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## Purpose Statement

To partner with families and leaders, as the director of a creative children's ministry program for the purpose of bringing children into a life-changing relationship with Jesus Christ, nurturing them in their love for God and service to others.

## Education and Professional Development

**Master of Divinity** near completion, Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, KY

Includes extensive coursework in Christian education

**Bachelor of Arts, Social Work**, 1996, Asbury College, Wilmore, KY

Emphasis in Christian ministry

Currently pursuing majors in Greek and Ancient Biblical Languages

**Liquid Conference**, March 2008

**Orange Conference (the ReThink Group)**, April 2008

**Member of the North Texas Children's Ministry Forum**

## Career Highlights

### Leadership

- Directed volunteers and Sunday operations for a nursery and preschool ministry of a church with over 6,000 in attendance.
- Recruited, trained, scheduled and supervised staff of 40 employees for a large church's weekday childcare program.
- Promoted, developed, and provided direction to lay leaders for a Vacation Bible School that ministered to over 300 children.

### Program Development

- Pioneered a Dallas inner-city ministry to children and their families including Bible clubs, discipleship groups and church planting
- Designed a creative, interactive Fifth Grade Sunday School curriculum for multiple learning styles
- Resolved a teacher shortage difficulty by developing a new substitute teaching system for a large church's children's ministry program
- Designed curriculum and taught baptism classes to Elementary children which partnered with parents, emphasizing the offer of salvation and the meaning of baptism.

## Related Work Experience

**Minister to Elementary Children, Northwest Bible Church, Dallas, TX-**Cast vision, select curriculum, develop programming and provide direction for 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday morning and Wednesday night ministries. Recruit, train, encourage and lead a ministry team of fifty volunteers and three paid staff. Assembled and successfully maintained an \$18,000 ministry budget and assisted in the redesign of two children's ministry areas. Developed a creative missions program for elementary children and coordinated family ministry events. (September 2007-Present)

**Engaged Life Director, Atria Senior Living, Grapevine, TX-** Designed and implemented a senior activity program with educational, spiritual, cultural and wellness components. Provided pastoral care to residents and their families. (2006-2007)

**Adventure Zone (Preschool Ministry) Intern, Irving Bible Church, Irving, TX-**Directed Sunday operations and volunteers, enhanced nametag security procedures, evaluated curriculum, developed and led an interactive preschool teaching and worship time including puppetry, drama, object lessons, music, dance and art. (2004-2005)

**Associate Director of Early Childhood Ministry, Southland Christian Church, Lexington, KY-**Recruited, trained, scheduled and directed forty employees for the weekday childcare program, coordinated Sunday morning nursery and preschool volunteers, assisted with community outreach events, taught and led preschool worship. (1998)

**Community Minister, World Impact-**Served on the World Impact leadership team establishing inner-city ministries in Dallas, Texas. Responsibilities included forming community relationships by living in the ministry community, teaching children's Bible clubs, leading women's discipleship groups, planting churches, volunteer recruitment and training, ministry promotion, and fundraising. (1996-1997)

## Volunteer Activities

- Altar Call Minister for Ichthus Music Festival, Wilmore, Kentucky
- Puppet team ministry leader- Irving Bible Church, Irving, Texas
- Worship leader/Camp counselor- Glen Lake United Methodist Camp, Glen Rose, Texas
- Preschool and School Age dance instructor- Pat Riddle School of Dance, Colleyville, Texas
- Regular performer, acting school student and Casa Kids member (a musical theater/dance touring troop) for Casa Manana Theater, Ft. Worth, Texas