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Objective Education

1990 - 2000

To provide a listing of my ministry qualifications

HARDING SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

Memphis, Tennessee

Received Doctor of Ministry (D.Min.) degree with special emphasis in Homiletics and in Church Growth (I have done a good bit of research in the area of new member assimilation). Successfully defended thesis "The Rhetorical Effect of Closure in Narrative Preaching" in March 2000. Classes include Preaching the Diverse Literature of the Bible, Incarnational Preaching, Exposition of Ephesians, Contemporary Preaching, Exposition of Matthew, Leadership Development, Faith Development, Leading the Church to Grow, Marriage & Family Development, and Ministry Research. *The D.Min. degree is an extremely practical degree for those involved in full-time ministry.* I graduated top in my class with a GPA of 3.91 on a 4.0 scale.

1987-1990

AMRIDGE UNIVERSITY (Formerly, SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY)

Montgomery, Alabama

Received Master of Divinity (M.Div.) degree, cum laude, in June 1990 majoring in Preaching and Biblical Studies. Classes included Ministry, Congregational Analysis, Community Referral, Studies in Old and New Testament, Biblical Interpretation, and Contemporary Preaching Styles. Maintained "A" and "B" average.

1987

JACKSONVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY

Jacksonville, Alabama

Enrolled in Master of Science program in Psychology with the intent to receive a counselor's license. Completed undergraduate classes in Drug Abuse, Abnormal Psychology, Behavior Analysis, Statistics, and Experimental Psychology. Moved to Calhoun, Georgia before the degree was completed. However, these classes along with previous psychology credits are the educational equivalent of a *Bachelor of Science* degree in Psychology. Maintained straight "A" average.

1983-1987

AMRIDGE UNIVERSITY (Formerly, SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY)

Montgomery, Alabama

Received *Master of Arts (M.A.)* degree, summa cum laude, in June 1987 majoring in Biblical Studies. Classes included textual and topical studies with work in the original languages. Full scholarship furnished. Maintained "A" average.

1981-1982

HARDING SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

Memphis, Tennessee

Enrolled in *Master of Theology (M.Th.)* program majoring in the Biblical Division. Classes include Greek, Hebrew, Biblical Exegesis, and Youth Ministry. Moved to Attalla, Alabama before degree was completed. All credits were transferred to Southern Christian University. Three-fifths tuition furnished through academic scholarship Maintained "A" and "B" average.

1979-1981

FREED-HARDEMAN UNIVERSITY

Henderson, Tennessee

Received *Bachelor of Arts (B.A.)* degree, magna cum laude, with honors in May 1981. Major in Bible with minor in Communication with electives in Radio and T.V. Preaching, Personal Counseling, and Psychology. President's list four semesters. Member, Who's Who Among American College Students. Member, Alpha Chi Honor Society. Member, Honors Association. Partial tuition furnished through Presidential Scholarship, Perkins-Latta Bible Scholarship and work study (research assistant for Dr. Clyde Woods). Member, Tri-Zeta (social club); Staff member, WFHC Radio; Photographer, Bell Tower (paper); Treasurer, Preacher's Club; Active participant, Impact program.

1977-1979

FAULKNER UNIVERSITY

Montgomery, Alabama

Received *Associate of Arts (A.A.)* degree, magna cum laude, in May 1979. Majored in Bible with electives in psychology, photography among others. Dean's list three semesters. Recipient of Founder's Day Oratory Award, 1978. Partial expenses furnished through A.C.T. and Bible Scholarships. President, Preacher's Club; President, Lambda Alpha Chi (social club); Photographer, Sheaf (yearbook) and Spire (paper).

1964-1977

WEST BIRMINGHAM CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Birmingham, Alabama

Attended this brotherhood school kindergarten through twelfth grade. Graduated valedictorian. President, Student Government Association. President, National Honor Society.

Experience

2009 to Present

**PREACHING MINISTER – SOUTHSIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST
(120 Membership)**

Grenada, Mississippi

Served as preaching minister, life group director, and adult Bible school director; taught adult, young adult, and teen classes; preached a variety of sermon styles: inductive, deductive, narrative, expository, and topical; skilled in PowerPoint and other multi-media preaching/teaching/worship presentations; wrote all adult Bible class material; wrote all life group lessons. Active in visiting, counseling, and Bible Studies; edited church newsletter; supervised church communications; helped to maintain office technology; maintained good relationship with the congregation and elders; active in Exchange Club, serving as president one year.

2007 to 2008

SABBATICAL

Birmingham, Alabama

Celebrated 25 years of ministry with an extended sabbatical in Alabama with family. Spent quality time with aging parents. Ministered to family through several crises. Home schooled children. Ministered to Senior Citizens at Irondale Senior Center. Researched growing churches. Wrote. Filled pulpit when needed. Supported family with computer technology skills.

2004 to 2006

**LEAD MINISTER – CANYON VIEW CHURCH OF CHRIST
(500 Membership)**

San Diego, California

Served as preaching minister, office administrator, office staff manager, ministry staff manager, and adult Bible school director; taught adult, young adult, and teen classes; preached a variety of sermon styles; skilled in PowerPoint and other multi-media preaching/teaching/worship presentations; oversaw the migration to a more experiential, multi-media styled worship; wrote Adult Bible Class material – “Lord, Teach us to Pray,” “You are God’s Masterpiece (Studies in Ephesians),” “Studies in Proverbs,” “Vision 2010: God’s Vision for Canyon View,” and “The Reel World.”; active in visiting, counseling, and evangelistic Bible Studies; edited church newsletter; supervised church communications; helped to maintain church web site and office technology; maintained good relationship with the congregation and elders; redesigned church ministry system to reflect a team approach; oversaw a “Purpose Driven” type vision process and statement; oversaw the hiring of four ministers: youth, young adult, children’s, outreach/involvement and one administrative professional. Active as a Cub Scout leader.

1997 to 2003

**PREACHING MINISTER - NORTHEAST CHURCH OF CHRIST
(350 Membership)**

Kingsport, Tennessee

Served as pulpit minister and office manager, taught adult and young adult classes; preached a mixture of textual and topical sermons; preached a variety of sermon styles--narrative, inductive, deductive, etc.; wrote adult Bible Class material -- "Your Marriage Can Be Great!" "Marital Intimacy," "Churches of Christ: Who are these People;" and edited "Maturing Discipleship Series"; active in visitation and personal evangelism; edited and wrote regularly in church newsletter; created and maintained church webpage; maintained excellent relationship with congregation and elders. Active as Cub Scout leader. Active in Kiwanis serving on Spiritual Aims Committee; chairman (2000, 2002).

1989 to 1997

**PREACHING MINISTER - EAST TALLASSEE CHURCH OF CHRIST
(200 Membership)**

East Tallassee, Alabama

Served as pulpit minister, taught adult, young adult, teenage, and "Timothy" classes; wrote Bible School material on Visionary Leadership, Ephesians, Revelation, Marriage & Family, Parenting, Denominational Studies, and Angels; preached a mixture of expository and topical sermons; preached a variety of sermon styles--narrative, inductive, deductive, etc.; organized and implemented a small group ministry; worked in the planning, implementation and served on the board of directors of Labor of Love Ministries, Inc. (a Christian half-way house for drug and alcohol ex-offenders and inner-city style project ministry); ministered in city jail and in Mt. Meigs youth detention center; worked heavily in administration of East Tallassee's Caribbean mission program; took leadership role in four evangelistic campaigns to Jamaica and served as campaign director; conducted weekly fifteen minute radio program; active in television and radio spot ministry; active in visitation and personal evangelism; organized various local outreach efforts; managed staff; counseled regularly with members and others from the community; edited and wrote regularly in church newsletter; very active in all areas of congregational publicity; served on board of directors for The Three Rivers Habitat for Humanity; served on the Tallassee chapter of the American Cancer Society board of directors; facilitator of T.O.U.C.H. (Today Our Understanding of Cancer is Hope) group—a support group for those who have been touched by cancer; active in local community service and benevolent organizations; maintained an excellent relationship with congregation and elders.

1987 to 1989

PULPIT MINISTER - CALHOUN CHURCH OF CHRIST (200 Membership)

Calhoun, Georgia

Served as pulpit minister, taught adult, young adult, and teenage classes; wrote class booklets on How to Study the Bible, Christian Ethics, James, and Introduction to the Bible; organized and implemented "We Care" group (a service and visitation group that has been used by a number of congregations); helped to plan the annual Northwest Georgia Lectureship; very active in local Bible correspondence course ministry; very active in visitation and personal evangelism; served as director and co-director of North Georgia Bible Camp; preached a mixture of expository and topical sermons; maintained a good relationship with the congregation and elders.

1982 to 1987

**PREACHING MINISTER - ATTALLA CHURCH OF CHRIST
(100 Membership)**

Attalla, Alabama

Served as pulpit minister, taught adult, young adult, and teenage classes; organized and implemented youth, service, visitation, evangelistic, restoration, and attendance programs; active in television work on "Know Your Bible" program sponsored by the Anniston/Gadsden area churches; very active in local Bible correspondence course work; director of church exhibit at the Etowah County Fair, four years; very active in personal evangelism; member of steering committee for WE CARE CAMPAIGN in Gadsden area; selected Outstanding Young Man of America, 1985 and 1986; wrote church application software including Bible games, attendance programs, for church use; maintained good relationship with congregation and elders.

1981 to 1982

PULPIT MINISTER - LAW ROAD CHURCH OF CHRIST (50 Membership)

Lexington, Tennessee

Served as pulpit minister and taught young adult classes; used expository method often; emphasized practical Christianity and doctrine. During this time, I also worked part time for Federal Express and was a full time student at the Harding School of Theology.

summer 1980

YOUTH MINISTER INTERN - FLINT CHURCH OF CHRIST

Decatur, Alabama

Implemented summer youth program; stressed spiritual, social, and service aspects of Christianity with special emphasis on morality and restoration principles; emphasized training young men for preparation in public worship; preached frequently.

summer 1977 & 1979

YOUTH MINISTER INTERN - HILLVIEW CHURCH OF CHRIST

Birmingham, Alabama

Developed and organized youth program; compiled materials for class booklets on Philippians; organized youth rally; preached often.

1978 & 1979

CAMPAIGN WORK

Trinidad, West Indies

Participated in two campaign efforts in Trinidad in conjunction with Faulkner University. Each Campaign lasted about ten days.

summer 1978

ASSOCIATE MINISTER INTERN- JACINTO CITY CHURCH OF CHRIST

Jacinto City, Texas

Organized youth participation in city wide evangelism campaign; compiled materials for History of the New Testament Church class in booklet form; maintained duties of associate minister; preached occasionally.

**Personal
Data**

Born: December 5, 1959. **Status:** Married to Former Tina Marie Hester of Tuscumbia, AL. **Children:** Joe Aaron, born December 14, 1992; Kayla Marie, born November 18, 1994; and Joshua Andrew, born July 31, 1996. **Health:** Good. **Hobbies:** reading, golf, photography, computer science, walking, and weight-training.

References

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