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“Shepherd God’s flock among you, not overseeing out of compulsion but willingly, as God would have you; not out of greed for money but eagerly; not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.”
1 Peter 5:2-4.

The image of a shepherd drives my ministry. I am filled with an overwhelming desire to love, care for, and disciple Christ’s sheep.

MINISTRY EXPERIENCE

Kingdom Residency Program | Fruitland Baptist Church

May 2023 - May 2025

- Delivered sermons during Preaching Lab series, Sunday morning worship services, and mission trips.
- Wrote curriculum for and taught Wednesday night Equipping classes.
- Delivered devotionals on mission trips.
- Participated in community outreach, service, and evangelism.
- Led and taught Fruitland’s pastoral residents each Sunday.
- Preached and taught in a variety of contexts, including several CBA churches and Graffiti Church in East Baltimore.
- Taught a young adult Sunday School class.
- Led, taught, and managed a discipleship group (small group).
- Helped to lead and chaperone youth during Journey Camp.

Music Director | Fruitland Baptist Church

Jan 2025 - Present

- Schedule weekly rehearsals, music, and ensemble members.
- Direct music rehearsals with tact and gentleness while demanding excellence.
- Manage personalities, responsibilities, and conflict within the music team.
- Disciple and mentor worship team members, investing in their spiritual growth, character, and skills.
- Oversee youth and legacy team worship opportunities – including special services, camps, and programs.
- Collaborate with pastors and ministry leaders to align music with sermon themes, church vision, and scripture.
- Perform with the music ensemble.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Band Technician & Student Intern | North Henderson High School Band

2021 - 2025

- Supported the band director by organizing music, setting up equipment, and maintaining rehearsal spaces.
- Solely taught at least one full ensemble daily, providing guidance and leadership for 9-12 graders.
- Provided one-on-one and small group teaching for students.
- Encouraged student musicians by building relationships and fostering a positive, disciplined environment.
- Participated in band camps, competitions, and community performances, representing the program with professionalism.

Assistant Music Teacher | Blue Ridge Schools (K-12)

2021 - 2022

- Sole recipient of a music education grant at WCU where I taught K-12 students for multiple semesters.
- Taught general music to K-5 students in addition to 9-12th grade chorus instruction.
- Provided music education to 6-12th grade students, fostering their development and passion for band and chorus.



EDUCATION

Western Carolina University

B.M./B.S.Ed, K-12 Music Education

Completed in 2022

Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary

Masters of Theological Studies

Completed in 2024

Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary

Masters of Divinity

Completed in 2025

SPIRITUAL GIFTING

- Preaching & Teaching
- Encouragement
- Leadership
- Evangelism
- Shepherding

CHARACTERISTICS

- Driven & Focused Leader
- High Motivation/Momentum
- Pastoral
- Passionate
- Evangelistic
- Personable
- Teachable

SKILLS & ABILITIES

- Team collaborator
- Engaging speaker
- Relational management
- Strategic planning
- Establishing direction and vision
- Biblical exposition

MINISTERIAL DEVELOPMENT

- NC State Baptist Convention - 2023
- NC State Baptist Convention - 2024
- Southern Baptist Convention - 2024
- NC State Baptist Convention - 2025

MISSION TRIPS

- Gloucester, MA - 2023
- Baltimore, MD - 2024
- Baltimore, MD - 2025

REFERENCES

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CURRENT CAREER & OCCUPATION

General Education Teacher | Dana Elementary School

2023 - Present

- Teach foundational literacy and numerical skills, including phonics, reading, writing, and basic math concepts.
- Utilize hands-on activities, technology, and creative teaching strategies to enhance student learning and engagement.
- Monitor student progress through assessments and observations, tailoring instruction to meet individual needs.
- Communicate regularly with parents and caregivers to build strong home-school partnerships and support student success.
- Manage classroom behavior to encourage cooperation and respect.
- Organize and facilitate interactive activities to promote motor skills, creativity, and teamwork.
- Collaborate with colleagues and school staff to support curriculum development and student achievement.
- Maintain detailed records of student performance, attendance, and behavior for reporting and planning purposes.
- Helped plan, facilitate, and oversee school field-trips with groups of up to 75 students.