

Arland Steen Senior Pastor

Arland Steen, Pastor and Founder of Living Well Church, is a native South Carolinian but has lived in four other states – Oklahoma (4 years), Kansas (1 year), California (41 years) and Utah (3 years).

Arland is the son of Merlin N. Steen, who was a respected Assemblies of God minister and pastored churches in Iowa and South Carolina. Merlin was Arland's first spiritual mentor. He was a solid example to his son in character, integrity and compassion.

Arland accepted Christ at an early age and, in addition to usual childhood interests, spent many hours praying and reading his Dad's theology and missionary books. He read the entire Bible through 3 times before he was 12 years old. He began speaking in churches when he was 19.

Arland always sensed the call of God on his life and in response, attended Rhema Bible Training College in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma with an emphasis on pastoral ministry. Kenneth E. Hagin became his second primary spiritual mentor and imparted an understanding of the authority of the Word of God, how to be led by the Holy Spirit and how to walk in love. He also ordained Arland into full-time ministry in March 1986.

Arland founded his first church in 1981 in the City of Thousand Oaks, California, and after a few years, became acquainted with a man who would come to be his third primary spiritual mentor.

Jack W. Hayford was a renowned pastor and was an example of a man with a shepherd's heart who knew how to lead a congregation with a balance of grace and authority.

After his marriage to Barbara J. Williams, now Barbara W. Steen, he founded Living Well Church in 2015 in the City of Thousand Oaks, California.

God has graced and gifted Arland in such a way that he is:

- A pastor whose primary goal is to help people become what they were created to be
- A teaching pastor who presents the Word of God in a clear, concise way that can be easily applied to everyday life
- A pastor who is passionate about discipleship

The love of his life is his wife, Barbara. He describes her as "a woman like no other." They have much in common and together, they fit like a hand in a glove with complimentary personalities. She keeps him smiling and laughing as she is the joy of his life. Together, they are an example of what it looks like to 'have fun building the Kingdom'.

### **Fun Facts About Pastor Steen**

### **Countries Travelled**

Belgium, Canada, Ecuador, Estonia, Fiji, Finland, Germany, Israel, Italy, Mexico, Netherlands, Sweden

### **Favorite Foods**

Lebanese, Mediterranean, Southern

#### **Favorite Bible Passage**

2 Corinthians 5:17

# **Most Impacting Authors**

Kenneth E. Hagin, Jack Hayford, E.W. Kenyon

## Most Exhilarating Thing Done

Climbing Half Dome in Yosemite National Park

### **Favorite Hobbies**

Baseball, hiking, history and travel

### **Favorite Person of Secular Renown**

Hank Aaron

# **Favorite Music Group or Band**

**Imperials**