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PROFILE AND OBJECTIVE

God has given my wife and me rich experience in ministry. Both of us grew up with parents dedicated to Christian service and subsequently know what it means to be a family in service of Christ and His church. Since my call to ministry, I have had increasing responsibility in congregational leadership, and it has been a blessing to watch God use these opportunities to glorify Himself and grow His church.

We are hoping to find a church that values expositional preaching, evangelism, pastoral and team leadership, discipleship, and congregational worship.

MINISTRY SKILLS

Familiar with the Biblical models of Christian counseling (currently pursuing certification), preaching, teaching, administration, and church growth; good writing and communication skills; tested organizational skills; experience leading other Christians in service.

PASTORAL EXPERIENCE

Lead Pastor – Garden City, MI May 2017 - Present
United Baptist Church

Vital responsibilities include preaching, vision casting, and discipling leaders.

Pastor of Education and Discipleship - Brownsburg, IN May 2014 – May 2017
Brownsburg Baptist Church

Led Sunday School, Preschool, Young Adult Group, and Discipleship Ministries.

Children's Pastor – Ames, IA August 2008 - May 2014
Heartland Baptist Church

Directed Master Club, Kid's Church, Summer Camps, VBS, and Kid's Christmas Play

Teen Pastor – Brownsburg, IN September 2007 - August 2008
Brownsburg Baptist Church

Responsibilities included regular teaching, activity planning, and visitation.

EDUCATION

Liberty Baptist Theological Seminary – Lynchburg, VA <i>Master of Divinity in Discipleship and Church Ministry</i>	Class of 2021
Faith Baptist Theological Seminary – Ankeny, IA <i>Master of Arts in Pastoral Theology</i>	Class of 2009
Heritage Baptist College – Franklin, IN <i>Bachelor of Arts in Pastoral Studies</i>	Class of 2008

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE, HONORS, AND INTERESTS

- Graduated Summa Cum Laude for both Bachelor's and Master's degrees.
- Ordained January 24, 2016.
- Enjoys playing fingerstyle guitar with his wife who plays piano.
- Was the 2012 and 2013 Junior Boys speaker for Iowa Regular Baptist Camp in Ventura, IA.
- Proficient with Microsoft Office suite, media design, and basic website design.
- Graduated valedictorian in high school.
- Enjoys board games, reading, basketball, and kayaking.
- Was responsible for budgets, scheduling, and vision for the church preschool.

TESTIMONY OF SALVATION AND CALL TO THE MINISTRY

Growing up in a godly home I heard the gospel often, and I accepted Christ as my Savior at Hoosier Hills Baptist Camp during elementary school. At my high school graduation, I had the opportunity to give a speech and I wrestled with what to speak on. Finally, I decided to speak on doing more for God. The problem was that I currently was not. So before I gave the speech, I promised God that I would serve Him first no matter what occupation I pursued.

I originally had wanted to go into business but decided to attend Heritage Baptist College for one year. While there I began serving in a local church by ministering to kids that lived in poverty. During this time, God changed my desires; I knew He wanted me to be a pastor. Since then, I have seen God continue to grow me in my calling. He has given me the inner conviction that He has called me to serve Him with my life, and I am excited to follow the path He has for me.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please visit <http://resume.russdennis.net> for my references, audio sermons, expanded testimony, academic papers, doctrinal statement, and philosophy of ministry.