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MINISTRY OBJECTIVE

To glorify God in all that I do, focusing my vocational work with a church, serving in a full-time capacity as a pastor. After moving back to the Raleigh/Durham area to be closer to family, I have missed serving and leading as a pastor and desire to return to that role.

EDUCATION

Masters of Divinity with Languages

Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, NC 27587

Class of 2005

- Focused on Pastoral Ministry and Biblical Counseling
- Interned with a local church to gain a greater understanding of the inner workings of the church
- Followed the typical pastoral program with additional course work in counseling (including counseling parents and children, counseling people with addictions, counseling theory and others) and an extra focus on Greek and Hebrew

Bachelor of Science, Mars Hill College, Mars Hill, NC 28754

Class of 1994

- Majored in Computer Information Science and Communications and Public Relations
- Graduated Magna Cum Laude, Mars Hill College Honors Program, Grayson Scholar

Interested in pursuing my CPE (Clinical Pastoral Education) certification, and my PhD or my Doctorate of Ministry in the future.

PERSONAL

I am married to an exceptional woman, Emily, who is also a seminary graduate. We have two daughters, Celeste (nearly 3 years old) and Olivia (nearly 2 years old), and plan to adopt additional children. I was born in North Carolina, near the small town of West Jefferson in the northwest corner of the state. My wife is a native of Spokane, Washington and moved to Raleigh, North Carolina over 16 years ago. We both share a passion for ministry work. Over the past 7 years, I have been blessed to serve the local church as a pastor of a small congregation in the Winston-Salem area, as a children's pastor in Wake Forest, NC and as a family pastor in Elizabeth City, NC.

As I've been able to see God do great things in his local church, I have also witnessed the great things he has done in me – as I have gained a greater understanding of serving others, loving through conflict and how much I truly enjoy studying the Word of God and how it practically applies to everyday life. I have passions for God's word and his work in the local church, for counseling his people to become more like God desires of them, and for the amazing opportunity adoption provides for us to love others and “the least of these.”



MINISTRY STATEMENT

I accepted the incredible gift of God's salvation through Christ when I was 9 years old in a small, mountain church. Since then, I have been blessed with many great mentors and friends who have helped me solidify the Lordship of Christ in my life. After spending quite a few years in the business world as a IT professional most in the web industry, I felt a calling from God to switch my focus to full-time vocational ministry. My personal statement of ministry is simple: **To glorify God in all that I do.** I believe fully in the divine nature of Jesus Christ as the one and only way to heaven. I believe in the Trinity with God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. I believe that the Bible is the authoritative, inerrant Word of God.

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MINISTRY EXPERIENCE

Pastor to Families and Children

6/2009 - 6/2010

New Community Church, Elizabeth City, NC 27909

Served as full-time pastor for families and children in a congregation of more than 400 people near the NC coast. Managing many aspects of church life, with special focus on Sunday mornings. Implemented new programs for grade school kids to engage our great God and offer others new opportunities to serve the local body. Spent time studying leadership principles, methods to engage people who are interested in God and interested in church as well as spent time counseling and leading God's people as they struggle with life's trials.

Senior Pastor

1/2008 - 5/2009

Mountain View Baptist Church, King, NC 27021

Served as pastor for a small congregation in rural NC. Managed many aspects of church life, with special focus on Sunday mornings. Implemented special programs, including DivorceCare, Awana, Trek and other programs to improve church life and reach out to those who need help. Took part in community events to broaden our exposure. Began new Adult Small Group class alternative to the standard Adult Sunday School class.

Church Plant volunteer minister

11/2006 - 1/2008

New Journey Fellowship, Winston-Salem, NC 27106

Served as a volunteer minister serving a church plant in this suburban community. Assisted the lead pastor with Sunday preparations, taught with him through various sermon series, taught youth and children classes.

Children's Minister

1/2005 - 11/2006

North Wake Church, Wake Forest, NC 27587

Spent nearly two years working part-time for a church in Wake Forest, providing both leadership as the Children's Minister but also as the IT director. Managed classes that served over 100 children and 75 teachers and leaders. Implemented various family development programs to improve the parenting skills of church members and visitors.

Ministry Intern

5/2003 - 12/2003

North Wake Church, Wake Forest, NC 27587

Completed my mentored internship for seminary under the outreach and evangelism pastor at my church in Wake Forest. I enjoyed the opportunity to get to know the staff more, serve various functions in many different ministries. I continued to help out with the church and eventually began working for them as the Children's Minister (see above).

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Team Lead / Database Administrator

6/2010 – Present

QuarterLine Consulting Services, Durham, NC 27713

Providing support for the state's NC Medicaid Enrollment / Verification / Credentialing system that tracks and verifies doctors that desire to provide Medicaid services to NC residents.

Web Development Contractor, Principal

1/2003 – 5/2009

GodSpotteRs.com, Winston-Salem, NC 27106

While completing my Masters and the 4 years after, worked full-time as a self-employed web developer, taking on many clients, but focusing on Transportation Insight, a transportation logistics company in Hickory, NC. Developed websites, start to finish, to be database-driven with custom CMS and other functionality.

Web Developer

1/2003 - 1/2005

The Church Initiative, Wake Forest, NC 27587

Spent 2 years with this non-profit organization that developed the DivorceCare program for churches. Worked as a web developer, an internal software developer and technician.