

Pastor Cowles grew up in Fellsmere, Florida. When he was eight years old he accepted Christ as his personal Savior, and was baptized. In 1985 he surrendered to the call of Gospel Ministry and was licensed. He was ordained in 1987. He previously pastored New Union Baptist Church in Eastman, Georgia and Gresston Baptist Church in Dodge County.

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