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MINISTRY

My ministry is characterized by passionate preaching of the Bible and compassionate ministry to the community of faith and the community at large. My teaching style is reflective of a high view of the Scriptures and the sovereign grace and mercy of the God which they reveal. It is consistent with conservative Evangelical doctrines, the historic Christian faith, and it is ardently practical. My goal is to lead believers into encountering the sacredness of God in Christian worship, sharing the goodness of God in Christian community, and 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. *Pastoral Leadership*, Temple Baptist Seminary, Currently Pursuing

PUBLICATIONS

"Sweet Potatoes in my Coffee" 2009. "The Sacred Journey" *forthcoming* 2010.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

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

PERSONAL

Married to partner in life & ministry, Christina, has 3 sons. Many interests including, Holy Land Studies, Biblical History, Church History, Creation Studies, Home School Education.