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*"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." Proverbs 3:5-6*

## OUR DESIRE

It is our desire to serve the Lord Jesus Christ with a growing congregation of believers and make a difference in our community and the world for His honor and glory. Believing the Lord is directing our lives and opening a new door of opportunity it is our desire to seek and serve Him in full time ministry.

Since the Lord has directed and used us in ministry, ministry development, preaching and teaching, student ministry, missions, and church leadership it is our desire to serve in one or more of these areas.

Our backgrounds in ministry are unique and our lives a picture of God's grace. Having experienced failure of a very personal nature we have also experienced God's love, forgiveness, and restoration. God has blessed us beyond our expectations and has allowed us to serve our local church and others with tender and understanding hearts.

We are passionate about ministry. Our experience as a divorced family, which includes six children (three of whom are married) and seven grandchildren, helps us love and serve people from a perspective many families are dealing with today. We especially enjoy ministering to teenagers and senior adults.

## OUR TESTIMONY

I was saved at the age of ten during summer youth camp. Under conviction during and following the Wednesday evening service I went to my cabin in tears knowing I was lost and needing to be saved. My pastor and father, both present that evening, found and helped me as I prayed and trusted Jesus Christ as my personal Savior.

The call of God upon my life into ministry began when I was a teenager. I surrendered to that call as a young adult and have served in full time ministry for over fifteen years. I am licensed and ordained in the Gospel Ministry.

My wife was saved at the age of ten while at home. She trusted Christ as her Savior with the help of her father who currently serves as an international missionary involved in prison ministry. Heather grew up in the ministry. Her and her family traveled across America singing and ministering in local churches, camp meetings, and conferences. Today, she serves as an important advisor and ministry partner.

## CURRENT / RECENT SERVICE

Youth Pastor – Open Door Baptist Church, Denham Springs, LA

Oversee all aspects of the teen ministry including planning, education, service projects, team development, budgeting, fund raising, summer camp, teen Vacation Bible School for teens, teen mission trips, etc. Developed an annual Teen Jubilee (conference); Boxes of Blessing (a community feeding project at Thanksgiving), and Christmas Bike Project (giving new bikes to needy kids).

Auditorium Bible Class – Lead Teacher – currently serving

Oversee and lead the main adult Sunday School class  
Averaging 30 – 40 weekly

Director of Sunday School – recently served for three years

Directed education ministry during pastoral transition.  
Helped in development of Fellowship One database system.

Member of Finance Committee – currently serving for over six years

Helping to oversee budgets, salaries, etc. across several ministries including the church ministry, K-12<sup>th</sup> grade academy, and child development center.

Website Administrator – currently serving for over six years

Helped to establish and oversee several ministry websites.

## PAST EXPERIENCES

Pastor – 12 years

Missionary Pastor – 2 years

Interim Pastor / Assistant Pastor – 2 years

Christian Educator / Administrator – 100 students & 15 employees

Fire Chaplain – 8 years

Mission Trips: Monterrey, Mexico; Canada; and the Philippines

## EDUCATION

Associates' Degree in Theology

Missionary Baptist Seminary – Little Rock, AR

Mid-south Baptist Institute – Bogalusa, LA

Bachelors' Degree in Theology

Mid-south Baptist Institute – Bogalusa, LA

Currently enrolled in and pursuing a Masters Degree in Christian Education

Louisiana Baptist University – Shreveport, LA

Educational goal is a Doctorate Degree in Ministry

## HOBBIES

Family, Missions, Photography, Graphics, Gardening, Reading, Technology, Web Design

***Recently involved in Mission Trips to Monterrey, Mexico and the Philippines.***

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## DOCTRINAL

**I am a Baptist by conviction** - doctrinally and for historical reasons I identify with Baptists.

**The Scriptures** - I believe the Bible is the verbally inspired, preserved, and perfect Word and Revelation of God and is therefore the only authority in matters of faith and practice. (II Timothy 3:16; II Peter 1:21). I only use the King James Bible.

**The Lord Jesus Christ** - I believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ; that He is the very God by whom and for whom all things were created. I believe in His virgin birth; that He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and is God manifest in the flesh. (John 1:1-3; Hebrews 1:8; Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:16; Luke 1:31).

**The Triune God** - I believe in one God eternally existent in three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. I believe that these Persons have the same nature, attributes and perfections. (Jude 20, 21; Matthew 3:16,17; II Corinthians 13:14).

**The Holy Spirit** - I believe that the Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity, that He convicts the world of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment; and, that He is the Supernatural Agent in regeneration, baptizing all believers into the body of Christ, indwelling, and sealing them unto the day of redemption. (John 16:8-11; II Corinthians 3:6; I Corinthians 12:12-14; Romans 8:9; Ephesians 1:13,14).

**The Resurrection of Christ** - I believe in the bodily resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ and in His presence at the right hand of God as our Priest and Advocate. (Matthew 28:1-10; I Corinthians 15:20; I John 2:1; Hebrews 7:25).

**Sin and the Total Depravity** - I believe that man was created in the image and likeness of God, but that in Adam's sin the race fell, inherited a sinful nature, and became alienated from God; and that man is totally depraved, and of himself utterly unable to remedy his lost condition. I believe in the necessity of regeneration through the Holy Spirit of God and faith in Jesus Christ. (Romans 3:22,23; 5:12; Genesis 1:26,27; Ephesians 2:1-3,12; John 1:12; 3:3-7).

**Salvation** - I believe that salvation is the gift of God brought to man by grace and received by personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, whose precious blood was shed for the forgiveness of our sins. (Ephesians 2:8-10; John 1:12; Ephesians 1:7; I Peter 1:18,19).

**Baptism and Lord's Supper** - I believe that the believer's baptism by immersion is commanded by the Lord and shall be practiced by the church. I believe that the communion of the Lord's Supper is a privilege and responsibility intended only for those who are believers in Christ and members of a local New Testament Church. (Matthew 28:19; Acts 2:41,42; Romans 6:4; I Corinthians 11:23-34).

**The Return of Christ** - I believe in the personal, imminent, pre-tribulation, and pre-millennial coming of the Lord Jesus Christ for His redeemed ones (the rapture); and in His subsequent return to earth, with His saints, to establish His millennial kingdom (after the tribulation). (I Thessalonians 4:13-18; Zechariah 14:4-11; Revelation 19:11-16; 20:1-6; I Thessalonians 1:10; 5:9; Revelation 3:10).

**Satan** - I believe in the reality and personality of Satan, who is the author of sin and the avowed enemy of God and man; and that he shall eventually be eternally punished in the lake of fire. (Job 1:6, 7; Isaiah 14:12-17; Matthew 4:2-11; 25:41; Revelation 20:10).

**Security of the Believers** - I believe that all of those who are born again are kept by the power of God and are therefore secure in Christ forever. (John 10:28,29; Philippians 1:6; I John 5:11-13).

**Eternal State** - I believe in the bodily resurrection of the saved resulting in their everlasting blessedness, and, in the bodily resurrection of the unsaved after the millennium, resulting in their everlasting conscious punishment. (II Corinthians 5:1; II Timothy 1:12; Revelation 20:11-15).

**Local Church** – I believe the local church was established the Lord Jesus Christ during His earthly ministry. He loves the local church and gave Himself for it. Believers are to be faithful and active members of a local congregation. The local church is made up of saved and scripturally baptized believers who agree to serve the Lord together in that local assembly.

**Missions** – Believing the Great Commission is the heartbeat of our Heavenly Father, I strongly believe the local church is to be involved in mission work locally, regionally, and around the world. Having seen the effectiveness of Faith Promise Missions, I believe this to be one of the best methods of supporting mission work through a local congregation.