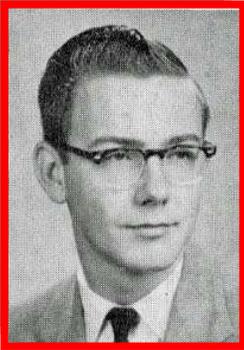
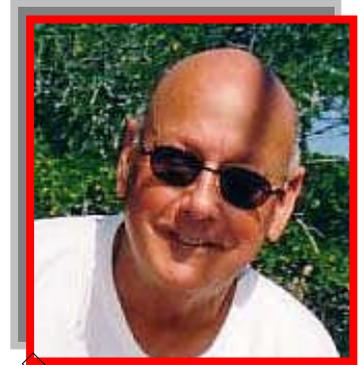


CHS Bio

Norman Starks – Journalist/Minister



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After pursuing a career in journalism during my high school days, I went to OU on a journalism scholarship. But after one year, I decided I was being called into ministry, so I enrolled the next fall at Midwest Christian College in Oklahoma City and went on to obtain a degree in ministries.

I married my high school sweetheart (Kay Clark, a Rogersite) when I was 19 and still in school. After my graduation from Midwest, I spent one year as youth minister at Boulevard Christian Church in Muskogee where our first daughter was born. We then moved to Evansville, Indiana, where I was youth minister at First Christian Church. Our second daughter was born in 1969.

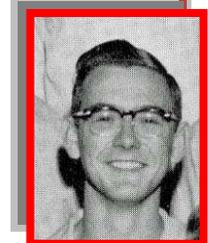
That marriage ended in 1972, and I briefly left the ministry. Came back to First Christian in 1973 as part-time music minister while I also ran a print shop (PIP Printing). I met and married my second wife, Rhyllis Jukes, in 1974. We've now been happily married for 32 years. She had three children, so with my two our house was quickly filled. We now have 8 grandchildren.

We went back into fulltime ministry in 1987 when we moved to Beloit, Wisconsin, where I served as music minister and eventually associate minister for pastoral ministries. The church grew from 250 to about 1,500 before I retired in 2003.

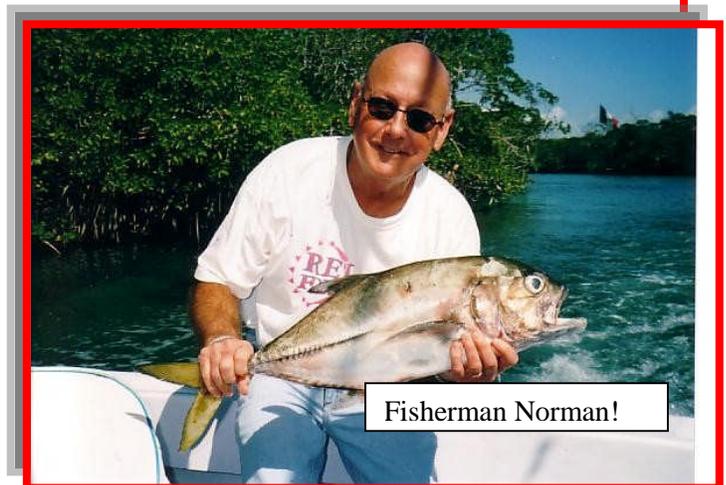
Music has been an important part of my life...I've written several songs that have been published and recorded, including several barbershop classics as well as some religious songs that are still being used in churches worldwide. I've also maintained my journalism interests by writing as a freelance writer for several publications, both before and following my retirement.

I've survived a heart attack and prostate cancer, and currently my health is good! Wish I could be at the reunion, but we won't be able to get back this year. Have fun!

Norman Starks



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Fisherman Norman!

We will miss ya at the 50th Norm!