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OBJECTIVE

To be in the center of God's will, to serve as a minister of the Word of the one True God, to share Jesus Christ with a world that is lost and dying, to cultivate new relationships, to lead and guide by the direction of the Holy Spirit, and to be a servant unto the Lord.

GENERAL INFORMATION

My name is Kevin Vaughn Garner, I have been married to my wife Jennifer since February 18, 1994. I have lived in Canton, N.C. all of my life. I have 2 daughters Katie Ford and her husband Charles; AnnaLee Mendez and her husband Kyle, and 1 son Charlie Garner. We have 4 grandsons, Jackson, Andy, Parker and Cole. Our daughter Katie is expecting another son due in September. I have owned and operated an electrical contracting business here in Canton for the last 25 years. All of my ministry positions have been bi-vocational in nature. We currently attend Ridgeway Baptist church where I serve as a Deacon and a Sunday School teacher, and fill in for the Pastor whenever the need arises.

EXPERIENCE / CHURCH MINISTRY

Oak Grove Baptist Church / Associate Pastor / 1999-2003

Aided the Pastor in the daily duties of the church, made visits to homes, hospitals, and nursing facilities.

Filling the pulpit when the Pastor was away. Helping in the organization and administration of special outreach programs within the church.

East Canton Baptist Church / Pastor / 2003-2005

Bi-vocational position as the Pastor of the church. Conducted the daily duties of the church, made visits, lead Wednesday night Bible study and preached for the morning and evening services on Sunday. Tried to lead the congregation into outreach programs as time from my secular job would allow.

Morgan Hill Baptist Church / Pastor / 2006-2014

Bi-vocational position as the Pastor of the church. Oversaw that the daily duties of the church were carried out. Spent 2-4 full days working just for the church, made home visits to church members and also to potential prospects for the church. Made visits to the hospitals and to the nursing facilities. Filled the pulpit by leading Wednesday evening Bible study, and Sunday morning and Sunday evening worship services.

Promoted and taught the laity in certain evangelism and outreach programs. The church saw many years of consistent growth through the blessings of our Lord and their efforts. Guided the church in a revision of the church constitution and by-laws and also help guide them into becoming incorporated as an assembly.

Secular Work

God has blessed us in our secular work field, In 1998 I became a licensed electrician in NC and now I Own and Operate, K & A Electrical in Canton. We have been in business since 1998. By having this type of work it has allowed me to be available to minister to the needs of the church without having to get approval from someone else to go which has been a huge blessing.

EDUCATION

Pisgah Sr. High School / Graduated – Diploma / 1991

Haywood Comm. College / Regional High Tech Center / Electronic Eng. Technology, Manufacturing Eng. Technology / 1991-1995

Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute / AAS Pastoral Ministries – Diploma / 2000-2005

MISSION ACTIVITIES

In 2004, I was blessed to go on a Mission Trip with Pastor Roy Houston to Haiti. We worked in a compound that housed an orphanage, medical center, and a pastoral conference center. This was such an eye opening experience for me, to see the true meaning of what being poor and oppressed really means. I fell in love with the children in the orphanage as well as in the village. Just to watch these people worship our Lord would just lift up your soul to new heights. I have longed to go back and be with these people ever since I left.

CONVERSION AND CALLING TO MINISTRY

On September 10, 1973, I was born into a Christian home. Even though I was taught the gospel message throughout my upbringing I spent most of my teenage years living wild and recklessly, and away from God. When I was younger I went forward during a VBS service with some other kids and I spoke the words the preacher said too and I thought that I was saved. As I grew older I still attended church but I always felt as if there was something missing in my life. Then one night in a regular Sunday night service

the Holy Spirit showed me that I was lost and undone. Pastor Jack Scott asked the congregation, "Did we know, that we know, that we know that beyond any shadow of a doubt that we were saved." I could not answer that question honestly, because I didn't know for certain that if I died right there that I would go to Heaven. I could hardly wait for the invitation to start and I went to the altar and right then and there I confessed to God that I was a sinner, that I was lost and undone, that I was living a lie and I wanted to know for certain that I was saved and I asked Jesus Christ to come and live in my heart and at that very moment He did. My life was immediately changed and I received new birth from above. I was saved and I wanted the world to know it. This was in the Fall of 1990 and I was 16 years old at the time.

A few years had passed and I felt that God was calling me to do something with my life but I did not know what it was. One weekend I was invited to a spiritual retreat out near Hayesville, called "Walk to Emmaus". I knew some people that had already been out there and they came back so full of vigor to serve God, they were on fire for the Lord and I wanted to experience that too!. So I went and I was not disappointed, we listened to different speakers, spent time in prayer, and times of unobstructed worship to God. I was feeling closer to God as I had ever felt, I was so excited. With my focus on Jesus Christ and only Him, It was amazing of how clearly you could hear the Holy Spirit speaking to your heart. It was during this time that I finally understood what God was calling me to do, so I surrendered to the call to preach the Word. I didn't understand how God could use someone like me, but I trusted in Him to do so. I learned that God doesn't call the qualified, He qualifies the called, if they will just surrender to His perfect will.

It wasn't long until God called us to serve as Associate Pastor of Oak Grove Baptist Church where I was Ordained into the Gospel ministry. I served there with Pastor Bruce Cayton, who was my dearest friend and mentor until God called us to serve as the Pastor of East Canton Baptist Church.

BELIEFS

I believe every word within all parts of the Holy Scripture are God-given, that all Scripture is entirely true in all it asserts, and it is the sole authority on all matters pertaining to life.

I believe one God exists in three distinct, yet equal Persons: Father, Son (Jesus), & Holy Spirit.

I believe that, due to the fall of mankind in the garden, that all people are born into sin by nature, and those committing sinful deed knowingly are alienated from God and subject to eternal condemnation.

I believe that Jesus Christ is fully God and fully man, that He was born of a virgin, lived a sinless life, died in the place of sinners, resurrected bodily, ascended to Heaven, and will one day return to judge the living and the dead.

I believe that eternal life is an undeserved and unearned gift of God given to repentant sinners who have placed their faith in Jesus Christ.

REFERENCES

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Resume

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Sun, Dec 28, 2025 at 7:12 PM

Hello My name is Kevin Garner and I would like to submit my resume to be kept on file for churches to view as they search for a potential pastor. I would also like to be considered for pastoral supply and interim work. My number is 828-734-9744 and my email is garner 21856@gmail.com. Thank you, Sincerely, Kevin Garner

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