

## **Steve Alred**

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My wife and I have recently moved into the community.

I have been retired since July 2019.

I founded/owned Southern Keyboards, Inc., a Piano and Organ Company in Atlanta in 1977. We were one of the largest P&O dealers in the country. After selling the business in 1995, I focused my energy on a business I had started in 1994, MarketLink Services, Inc., a full service marketing, sales, advertising and consulting group connecting dealers and manufacturers of pianos with over 200 universities and school systems with a piano "loan/sell" program.

Concurrently my wife (and I) owned and operated child care centers for over 25 years.

In 1998, I answered an early call late in life to the ministry. I began pastoring as I spent the next 7 summers at Duke Divinity School and Candler School of Theology. My last 20 years of employment were as a pastor in the Methodist Church.

I have also "worked" as a professional musician.

My retirement "career" is serving on the Advisory Board of Venezuela Now, Inc. Our ministry supports Seminario Wesleyano de Venezuela and five Wesley Medical Clinics in Venezuela. My primary function is fundraising for the Seminary.

My wife and I enjoy music, reading, travel, camping, and grandchildren. Our business, missions, and vacation travel has taken us pretty much around the world.

Now we are settled into this beautiful, and so far, friendly community of LA. We moved here from LA (Lower Acworth).

If the powers-that-be feel that my experience would be useful I would give consideration to bringing "new blood" to the table.