

My wife, Jennifer, and I met when we were in Children's Church. I was five and she was four. We grew up together in the church and one day while she was still in high school, I got down on one knee on top of the Empire State Building and asked her to be my wife. Having felt the Call of God into the full-time ministry, we set off to Valley Forge Christian College two years later. We walked the line together in the spring of 2000 and have served God through churches in Philadelphia, central New Jersey, and Annapolis before sensing God's calling us to serve as lead pastor of Cedarville Assembly of God in Brandywine, Maryland, care pastor for Cornerstone Church in Bowie, Maryland, and most recently, lead pastor of New Life Assembly of God in Janesville, Wisconsin.



During our early years in full-time ministry, I felt strongly that there had to be a more effective and efficient way of ministering to the needs of the youth and families in the church. This led me to pursue an M.S. and Ph.D. in pastoral counseling from Loyola University Maryland concentrating my research on the relationship between spirituality, personality, and marital satisfaction. God has used what I have learned through my time at Loyola to open some exciting doors of ministry in our community and throughout our fellowship. The path that God had laid out for me of continuing to serve full-time in ministry while volunteering in our community has enabled me to closely connect my theological and clinical training with the practical pastoral care of those in the diverse communities God has placed my family in.


That family of mine has grown to include Autumn (15), Hailey (13), and Christian (11). After over 25 years of marriage, God has been using those three blessings to truly show Jennifer and I just how great His love for us is. My wife and I have always felt that one of the greatest aspects of our ministry was to be able to model a real, authentic, and genuine healthy relationship for those in the church and in our community, and God has increased that many times over through our children.

Over the past several years I have been honored to serve as the lead pastor of great church in the Midwest that was looking to embrace change in order to better reach the shifting demographics of their community. As the former home to the oldest (and original) General Motors factory, the city and surrounding community has undergone a dramatic shift since the plant closed following the Great Recession. The church added families from 23 different states in our first 2 years, as well as grew from an almost exclusively Caucasian congregation to the most culturally and ethnically diverse church in our community. This growth and transformation was largely done through an intentional emphasis on the Holy Spirit at work in our services and a renewed focus on supporting missions locally and across the globe.

A passion of mine is to come alongside people and to help them thrive serving God as a spirit-led believer. I can often be heard telling others that, "There is no better place to be than in the center of God's Will", and I love being able to help people discern that will and walking through a plan with them to live it out. I have absolutely loved engaging and stretching my first-rate team of staff pastors to grow as we have tackled dozens of books and hundreds of podcasts over the past few years to embrace personal and leadership growth required to reach our community. Some of my fondest memories came on our missions trips to Cuba, Bolivia, Haiti, Puerto Rico and Moldova, where our teams touched lives and came back changed. Along the way I have enjoyed skiing down some double black diamond trails, golfing at some memorable courses, and taking thousands of photographs including some of my wife running a marathon raising funds for Speed the Light. In 2019 I successfully published my first book—*The Elephant in the Marriage: Discover what is trampling your marital satisfaction and how to enjoy a thriving marriage*—and unsuccessfully tried talking my wife into skydiving with me.

Jennifer and I are eager to establish roots in a community and be a part of leading an exciting ministry that has a heart to face the challenges that exist in their community and around the world and offer them the hope that can only be found in Jesus Christ. So, after much prayer and consideration, I respectfully offer my resume to you for consideration.

At your service to be in His,


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MINISTRY OBJECTIVE

After a fruitful season of ministry as the lead pastor of mid-west church of over 500 weekly attenders and a staff pastor at a large church of approximately 2,000 in the suburbs of Washington D.C., my wife and I are seeking God's calling. We have a passion for seeing the local church maximizing it's reach and impact for the kingdom of God and investing into the lives and ministry of the staff serving the church and community.

EDUCATION

MS & PHD, PASTORAL COUNSELING, LOYOLA UNIVERSITY MARYLAND

2007, 2012

Published dissertation title: A Marriage Between Two Perceptions: *How spirituality and perceived similarity between husbands and wives impacts marital satisfaction.*

BS, BIBLE, VALLEY FORGE CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

2000

Graduated Summa cum Laude, served as Executive President of Student Government, Executive Treasurer of Student Government, Sophomore Class President, Resident Assistant, Senior Speaker, and class of 2000 Baccalaureate Speaker.

MINISTRY EXPERIENCE

LEAD PASTOR, NEW LIFE ASSEMBLY OF GOD

JANESVILLE, WI

WWW.NLAG.NET

2015-2021

Led an amazing team of six staff pastors to grow a historically homogeneous church to the most culturally and ethnically diverse church in our community, while increasing our monthly missions support four-fold to support an ever-growing list of missionaries that included every missionary and missionary associate from our District and beyond in addition to overseeing an annual community compassion outreach that welcomed 20-30,000 guests each year.

CARE PASTOR, CORNERSTONE ASSEMBLY OF GOD

BOWIE, MD

WWW.CAG.ORG

2013-2015

Preach in 1st and 2nd service as needed, oversee the prayer ministries and water baptisms, serve as producer for the Sunday morning services of 1,500-2,000, lead the various care ministries of the church and provide pastoral counseling and supervision for clinical interns.

LEAD PASTOR, CEDARVILLE ASSEMBLY OF GOD

BRANDYWINE, MD

WWW.CEDARVILLEAG.ORG

2009-2013

Led the church through a building project while experiencing Sunday morning attendance tripling, church membership doubling, annual missions giving increase by 23%, and adding support for eleven new missionaries.

ASSOCIATE PASTOR, BRIDGE CHURCH (A/G)

ANNAPOLIS, MD

BRIDGECHURCHANNAPOLIS.COM

2005-2009

Preached one Sunday a month, officiated water baptisms, communion, baby dedications, and new member inductions; developed and led a youth program that ministered to the Annapolis area and surrounding community, and provided pastoral counseling.

ASSISTANT PASTOR, LIGHTHOUSE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP (A/G)
EAST BRUNSWICK, NJ WWW.LCFEB.ORG

2001-2005

Led the Jr. High youth ministry, as well as develop and led a Sr. High youth ministry, young adult's ministry, and church website. Led Sunday morning worship once a month and provided oversight for the multimedia ministry. Taught Bible to middle-school students.

ASSOCIATE/YOUTH PASTOR, BREAD OF LIFE ASSEMBLY OF GOD
UPPER DARBY, PA WWW.BREADOFLIFEAG.ORG

2000-2001

Developed and led a youth ministry. Preached Sunday mornings as needed and counseled teens and adults, taught Sunday School, and designed and managed the church website.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**NETWORK CONFERENCE PARLIAMENTARIAN, WISCONSIN-NORTHERN MICHIGAN
MINISTRY NETWORK**

2016

NETWORK CONFERENCE PARLIAMENTARIAN, POTOMAC MINISTRY NETWORK

2012, 2013, 2014

LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR, MARYLAND; WISCONSIN

2010 – 2016; 2016 – PRESENT

CITY OF REFUGE COUNSELING NETWORK, POTOMAC MINISTRY NETWORK

2010 - 2016

APPROVED SUPERVISOR IN CLINICAL PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING, MARYLAND

2012 - 2016

SECTIONAL YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE, NEW JERSEY DISTRICT COUNCIL

2002 - 2005

FAMILY

Married my best friend, Jennifer, over 25 years ago, and together we have three children: Autumn (15), Hailey (13), and Christian (11).

REFERENCES

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