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PHILOSOPHY OF MINISTRY

Healing

A lost world thirsts, often unknowingly, for God's ability to fill our lives with purpose and joy. There is a great tension between our fallen nature and the inherent dignity we possess as creatures of God. Many people today do not value that dignity and de-value the worth of others and themselves. Through the Truth presented in Scripture I want to guide people to an understanding of the Gospel, their value in the Body of Christ, and their role in honoring and glorifying God. I find great joy in seeing unhealthy people heal and grow in the power of God's love.

Equipping

I hope for a pure faith in the work of Jesus Christ for myself and others. Trials and suffering take many forms yet the faith required in each is universal. I enjoy ministering across a wide variety of cultural settings: inner-city, suburban, and international. I find great joy in seeing the body of Christ worship and serve around the world. There is a great need to equip believers in the knowledge of Truth presented in Scriptures, providing a solid foundation for faith and an avenue for personal study and growth.

Multiplying

I long to see the Christian's worldview expanded beyond self to the wider community and world. May we all glimpse the reality that this world is not our own but our Father's and our lives are not our own but a tool to glorify Him. As believers mature in their faith they should be encouraged to multiply their personal ministry – learning their gifts and roles in the body of Christ and therefore serving the church, investing in the lives of others.

Values

I am committed to the priority of Scripture in determining Truth and doctrine in the church. I am committed to developing spiritual disciplines within my life as I lead others. In addition to teaching, I see the following ministries of the church as essential: small groups, prayer, worship, and missions. These are not separable "departments" in a church but integral for the mature Christian.

Vision

My vision for ministry is to serve the body of Christ through teaching, counsel, and developing strategic programs for adults in the church and community. These programs will utilize Scripture and orthodox tradition with appropriate tools relevant to the culture (family, career, entertainment, etc.). My personal vision is to continually grow in my own faith and in the knowledge and grace of Christ.

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Arts, Psychology

Rhodes College
Memphis, TN
May 1996

Master of Arts, Biblical Studies

Dallas Theological Seminary
Dallas, TX
December 2004

MINISTRY EXPERIENCE

Assistant Minister to Singles

Northwest Bible Church, Dallas, TX

September 2003- present

- Responsible to help single women become passionate pursuers of Jesus Christ by strategically training ministerial leaders
- Coordinate women's small groups for 500+ singles at large, non-denominational church
- Recruit and train small group leaders and coaches
- Evaluate trends in small group ministry and discipleship
- Counsel and care of single women
- Plan and coordinate annual Spring Singles Retreat and Project Blitz, an annual missions outreach for singles
- Assist in planning and implementation of OnePraise, a monthly praise and prayer service for singles

Urban Missions Coordinator

Christ United Methodist Church, Memphis, TN

October 1998 - August 2001

- Mobilized volunteers in large church for multiple community projects and ministries
- Developed and proposed departmental budget: administrative, international and local ministry support
- Coordinated annual event pairing 1,000+ volunteers with projects at 25+ organizations
- Managed benevolence program providing financial aid to non-church members
- Coordinated volunteer needs of church missions ministry, including involvement in partner ministries
- Traveled internationally to the Palestinian Territory, Jordan and El Salvador consulting with ministry partners regarding relationship, funding, etc.
- Designed and wrote copy for various departmental promotional and informational literature including: postcards, brochures, web-site, and newspaper

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Marketing Coordinator

Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP, Dallas, TX

November 2004 - present

October 2001 - September 2003

- Develop systems for tracking firm's marketing strategic goals
- Acted as account manager in 300 attorney regional law firm managing marketing needs for attorneys in the Dallas , Tulsa, and Austin offices
- Conducted market research for Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Austin, Texas offices
- Planned and coordinate special events for the Dallas, Tulsa, and Austin offices
- Managed various special projects firmwide
- Assisted in research of firm sponsorship opportunities and relevance to firm goals
- Performed industry and company research on prospective clients

Account Manager

Heliogramme America, Inc., Memphis, TN

August 1996 - October 1998

- Performed as team Head for major client. Managed production and traffic flow with sister company for client
- Managed over 150 advertising and graphic design clients requiring services in the graphic arts/pre-press industry
- Developed personal sales and handled account activity for Vice-President and Senior Account Manager as necessary

Registrar's Office

Rhodes College, Memphis, TN

August 1992 - May 1996

- Completed transcript requests, updated transcript database, and responded to requests regarding school academic policies and procedures

SEMINARS AND CONTINUING EDUCATION

Peacemakers Practicum, March 2004 (invited for certification)

Willow Creek Small Groups Conference, September 2003

William J. Flannery Law Marketing Institute, August 2003

Regional Law Marketing Conference, September 2002

Christian Community Development Association, November 2000

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

"When Faith and Life Collide", Small Group Study written by self, Spring 2004

Spiritual Leadership for Women, NBC Equipping Course, Summer 2004

Moderator, Women's Ministry Panel on Busyness, April 2004

Deciphering the DaVinci Code, Breakout Session - "Nag Hammadi and the Dead Sea Scrolls" , January 2004

EVENT PLANNING AND COORDINATION

Project Blitz, Northwest Bible Church, worship and service citywide, October 2004

Singles Retreat, Northwest Bible Church, May 2004

Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Speech Competition, conducted between law firm and four local elementary schools, 2002-2003

Byron Nelson Golf Tournament Sponsorship, coordination of publicity and logistics of major client service event at law firm, 2003

Missions Blitz, annual missions event pairing church members with local ministries in a day of service and worship, 1999 and 2000

Annual Hampfest, community festival in Binghampton (inner-city community in Memphis, TN), 1999 and 2000

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Women's Student Fellowship Board, Dallas Theological Seminary, Liaison with Night and Weekend Students, 2002-2004

Bridges Missions Committee, Irving Bible Church, 2002-2003

Chair, North Africa and Middle East Missions sub-committee, Irving Bible Church, 2002-2003

Member, Advisory Board, Read to Succeed, 2000-2001

REFERENCES