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Our Founder and Leader:

Ed Smith is the General Manager of Joy Christian Radio, the senior pastor of Joy Christian Ministries and President of Joy Christian Communications, Inc.

Ed began his life-long ministry at the young age of 18 when he answered God's call into full time preaching and "working in radio ministry," as he declared when he stood from the altar on July 21, 1976 as God called him to ministry.

Ed and Marie, his wife of 40+ years, have three grown sons and 13 grandchildren plus one God son. The eldest son, David and his family are missionaries to Papua New Guinea where they are involved in their second term. The second son has served our country in the military for almost 20 years. Vern is a Staff-Sergeant in the US Army. And, the youngest son, Drew and his family are serving as youth pastors in Mississippi. Our God-son lives in Aberdeen, MS with his parents. We have a wonderful family and are blessed, indeed!

Ed has served almost 45 years with pastoral experience as well as youth and children's ministry. Starting simultaneous careers in the Pastorate and in Christian Radio broadcasting in August, 1976 less than a month after answering God's calling, Ed has worked in several states and been involved in multiple radio and church ministries in various capacities. Serving churches mainly across the Southeast US while working in Christian Radio, Ed landed his first full-time radio gig at American Family Radio helping them to build that large radio network they now enjoy, including what was then known as the "Classic Gospel Network." But, a dream of building an independent radio network that was dedicated wholly to playing traditional Christian music and presenting traditional Christian Worship. So, Joy Christian Radio was born.

Currently, Joy Christian Radio has radio stations in several states plus other radio stations online at the website. Those two Internet-based stations are "Classic Gospel" and "Bible Talk." You can check out the website for more information on our stations and you can listen any time!