

## Andy Smith – Biography

Andy is married to Robyn, and they celebrate their 30<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on June 16! They are celebrating with friends on the big island of Hawaii – the Smiths’ first trip to Hawaii. Robyn, a graduate of UT Austin, works as a Senior Tax Analyst for Industrial Valuation Services, Inc. near Dripping Springs.

Andy and Robyn have two grown children. Their daughter Maggie is 25 and is married to Brian Wolfe. Maggie and Brian live in Austin, where Maggie works for the Texas Methodist Foundation, and Brian teaches at Voigt Elementary School in Round Rock.

Their son Patrick is 23 and also lives in Austin. He works full-time as a teller at the Wells Fargo bank in Lakeway. Patrick is engaged to Rachel Turpin, a May ‘09 graduate of UT Austin – they will get married January 30 next year.

Andy is a graduate of Southwestern University in Georgetown, TX, and worked for nine years as a banker in San Marcos until hearing and responding to his call to ordained ministry in 1988. Andy attended seminary at Perkins School of Theology at SMU, graduating as a Master of Divinity in 1991. He has served as pastor to four churches in the Southwest Texas Conference: St. Paul UMC in El Campo, Dripping Springs UMC, St. Matthew’s UMC in San Antonio, and Lake Travis UMC. Each church Andy has served has experienced growth in membership, worship attendance and financial strength.

Andy currently serves the Annual Conference on its Board of Ordained Ministry as the Registrar for Elders. He is also active in Covenant Connection the program of residency for provisional members of the clergy preparing for ordination. Andy is also an active participant in the Walk to Emmaus, usually serving on a servant team once per year.

Andy loves to sing and plays the guitar a little. He also loves hiking, playing golf, cooking, travel and the Houston Astros. In addition to their vacation trip to Hawaii, Andy and Robyn have travelled this year on a religious pilgrimage to Egypt, Israel, Turkey and Greece (an excursion cruise). They also love to spend time in New Mexico, New York City and Massachusetts.