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Life and Ministry

As a pastor's kid, I had a front row seat to watch and learn about ministry. This was an experience that shaped my love for the local church and for ministry from my earliest years. As a teenager, with college on the horizon, I dedicated my life to serve the Lord in ministry and never looked back! After graduating from Cedarville University in 2002, I married my best friend and lifelong ministry partner, Michelle, and I had the privilege of serving on staff as the worship pastor for 13 years at my home church, East Bay Calvary Church in Traverse City. From there, I served as a worship pastor at Harvest Spring Lake, a large and thriving church in West Michigan, where I was privileged to lead thousands of people in worship each weekend. A position opened up at a sister church back in Traverse City (Harvest TC), where I've been able to expand my service in areas such as assimilation, small groups, 20's ministry, counseling, administration, and preaching. As time goes by, I continue to have an increasing fire in my heart to boldly step forward to serve God's church through making disciples of Jesus. After stepping away from worship ministry for a short time, I've been reminded of how passionate I am about using music and the arts to lead people to express their hearts in worship of their Creator. I desire to have the opportunity to use the creative, technical, and musical skills God's given me to serve in the church in worship ministry once again, and we are prayerful about where God might lead us in the future toward that end.

Experience

East Bay Calvary Church, Traverse City, MI

[2002-2016]

I served on staff at EBCC upon graduating from college as Associate Pastor of Worship Ministries, transitioning a more musically traditional worship style to a contemporary and higher impact worship service style. Additionally, I served on the elder board, managed tech/media staff, managed over 100 volunteers, led and developed the assimilation ministry, and gave vision and leadership to many of East Bay's community outreach endeavors including some large events such as Community-fest and Christmas Dessert Theatre. Of special note are the many people I had the privilege to mentor and disciple, 3 of which are young men who are now in fulltime ministry in the local church.

Harvest Bible Chapel, Spring Lake, MI

[April 2016-July 2017]

I served on staff as a worship pastor at Harvest Bible Chapel in Spring Lake, where I had the privilege of leading nearly 3000 people in worship of their Creator. Additionally, I had the opportunity to serve in the church's "Biblical Soul Care Department," advocating and counseling primarily in the area of marriage crisis.

Harvest Bible Chapel, Traverse City, MI

[July 2017-present]

Currently, I serve on staff at Harvest Bible Chapel in Traverse City as the Pastor of Small Groups and Connections. I oversee, provide leader training, and write pulpit curriculum for 18 adult small groups. I also oversee our Connections (assimilation) Ministry, which includes parking, ushers, greeters, hospitality, security, and medical teams. Together, Michelle and I lead our 20s ministry of nearly 30 young singles and I'm involved in serving with the worship team 2-3 times per month. In addition to my ministry position, I play live music in Traverse City's local music scene weekly, which I've done for many years.

Education

Cedarville University (undergrad)

[1998-2002]

I attended Cedarville University in Ohio where I graduated with a degree in Pastoral Studies. This course of study provided essential doctrinal and theological training, as well as practical pastoral ministry training in areas such as preaching, counseling, and discipleship. I also minored in Church Music and Biblical Studies, was able to tour on the Cedarville touring music teams and lead over 3000 students in worship in chapel weekly.

Harvest Bible Fellowship Training Center Certificate

[June through August of 2014]

I spent a 3-month sabbatical attending Harvest Bible Fellowship's Training Center in Chicago. This intensive time of training was designed to further hone my skill in leadership and worship ministry. Each weekend, I had the privilege of serving on stage at Harvest Bible Chapel in Chicago's campuses leading worship. Each weekday during this time I was given teaching and training regarding shepherding a worship ministry, pastoring my congregation with integrity, and understanding Harvest's simple and urgent church-building philosophy. I also was privileged to write worship music and lead worship with members of the Vertical Worship band.

Cedarville University (graduate studies)

[2016-present]

I am currently pursuing a Masters of Ministry degree from Cedarville University. The coursework is designed to be a blend of Biblical Theology and practical application in a local church ministry setting.

Skills and Qualifications

- High skill level vocally, with keys, and with guitar. Also able to play drums, bass, and harmonica
- Proficiency in arranging and in using musical loops/stems/tracks for worship (Ableton Live, LC Prime)
- Extensive experience in writing, arranging, and charting music (Sibelius)
- Many years of experience in audio, lighting, video
- Proven track record in recruiting and developing key musician positions and bands.
- Ability to lead, teach, and motivate people with a fun and relational style
- Success in identifying and developing musicians and mentoring potential leaders
- Strong skill in the areas of planning, organization, and administration
- 15 years of experience in pastoral ministry
- Track record of building successful bridges into the community
- Temperament to unite others to work as a team, to work hard, and have fun doing it
- Proven integrity and character
- Experience in networking and learning from other ministry and business leaders
- Eagerness to learn from the senior pastor and executive team and champion their vision