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Ministry Philosophy

My personal ministry mission statement is to glorify God by discipling people toward a passionate, Christ-like life, and equipping them to reach others with the gospel of Jesus Christ. In other words, my ministry mission is to be a disciple-making disciple.

Personal Summary

Birth and Childhood

- I was born in Cambridge, Ohio. My Christian parents, older sister, and I moved to Byesville, Ohio ten years later. I grew up in this rural southeast Ohio community for the remainder of my childhood and teenage years.

Conversion and Calling

- Since my parents were Christians, I grew up going to church with my family anytime the doors were open. One Wednesday night when I was six years old, God changed my life. During a children's program, our pastor spoke about how God had made a way for us to have an eternal relationship – eternal life – with him through His son Jesus Christ. That night, under conviction of the Holy Spirit for my sin, I sought God's forgiveness, repented of my sin, and offered my life to Him as a living sacrifice. It would be another ten years before I saw God work in my life to call me to full-time ministry. Through numerous interactions with my youth pastor and a personal injury, God broke my stubborn heart and I offered myself completely to Him. It was during this time that my youth pastor asked me if I had ever considered ministry as an option for my life. Over the next six months God would affirm in me the desire and confirm through others this calling.

Marriage

- I married Bethany Rachelle Stockdale on August 22nd, 2011, in Pennsylvania. Bethany was born in Scranton, Pennsylvania and grew up in Union Dale, Pennsylvania. She attended Clarks Summit University (formerly Baptist Bible College) and earned her Bachelor's degree as an Office Professional. Bethany is a humble, hospitable, servant, and discipler. She is always discipling people, specifically other women, as well as our children. Our marriage is, by God's grace, a true joy, privilege, blessing, and tool of sanctification in both of our lives.

Children

- Jamieson David Kirby, who was born March 10th, 2013.
- Ava Noelle Kirby, who was born January 3rd, 2015.
- Calla Ann Kirby, who was born October 11th, 2016.

Ordination and Licensing

- I was ordained to Gospel ministry by Denbigh Baptist Church on September 30th, 2012 and received licensing to perform marriage by the state of Virginia on December 21st, 2012.

Hobbies and Interests

- I enjoy exercising, mostly weight lifting, running, and any team sports. I greatly enjoy spending time with my family hiking, walking, or playing games.

Education

Dallas Theological Seminary

- *Master of Arts in Christian Leadership*, January 2007-Present
Emphasis: Church Leadership
GPA 3.9

Baptist Bible College & Seminary

- *Bachelor of Science in Bible*, May 2009
Major: Youth Ministry
GPA 3.8

Top 5 Leadership Strengths

According to Strengths Finder 2.0

- 1) Learner
- 2) Responsibility
- 3) Restorative
- 4) Harmony
- 5) Developer

Ministry Experience

August 2011 – Present

Student Ministries Pastor | Denbigh Baptist Church | Newport News, Virginia

- Oversee Christian education aspect of all student ministries from birth through college, including Christian school chapels
- Plan, prepare, and present Biblical teaching for middle and high school student mid-week and Sunday School services
- Organize and implement weekly middle and high school student program, monthly activities, and annual mission trips
- Recruit, train, and disciple student ministry leaders

July 2010 – July 2011

Assistant Pastor/Principal | First Baptist Church | DuBois, Pennsylvania

- Initiated and directed Connect Young Adult Ministry
- Discipled high school students through disciplinary situations
- Organized Christian school extra-curricular activities (academic, athletic, etc.)
- Preached God's Word regularly on Sunday evenings

June 2009 – June 2010

Director of Junior High Ministries | Cornerstone Evangelical Presbyterian Church | Brighton, Michigan

- Supervised small group ministry development and implementation
- Taught Sunday school, youth group, and Christian school discipleship class weekly
- Organized youth events, retreats, and missions trip
- Built relationships with students, youth leaders, and parents

Work Experience

January 2007 – May 2009

Resident Assistant | Clarks Summit University | Clarks Summit, PA

- Cultivated Christ-centered relationships with other college-age guys
- Performed weekly evaluations of interaction with students under my supervision
- Enforced given rules of Clarks Summit University

May 2008 – August 2008

Summer Crew Leader | Clarks Summit University | Clarks Summit, PA

- Selected team members based on strengths and gifts
- Directed team of five college students
- Coordinated weekly work schedule

Continuing Education

May 2008 – August 2008

Youth Ministries Conference | Clarks Summit University | Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania

References

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More references available if needed at request.