



**Life Community Church and Memorial Chapel
Ada, Oklahoma**

**Harland Stonecipher
Biography**

Harland C. Stonecipher is one of Oklahoma's most successful entrepreneurs, having founded Pre-Paid Legal Services, Inc., the pioneering company in the U.S. prepaid legal service industry. More than 40 years ago, Mr. Stonecipher founded the firm after he was involved in a head-on collision caused by another driver.

He turned adversity into advantage when, following the accident, he recognized an unfulfilled need for affordable legal insurance and from this inspiration created a company that became a New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) company. Pre-Paid Legal Services has directly influenced the delivery of legal services in the U.S. and the company has provided a source of income for thousands of people and helped create many 'millionaires.'

Mr. Stonecipher (and his wife Shirley) again utilized adversity when the couple tragically lost their son Brent, daughter-in-law Tina and grand daughter Nikki in a plane crash in 1995. Realizing the best way to help themselves was to help others, the Stoneciphers have agreed to contribute \$5 million toward the construction of the new Life Community Church and Memorial Chapel in Ada, Oklahoma where they are members.

In addition to the financial contribution to the LCC, Mr. Stonecipher will present the Biblically based, "Blueprint for Success" program as an occasional series at the church.

A graduate of East Central University, Mr. Stonecipher began his career as an English and Speech teacher and then work as an insurance executive before founding Pre-Paid Legal Services.

Mr. Stonecipher has won numerous awards for his entrepreneurial leadership, including being named "Oklahoma's Most Admired CEO in 2010 (for companies with under \$500 million in annual revenue). He has been director for both the Oklahoma and U.S. Chamber of Commerce and he has participated in civic and philanthropic activities throughout his career.

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