

## Patrick Riddick, Music Associate



As a cradle Methodist, Patrick Riddick learned to play guitar at the age of 13 while growing up in Washington, NC. After graduating from High School, Patrick left Eastern NC to attend Elon College just outside of Burlington, NC. Although receiving his degree in Corporate Communications and Business was important to him his passion for music intensified during his college years. In 1994 the band Dakkota was formed and 5 college buddies hit the road to make their mark on the budding Country Music scene. Dakkota has been in existence now for more than 20 years and during the height of the bands career the guys played more than 180 shows a year, had a development deal with Arista Records, and recorded 5 independent albums.

As the glamour of “road life” wore off, the guys began to get married and slowed the touring schedule. It was at this point that Patrick began his career in business, working for Dealers Supply Company in Mebane, NC. DSC is a Durham, NC based wholesale distributor of fine flooring products. Patrick recognized the opportunity with

the company to relocate back to Eastern NC which is where he wanted to raise his kids along with his wife, Dana.

Upon returning to the coast the family settled in New Bern, NC and immediately began the search for a church family. “We feel like Centenary found us instead of us finding Centenary” Patrick says “we were just so comfortable here”. While Dana works with the Pre School at Centenary, Patrick has expanded his passion for music into the 8:50 Contemporary Service taking a leadership role over a year and a half ago. “Music has saved me many times and I am just so happy God has put this calling on my heart and he allows me to use my talents each Sunday at worship!” “I know what a responsibility it is to provide music during the service and it is not something I take lightly. There is nothing that fills my heart more than when the Spirit is alive and moving through music.”

Patrick lives in New Bern with his wife Dana and their two children Ethan and Emerson.