



Joshua Townsend

Upper School Principal

Joshua Townsend joined the Abundant Life family in January 2022 as the Principal of the Upper School. He has lived and worked in Alaska, Costa Rica, Ecuador and Peru, but has called Sherwood, AR home for the last 16 years. After earning a Bachelor of Science degree at Texas A&M University, he taught English for the U.S. Embassy and the Fulbright Commission in Quito, Ecuador, where he returned a few years later to coordinate, receive and lead short-term mission teams throughout the country. Joshua met his wife (of 17 years), Rebecca, while attending Portantorchas, a Torchbearers Bible school in San Jose, Costa Rica. His adoration for God undergirds his love for his wife and three kids.

Prior to joining Abundant Life Christian Academy, he thoroughly enjoyed a successful career in sales and marketing at the Capital Hotel in downtown Little Rock. Most recently, he served as the Director of Development for the Arkansas Baptist Children's Homes, while also teaching Apologetics and Systematic Theology to High School and Middle School students.

In addition to completing his undergraduate degree at Texas A&M, he is a licensed and ordained minister and holds a Certificate in Nonprofit Management from Duke University and a master's degree from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Since 2012 Mr. Townsend has preached, spoken and taught throughout the state lending his voice as an advocate for the children and families of Arkansas. He is now excited to share his passion for shepherding children and families with the students, families, faculty and friends of Abundant Life Christian Academy.