PERSONAL



Born: May 28, 1962, Forest Hills, Queens, NY

Raised: East Northport, Long Island, NY

Wife: Jacqueline, born in Bristol, TN - Married 39 years.

- Masters in Teaching, Elementary and Special Education, C.W. Post, 1995.
- Led Sisters in Christ Women's ministry, currently doing women's mentoring.

<u>Children</u>: Lorian Leigh, married with two sons, lives in Hanover, NH Jonathan, married with four sons and one daughter, lives in Knoxville, TN

Interests:

- I love to travel and have been to Africa, Asia, Europe and Central America for vacation, business, and missions.
- Photography is a hobby of mine using my Canon 7D.
- I love to read both Christian and Classic books. I am currently reading Kafka's "The Trial," "Rooted, Connect with God, The Church, Your Purpose," and Augustine's "Confessions."

Ordained: 2003

OBJECTIVE

God has called me to serve as a pastor, where I can provide Christ-like leadership, preach and teach the Bible, and equip and encourage believers toward maturity in Christ

MINISTERIAL EXPERIENCE

PASTOR – First Congregational Church of Malone Malone, NY

January, 2020 - present

I was brought here to revitalize a dying church. The hope was that the church could rebound from over a decade of decline in a fading rural town. COVID-19 would hit a month after my arrival, and though in that month I was able to add 10 people to Sunday attendance, the shutdowns have ensured revitalization would not be an option. Hence, I am working to assist the Trustees in the closure of the church.

Every week, I lead the Sunday Morning Service. I have added the Tuesday Prayer Service and the Wednesday Bible Study (currently in the book of Daniel).

Additional responsibilities: Weddings, funerals, baptisms, visitations.

Accomplishments: I implemented annual 13-week leadership training for the Deacons and Trustees. I have added technology into the services (projection, live stream video). I implemented a zero-based budget plan. I initiated a building maintenance schedule. I implemented a time of prayer for the persecuted church. I have increased mission giving from 2-percent to 5-percent. I created an online greeting team for our online service. I have updated the website. I created a weekly prayer meeting of Pastors from five churches in Malone. I created a monthly worship event that rotates among three different churches.

Classes taught: Experiencing God, Evangelism and Outreach, What is Your Spiritual Gift

PASTOR - The Ark Church, Non-Denominational Ronkoma, NY

April, 2003 - February, 2014

I provided pastoral leadership through preaching, worship planning and administration.

Every week, I led the following: Sunday Morning Service, Tues Prayer Service, Weds Bible Study, Thurs Men's Group, Fri Koinonia Night (Churches need to be meeting together! Heb 10:25).

I oversaw the Saturday evening Spanish Service (I do not speak Spanish).

I did pre-marriage counseling, weddings, funerals, and baptisms (all baptisms were done in the Long Island Sound!).

Over the summer, I met with individual members for an hour each week to disciple them. How important this is! I believe discipling is misunderstood and hardly done in the church.

I taught Experiencing God class (Spiritual growth), Way of the Master training (Evangelism), and Financial Peace University (Stewardship).

Every Monday, I fed the homeless, preaching the gospel and praying with them.

Every other week, I led a Bible Study at Lighthouse Missions for the staff and volunteers.

I also did a Bi-Weekly Bible Study at Brookhaven Hospital Rehabilitation Center.

Christian Writer

I wrote "Why God is so Amazing," which was named American Book Fest Award Finalist for 2017: Best Christian Book Award.

Missions – Relational Evangelism Sanford, FL

In 2014, we moved from NY into apartments in FL which were housing student pilots from non-Christian nations such as Iran, Kazakhstan, China, and Bangladesh. We would welcome new students to the community in order to build a sense of neighborhood and we connected with them by creating events where they could come together and meet each other (build community). We cared for and served residents in their place of need and shared the Gospel with them.

Other Ministry Work

- 2021-present: I am on the Board of North Country Habitat for Humanity and am Chair of Family Selection
- 2021 Certified Church Consultant
- 2017-2019: I taught the Discipleship Class at Griffin Baptist Church in Lakeland, FL. I also preached at Lighthouse Ministries, did Evangelism Outreach with SOS at the Plant City Flea Market, and Devotionals and Bible Study at The Pregnancy Care Center in Plant City.
- 2015-2016: In New Port Richey, I was part of Somebody Cares of Pasco County and taught at Secret Church every Friday Night for Good News Christian Fellowship.
- 2018: I traveled to Haiti to teach local pastors
- 2017: I traveled to Kenya to teach local pastors and preached at church services
- 1995-98: I led Mission trips to El Salvador four consecutive years, and grew the mission into a multi-church ministry. During my leadership, congregational Mission giving increased from 10-percent to 30-percent

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OTHER EMPLOYMENT

In addition to working as a pastor, I also worked bi-vocationally in Information Technology. For two years, I worked for Fujitsu America in Dallas, Texas, a 50-Billion-dollar international provider of IT Services. I was a Senior Bid manager and a Senior Enterprise Architect.

Prior to that, I worked 10 years for Reuters in NY, an international provider of news and financial information. I was the Chief Technology Officer (CTO) when I left.

At these Global 500 companies, I was expected to provide strategic solutions and visionary leadership. I led many projects, developed budgets, managed employees around the world, and was named Global Employee of the Year.

EDUCATION

Bachelors Degree in Business, Management and Economics SUNY Empire State College Saratoga Springs, NY 1995

Masters Degree in Pastoral Ministry

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary New Orleans, LA 2019

References available upon request