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Jeff, Stephanie, & Grant Harrison

Formal Education

Graduate:

DALLAS THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
Master of Theology
Graduated Cum Laude in August 2011
Emphasis: Pastoral Ministry

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY
Master of Science in Finance
Graduated in May 2004

Undergraduate:

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY
Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting
Graduated Summa Cum Laude in May 2003

Recent Ministry Experience

This past year Stephanie and I served with the young adult ministry of Fellowship Bible Church Dallas. We were a part of the core team that started and oversaw the young adult ministry. We created sermon-aligned discussion questions for the young adult small groups and I served on the teaching team. Currently we participate in a Fellowship community group.

I also previously served as a pastoral intern at Fellowship. Responsibilities included preaching at the early service, teaching Sunday School, teaching for men's ministry, counseling, serving as pastor on call, writing curriculum, participating in sermon prep meetings, and shadowing the pastors (at funerals, weddings, hospital visits, elder and staff meetings, etc.).

Strengths & Abilities

God has gifted me to preach, teach, facilitate small group discussion, and create curriculum.

God has gifted me to lead and equip others.

God has gifted me to prioritize and complete tasks with diligence.

God has gifted me to see and implement the steps necessary to execute a vision.

God has gifted me to promote peace and encourage unity.

Spiritual Gifts

My main gifts are teaching and administration.

My secondary gifts are pastoring and knowledge.

Ministry Philosophy and Mission

The Triune God created mankind in His image to enjoy relationship with Him and to partner together in ruling the earth. Tragically, mankind's rebellion caused the loss of relationship with God and His mission. In astounding love God sent His Son Jesus to live a perfect life, die for our sins, and rise from the dead. Those who trust in Jesus by grace through faith enjoy forgiveness, eternal life, and enablement by the Spirit to join God's people and mission.

God's mission is presently accomplished primarily through the church, which exists to glorify God. The church fulfills its mission as it deeply loves the Triune God and people (Great Commandment) and as it makes mature disciples of all the nations (Great Commission). The church is to be a community of love, grace, and truth that encourages spiritual growth. The essential functions of the church are missions, worship and prayer, discipleship, and community. These functions should operate in an interconnected way where each enriches the others.

My mission is to live out the Great Commandment and Commission and to lead, encourage, teach, and empower others to do the same. This requires intimacy with God, guidance from His Word, and community with God's people.

Preaching Philosophy

I seek to yield to the Spirit's work through me in creating and delivering a message from God's Word that invites the audience to worship, trust, and obey God. I love preaching about the gospel's implications for daily life (the way we relate, work, view ourselves, etc.). I enjoy inviting others' input in the preaching process and providing opportunities for gifted believers to preach.

Personal Background

I grew up in Dallas with loving parents and a younger sister with learning differences. We only occasionally attended church. I spent a great deal of time playing sports with friends.

Conversion and Calling

I see God's gracious pursuit as the main theme of my life. It started at the age of five, when I trusted in Jesus. In high school, the Lord redeemed some events, including a serious car accident, to draw me into a closer relationship with Him. Then towards the end of college my relationship with the Lord flourished as He helped me see the privilege of living for His kingdom.

During this time I led an inductive Bible study and God sparked a desire in me to pursue full time ministry rather than a career in accounting. He provided an avenue to explore this prompting as I interned for two years at Grace Bible Church, College Station. This experience helped clarify to myself and mentors that I should use my gifts to pursue a life of full time ministry.

Marriage

Stephanie and I dated while we worked with the college ministry of Grace Bible Church. We have been married four years and have a beautiful baby boy named Grant. Stephanie is my best friend and partner in life and ministry. The Lord works through her to greatly bless me and encourage me to grow spiritually. The past few years she has worked at a parachurch ministry.

Interests

I really enjoy spending time with Stephanie and Grant, being with friends, reading, listening to sermons and podcasts, watching sports, traveling, and spending time at coffee shops.

Recognitions and Achievements

Licensed as Certified Public Accountant in Texas (not currently practicing)

Certified as a *Prepare/Enrich* facilitator

Presidential Scholar Award, Dallas Theological Seminary

Graduate Merit Fellowship, Texas A&M University - \$5,000 tuition award and \$20,000 stipend to work on master's degree in finance

Scholastic Honors - Beta Alpha Psi, Beta Gamma Sigma, Phi Eta Sigma, Phi Kappa Phi, National Society of Collegiate Scholars, Golden Key, and School of Business Dean's Honor List

Mission Experience

Campus Crusade for Christ — May 2006 - July 2006

Central Asia

Project Director. Responsibilities included co-leading an eight member team of college students in evangelistic efforts, discipling the men, organizing an exchange program with local students, helping resolve team conflict, facilitating team Bible studies, and setting strategy for our team because our long-term missionary contact had to unexpectedly leave the country.

Campus Crusade for Christ — May 2005 - July 2005

East Asia

Team Member. Evangelized local college students and discipled a student I led to Christ.

Ministry Experience

Young Adult Ministry (Fellowship Bible Church Dallas) — July 2010 - August 2011
Dallas, Texas

Core Team Member. Stephanie and I were a part of the team that started and oversaw the ministry. Weekly we created sermon-aligned discussion questions used by small groups. I helped plan the overall teaching schedule, provided theological and illustrative input to the Young Adult Pastor to enhance messages, and spoke once a semester.

Fellowship Bible Church Dallas — August 2010 - present
Dallas, Texas

Volunteer Teacher and Writer. A couple of times a semester I teach for various ministries at the church including the men's ministry, small groups, and Sunday School. I have also written a few devotionals showing how a passage applies to daily life for the church's Bible reading program.

Fellowship Bible Church Dallas — June - August 2010
Dallas, Texas

Pastoral Intern. Responsibilities included preaching once at the early service, teaching Sunday School, counseling a struggling couple through *Prepare/Enrich*, serving as pastor on call, writing sermon aligned curriculum for small groups, participating in sermon preparation with senior pastor, and shadowing pastors at funerals, weddings, hospital visits, elder and staff meetings, etc.

World Evangelization Conference (Dallas Theological Seminary) — January - March 2010
Dallas, Texas

Treasurer. Worked with conference chairperson and seminary administrative staff to manage and track a \$9,000 budget for a week long missions conference.

Spiritual Formation (Dallas Theological Seminary) — August 2008 - May 2010
Dallas, Texas

Group co-leader. Stephanie and I partnered with another seminary couple to lead a small group for seminary students. Responsibilities included building community, resolving conflict, organizing meetings, and teaching seminary curriculum.

Discipleship Lunches (Fellowship Bible Church Dallas) — Spring and Fall of 2008 and 2009
Dallas, Texas

Participant. Met weekly with Senior Pastor and seminary students to discuss ministry topics like empowering leaders, preaching, dealing with tragedies, and navigating ministry transitions.

College Ministry (Grace Bible Church) — August 2004 - August 2006
College Station, Texas

College Intern. Responsibilities included co-leading inductive Bible studies, discipling student leaders, being discipled by college pastor, speaking in various settings, building relationships with international students, taking seminary classes, and raising \$40,000 in support. Before serving as a College Intern I led a college Bible study at the church from August 2003 - May 2004.

Corporate Experience

David Kemp Tutoring — September 2008 - present

Dallas, Texas

Accounting Tutor. I help make financial, managerial, and intermediate accounting classes understandable for Southern Methodist University students.

Deloitte & Touche — September 2006 - January 2008

Dallas, Texas

Senior Audit Assistant. Responsibilities included supervising new staff, contributing to audits of financial statements and internal controls, and establishing good relationships with client personnel. Received very good on-the-job evaluations from management. I also worked at Deloitte as an audit intern in 2003.

Additional references available upon request.