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Jeff & Christie, Gray (19), Haddon (13), Shepherd (11)

MINISTRY MISSION

To servant-lead and equip others to become passionate followers of Christ who are compelled to reach a dead and disillusioned world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ

I believe that true ministry is grounded on two Scriptural principles: the Great Commandment and the Great Commission. The Great Commandment—"You shall love the Lord your God..."— provides the motivation for the Great Commission—"Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations..." The Church's primary mission is to love God and serve Him— through evangelism, discipleship, and life-long worship. By God's grace and guidance, I will seek to lovingly lead God's people to become passionate followers of Christ, fully equipped and devoted to reaching the world with the Gospel. The primary means of fulfilling this calling God has placed on my life will be an intentional focus on shepherding the flock of God through a ministry of prayer and the Word.

PHILOSOPHY OF MINISTRY

The Motive: I believe the overriding motive for everything God's people do is worship (Rev 5). God is to be worshipped because He is infinitely glorious and infinitely worthy. This is good news because humanity finds the very purpose for which it was created in worship. When God's people encounter the grace of God, they are compelled to respond in worship. Worship, therefore, does not arise out of a sense of duty, but delight.

The Members: I believe that the work of the ministry is to be done by Christ's Body—the people of God (Eph 4). Each individual believer has been gifted by the Spirit of God to accomplish the work of the ministry. Although the gifts of the Spirit vary, all are necessary and work in conjunction with one another to accomplish a common goal: “the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ until we all attain the unity of the faith...” (Eph 4:12-13). Ministry, therefore, is not to be reserved for “credentialed professionals” or a select few, but shared with God's people.

The Means: I believe the Mission of the church—The Great Commission—can only be accomplished by God's empowering presence (Acts 1:7-8). Without the powerful presence of the Holy Spirit, ministry is an impossible task. No teaching or preaching, no matter how powerful or persuasive, can change one life or make one disciple apart from the province of the Spirit of God.

The Minister: I believe that the primary responsibility of every pastor-teacher is to lead the body of Christ into becoming fully functioning, reproducing followers of the Lord Jesus Christ (Eph 4). The pastor's leadership begins in the pulpit, as he shows himself to be a faithful servant who accurately handles the Word of God (2 Tim 2). However, the minister must also love and care for his flock, as effective ministry can only be accomplished through relationships.

The Message: I believe that the means may change, but the message never changes. The pastor must preach one message with two aspects. First, the pastor must “preach the Word” (2 Tim 4:2) to equip the saints for the work of ministry. Secondly, the pastor must faithfully and courageously preach the good news of Christ's death, burial and resurrection (1 Cor 15; 2 Tim 4:5). The first is designed to equip the saints. The latter to reach the sinner. Both have one purpose: to multiply worshippers to the Triune God.

GETTING TO KNOW JEFF

Childhood: I was born February 22, 1969 to Jim and Jan Daley in Carmichael, California, the second of two children. I have an older sister, Jina, and a younger sister, Krista, from my father's second marriage. My parents divorced when I was seven.

Conversion: In the providence of God, I was up late one evening “channel surfing” when I came across a Billy Graham Crusade rerun from the 1970s. Having my eyes opened to my desperate need for forgiveness and a relationship with God, I prayed to trust Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior. The year was 1994.

Calling: Shortly after my conversion, I began teaching in the children's ministry at our local church and leading a men's group with Bible Study Fellowship. It was during my preparation and interaction with the children and men that I realized God was calling me into the ministry. About this time Christie and I were married and agreed that God was leading us to prepare for vocational ministry. Through the testimony of many friends, family, and the affirmation of the local church, God confirmed His call on our lives. Over the last twenty years of church planting and pastoring, God has only deepened my call to preach His Word and lead His people.

**Marriage/
Family:** I married Christina Lynne McChesney on September 26, 1998. We have three amazing boys: Grayson (18), Haddon (12), and Shepherd (10).

*Hobbies/
Interests:*

I thoroughly enjoy the outdoors, especially hiking Colorado's 14ers, traditional archery, and star gazing. I enjoy going out to dinner with my wife, hanging out with my boys, and sleeping in occasionally. Spicy foods are my love language, particularly anything smothered in the green chili Christie has perfected! I also love to read and study in preparation for preaching.

Gifts: Pastor-Teacher, Preaching, Faith, Mercy, Discernment, Prophecy

GETTING TO KNOW CHRISTIE

Childhood: Christie was born on April 10, 1974 in Redding, California to Bob and Jeannie McChesney. She has one younger brother, Daniel.

Conversion: Late one evening in October of 1996 after a year-and-a-half spiritual journey, Christie placed her trust in Christ at her home in Sacramento, California. Convinced of her wretchedness and convicted by her emptiness, she knelt beside her window after being summoned by the Lord at a church service earlier that day.

Calling: Christie's call is to glorify God by serving alongside me. "My principal ministry is to serve Jeff and our family. I also have a desire to serve the women of the church and the local community."

*Education/
Experience:*

Christie graduated from California State University, Sacramento in 1999 with a degree in Sociology. During our seminary years, she managed the Dallas branch of World Savings Bank. She has served as a discussion leader for Bible Study Fellowship, children's Sunday School teacher, women's discipleship group leader, director of events for women's ministry, social media manager for the church's various accounts, online host for worship services, and Sunday morning welcome and announcements.

*Hobbies/
Interests:*

Christie loves to read good books, embark on difficult home improvement projects, watch old movies (especially those starring Gene Kelly and Jimmy Stewart), and spend time with her boys. She loves a good cup of coffee and too frequently indulges herself in a thick slice of zucchini-walnut bread.

Gifts: Prophecy, Administration, Evangelism, Wisdom

FORMAL EDUCATION & CREDENTIALING

Doctoral: TRINITY EVANGELICAL DIVINITY SCHOOL
Doctor of Ministry (2017)
Concentration: Expository Preaching
Major Project: "The Theological Move in Narrative Preaching"

Graduate: DALLAS THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
Master of Theology (2003)
Concentration: Pastoral Leadership

Undergraduate: UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, DAVIS
Bachelor of Science (1999)
Major: Managerial Economics

Credentials: EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH OF AMERICA
Certificate of Ordination (2008)

MINISTRY EXPERIENCE

Southwest Community Church (EFCA), Littleton, CO—Senior Pastor, 11/2010 to 5/2022

Over the last 11.5 years, I have been responsible for the directional and operational leadership of the church. When God called us to Southwest, the church was hurting from a difficult and divisive transition following a 34 year legacy pastor and had been in numerical decline for several years. Through my steady personality, I came in, got to know the people, gained their trust, and successfully led the church through a revitalization process. This process focused on establishing a growing culture of prayer and disciplinemaking. Moreover, by God's grace, I was able to lead the church through a successful capital campaign, technology upgrade, and name change with overwhelming support. The church is healthy with a regular attendance of 450 people (plus 75 online) and is ready to launch into the next chapter of their story.

Denver Seminary, Littleton, CO—Professor of Pastoral Ministry/Homiletics, 1/2012 to 1/2022

It was my privilege to teach several graduate level courses on preaching: introduction to homiletics, narrative preaching, and difficult texts/topics.

Grace Church (EFCA), Pagosa Springs, CO—Founding Pastor, 9/2003 to 9/2010

My duties at Grace encompassed all aspects of the ministry at one time or another. I came in the Fall of 2003 as a church planting pastor and was responsible for providing the vision and leadership necessary for establishing a healthy church. Over the years my role evolved from more of a catalytic entrepreneurial leader to a pastor-shepherd caring for the flock and managing the staff. God blessed the work of our hands, both spiritually and numerically. By the grace of God we saw many come to faith in Christ who are still engaged in expanding God's Kingdom. Grace is a healthy church of 300 people.

Mariner Nursing Home, Dallas TX—Teaching and Visitation, 10/02 to 8/03

Christie and I were given the privilege of leading a group of seniors in a time of Bible study and worship. This ministry gave us opportunity to meet many acute spiritual and emotional needs.

First Baptist Church of Dallas—"Family Connections" Adult Community Teacher, 4/02 to 8/03

My responsibilities were primarily teaching bible studies and applicational conversations. We were one of several couples who originally started this class in April 2002.

New Covenant Presbyterian Church (PCA), Dallas TX—Youth Pastor, 11/99 to 10/01

My primary responsibilities were to teach the Word of God and encourage the students to be and make disciples.

Bible Study Fellowship International, Rocklin CA, *Men's Discussion Leader*, 9/97 to 5/99

As a Discussion Leader, my service involved shepherding fifteen men through a weekly Bible study lesson. Additionally, weekly contacts were made, prayer requests taken, and fellowships were held where men were encouraged to grow deeper in the faith.

Calvary Chapel of Auburn, California—Middle School Director, 6/96 to 7/99

Christie and I were given the joy of overseeing the Jr. High ministry. We prepared weekly lessons for the young men and women, desiring to see them establish a regular pattern of spiritual discipline.

EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE

Interstate Battery System of America, Dallas TX—*Statistical Analyst*, 9/99 to 9/03

During my seminary years I worked in the Marketing and Retail Commerce Division of Interstate Batteries as a team player to produce decision making reports for the executive staff.

City of Roseville, California Municipal Utility, Roseville CA—*Resource Technician*, 4/97 to 7/99

Prior to moving to Dallas, I worked as a Resource Technician alongside Roseville Electric's head Resource Analyst preparing analyses, tracking spot and future prices, and performing database maintenance and construction.

American River Fence Co., Inc., Auburn CA—*CEO and Operator/Installer*, 1/93 to 12/94

Duties included all aspects of fence construction and business operation: payroll, managing employees, estimating, advertising and fence construction. After working for another company, I decided to venture out on my own.

REFERENCES

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