

Michael Giroux –Pastor

Pastor Michael earned his Bachelor of Theology from Portland Bible College and his Doctor of Jurisprudence from Regent University School of Law.

He served as Law Clerk for the *American Center of Law and Justice* concentrating on various First Amendment issues and was part of the preparation team for lead counsel, Jay Sekulow, in preparing for various oral arguments, including a case for the United States Supreme Court.

As Assistant District Attorney in upstate New York, he oversaw and prosecuted offenses in 12 city courts and in the New York Supreme Court for St. Lawrence County. He was an advocate and council member for CASA, an organization dedicated to serving battered women through the criminal process. He also performed pro bono services in drafting of local land use ordinances restricting sexually oriented businesses.

The City Church in Washington, DC is the third church he's been involved in starting. In 1999, he rejoined the staff of a church he helped plant in 1994, Christian Life Center in Williamsburg, Virginia, and served as a staff pastor and on the church's board of elders until 2006.

In January 2006, he launched The City Life Church in Newport News, Virginia. The church grew quickly and continues to gather many Christopher Newport University Students and military families impacting the Hampton Roads region.

In October 2006, he assumed the leadership of The City Church in Washington, DC- a new church plant without a pastor. For the next 18 months, he pastored two churches commuting back and forth from Newport News, VA. In 2008, he was released to be full time in Washington, DC. Since then, The City Church has moved to Sunday morning services, purchased and renovated a beautiful 1926 church facility and witnessed God move in the lives of university students, Capitol Hill staffers, ambassadors and everyday influential people residing around the nation's capital.

Pastor Michael has a passion to see the everyday influential person encounter the grace, forgiveness and hope found in the finished work of Jesus Christ. He believes God is calling modern day Josephs, Daniels and Esthers to influence our cities and nations as kingdom ambassadors. His life is a testimony of what happens when God blurs the line between lawyer, leader and Jesus-lover. He is known for preaching faith, hope and love with an energetic, humorous and down to earth style. Michael, & his wife Heather, have been married for 16 years and have four sons- Caedon, Gavin, Owen and Easton.