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Background:

I am blessed to have been raised in a Christian home by two Godly parents. I accepted Jesus Christ as my Savior at the age of eight, and although I was young, I understood my need for God to save me from my sins. I am reminded of that need and of God's grace daily. While growing up in Temple Baptist Church of Kingsport, TN, I participated in Sunday School, Bible drills, my church's youth group, creative ministries team, and summer missions teams. As I grew in my personal relationship with Jesus Christ, I began to sense God's call on my life in increasing measure. Based on this awareness, I studied Religion and Biblical Languages during my college years at Belmont University. During the four years at Belmont, I had increasing opportunities to preach and remained actively involved in church ministry. At the end of the summer, I accepted the call to full-time Christian ministry. Since then, God has blessed me with 11 years of full time ministry, including my current position as Associate Pastor for Students at Graefenburg Baptist Church, Waddy, KY. I have also continued my religious education at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Through these experiences, God has continued to affirm His call on my life as He has graciously used me for His purposes, and I am excited about where He is providentially leading me now.

Personal Information:

My wife, Andi, and I have been married since October 1, 2005. On October 18, 2008, God blessed us with a little girl named Callie Grace. Andi is now a stay at home mom and is active in the women's ministry at Graefenburg Baptist Church.

My hobbies include playing guitar, writing music, reading, tennis, and whenever possible, relaxing with my wife on the couch. I also love theme parks.

Ministry Experience and Involvement:

**September 2006-
Present**

**Associate Pastor, Graefenburg Baptist Church
Waddy, KY**

- Serving as associate pastor from September 2006 to the present.
- Preach on Sunday mornings on a regular basis (on average, once every other month).
- Due to growth, developed a vision for a complete overhaul of the student ministry meeting space. This included an extensive building project for a designated youth worship facility. The doors to this new facility opened in the summer of 2008.
- Plan, lead music, and preach during the weekly “Vault” student worship services.
- Worked in conjunction with the children’s committee to develop “Hosanna House”, a dynamic discipleship and worship experience for children. This is currently being broadcast on two cable access television stations.
- Am the staff contact for Vacation Bible School.
- Train and maintain evaluations of the youth ministry volunteer staff.
- Lead the youth praise band which performs regularly not only at the church’s worship services and weekly youth services, but also remains busy at statewide events such as the KBC Acteens Camp and the Franklin County Fair.

**September 2002-
August 2006**

**Youth Pastor, Grace Baptist Church
Springfield, TN**

- Developed a youth ministry from the ground up, including the formation of a youth covenant statement, weekly programs, and increased interaction with the worship services.
- Due to growth, oversaw the planning and building of additional youth space for meetings and worship. This new space was used for weekly Bible study and worship.
- Started and led a youth praise band which would regularly lead worship.
- Preached regularly on Sunday mornings and evenings.
- Actively involved in Vacation Bible School, including leading the annual associational worship rally clinic.
- Started and taught a young adults Sunday School class.

- Coordinated with the worship pastor for the planning of the annual Living Christmas Tree.

**December 2000-
August 2002** **Associate Pastor for Children and Youth
First Baptist Church, Adel, GA**

- Was the first staff person hired for this position and grew the student ministry from 20 teenagers to 60+.
- Responsible for the planning, training, and implementation for all youth and children ministries.
- Organized and led a new contemporary worship service on Saturday evenings.
- Regularly preached in Sunday morning and evening services.
- Member of the Cook County Ministerial Association

**October 1998-
November 2000** **Senior Pastor, Fosterville Baptist Church
Fosterville, TN**

- Preached during weekly Sunday morning and evening services in addition to leading the Wednesday night prayer meeting service.
- Coordinated special programs and Bible studies for the church.
- Oversaw the administrative duties of the church.
- Performed other pastoral duties, such as hospital visitation, weddings, and funerals.

Other Work Experience:

2008-2009 **Ten Broeck Hospital**
Spirituality Group Facilitator

1996-1998 **Wildwood Tennis Club**
Assistant Tennis Pro

1992-1994 **Ridgefields Country Club**
Tennis Pro Shop

Education:

- 2006-Present** Nearing completion of Masters of Divinity, Cum Laude, in the School of Theology at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.
- 1994-1998** Bachelor of Arts, Cum Laude, in Religion, minor in Biblical languages, Belmont University.
- 1990-1994** Dobyons-Bennett High School.

Miscellaneous Information:

- Varsity Tennis, Belmont University
 - 4 years in program
 - Team captain, 1997-1998
 - NAIA Rolex Championship Runner-Up
 - Competed in NCAA Division I, 1997-1998
- The Religion in Society Award presented by faculty of the School of Religion
- Dean's List all four years at Belmont University