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## CONTACTS



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## EDUCATION

2021 – Present

### Doctor of Ministry

Wheaton College (Ill.)  
Hood Theological Seminary  
(2019-2021)

2012 – 2018

### Master of Arts, Christian Ministry (MACM)

Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary  
Southeastern Baptist Theological  
Seminary (2004-2008)

1995 – 1999

### Bachelor of Science, Communications

Minor, *General Business*  
Appalachian State University

## CREDENTIALS

2001

### Ordained & Licensed Minister

- Officiated numerous weddings, funerals, dedications, mediations
- Provided pastoral, marital/ premarital and grief counseling

Three Forks Baptist Association,  
Greenway Baptist Church  
(Boone, NC)

## EXPERIENCE

2020

### Pastor of Local Missions

Westover Church (Greensboro, NC)

- Oversee and provide pastoral leadership for a comprehensive local outreach ministry for a congregation with an average weekly attendance of 2,000+.
- Responsible for vision-casting, along with oversight of a team-based approach in the development and implementation of strategies that engage and mobilize the church to serve on Gospel-mission locally.
- Serve as an ambassador of Westover and the Kingdom of God in the locally community, developing and cultivating partnerships among other churches and agencies serving the community.
- Serve as a member of the Teaching/Preaching Team, Senior Ministry Team, and the Pastoral Team.

2019

### Director of Operations

2020

Rowan Helping Ministries (Salisbury, NC)

- Provided consultation, leadership and supervision of staff in the quality fulfillment of crisis-assistance and feeding programs.
- Responsible for overseeing and developing a robust volunteer program that served to effectively mobilize, train and connect volunteers to various areas of ministry.
- Served as an advocate for volunteerism in the local community, collaborating with other non-profit organizations, churches, businesses, and schools to consolidate resources to bring relief to the impoverished while working together to break cycles of poverty among neighbors.

2013

### Lead Pastor

2019

Life Church (Salisbury, NC)

- Provided pastoral, biblical, strategic leadership for a church that grew in weekly attendance, from approximately 500 in 2013, to 800 in 2018.
- Served as the primary Teaching Pastor, with oversight of the preaching/teaching ministry of the church.
- Led the church through a significant transition, from a multisite campus in 2013, to an autonomous, nondenominational, missional, multiethnic and multigenerational local church in 2014.
- Implemented an Elder-led model of governance, including processes for recurring selection and training, to provide for the care, teaching, administrative oversight, and development of spiritual-leaders.
- Led and supported a staff team responsible for the leadership, equipping and multiplication of various disciple-making ministries in the church. The staff team grew from three to 10 over four years.
- Cultivated a global and local missional DNA within the church, including the appointment of a lay-led missions team responsible for the development of strategic partnerships and mobilization of the church-body to serve and support our missional partnerships.
- Served as an ambassador on behalf of the church in the community to help build bridges, break down barriers and raise awareness in matters of racial reconciliation, poverty, foster-care/adoption and crisis-pregnancy. Also traveled internationally to minister to and encourage missionaries and partner organizations.

## TRAINING

2008

### **Clifton StrengthsFinder Coach**

Level 1 Certified, Gallup University  
(Omaha, NE)

2009 – 2011

### **High Impact Volunteer Ministry Development**

Executive Level-1 Trained  
Newell & Associates  
(Colorado Springs, CO)

2019

### **Developing Emotional Intelligence**

6 Credit Hours,  
Pryor Learning Solutions  
(Hendersonville, NC)

2019, 2020

### **Racial Equity Workshop**

Phase 1 Training  
Racial Equity Institute  
(Greensboro, NC)

## COMMUNITY

2020 – Present

### **Board of Directors**

*City Help of the Triad*  
(Greensboro, NC)

2020 – Present

### **Faith Council**

*Greensboro Police Department*  
(Greensboro, NC)

2016 – 2019

### **Board of Managers**

*J.F. Hurley YMCA*  
(Salisbury, NC)

2013 – 2019

### **Board of Directors**

*Community Care Clinic of Rowan*  
(Salisbury, NC)

2015 – 2018

### **Rotarian (Member)**

*Rotary Club of Salisbury*  
(Salisbury, NC)

2016 – 2017

### **Leadership Rowan**

*Rowan County Chamber of Commerce*  
(Salisbury, NC)

2015 – 2017

### **Community Action Team**

*Thrivent Financial*  
(Salisbury, NC)

## EXPERIENCE (CONT)

### 2009 ● **Regional Manager, Carolinas**

2013 Samaritan's Purse (Charlotte, NC)

- Served as a regional representative and spokesperson for the various projects and departments of one of the most well-known and reputable international relief organizations.
- Annually developed and implemented a strategic plan alongside Regional staff, focused on the year-round promotion and growth of the world's largest Christmas project for children (Operation Christmas Child) in the Carolinas. Over a four-year period, giving increased by 32% (from 620,000 to 820,000).
- Supported 28 Area Teams across two states comprised of over 800 year-round volunteers equipped to represent, promote and build partnerships to support Samaritan's Purse projects, including handling logistics for Operation Christmas Child shoebox collection.
- Managed and supervised approximately 75 seasonal staff to support over 35,000 volunteers who served to *inspect* shoeboxes each November and December at the Charlotte Processing Center.
- Annually lead teams on international vision trips. Locations included Central America, South America, Middle East/Asia and Africa.

### 2006 ● **Church-Planter/Lead Pastor**

2008 Awaken Church (Greensboro, NC)

Developed and implemented a two-year strategic plan, which included support-raising and team-development, for the successful start of a new church in Greensboro, in partnership with the Baptist State Convention of NC and the North American Mission Board.

### 2004 ● **Pastor of Discipleship & Youth**

2005 Wilson Community Church (Wilson, NC)

- Served as a member of the Teaching and Pastoral Leadership Teams.
- Oversaw the implementation of a comprehensive discipleship strategy using the Purpose-Driven model.
- Managed communications and promotion for the church, including graphic design and branding.
- Provided leadership support and team-building for all children's and youth ministries, including direct oversight of a youth ministry with an average attendance of 30-40 (middle/high school) students.

### 2001 ● **Minister of Youth**

2005 Greenway Baptist Church (Boone, NC)

- Coordinated, directed ministries for high school, middle school and college.
- Supported and assisted in pastoral duties, including preaching, visitations, funerals, weddings, counseling, etc.
- Collaborated and partnered with local churches, ministries and organizations in Watauga County to support local student interests and address spiritual needs of local teens

## ADDITIONAL MINISTRY INVOLVEMENT

**Staff Chaplain** (2016 – 2020) *Pregnancy Support Center*, Salisbury, NC

**YoungLife Committee** (2019 – 2020) *Rowan County YoungLife*, Salisbury, NC

**Interim Associate Pastor** (2019) *Integrity Church*, Burlington, NC

**Camp Pastor** (2005-2019) *LifeWay Camps*, Nashville, TN

**Teaching/Leadership Team** (2010 – 2013) *LifePointe Church*, Charlotte, NC