

Rev. James David (JD) Kennedy

James David was born in Halifax and moved to Glace Bay, Cape Breton (God's Country) when he was 12. His early church experience came from going to Cubs and Scouts, boys' choir and Sunday School; then at 12 he went to live with his grandmother and learned the importance of going to church every Sunday and doing good works to express his faith.

JD was on the wrestling team and in a jazz band, playing trombone during high school. He completed a BBA at Cape Breton University, and then continued on in Halifax at Dalhousie University to complete his MBA and LLB simultaneously. JD chose law to help people and worked as a family court lawyer doing divorces and child custody matters as well as with Indian Affairs and Children's Aid.

The one thing JD could not help was the hurt and anguish he saw people experiencing and God's call to become a minister became stronger. If only these people had someone to help before they needed the lawyer, maybe it would make a difference. He closed up shop, worked as a tax lawyer, sold his house, and applied for the Masters of Divinity program at AST. As a student he met Ruth and at the age of 40 something he became a husband, step-father, grandfather, and poor all in one day! (Geez there were a lot of people to feed)

JD has ministered in the rural setting and the urban setting and is fed by the fact that people want to gather as a church family no matter how big or small. He, since ordination, has become a dad to his beautiful daughter, Faith; cat whisperer to Pepper and Georgia; a foster dad to numerous wee ones; and since coming to Fredericton, tolerates Ruth's chickens...well he likes the eggs!

JD enjoys reading, singing, computer games, time with family, hockey – Go Habs Go! – and chocolate chip cookies!