

Spencer D. Stone, PhD, was born in Birmingham, grew up in Georgia and Texas, then returned to the land of his birth to attend the University of Alabama. Now an accomplished teacher and leader in education, he would like to further serve his neighbors in Shelby County as the County Commissioner from District 7.

Dr. Stone obtained a Bachelor's degree in History at the University of Alabama, where he also played water polo, then earned his Master's degree in Secondary Education at the University of Montevallo. His first teaching position was in the English department at Ramsay High School in Birmingham. While teaching, he continued in graduate school at Alabama, where he also served as a student teacher, presenting courses in Educational Finance. His doctorate in Secondary Leadership concentrated on federal student free speech cases.

For the last five years, Dr. Stone has taught at Thompson High School, where he heads the Computer Science department. He organizes and coaches teams for state-wide robotics competitions in which his teams compete at the highest levels. He also is the E-Sports coach; Thompson's teams have won five state titles in past years. In addition, many of his players have been awarded E-Sports scholarships to colleges.

Throughout his teaching career, Dr. Stone has focused on giving care and attention to young people whose circumstances and living conditions interfere with their learning. He believes that schools can give students the knowledge and skills to allow them to become productive members of society straight out of high school, as long as governments at all levels recognize their responsibilities in providing opportunities and support to disadvantaged families and neighborhoods. If elected to the County Commission, his life experience and desire to help struggling kids would provide a valuable voice to that body.

Dr. Stone is an active member of the Shelby County Democratic Party and of Our Lady of the Valley church. He and his wife have two children.