

Pastor Joseph B. Fuiten

Senior Pastor



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Joseph B. Fuiten was raised in rural Oregon in the home of a mother and father who were both Assemblies of God ministers. As a youth he was active in sports, music, debate, student government, and politics. His youthful dream was to go into law and politics. Pursuing that dream led him to attend Willamette University and obtain a B.A. in Political Science.

At Willamette University, Joe pursued politics, being elected Chairman of the College Republicans of Oregon, Student Body President of Willamette, and National Student Representative. His internship was as a lobbyist in the Oregon Legislature working on the Oregon Motorist Information Act of 1971. He also worked as a chauffeur for Clay Meyers, Oregon's Secretary of State.

A call to the ministry resulted in a changed direction. Licensed as a minister while still a student, Joe began preaching to youth during the "Jesus Movement" of the early 1970's, and helped start the Willamette Christian Body on campus. He also helped start the Jesus Festival Movement by founding the "Sweet Jesus, Prince of Peace, Rock Festival," in 1971 at McCullough Stadium in Salem.

In 1972, Joe entered formal church ministry as a Youth Evangelist and thereafter as a Youth Pastor. He has served as an Associate Pastor in Aloha, Oregon with Rev. John Fuiten and as Associate Pastor with Dr. Fulton Buntain at Life Center in Tacoma, Washington.

In 1979, he was elected Director of Christian Education for the Northwest District Council of the Assemblies of God, with responsibilities in Church Growth, Christian Schools, and Sunday Schools for the 370 churches of the Northwest District Council.

He has served as Senior Pastor of Cedar Park Assembly of God in Bothell, Washington since 1981. Since that time, he has established an organization of eight branch churches, Washington State's largest private school in five locations, a funeral home, cemetery, mechanics shop, day camp program and State licensed counseling center in several locations. There are over three hundred employed through Cedar Park ministries.

Joe earned his Doctor of Ministry Degree from Northwest Graduate School of the Ministry in 1995. He later joined the regular faculty of the Graduate School and also serves as an adjunct faculty member for Northwest College of the Assemblies of God. Joe is a member of the Society for Pentecostal Studies. He has served the denomination on its Ministerial Enrichment Committee which designs personal, family, and professional programs for the 32,000 ministers of the Assemblies of God. In the past he was an Executive Presbyter of the Northwest Ministry Network of the Assemblies of God and a General Presbyter. Pastor Joe is the past President of the Eastside Pastors' Association, an interdenominational group of pastors who meet together for prayer and to join together on church and community projects that help bring unity to the churches on Seattle's east side.

Joe helped found a number of organizations including Channel 20 in Seattle, a Christian television station now owned by Trinity Broadcasting Co., Mission of Mercy, a Colorado based missions fundraising organization generating about fifteen million dollars per year. Joe also helped found Mainstream Ministries, a national Youth Pastor's training organization. His interests in the community of Puget Sound have been reflected in hosting television and radio talk programs, coaching Little League, serving two Governors on the Governor's Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS, and serving on a variety of boards.

Pastor Joe is also recognized across the state for his political efforts. In 2004, he served as the State Chairman for Social Conservatives for the Bush-Cheney campaign and provided leadership to the organization "Yesivote", which registered over 60,000 voters during the 2004 election season. In the last two years, much of his spare time has been devoted to preserving the definition of authentic marriage, protecting the unborn, among many other issues related to the family and society in general. In August 2007, Joe's work was featured in the CNN documentary, "God's Christian Warriors".

He is the former President of Washington Evangelicals for Responsible Government, a political lobbying organization, and is the founder and convener of Positive Christian Agenda (PCA), a group of Christian organizations whose purpose is to work towards and support a positive, decidedly Christian agenda in the Washington State legislature. In 2007, the PCA, under Joe's leadership, issued weekly legislative citizen action alerts to nearly 96,000 people, collectively, and facilitated calls to approximately 59,000 households. Joe is the founder of the Committee for Religious Freedom PAC and he currently serves on the board of directors for the Family Policy Institute of Washington, a Focus on the Family associate organization.

In addition, he has written numerous books, including Hedges, Revenge of Ephesus, Modern Pentecostal Controversies, Special Appointments with God and Chaos and the End of Times, and he has written papers and articles on an array of topics, such as The War on Terrorism—Can it be a "Just War?", Slouching Towards Gomorrah, The Religious and Military Mind of Osama bin Laden and Poverty and Welfare - A Christian Perspective, among others. He is the author of Frankly Fuiten, a periodic column that frames and analyzes current events for contemporary biblical Christians.

Joe is married to the former Linda VandenBos. Together they have four children and ten grandchildren.