

## **Rev. Ronnie Pittinger**



Ordination Date: September 30, 1971

Churches Served: His early service included several small churches in West Tennessee while in college. His first full-time church assignment was at Bethesda Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Friendship. At that time, he also taught and coached at a local high school and drove a school bus to help support his young family. After ordination, Pittenger moved to the Madison Cumberland Presbyterian Church, where he served for four years. In 1976, he moved to Tusculum Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Nashville, where he was a pastor until November of 2013.

Offices Held: Established a mission church in Nolensville, TN (Jenkins CPC); oversaw merger with the Woodbine CPC in 2010

Information provided by the donor: Growing up, he was a leader not only in his local church, but also at Franklin County High School where he was president of the student body and was voted Mr. Rebel. He was known for his friendliness, his wit, his athletic ability, and his humor. He was an active athlete who attended Austin Peay State University on a scholarship to play football. It was in his second year at APSU that he accepted the call to the ministry and transferred to Bethel College where he received his bachelor's degree. He completed his studies to become an ordained Presbyterian minister at the Memphis Theological Seminary. Ronnie and Rita's impact on the lives of Tusculum may be seen through ministry of teaching young adults who enter the ministry, births, weddings, funerals, and many other aspects of life. Rev. and Ronnie Pittenger was a lifelong mentor and friend. Instead of retiring and going fishing, he decided to return back to his home and extended family where he could be with his grandchildren and pastor small churches in his spare time.

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