

**Cape Carteret Baptist Church**  
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**Elder Council Nominee Bio - Richard Brown**

Richard is married to Debra Joan Brown. They have two grown children, Jennifer and Jamie. He's been a member of CCBC since 2006. He has served as co-teacher of the Word Warrior Bible Study Group since 2006; Chair of the Church Consultation Group that led to the selection of the Malphurs Group in 2019; Facilitator of the Strategic Leadership Team working with the Malphurs Group.

Here's what Richard had to say about himself...I grew up on Long Island New York in a Christian home where we attended regularly at Wantagh Baptist Church (but that didn't mean that I was a believer). When I graduated high school, I went to college and graduated four years later from SUNY Binghamton with a degree in Accounting. One day during my junior year at college, I was confronted with the consequences of the sinful lifestyle I had engaged in and, in desperation, asked God to show me if he was really there. That night, I began reading the Bible, beginning in the Gospels and within a week had read the entire NT. God revealed himself to me in a complete and convincing way and I repented and asked for forgiveness and salvation. From that moment on, my entire perspective on everything changed completely as the Holy Spirit transformed my mind. Shortly after that, Debbie and I began seriously dating and six months later became engaged. We married one week after my graduation ceremony, in 1970. I then started my accounting career with a medium sized CPA firm, leaving there after four years (and passing the CPA exam) for a position of Internal Auditor at SUNY Stony Brook. After 15 years and advancing to the position of Associate VP for Finance, I left there in 1989 for the position of Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration at East Carolina University, moving our family south. I retired in 2004 as Executive Vice Chancellor for Administration and we moved to our beach house on Emerald Isle. We had two daughters along the way and now have five granddaughters (ages 13-20). We have always been involved in our church, supporting its ministries, and have participated in neighborhood small group Bible studies, leading a number of them. Since 2011, I have been on 11 short term medical mission trips to Central America and have used my hobby of Gospel Magic to share the Gospel message with children and adults. In my "spare time" I have assisted our church Treasurer and financial team with many of the

complexities of Not-For-Profit accounting and budgeting. During the past year and a half, I have also facilitated the Strategic Leadership Team, working closely with Pastor Kevin to help our church move forward with its Mission and Vision. I believe the Elder Council needs to focus on the issues that will continue the spiritual momentum that God has granted us.