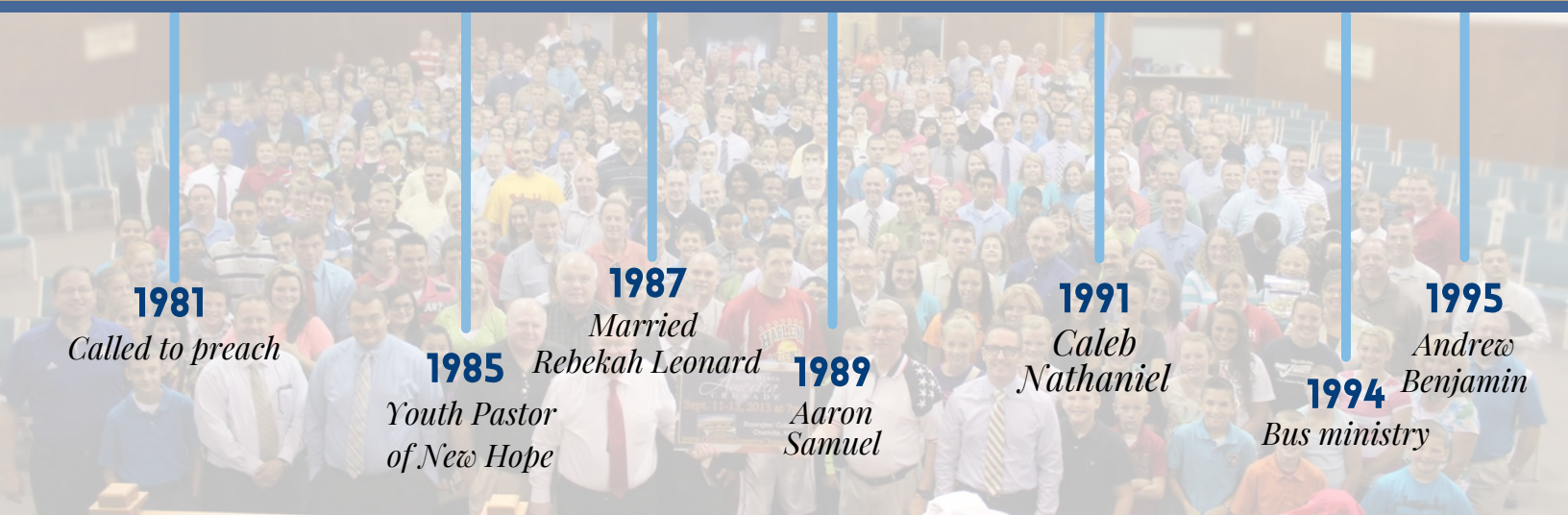
THE LIFE & MINISTRY of *Tim & Rebekah Cruse*



TIMELINE OF PASTOR CRUSE'S 40 YEARS IN MINISTRY



"And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." Galatians 6:9



MINISTRIES OF SHINING LIGHT BAPTIST CHURCH



Shining Light Baptist Church
Sundays - 10am | 11am | 6pm
Wednesdays - 7pm



Shining Lights Preschool
(6 weeks - 4 years)
Call 704-776-8218 for availability.



Iglesia Bautista Shining Light
Servicios en Español.
Domingo - 10am | 11am
Miércoles - 7pm



Kids Cove
(A Division of Shining Lights Preschool)
A premier preschool academy for your child.
- Academics - Music - Meals -
- Languages - Tumbling -



Shining Light Baptist Academy
Christian Worldview. Character Development.
Challenging Academics. Community
Involvement. Competitive Athletics.
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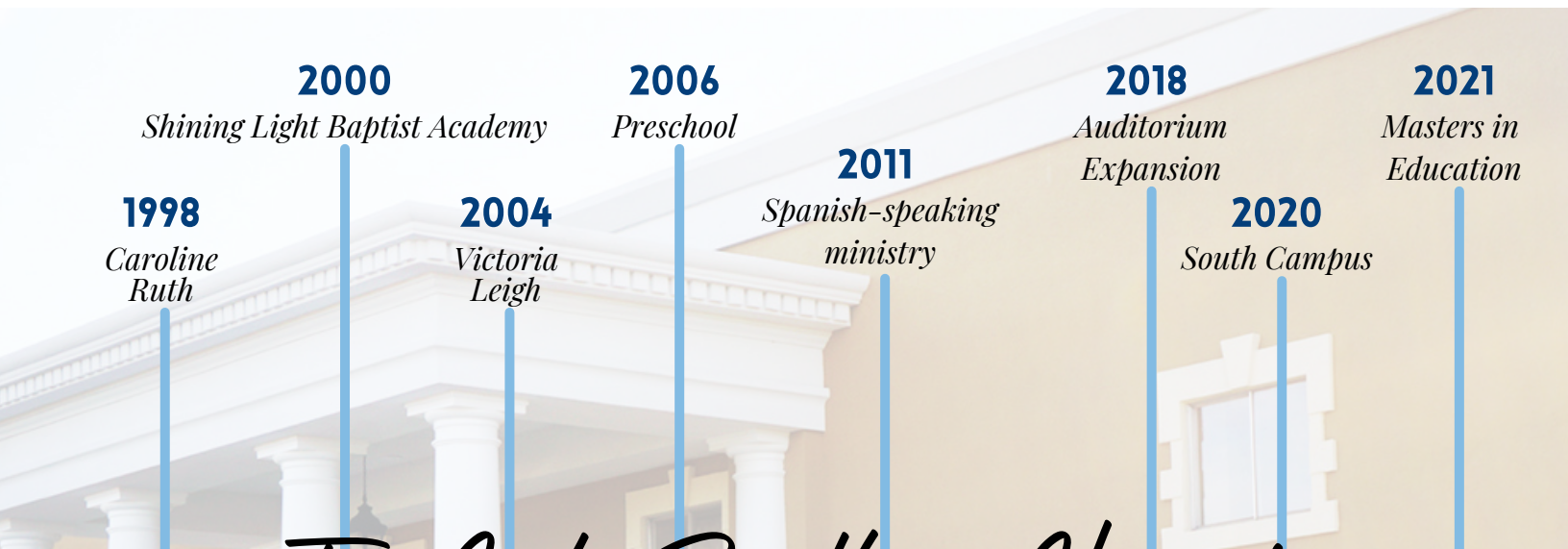
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Listen to "The Shining Light" at 88.1FM on
Sundays from 8:15-8:45am and on your
favorite podcast app.



**The Shepherd's Place
Children's Home**
Caring for children in need.
HelpUsHelpChildren.com



Harbour House Shoppes
Come enjoy our coffee shop, Christian
book shop, and thrift shop at 2605 Old
Charlotte Highway. The proceeds help
support The Shepherd's Place.



2000

Shining Light Baptist Academy

2006

Preschool

2018

*Auditorium
Expansion*

2021

*Masters in
Education*

1998

*Caroline
Ruth*

2004

*Victoria
Leigh*

2011

*Spanish-speaking
ministry*

2020

South Campus

To God Be the Glory!

1996

*Joshua
David*

2002

*John
Philip*

2013

*The Shepherd's Place
& Harbour House*

2010

Honorary Doctorate

2004

Honorary Doctorate

2019 & 2020

The Shepherd's Place Cottages

2021

*New preschool
building*

1999
*Hope
Elizabeth*



ABOUT PASTOR TIM CRUSE

During Christmas break of his senior year at North Rowan High School, he purposed to start attending church the first Sunday of 1981 “to find out why God put me in this world.” He trusted the Lord Jesus Christ as his personal Savior on January 4, 1981 at New Hope Baptist Church in Salisbury, NC, under the ministry of Pastor David Harrison.

Surrendering his whole life to the Lord, God called him to preach on February 22, 1981. Instead of pursuing a career in either engineering, business, or law, he yielded to God’s call.

Pastor Cruse met his wife, Rebekah (youngest daughter of Pastor & Mrs. Bobby Leonard of Monroe, NC), during his senior year at Carolina University (formerly Piedmont Bible College) in Winston-Salem, NC. They were married on February 21, 1987. Mrs. Cruse is our church pianist and has faithfully served with her husband these years. God has blessed them with seven sons, three daughters, and eleven grandchildren. Both Pastor and Mrs. Cruse are truly grateful for their family and enjoy serving the Lord together.

After working with the young people and serving on staff at his home church, Pastor Cruse became the Pastor of Shining Light Baptist Church on March 7, 1990. Since coming to Shining Light, he has led the church to expand its outreach and discipleship efforts, and its campus from 5 to 75 acres, with an additional 150-acre children’s home property 15 miles south of the church. He has also led in starting Shining Light Baptist Academy (K5–12), Shining Lights and Kids Cove Preschool (6 weeks-K4), a printing ministry – Shining Light Publishing & Shining Light Inspirations, a radio ministry – 88.1FM Monroe, The Shining Light – heard online and on 44 radio stations, a bus ministry, community chapel ministries, a church-planting ministry – All Nations Baptist Mission, and led in re-establishing a ministry that provides housing and education to children in need – The Shepherd’s Place Children’s Home and Academy. In addition, he has started the Harbour House Shoppes. They include a coffee shop, a bookshop, and a thrift shop for our children’s home and for our Community Days of Caring.

Pastor Cruse has preached in churches and colleges at home and abroad, has written several booklets, gospel tracts and poems, and has had articles published in Christian periodicals. He serves as the Director of Awake America NC and on the executive board of the North Carolina Christian School Association, the board of Southwide Baptist Fellowship, and is also a board member of Ambassador Baptist College. He is a 1986 graduate of Piedmont Bible College with a Bachelor of Theology Degree and a Minor in Youth Ministry. He has been honored with Doctor of Divinity Degrees from Ambassador Baptist College and The Crown College. He is currently finishing his Master in Education Degree.



Shining Light Baptist Church

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*"There was a man sent from God...
He was a burning and a shining light."
John 1:6; 5:35*

