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Who is Rev. John Yates?



John Yates attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where, in 1968, he graduated Phi Beta Kappa and a Morehead Scholar. He received his Masters of Divinity degree from Princeton Theological Seminary in 1971 and, in 1972, was ordained a priest in the Protestant Episcopal Church. In 1984 he earned a Doctor of Ministry degree from Fuller Theological Seminary.

John's work over the years with Christian youth and young families has especially equipped him as a spokesman on family life. Along with his wife Susan, John has much experience as a speaker on the challenges of raising a family in an increasingly secular world. He has a particular interest in teaching and discipling men and his most recent book, *How a Man Prays for His Family*, is a down to earth encouragement to men to grow in a life of personal prayer. With Susan, he co-authored *What Really Matters At Home – Eight Crucial Elements for Building Character in Your Family*, which focuses on the matters of parental modeling and raising faithful and responsible children. John's other books include *For the Life of the Family* and *Seven Crucial Moments*. He also contributed to the popular book *What Makes a Man?*, the unofficial handbook of the national Promise Keepers organization, as well as *Visions and Realities*, and *Keeping Your Kids Christian*.

As a speaker and teacher, John has ministered to a variety of groups in the United States, Canada, Europe, Great Britain, Russia, Asia, the Far East, East Africa, and South Africa. He has led conferences for a host of Christian organizations including Young Life, Campus Crusade for Christ, and Inter-Varsity and along with his wife Susan, speaks regularly at Family Life Marriage Conferences across the United States.

John Yates is Rector (Senior Pastor) of The Falls Church (Episcopal) in Falls Church, Virginia, a large evangelical church outside of Washington, DC with about 2,500 members. The historic church was founded in 1732 and is now known for its strong focus on family life, vibrant worship, outstanding youth ministry, and strong biblical teaching and preaching. He and Susan have five children, all in their twenties, and two grandchildren.