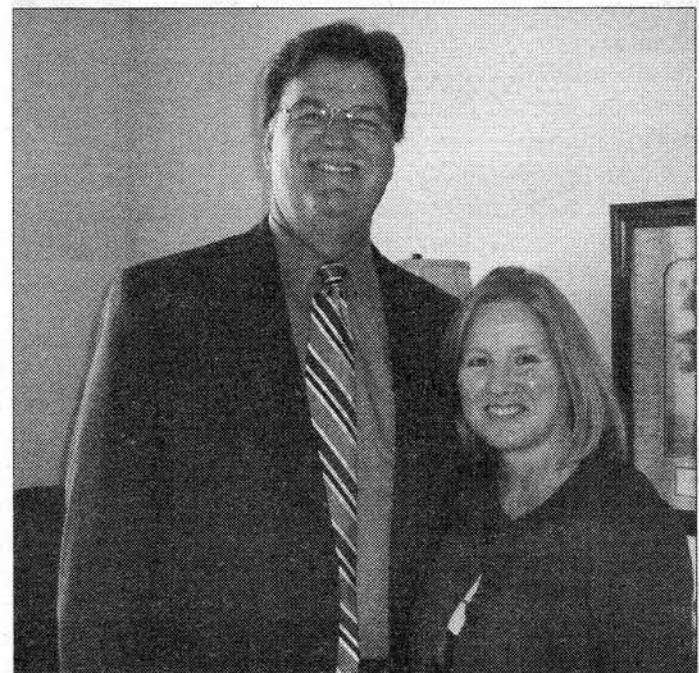


First Christian Church hires new Senior Minister



First Christian Church is pleased to announce the hiring of a new Senior Minister. Tom Thomas comes to Cassville after serving in the ministry for 29 years, most recently at First Christian Church in Baldwyn, Mississippi. Tom has served other Christian churches in West Liberty, Kentucky, Decatur, Alabama, and Carthage. He graduated from Mid-South Christian College, Senatobia, Mississippi in 1980. He has also served as a police officer and juvenile officer with the Newbern Police Department in Newbern, Tennessee. Tom has been married to Lisa for 29 years and they have three sons, Ben, Seth, and Jacob. In the communities where he has lived before, he had been very active, being a member of the Kiwanis Club in West

Liberty, serving as club president, and a member of the Baldwyn Rotary Club, where he was president-elect before taking the ministry position in Cassville. Tom and Lisa look forward to serving at First Christian Church and becoming active in the Cassville community. They are known for their love for the Lord and laid-back approach to becoming involved in the lives of people to bring them to a relationship with Him. We invite everyone to come and meet this new and dynamic couple as they start their ministry here in Cassville. We are located at Highway 37 and Old Exeter Road, Cassville across from Wal-Mart. For more information about times of services or other needs, call 417-847-2460.

Salesman earns 2009 employee excellence Award



The Les Jacobs Ford/Mercury (LJFM) dealership in Cassville, congratulates Steve Shiveley, who was awarded the Level 3 Achiever in the Employee Excellence Program from Ford Motor Company.

Shiveley who began selling vehicles in 2001 has been with the LJFM dealership four years.

The letter from Alan Mulally, President and CEO of Ford Motor Company, to Steve Shiveley reads, 'your performance in sales and customer satisfaction is among the best in your region.' Ford programs require online training and out-of-dealership attendance. Shiveley became Sales Consultant Base Certified in 2006, and in 2008 he achieved Sales Consultant Master Certified. For his newest achievement, scores were based on the number of vehicles sold, plus his customer satisfaction index had to be above 94% ... Steve's customer satisfaction index score was 100%.

Darrin Jacobs, general

manager of LJFM, stated, "Steve earning this award fits right in-line with why our dealership was awarded the President's Award from Ford Motor Company, which honors dealerships based on outstanding customer feedback. Delivering the best customer experience possible shows in Steve's 100% Customer Satisfaction Index."

Ongoing training in Ford technology gives Shiveley the knowledge to find the exact vehicles his customers want. Just recently, Shiveley spent time training on the motor and transmission on the new 2011 Ford Super Duty. Shiveley said, "Working at LJFM is like a coffee shop ... our customers are friends, and people come in just to visit. I like meeting people and overcoming their problems, discovering why they want what they want, and then helping them get it."

A lifetime resident of Cassville, Shiveley is married to Cari and has two stepsons, Michael and Garrett.

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