



Al Wood, MorningStar Men's Pastor; NBA 1st round draft 1981

Al Wood grew up in Gray, Georgia and is a 1981 graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Growing up, he quickly became successful in basketball, where he earned All-American status in high school and college. He was named Georgia State Player of the Year as a high school senior and went on to set scoring records in the ACC and NCAA. He was a member of the 1980 U.S. Men's Olympic Basketball team, became the fourth player picked in the first round of the 1981 NBA draft, and played professional basketball in the NBA for the Atlanta Hawks, Dallas Mavericks, San Diego Clippers, and Seattle Supersonics.

As an accomplished athlete, Al played under some of the finest collegiate and NBA coaches, including five hall of fame coaches. He saw true leadership modeled and has demonstrated the gift of leadership in his own life. Al was also nominated for induction into the 2011 Georgia Sports Hall of Fame, a testimony to the legacy he has left in the sport of basketball.

Al met Robin, his wife of 30 years, at UNC Chapel Hill. They were married in 1984 and have four adult children, all graduates of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

After the NBA, Al finished playing professional basketball in South America, Italy, and France, he moved to Monroe, North Carolina, where he spent the next eleven years as a leader in the lay ministries. He worked in the insurance and financial planning fields and traveled around the country as a motivational speaker and evangelist.

He recently served as the South Carolina Director for Team Focus USA, a non-profit organization that mentors fatherless boys. He has been involved with Bill Glass Prison Ministries over ten years as a platform speaker for their Day of Champions events at prison facilities all over the country.

Al is currently an ordained minister on the staff of MorningStar Ministries in Fort Mill, South Carolina where he is the Men's Pastor and coordinates men's ministry. Al has served as the Director of Development, Principal, Athletic Director, and Head Basketball Coach at Comenius School for Creative Leadership, the MorningStar Church K-12 private Christian school. He led both the boys and girls varsity teams to conference championships for the first time in the history of the school. He led the fundraising campaign to build the school's first gymnasium in Fort Mill, SC.

Al stays very active in the community, supporting countless causes and charities with his time and talent. In his spare time, Al is an avid golfer and enjoys spending time with his family and friends.