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MINISTRY OBJECTIVE

I desire and feel called to help believers discover God's goodness, develop into His likeness, and deploy into His service in the role of lead pastor in a local church fellowship.

PERSONAL STATEMENT

I met my wife, April at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary while getting my Masters of Divinity degree. April was getting her Master's in Marriage and Family Counseling and we met through mutual friends at the seminary coffee shop. We have been married now for 25 years and have never been closer. We have two children, Sydney, who just graduated from Georgia State as a Presidential Scholar, and Boone, who just completed his sophomore year at Mercer University. We are having fun watching them grow into young adults and continue to be close with them. We're also enjoying our new life as empty nesters. April and I are partners in marriage, parenting, and ministry, and while she has her career (which she considers her ministry and mission field) she supports and encourages me in my calling and ministry and has plugged into every church we have been a part of according to her gifting and passion. Other than my relationship with Christ, my marriage and family are my highest priorities and are a part of my ministry as I model what it looks like to lead a family for Christ.

I grew up in a Christian family and have attended church my entire life. I accepted Christ and was baptized at the age of 8. Since answering the call to ministry in 11th grade, I have taken every opportunity to learn about and be involved in ministry. I began my first paid church staff position at age 18. It was at this church that I began to understand the importance of relational ministry and the importance of a staff that works together.

My call continues to be confirmed as I grow through my relationships and experiences in ministry. I have enjoyed the various stages in my ministry career brought about by the dynamics of having a family and growing older. My experiences have allowed me to further improve the skills necessary to lead and pastor a local church. My ministerial experience so far has been in churches ranging from 250 to 1200 in regular attendance.

STRENGTHS

- Relational
- Team Leader
- Able to unpack and explain difficult concepts
- Creative equipper and strategist
- Peacemaker

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PERSONAL INFORMATION

Married to April Langford Price
Children - Sydney (22), Boone (19)

Licensed to the ministry by Island Baptist Church,
Anna Maria Island, FL 1988
Ordained to the ministry by First Baptist Church of
Aledo, TX 1998



CHURCH RELATED EXPERIENCE

Belmont Baptist Church, Calhoun, GA 2018-2021
mybelmont.org

ASSOCIATE PASTOR - Discipleship and Assimilation

Student Ministry

Preached weekly to the large group each Wednesday
Developed and implemented a new format, worker training, and stability for the student ministry to the point of hand off

Technology and Online Ministry and Content

Designed and created several versions of a new devotional website for the church body belmontdaily.com
Authored content, edited daily posts, and created the subscription platform for the devotional site
Created strategies and online tools for staff communication and project management

Church-wide Fellowship

Orchestrated and staffed a weekly family fellowship meal
Helped design future space for church cafe (paused by COVID)
Helped keep our elderly and distant members connected with home visits, phone calls, emails, and other correspondence

Discipleship strategy and programming

Partnered with the pastor to tailor the 3D Spiritual Growth Strategy for Belmont
Worked with the pastor to create and implement a new discipleship curriculum that dovetailed daily devotion, small group accountability, and corporate worship using the same scripture
Assisted the pastor in creating sermon series, illustrations, and worship elements

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Preached all services when needed or when cycling through a series with the pastor

Established new small groups and provided teacher and leader training

Coordinated topical studies

Involved in branding and communicating the vision of Belmont through preaching, leading meetings, creating digital spaces, tools, and communication

Equipped teachers and worship leaders by arranging quality development and outside coaching

Helped strategize a sustainable pivot during COVID to keep people connected and established a hybrid model for the safety and discipleship of our people

Assimilation

Developed, trained, and implemented an Encourager team to help new members integrate into church life and take next steps

Created and co-led with the pastor regularly occurring Discover (guest and new member) lunches

Provided online tools for gifting, personality, and leadership style assessment and helped people get connected to a ministry

Created guest packets, first time guest cards, and automated a follow-up system for guests

Facilities

Improved facilities through renovation of classrooms and conference room

Increased functionality of offices, and organized storage around the church

Remodeled the Student Ministry space for design and functionality

First Baptist Church, Villa Rica, GA 2003-2018 fbcvr.com

DISCIPLESHIP PASTOR/STUDENT MINISTER

Student Ministry

Preached weekly to students in our Wednesday night large group

Established a structured and dynamic ministry that saw the growth from 15 students to 185 students.

Equipped and empowered lay leaders to serve as spiritual mentors for small groups of middle school and high school students

Remodeled student areas with limited resources

Planned and led many events and trips for students including retreats, camps, mission trips, and student leadership outings

Discipleship and Assimilation

Preached and led discipleship groups frequently

Created a new members class that became a requirement for church membership and grew it into a full discipleship flow process. The 3D Process (Discover, Develop, Deploy) became a series of recurring classes that plugged new members into the life and ministry of the church

Introduced regular Sunday school teacher training, discipleship classes, and home groups

Enlisted, equipped, and encouraged Sunday school leaders at the youth and adult levels

Created an assimilation process that moved people into next steps from first-time guests to fully integrated members (small groups, ministry, and missions)
Mentored young men and women called into ministry
Worked to sustain momentum, provide healing, and foster unity during times without a pastor

Fellowship and Missions

Started a cafe for the church that grew from 2 carafes at the welcome counter to a fully functioning and self-sustaining cafe that seated 50 and raised money for missions
Involved in numerous mission trips around the country through the local association and helped plant a church in Guatemala

First Baptist Church, Aledo, TX (now Church at the Crossing) 1996-2003

crossingaledo.com

MINISTER TO YOUTH

Preached weekly to students in Wednesday night large group
Established a structured and dynamic ministry that saw the growth from 55 to 200 students
Equipped and empowered lay leaders to serve as spiritual mentors for small groups of middle school and high school students
Led paid youth ministry staff (2 interns and a ministry assistant) and student interns to increase growth and health throughout the ministry
Remodeled student areas (including an off-campus location)
Planned and led many events and trips for students including retreats, camps, mission trips, and student leadership outings
Instigated and maintained a community-wide, cross-denominational group for youth ministers to plan area events, and build relationships among area youth ministers. Our largest event brought in 650 students and adults from around the community

First Baptist Church, Montgomery, AL, montgomeryfbc.org 1995

SUMMER YOUTH INTERN

Worked with the Youth Pastor to plan the summer activities, Bible studies, and summer camp
Built relationships with students

Island Baptist Church* Anna Maria Island, FL, (dissolved congregation)
1988-1989, 1991-1993

MINISTER TO YOUTH

Started a youth ministry with 5 church member students and grew it to over 75 youth from non-church backgrounds

OTHER MINISTRY RELATED EXPERIENCE

Shorter University, Rome GA shorter.edu

TRUSTEE 2020-2022

Georgia Baptist Mission Board

REGIONAL COHORT LEADER, North West Georgia Region

Discipleship Department, gabaptist.org/discipleship/#learning 2020-2021

Providing a network of encouragement for Associate Pastors, Ministers of Education and Discipleship Pastors in Floyd, Gordon, Bartow and Whitfield counties

SUNDAY SCHOOL EQUIPPER,

Sunday School/Discipleship Department, 2004-2018

WEST METRO COACH, Student Ministry Network

Student Ministry Department, 2003-2012

Acted as a resource for area student ministers and met annually with other coaches from around the state to create resources for smaller churches in Georgia

Spoken at conferences and training events around the state and southeast region regarding various youth ministry issues (Fall Classic, Conclave, the School of Youth Ministry and at the GBC building)

Involved in leading IMPACT (discipleship camp hosted by the Georgia Baptist Convention) in the capacity of Dean, Assistant Dean and Team Leader from 2004-2012

The Bonhoeffer Project, thebonhoefferproject.com

COHORT LEADER, North Georgia Mountains 2019

The Bonhoeffer Project is an organization that helps churches create a biblical discipleship flow process specific to their context and direction through a 10 month cohort

Centrifuge Camps (Lifeway)

SUMMER STAFF, Union University, Jackson, TN,

fugecamps.com 1996

Led Bible Study and recreation with a different group of high school students each week for 8 weeks

Created and led tracks in art and youth ministry

Youth Ministry Resources, Panama City, FL,

SUMMER STAFF, 1990

Big Stuff and Fun in the Sun camps with Lanny Donoho

EDUCATION

Masters of Divinity, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, TX, 1997

Bachelor of Arts, Religion and English, Samford University, Birmingham, AL, 1992

Associate of Arts, Manatee Community College, Bradenton, FL, 1989

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