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PERSONAL INFORMATION

Birth Date: April 3, 1963

Married to Amy Beaman on May 14, 1988

Bachelor of Science in Education, Texas Wesleyan University, Fort Worth, Texas, 1989

Children: Rebekah, born April 25, 1991

Micah, born February 15, 1997

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Arts in Radio, Television, Motion Pictures

University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC 1985

Master of Divinity

Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, 1988

MINISTRY OBJECTIVE

I am called to glorify God as pastor of a Southern Baptist Church.

MINISTRY EXPERIENCE

Preacher, Churches in Tarrant and Parker Counties, Texas 2005-2007

Activities and ministries for which I was responsible:

- Prepare and present Bible-based sermons.
- Officiate several funerals and a wedding.

Office Support, Elevate Ministries, Fort Worth, Texas, 2007

Activities and ministries for which I was responsible:

- Write devotionals for the ministry's website and preparation for participants in conferences.
- Develop PowerPoint presentations for conferences and meetings.

Quest Staff, Fellowship of the Sword, Fort Worth, Texas, 2004-2007

Activities and ministries for which I was responsible:

- Provide prayer support before, during, and after Quests.
- Minister to emotional and spiritual wounds of Questers.
- Write weekly devotionals to Quest leaders.
- Serve as Administrator on one Quest.

Bible Study Leader, Glenview Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas, 1995-2005

Activities and ministries for which I was responsible:

- Teach large group Bible studies and facilitate small group discussions each week.
- Fill-in Bible study teacher in other departments as needed.
- Organize small and large group prayer chains and outreach to prospective class members.
- Develop and teach the curriculum for several discipleship classes.
- Coordinate altar ministry.
- Lead a weekly men's accountability group and a home-based couples' Bible study.
- Serve as chairman of the Missions Development Council.

Prayer Coordinator, Project Taipei, 1998-1999

Activities and ministries for which I was responsible:

Laid the foundation for an international prayer ministry through an Internet mail list supporting the International Mission Board's church planting movement in Taipei, Taiwan.

Associate Pastor, Riverside Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas, 1989-1994

Activities and ministries for which I was responsible:

- Oversee the church's education and discipleship ministry.
- Conduct weekly workers' meetings.
- Teach Sunday Bible study and discipleship training.
- Spearhead community surveys.
- Weekly involvement in outreach and pastoral care visitation.
- Pulpit supply and officiate funerals in the pastor's absence.
- System Administrator for the church's computer system.

Intern, Riverside Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas, 1985-1988

Activities and ministries for which I was responsible:

- Oversee the church's Family Life Center.
- Assist the youth minister in developing the church's youth ministry by teaching youth Bible studies and leading music.
- Regular involvement in outreach and pastoral care visitation.
- Lead music in Children's Church.

Music Leader, Campus Crusade for Christ, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, 1981-1985

Activities and ministries for which I was responsible:

- Plan and lead music for weekly meetings.
- Plan and lead music for retreats.

Participant, Campus Crusade for Christ Summer Project, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, 1982

Activities and ministries for which I was responsible:

- Weekend beach evangelism, weeknight street evangelism, and weekly campground outreach.
- Teach adult Sunday Bible study each week at a local church.
- Lead music for weekly meetings.

PERSONAL STATEMENT

Spiritual immaturity runs rampant in churches today. Instead of taking seriously Jesus' Great Commission to make disciples, many churches have simply birthed and baptized spiritual babies, but have done little or nothing to nourish these babies to bring them to spiritual maturity. The result: churches are filled with and led by believers whose spiritual growth has been stunted due to malnutrition. Seldom are Christians told that they need to grow in their Christian life, much less how to grow in this new life.

Jesus said that the thief comes to steal, kill and destroy, but that He came to give abundant, eternal life (John 10:10). Quoting from Isaiah 61, Jesus said that the Holy Spirit's ministry through Him was to preach the Good News to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted, and to announce freedom to prisoners.

The Holy Spirit's ministry through the church doesn't stop at preaching the Good News. The whole Gospel should be preached and taught in order that broken people can be healed and bound-up people can be set free – all of it done that God be glorified. By teaching believers basic doctrines, how to feed themselves from the Word of God, how to worship and pray, and how to witness, Believers are less likely to become casualties to the cults and will be better equipped in spiritual warfare. Developing Christians in the faith is paramount in closing the church's back door and in winning more lost souls for the Kingdom of God.

In both bivocational and volunteer ministry, I have enjoyed seeing God use my primary spiritual gift of teaching and my accompanying "gift cluster" of wisdom, intercession, shepherd, and exhortation to edify, equip, and encourage believers to grow and minister to others.