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## Education

- 1999 Masters of Theology, Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, CA
- 1996 Masters of Divinity, Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, CA
- 1986 BA in Humanities and Social Sciences, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC (Major: Anthropology, Cognate: Religious Studies)

**Enrolled in Fuller Seminary's Doctor of Ministry in Christian Spirituality project submitted and under review. Anticipated graduation August 2009.**

**Ph.D. Candidate in New Testament Studies, Golden Gate Baptist Seminary**

## Professional experience

**Current Senior Pastor Central Baptist Church, Alameda, CA**

**Recruitment Manager Golden Gate Baptist Seminary**

August 2006-July 2007 **Senior Pastor First Baptist Church Elgin, TX-** In the short time I was in this church we participated in three community festivals, distributed information on the church throughout all of the local housing developments. The church also completely overhauled its organizational structure and moved to a zero based budgeting system. We initiated an expansion of the food pantry ministry and added grief and Celebrate Recovery addiction support groups. We also baptized 8 people during this time period.

May 2000-March 2006: **US Army Chaplain- 13<sup>th</sup> Signal Battalion Chaplain (Ft. Hood, TX):** Responsibilities included weekly preaching as the senior preacher for the evangelical worship service on post. This service grew from 0 to 120 in one year's time. Pastoral care and counseling for over 1200 soldiers and their family members (about 4000 individuals). Teaching and instruction in ethics, Institutional values, suicide prevention, moral leadership, marriage enrichment, spiritual formation and small group Bible studies. Responsible for the chapel's Christian education program. Completed three National Training Center Rotations and a six month deployment to Kuwait. **35<sup>th</sup> Supply Battalion Chaplain (Camp Zama, Japan):** Senior Pastor for the Post Gospel (African-American) Service. Attendance grew from an average of 60 to an average of 140 in one year's time. Managed over 1 million dollars in chapel property and program funds. Chapel management included

building maintenance supervision, scheduling, work orders, inventory and accountability, and usage policies. Responsible for the chapel's Christian education program and director of Youth Vacation Bible school. Supervised over 60 volunteers in weekly ministry and 5 paid staff members. Supported various programming initiatives in the Camp Zama Community including trips, retreats and work projects throughout Japan. Provided pastoral care and counseling to four Battalions of soldiers and their families on mainland Japan. Served as Logistics taskforce and US Army Japan Chaplain on six bilateral exercises. Supervised 5 other congregations and their auxiliary ministries. Received extensive training in leadership and strategic planning.

September 1996-May 2000: **Senior Pastor-** Hillcrest Baptist Church, Richmond, CA: This church is an urban multi-cultural congregation. Giving in this church increased by 21% while I was the pastor and the church saw steady growth in attendance during this time as well even though the church had been in a long period of decline. Hillcrest was in the top 50 Southern Baptist Churches in California in per capita giving to missions.

October 1994-September 1996: **Senior Pastor-** First Baptist Church Capitola, CA- This church is a resort area church near Santa Cruz, CA. Emphasis in this pastorate included all normal pastoral duties: This church saw growth through outreach to youth and their families as well as community events (block parties with an attendance of 600, community festivals, and resort ministry activities.) Focused on ministry to surfers and surf culture including alternative rock concerts and special youth/college focused events.

Various positions in youth ministry, student summer missions (three summers), Mission Service Corp **Campus Minister** San Jose State and Stanford

Teaching  
Experience

**Adjunct Instructor**, Spiritual Formation, Baptist History, and Theological Research Methods, Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary

**Assistant Professor (part time)**, New Testament, Bay Cities Bible College

**Teaching Assistant**, Baptist History, Church History, Evangelism, Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary.

**Coordinated Seminary Student Revival Teams**

**Supervised Ministry Students in Golden Gate's Field Education Program.**

**Presented a paper at the Fall 2006 National Meeting of the American Academy of Religion (Session on Spirituality and Social Action)**

**Presented a paper at the Western Region Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society (War, Peace and Ethics)**

**Paper accepted for presentation at the National Meeting of the**

**Evangelical Theological Society**

**Wrote Sunday School Lessons for Baptist Way Press on Colossians**

Other Work  
Experience

September 1990-August 1994: **US Army Enlisted** (Ft. Stewart, GA and Bamberg, Germany)

Ordination

Colonial Heights Baptist Church, Columbia, SC 1986

Certifications

Critical Incident Stress Debriefing

Christian PREP Marriage Enrichment

ASIST Suicide Intervention Trainer

Denominational  
Offices held

**Moderator** East Bay Baptist Association

**Vice Moderator** East Bay Baptist Association

**Executive Board** California Baptist Convention