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Personal Testimony and Vision

I was a young boy when I accepted Jesus as my savior, but it was not until high school that I realized my faith. I reached a point where the truth mattered more than anything else, and so I compared what the Bible said to the reality I knew around me. At every turn, the Bible revealed truth. I chose to make my faith in Jesus Christ the foundation for my life, deciding that nothing would be more important to me than following Him.

God blessed me by placing incredible people in my life to lead me, encourage me, challenge me, and help me as I strive to grow. I have become very aware of how big and rare a blessing that is, and I want to turn around and extend to others the same encouragement, challenges, and wisdom that I received. There is no greater joy than to worship, serve, and live in the light of the One True God, and I want to help people experience His joy.

EDUCATION

Master of Arts in Religion

December 2015

Liberty Baptist Theological Seminary, Lynchburg, VA

- Emphasis in Pastoral Counseling

Bachelor of Arts & Behavioral Sciences in Communication

May, 2012

Full four year academic scholarship - Saginaw Valley State University

- Emphasis in interpersonal communication
- Minors: Psychology, German

MINISTRY EXPERIENCE

Small Group Leader for Young Adults

August 2016 – May 2017

Hopevale Church, Saginaw, MI

- Member of leadership team for a young adults ministry with over 100 active participants from many different churches in the region
- Facilitated discussion groups at weekly gatherings while focusing on discipleship and relationship building
- Organized an end of the year large scale worship gathering

Small Group Bible Study Co-Founder

August 2014 - April 2016

Personal Home in Lynchburg, VA

- Co-founded a Bible study with a fellow seminary student in our apartment.
- Hosted weekly gatherings of approximately 20 people for several hours of Bible reading, discussion, worship, peer counseling, and fellowship.

Internship

May 2014 – August 3, 2014

Mill City Church, Columbia, SC

- Designed a framework for a six week pastoral counseling curriculum
- Contributed to weekly meetings regarding sermon preparation, church finances, community groups, pastoral counseling issues, weekly social media communication, etc.
- Received basic training in preaching and public speaking

Teen Service Team Crew Chief

June 2012 – August 2012

SpringHill Camps, Ewart, MI

- Oversaw all scheduled camper activities, maintaining 24 hour oversight of 8-14 campers each week
- Built relationships with campers and provided counsel to them
- Presented the gospel message and led daily Bible study and discussion sessions with high school campers

Programming Intern

September 2011 – May 2012

Hopevale Church, Saginaw, MI

- Trained under the youth pastor to execute ministry plan for high school youth
- Preached to up to 80 high school students and volunteer staff
- Initiated and facilitated communication between all adult youth leaders

Small Group Youth Leader

August 2008 – May 2013

Hopevale Church, Saginaw, MI

- Primary leader for 10-14 boys starting in their 6th grade year and continuing through 11th grade in our church youth group
- Spent significant time counseling and Bible teaching, as well as coordinating recreational events
- Invested in the lives of my group members until we felt like family, building relationships lasting through the present

Pony Baldwin Music Ministry

Based in Frankenmuth, MI

- 10 years active participation as a dancer, drummer, and singer in Pony's music ministry
- Traveled across Michigan (as well as out of state) to minister at churches, youth gatherings, outdoor festivals, and many other venues
- Interacted with the public in a variety of settings, having many opportunities to gain experience sharing my testimony in different social contexts

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

Registration Specialist

May 2019 - August 2020

SpringHill Camps, Grand Rapids, MI

- Coordinate with a small team, sometimes remotely, to provide customer support and registration services primarily over the phone and through e-mail
- Assist with administrative tasks related to organizing day camp operations, as well as contributing some clerical work within the same vein
- Participate with a team involved in developing and implementing a brand new website and registration system interface which generated an exponential amount of customer service communication

Recreational Director

February 2017 – April 2019

Mid-Michigan Gymnastics USA - Freeland, MI

- Receive promotion after showing initiative and excellence as a coach, as well as receiving significant positive customer feedback
- Train and oversee recreational staff responsible for the instruction of more than 300 gymnasts
- Fulfill administrative and clerical duties related to recreational staff by conducting staff meetings, establishing procedures, organizing filing systems, and simplifying and editing paperwork
- Create and maintain records and files, spreadsheets, training manuals, rotation schedules, skill sheets, advancement checklists, etc... as needed to meet the growing and changing demands of the work environment

Key Achievement: Spearheaded the organization of an end of the year event for recreational gymnasts of all ages to participate in a pseudo-competition environment with family and friends in attendance bringing the gym a new source of revenue.

Gymnastics Coach

January 2009 – August 2011 and

Mid-Michigan Gymnastics USA - Freeland, MI

September 2016 - February 2017

- Instruct recreational classes concurrent with coaching men's and women's competitive team gymnasts of all ages and levels
- Train and supervise assistant coaches to develop effective coaching skills
- Collaborate with parents of gymnasts in order to provide the best experience possible
- Balance work loads, injuries, progressions, competition preparation, and pacing
- Encourage mental fortitude, focus, listening skills, overcoming fear and facing disappointment

PERSONAL

- 31 years old, born August 24th, 1989
- Married to my wife Jennifer in 2019. We now have one son, Corran.
- Nine siblings: four brothers and five sisters of whom I am the second oldest
- Hobbies include:
 - Time with friends
 - Reading
 - Writing
 - Music
 - Athletics
 - Games