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### MINISTRY

My ministry is characterized by passionate preaching & teaching of the Bible with a focus on discipleship, evangelism, and outreach. The worth and grace of God is central in the Scriptures. My goal is to lead believers into encountering the sacred God of the Bible in Christian worship, sharing the goodness of God in Christian community, while reflecting the beauty of God's love in Jesus Christ in daily life.

#### Pastoral Internship

- 2004 – 2005: Associate Pastor, The Kirk of Dunedin Christian Church, Dunedin, FL.

#### Pastoral Ministry

- 2006 – 2007: Pastor, First Congregational Church, Cheboygan, MI.
- 2008 – 2011: Pastor, First Congregational Church, Peru, IL.
- 2011 – Present Pastor, Cypress Chapel Christian Church, Suffolk, VA.

### MILITARY

United States Marine Corps 1995 – 2003. Minnesota Army National Guard 2003 – 2004. While on active duty in the military I was active in leading Bible Studies, conducting chapel services at nursing homes, life recovery programs, and retirement communities, along with various forms of local church ministry.

### EDUCATION

B.S. Religion, 2005, Liberty University

M.A. Religion, 2007, Liberty Baptist Theological Seminary (*Cum Laude*)

M.Div. *Church Ministry*, 2009, Liberty Baptist Theological Seminary, (*Cum Laude*)

D.Min. *Expository Preaching*, Temple Baptist Seminary, (*abd*)

### PUBLICATIONS

*Books:* "Sweet Potatoes in my Coffee," 2008. "The Sacred Journey," Energion Publishers, 2010. "Gomorrah Was Religious Too," coming 2012, Energion Publishers.

*Articles:* Column in the Suffolk News Herald, articles in various newspapers, devotionals, journals, contributor to GotQuestions.org, and other written resources available online through "Pastor's Study" website.

### PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Ministerial Credentials in the Conservative Congregational Christian Conference (CCCC). *Bible Teacher Certificate* from the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI). Associates for Biblical Research.

### PERSONAL

Married to partner in life & ministry, Christina, 3 sons and a daughter. Many interests including, Holy Land Studies, Biblical History, Church History, Theology, Travel, Family Theme Parks, Outdoors.