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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 Community Church, Dunedin, FL.

Pastoral Ministry

- 2006 – 2007: Pastor, First Congregational Church, Cheboygan, MI.
- 2008 – Present: Pastor, First Congregational Church, Peru, IL.

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 and retirement communities, and 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, Currently Pursuing

PUBLICATIONS

"Sweet Potatoes in my Coffee" 2008. "The Sacred Journey" *forthcoming* 2010.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Evangelical Theological Society, Creation Research Society, Association of Christian Schools International (Bible Teacher Certificate), Associates for Biblical Research, Board of Directors for Lighted Way (School for children with developmental disabilities LaSalle, Illinois).

Ministerial Credentials in the Conservative Congregational Christian Conference (CCCC). Vice Moderator for the Northern Illinois Fellowship (NIF) of the Conservative Congregational Christian Conference.

PERSONAL

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