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OBJECTIVE: To serve as Pastor, providing pastoral services under the guidance of the Chief Shepherd, equipping the saints to change the world through the application of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to a dying world. I am willing to relocate to South Alabama, Birmingham Alabama and the surrounding communities, Maryland, Northern Virginia, and Washington DC. Married to my High School sweetheart (Audrey) for over 33 years, 3 lovely adult children (all married) and 2 beautiful granddaughters. I not only desire to pastor the people of God, but I desire to know them and experience God's grace with them.

EDUCATION:

Park University

- Bachelor of Science (Social Psychology)

Lancaster Bible College (Capital Seminary & Graduate School)

- Masters of Ministry (Leadership)
(GPA 3.74)

Lancaster Bible College (Capital Seminary & Graduate School)

- Masters of Divinity (Leadership)
Projected graduation May 2017

MILITARY EXPERIENCE:

- U.S. Army Retired (22 years)
- Operation Desert Storm/Iraqi War Veteran

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT:

- Human Resource Manager (12 years)
Department of Defense (Pentagon, Washington DC)

PASTORAL EXPERIENCE:

- **Youth Pastor**, Fort McClellan Gospel Service, *Anniston*, AL, 1995-1998

Preached monthly to a congregation of over 300, tailoring the message around both the youth and overall congregation. Preached and taught series in Romans, 1 & 2 Timothy, Genesis, and Psalms. Authored and implemented Youth Christian Education Curriculum for individuals from 13 to 22. Provided counseling and visitations, mentored and developed dynamic Youth Team Leaders to minister for impact.

- **Associate Minister**, *First Rock Baptist Church*, SE Washington, DC, 1999-2009

Preached monthly and taught an Adult Sunday School class weekly.

Assisted senior pastor in visitations, outreach coordination, and mission efforts.

- **Youth Pastor**, First Rock Baptist Church, SE, Washington, DC 2009-Present
Planned and directed all youth programming for students, grades 9-12. Taught Weekly Sunday school and Wednesday Night Bible study focusing on series in Romans, Proverbs, and the Gospels. Established and developed a Youth Leadership team, mentoring over 40 students one-on-one. Launched a Youth Missions Initiative, providing monthly opportunities for youth to serve in cross-cultural contexts, to include serving in local Homeless Shelters.

- **Chaplain (Intern)**, Central Union Mission, Washington, DC 2016-Present
Leads evening Chapel Services and Men's Adult Bible Study; conducts weekend Bible Study and Sunday School; assist with Pastoral counseling for Spiritual Transformation Students and overnight guests; assist with daily intake of homeless individuals and ensure the safety and security of students and overnight guests; encourages overnight guests to enroll in the Spiritual Transformation Program to maximize resources to bring them back to a state of wholeness (spirit, mind, and body); preaches whenever the assigned church is unable to make it.

- **Interim/Transitional Pastor Qualification:** Affirmed and qualified as a Transitional Interim Pastor by the Mid-Atlantic Baptist Network (February 8-9, 2016).

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE:

- **Anniston Nursing Home**, Anniston, AL, 1996-1999
Created an adopt-a-grandparent program that incorporated the Youth Department of the Fort McClellan Gospel Service. Coordinated regular visits to all, but particularly those who rarely received visits from relatives.

- **Manor Nursing Home**, Hyattsville, MD, 1999-2003
Created and led weekly worship service. Cared for and counseled elderly patients.

- **So Others May Eat**, Washington, DC 2010 - Present
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RELATED SKILLS AND INTERESTS:

- Human Resource Manager
- Dedication to task, organization, and time management
- Active interest in reading, music, travel, and the outdoors