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SUMMARY STATEMENT

The church, if it is to be effective, must first be faithful: rooted in the worship of God, reflective of the life of Jesus and receptive to the Spirit. As the people of God, our lives find their deepest expression through the shared practices of the Christian community over time. Therefore, pastoral ministry must proclaim the church's mission and memory in a world too willing to forget.

EDUCATION

Duke University <i>Master of Divinity</i> <i>with a Certificate in Baptist Studies</i>	Durham, NC	2000-2003
Samford University <i>Bachelor of Arts in Religion</i>	Birmingham, AL	1997-1999
Columbus State University	Columbus, GA	1995-1997

EXPERIENCE

Wilshire Baptist Church <i>Pastoral Resident</i>	Dallas, TX	2003 – Present
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As a resident my responsibilities are derived from those of the pastor and associate pastor.

- Preaching regularly in Sunday services with weekly sermon preparation and analysis.
- Planning weekly worship services in collaboration with the music staff.
- Leading regularly in worship, including administering the Lord's Supper and baptism.
- Providing pastoral care of hospitalized and homebound members.
- Facilitating the weekly staff meeting when requested by the senior associate pastor.
- Contributing frequently at all levels of Wilshire's committee structure, including deacon leadership, the strategic planning council and the *Pathways to Ministry* initiative.
- Officiating weddings and funerals as needed, including premarital counseling.
- Teaching church-wide in Sunday school classes and Wednesday intergenerational Bible studies.
- Developing church-wide seminars on topics such as "Consumerism" and "Christian Practices."
- Leading seasonal off site retreats for both the college and singles programs.
- Participating in Wilshire's outreach and hospitality ministry through the *Ambassador* program, *Connections* class for new members and the new member fellowship.
- Served on the curriculum writing team for *Serving by God's Design*, a study on giftedness in community.
- Co-authored and edited a grant proposal to the Samuel Project, which partially funded the *YourCall* program for teenagers discerning vocational direction, with full funding pending.

Mt. Gilead Baptist Church Pittsboro, NC 2001 – 2003

Associate Pastor Minister to Youth

- Developed a ministry for middle school and high school students involving weekly Bible study, drama, fellowship and service.
- Preached regularly during Sunday morning worship, including administering the ordinances.
- Provided pastoral services in absence of the pastor, including hospital visitation and funeral services.
- Facilitated intergenerational ministries through an annual senior/youth banquet and senior pal program.
- Organized an annual church-wide recreation program for families during VBS.
- Coordinated special events for youth such as “Reel to Real” movie nights and “Mystery Dinners.”
- Directed the annual youth fundraising program partnered with local businesses.
- Developed and taught adult studies such as “Social Justice: The Cry of the Prophets,” a study in Amos.

First Baptist Church Chalkville Birmingham, AL 1999 – 2000

Associate Minister to Youth

- Responsible for the leadership and direction of the Youth Ministry, including Sunday evening and mid-week meetings, youth choir and drama.
- Coordinated and led a youth ski retreat weekend and annual summer camp.
- Preached during Sunday worship services.
- Created opportunities for service throughout the life of the congregation through youth-led fellowship.
- Ministered to shut-in members.
- Coordinated area service opportunities, including a ministry to the Birmingham Youth Detention Center.
- Installed a network of computer systems and coordinated the conversion of the church’s records, outreach and bookkeeping onto the ACS computer database.

Samford University Birmingham, AL

Departmental Grader

2000

- Proctored exams and graded for “Biblical Perspectives” classes for Dr. Karen Joines and Dr. Paul Holloway.

Samford Sunday Program

1997-1998

- Traveled weekly to area associations throughout the state in Samford’s undergraduate preaching program.

Calvary Baptist Church Columbus, GA 1998

Summer Youth Intern

- Assisted the full-time minister to youth with daily affairs.
- Led summer midweek sessions for middle and high school students
- Taught middle school Sunday school class

Fall Children’s Choir/Drama Director

1996

- Directed children’s choir and drama teams in weekly practice for fall performance.

Summer Education Intern

1995

- Assisted the minister of education with the marketing of a Capital Funds Campaign Program.

PERSONAL

My wife, Erin, and I have been married for four years. Erin is an educator who enjoys children of all ages and backgrounds. After teaching for five years, she is exploring God's calling on her life to use her passion for teaching in ministry settings. She currently teaches reading for grades 7, 8, and 9 at Liberty Junior High in Richardson, Texas. We have one pet, a lovable English bulldog named Harley.

I grew up in Columbus, Georgia, a modest city just off the banks of the Chattahoochee River. Raised by my mother and grandparents, I found a larger sense of family within the church. My formative years at Calvary Baptist Church provided me opportunities for learning and service. There, nine years ago, I embarked on my own pathway to ministry as I discerned God's calling upon my life, though at the time, my experiences in the work of the church were a bit more coffee and copies than counseling and conferences. Over time, Calvary encouraged me to pursue ministry as a vocation by licensing me and encouraging me to continue my undergraduate studies in religion at Samford University.

Education has been an integral part of my formation as a minister. At both Samford University and the Divinity School at Duke, I found an atmosphere that was stimulating intellectually and formative spiritually, providing me the time and space to be a student of pastoral disciplines from a Baptist perspective.

The churches in which I have served have all grounded my academic experiences in their own particular contexts. From the urban location of Wilshire, in Dallas, to the rural pastures of Mt. Gilead, in North Carolina, these communities have taught me that though there are differences in dialect, the language of the church is the same. As a pastoral resident, my time over the past two years has been devoted to excellence in the practices of ministry. Preaching, pastoral care and leadership lie at the intersection of my natural passions and acquired practice. When I leave my position at Wilshire, I look forward to becoming a part of a new community of faith and contributing my gifts and talents to that community's witness in the world.

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The references listed above may attest to my character and competency. They represent congregations and communities that I have been a part of and that have shaped me deeply. To that list I would also like to include the staff members, laity, and especially the residents of Wilshire Baptist Church with whom I have served and been served by over the past two years. For further contact information, please visit www.wilshirebc.org/staff. DVDs are available by request.

