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Personal Objective

To leave people better than I found them; to build relationships and serve the needs of people; to help guide and encourage people; to model a lifestyle that integrates Biblical values with every area of life; to be dedicated to a lifetime of working for and with youth & college-age young adults.

Educational Objective

To educate the mind, encourage the heart, and inspire the soul of students so that they can reach their God-given potential to think critically with their head, love God with all their heart, and serve the world with their hands.

Theological Position

I grew up an Assemblies of God pastor's kid; saved at age four; baptized in water and in the Holy Spirit at age seven; called into ministry at age seventeen. I practice and preach all Assemblies of God doctrines. My testimony is one of God's keeping power as He has captivated my attention over what the world has to offer.

Education

DEGREES

- Assemblies of God Theological Seminary, Springfield, MO—M.A. in Christian Ministries, 2004.
- Central Bible College, Springfield, MO—B.A. in Bible/Theology, 1994.

ADDITIONAL STUDY

- Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, CA (worked on a graduate Certificate in Youth Ministry)—2001
- Southeastern College of the Assemblies of God, Lakeland, FL (1 & 2 Corinthians, Systematic Theology I, American History II) —1993.
- Northwestern State University, Natchitoches, LA (51 hours of general education) —1990-1992.

COURSEWORK

Here is a sampling of classes I took as part of my Master's degree program at AGTS that prepared me to work with students and in higher education:

- **Administration in Higher Education-** learned how universities work so that I could understand the roles of faculty, staff, and administration and the challenges each face, as well as how to design a course catalog, understanding accreditation standards, etc.
- **Instruction & Assessment in Higher Education-** prepared me to design syllabi, write tests, and make lesson plans
- **Contextual Education-** a field-based project I worked on with Central Bible College when there was not a Commuter Services organization. I worked with CBC's Vice-President of Student Development, (Gary Bruegman) to implement this service on the campus
- **Counseling Essentials-** equipped me to offer basic counseling to students before referring them to professional counseling services
- **Interpersonal Relationships & Conflict Management in Churches & Christian Organizations-** unpacked how relationships work and how to handle and mediate conflict that arises specifically in churches and Christian organizations

- ***Dynamics of Mentoring***- taught me techniques and strategies for mentoring students
- ***Effective Relationships***- examined how to effectively utilize relationships with people in order to work together and shape their lives
- ***Dynamics of Cross-Cultural Adjustment***- increased my awareness of the special challenges that international students face, and made me more knowledgeable about how to be effective in helping them to adjust to the American culture and in the college setting
- ***Engaging the Millennial Generation***- examined the DNA of the generation that had begun to enroll in our colleges and provided me with an understanding of them so I could relate to them on their level and be effective in ministering to them
- ***Institute of Campus Missions***- covered principles that Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship uses to minister to college students so that I could apply those principles to a Christian college setting
- ***Vision-Centered Leadership and Management***- prepared me to provide leadership in whatever capacity I may serve people and how to lead and manage people with a vision of the end in mind
- ***Spiritual Formation***- provided me with a thorough understanding of how to authentically grow in a relationship with Christ so that I can help students to experience authentic growth in their relationship with Christ
- ***Ministry Development Seminar***- discovered how to integrate leadership, spirituality, and psychology together to be able to effectively minister to students
- ***Integration Paper***- My capstone paper for my degree, entitled *Mentoring Students on the Christian College Campus*. Dr. Cheryl Taylor requested a copy to serve as the model of what was expected for future students in writing their integration paper.

Professional Experience

Higher Education

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF YOUTH MINISTRIES, EVANGEL UNIVERSITY/ASSEMBLIES OF GOD THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, SPRINGFIELD, MO -- 2013-PRESENT

- Revised the curriculum for the Children's & Family Ministries track of the Church Leadership Major in 2020 by partnering with the National Children's Ministries of the Assemblies of God.
- Serve as the Evangel University liaison for our partnership with Life360 Church's ImpactUSA church planting initiative.
- Founded the *Syndiakonia Ministry Sodality* in the Department of Theology & Global Church Ministries at Evangel University in 2020 in conjunction with Church Congregations and with the District Offices/National Office of the Assemblies of God.
- Worked with the General Secretary of the Assemblies of God in establishing academic pathways for credentials at the Licensure level for students in both the College of Adult and Graduate Studies as well as students graduating from James River College.
- Founded the Youth Ministries degree at Evangel in 2013 and created the course curriculum for the B.A., B.S. Concentration, and Minor in Youth Ministries.
- Serve as the program coordinator for the Youth Ministries degree (which was at one time the largest degree selected as a major by students in the Church Ministries Department and the 4th largest major at Evangel), responsible for assessment and course scope & sequence. The Youth Ministries Program Review Report was adopted by the undergraduate seminary faculty as the model for reporting assessment of programs to the Higher Learning Commission.
- Advised more than 50+ students through their program to graduation.
- Responsible for teaching Youth Ministries/Church Ministries courses.

- Oversee the ministerial internship program since 2017 for the undergraduate Evangel and graduate-level AGTS ministry areas of youth, children, church leadership, church ministry, and preaching.
- Assisted in presenting a workshop on the use of incorporating the StrengthsFinder strengths into the classroom at the 2013 Faculty Seminar.
- Utilized by the Admissions Dept. as a Faculty Representative to speak to prospective students about Evangel in the recruitment process.
- Piloted the implementation of the Instructure Canvas Learning Management System.
- Designed and developed a computer database program to track student degree progress.
- Sophomore/Junior/Senior Class Council advisor, 2013-2015.

ASST. PROFESSOR OF YOUTH MINISTRY, CENTRAL BIBLE COLLEGE; SPRINGFIELD, MO -- 2009-2013

- Instrumental in keeping all but two Youth Ministry majors (one returned to Evangel after one semester at another institution) when consolidating with Evangel.
- Program coordinator for the Youth Ministries degree—the 2nd largest degree at CBC selected as a major by students
- Responsible for teaching all Youth Ministries courses, at times carrying a 15-hour course load
- Freshman/Sophomore/Junior/Senior Class Council advisor from 2009-2013
- Instituted the first academically-driven learning community for the college, bridging residence life programming and academic instruction for first-year youth ministry majors
- Selected by the Information Technology department to serve as the Pedagogy Development Specialist for a pilot program to implement iPads for instructional purposes in the classroom.
- Re-developed the academic curriculum for the youth ministries program at CBC in 2014, and developed the academic curriculum for the youth ministries program when consolidating with Evangel University
- Requested on multiple occasions by the Vice-President for Academic Affairs to provide in-service professional development training for the faculty regarding technology in the classroom and 21st century learners
- Directed campus chapel services in the absence of the Campus Pastor
- First to implement the Instructure Canvas learning management system into the classroom in the spring of 2012
- Familiar with Blackbaud

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF RESIDENCE LIFE, COLORADO CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY; LAKEWOOD, CO -- 2007-2009

- Taught in the Resident Assistant and Chaplain leadership class
- Congruently served as a Resident Director for an off-campus residential complex, living with and overseeing the needs of 60 upper-class students for the 2007-2008 academic year
- Oversaw two Resident Assistants and provided leadership and training for them as they provided spiritual, educational, and relational programming for the 2007-2008 academic year
- Oversaw six student chaplains and provided training and leadership for their ministry to 580 on-campus residents for the 2007-2008 academic year
- Served as the advisor for the Residence Housing Association at Colorado Christian University
- Administered natural consequences and accountability measures to students who found themselves in the discipline system of the University during the 2007-2008 academic year

- Served on various committees such as the Men's and Women's Retreat, Spring Retreat, Themed Housing Initiative, and the Interdepartmental Communications Oversight Group
- Served as hiring manager for an Administrative Assistant and two office staff employees and all aspects of operations and customer service that are given to residents by them
- Oversaw the hiring and management of the Residence Life intern, conducting a Quality of Life assessment and subsequent interpretation of data collected
- Implemented a first-ever major housing reapplication campaign that was responsible for re-enrolling juniors and seniors who were not required to live on campus, resulting in substantial revenue generated for the university
- Responsible for partnering with *USA Today* in establishing the Collegiate Readership Program and making the program a permanent fixture on campus
- Faculty/Staff sponsor for the Best of Colorado outdoor adventure campus club
- Worked closely with the directors of all other departments on campus by representing the entire Residence Life Department as part of a communications oversight group tasked with disseminating information to each other and making decisions that might affect our respective departments
- Responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Residence Life Department
- Participated in monthly manager's meetings in order to help other managers effectively lead those working under them in their departments
- Familiar with Datatel and attended the Datatel Users Group Conference in Washington, D.C. in 2008

RESIDENCE DIRECTOR, EVANGEL UNIVERSITY; SPRINGFIELD, MO -- 2004-2007

- Oversaw & provided guidance as advisor to the Hall Council, discipleship program, activities and educational programming of the residence hall
- Hired, trained, supervised and developed Resident Assistants & Office Assistants
- Decided & implemented accountability for campus conduct violations
- Supervised financial operations for the residence hall and the Dept. of Student Life
- Worked closely with Security, Health Services, Physical Plant, Housing Coordinator, and Counseling Dept. to ensure a healthy and safe environment
- Built relationships with students and mentor/serve as a role model for them as this was a live-in position
- Co-founded (with a student), sponsored, and provided leadership and training to the Outdoor Adventures Club on campus
- Developed a presentation on behalf of the Student Life Department regarding how millennial students learn and assisted the Resident Directors in presenting it to the faculty at faculty orientation
- Assisted the Director of Counseling Services (Dr. Brian Upton) at Evangel University to lead a weekly support group for young men who were struggling with pornography
- Assisted in the hiring and training of incoming Resident Directors
- Taught in the LEAD 101 Campus Leadership class
- Familiar with eCAMS

Church Ministry

DONOR ACCOUNT MAINTENANCE SECRETARY AT LIGHT-FOR-THE-LOST, GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD (WHILE ALSO A STUDENT AT AGTS); SPRINGFIELD, MO -- 2001-2004

- Researched a large national base of donor accounts for financial errors
- Designed and developed a computer database program to track & report call results
- Contacted donors whose membership dues were unpaid or underpaid
- Performed follow-up through mailings and additional phone calls

- Worked with Contributor Services to correct misappropriated funds
- Recovered tens of thousands of dollars due to misappropriation and errors in oversight
- Familiar with FORVUS

ASSOCIATE & YOUTH PASTOR, FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD; THIBODAUX, LA -- 2000-2001

- Provided discipleship, leadership, and mentoring of youth ages 12-22
- Provided leadership and training to 25 college-aged and adult volunteer leaders
- Assisted the pastor in church responsibilities (preaching, hospital calls, visitation, service preliminaries, & daily operations of the church)
- Taught a youth Sunday School class
- Worked with student leaders of local Bible clubs on school campuses
- Example of fruitfulness: A youth sponsor was called into youth ministry under my leadership. He and his wife followed me to Springfield to attend CBC shortly after I resigned. He has since graduated from CBC and returned to serve as the full-time youth pastor at this church.

YOUTH PASTOR, BETHEL ASSEMBLY OF GOD; SHREVEPORT, LA -- 1997-2000

- Provided discipleship, mentoring, and evangelization to youth ages 11-22
- Introduced missions outreaches to the youth group and led several foreign and inner-city trips
- Instituted a discipleship program and approach to youth ministry that was intentional rather than undirected
- Assisted the Pastor in preaching, hospital visitation, service preliminaries, etc.
- Taught a youth Sunday School class
- Helped to implement the use of technology in other departments
- Served as the Sectional Representative for the Louisiana District Youth Department
- Oversaw the hiring, scheduling, and management of paid nursery staff
- Example of fruitfulness: A young junior-high boy at the time is now serving as the Youth Pastor at this same church, as well as a high-school boy at the time is serving as a deacon in his local church

ASSOCIATE & YOUTH PASTOR, PENDLETON ASSEMBLY OF GOD; MANY, LA -- 1994-1997

- Pioneered the church's first youth ministry and provided discipleship, mentoring, and evangelization to youth ages 11-19
- Served as the Sectional Representative for the Louisiana District Youth Department
- Assisted the Pastor in preaching, hospital visitation, service preliminaries, etc.
- Taught a Sunday School discipleship class
- Served as a Royal Rangers Trailblazer commander
- Served as the groundskeeper and janitor for the church
- Made significant physical labor contributions to the building of church offices, evangelist quarters, additional Sunday School rooms, and Family Life Center
- Example of fruitfulness: A junior-high boy who was called into the ministry under my leadership has since completed his PhD and is teaching Theology on a Christian campus.

I was also used to influence a young high school girl who now has a ministry to women who struggle with emotional issues.

Other Professional Experience

2019	Assisted with the formation of the NeuroKinesiology College (NKC) in Australia
2016	Commencement speaker for the Gloria Deo Academy High School graduation; served on the Curriculum Design Committee for grades K-12 at GDA
2015, 2020	Speaker for the Evangel University chapel service
2014-Present	Teach the courses Strategic Youth Ministry & Senior Capstone at James River College in Ozark, MO for the A.A. in Leadership degree
2009-2013	Preached multiple times for Central Bible College chapel services;
2008-2009	Served on the pastoral leadership team for reorganizing the church's discipleship structure and implementing small groups, and taught small group leaders principles of leadership while attending Dakota Ridge Assembly in Littleton, CO
1998-1999	Taught principles of worship-leading at the Louisiana District Church Ministries Leadership Conference
1998	Guest speaker for the Louisiana District summer camp provided for 11-13 year-olds; Taught an elective class to other youth pastors at the Youth Leadership Explosion Conference sponsored by the Louisiana District Youth Department
1996-1999	Served as the Sectional Representative for the Youth Ministries Department in both the Leesville and Bossier sections of the Louisiana District,
1995-2001	Led worship for the Louisiana District summer camp provided for 11-13 year-olds each summer
1995-2001	Assisted the LA District Secretary/Treasurer in organizing a Young Minister's Institute sponsored by the Louisiana District Council for high school juniors and seniors who felt a call into the ministry, taught Youth Ministry classes at the institute, and served as the Dean of Men by living with the young men of the institute and sharing my life with them

Professional Affiliations

ORDINATION & LICENSURE

- Licensed (1994) and Ordained (1997-present) Minister with the Louisiana District Council of the Assemblies of God

BOARDS

- Vice-President on the board of Network Ministries, Inc., 2000-present
- Secretary on the Board of Overseers for Venture Church of Redmond, WA, 2015-2018

MEMBERSHIPS

- *National Insurance Producer Registry (NIPR)*, 2019-present
- *Association of Youth Ministry Educators (AYME)*, 2017-present
- *Jefferson National Parks Association (JNPA)*, 2015-present
- *International Association for the Study of Youth Ministry (IASYM)*, 2009-2013
- *Association for Christians in Student Development (ACSD)*, 2004-2009
- *Intermountain Affiliate of College and University Residence Halls (IACURH)*, 2007-2009
- *Association of College and University Housing Officers-International (ACUHO-1)*, 2007-2009

- *American Farm Bureau Federation*, 1994-present

Publications

- *Soliloquy № 7: Addressing Hidden Influences That Quietly Erode Church Leaders*. Xulon Press. (2020) along with numerous blog posts related to the book content published on the website <http://www.soliloquynumberseven.com/>. The book won the Bronze Medal in the Ministry/Mission category for the 2022 *Illumination Book Awards* and has been nominated for an award by the *Christian Indie Publishing Association* (CIPA) to be announced May 1, 2022. It is also a required textbook in the Creative Leadership for the Rural Church class in the Master of Arts in Rural Ministry degree at Trinity Bible College.
- “The Skinny on Skinny Jeans.” *Momentum Magazine* (2012). www.momentum.ag.org/magazine
- “Programs vs. Apps.” *Momentum Magazine* (2012). www.momentum.ag.org/magazine
- “Youth Are Not the Church of Tomorrow.” *Momentum Magazine* (2013). www.momentum.ag.org/magazine
- “Investing in Preoccupied Girls.” *PE News* (2017). <https://penews.org/news/investing-in-preoccupied-girls>

Professional Service

SEMINARS/LECTURESHIPS

- *The Twelve Disciples* | Taught a twelve week course for Life360 University, Springfield, MO, 2022
- *Self-Assessment of the Leader* | Lectureship from my book “Soliloquy No. 7” presented to the Creative Leadership for the Rural Church class in the Master of Arts in Rural Ministry degree at Trinity Bible College, 2021
- *3 Areas of Focus for Championing Evangelistic Students* | Workshop presenter for the Southern Missouri District Youth Ministries “Evangelize the Campus” event, Springfield, MO, 2021
- *Meat Offered to Idols: 1 Corinthians 8* | Presenter for Life360 University class on 1 Corinthians, Springfield, MO, 2021
- *Creating a Living & Lasting Legacy* | Presenter at the International Touch for Health Conference on how to plan a financial portfolio that will further the mission of the organization financially after death utilizing the death benefit of Life Insurance. 2021.
- *Healthy Relationships & Social Media* | Co-presenter for a lectureship at Evangel University, Springfield, MO, 2018.
- *Developmental Discipleship* | Workshop presenter at the 417 Area Youth Ministry Network day conference, Springfield, MO, 2016.

- *Sex by Design* | Co-presenter for a CrossWalk-sponsored lectureship at Evangel University, Springfield, MO, 2015.
- *Educational Trends: It Is About Learning, Not (Just) Teaching: Pedagogy, Technology and the Knowledge Continuum, From Data to Wisdom* | Nominated by the Vice-President for Academic Affairs to represent the CBC faculty and present a workshop lecture at the Assemblies of God Alliance for Higher Education Conference, Springfield, MO, 2011.
- *Temperaments and Spiritual Leadership* | Workshop presenter at the CBC student leadership retreat, 2010, 2012.
- *Leading “Different” People* | Workshop presenter at the CBC student leadership retreat, 2011.
- *Assessing Youth Discipleship and Temperaments and Spiritual Leadership* | Presented two lectures at the Momentum National Youth Workers Conference; Dallas, TX, 2010.
- College Days Chapel speaker at Central Bible College; Springfield, MO, 2010.

AWARDS, HONORS, & CERTIFICATIONS

- Bronze Medalist in the Ministry/Mission category, Illumination Book Awards, 2022
- Anti-Money Laundering Certification, 2021
- Licensed Life Insurance Producer, State of Missouri, 2019
- Acts 2 Journey® Instructor Certification, 2018
- Counseling on Access to Lethal Means Certification (C.A.L.M.), 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020
- Youth Mental Health First Aid Certification, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020
- QPR Suicide Prevention Gatekeeper Certification, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020
- American Red Cross Wilderness & Remote First Aid, 2007, 2010
- American Red Cross Small Craft Safety: Moving Water, 2007
- Cum Laude (3.733 GPA) Assemblies of God Theological Seminary, 2004
- Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges, 1993-94
- The National Dean’s List, 1990-91
- Who’s Who Among Students in American High Schools, 1989-90
- Royal Rangers Gold Medal of Achievement, 1988
- Royal Rangers Certificate of Valor for Saving a Life, 1988

Teaching Experience

- Adolescent Ethnography
- Creative Storytelling Evangelism
- Essential Christianity
- Ministerial Ethics
- Senior Capstone
- Service Practicum (Ministerial Internship)
- Sociology of American Youth
- Strategic Youth Ministry
- Youth Discipleship
- Youth Evangelism
- Youth Ministry Leadership Capstone

- Youth in Ministry
- Guest-lectured in Homiletics II on preaching to youth; in Evangelism & Discipleship II on evangelizing youth, in The Pastor as Financial Officer on youth ministry budgeting, & in Marriage and Family Counseling, Central Bible College
- Assisted in LEAD101 Campus Leadership Class, Evangel University
- Resident Assistant and Chaplain Leadership Class, Colorado Christian University

Personality and Strengths Assessments

MYERS-BRIGGS TYPE INDICATOR

- **I**ntroversion- focuses on the inner world and gets energy through reflecting on information, ideas, and concepts
- **I**Ntuition- focuses on the big picture, sees patterns, seeks creative solutions to problems
- **F**eeling- makes decisions using personal values and how others might be affected by their actions
- **J**udging- organized and orderly and makes decisions quickly

CLIFTON STRENGTHSFINDER STRENGTHS

- Maximizer, Achiever, Discipline, Input, Focus

Personal Information

- Married to Christina McGough and we have two children, Cade and Kyelah.
- Attend Life360 church in Springfield, MO
- I have had a strong work ethic instilled in me. I carried a full-time course load in graduate school, graduating Cum Laude while simultaneously working a full-time job, cultivating a healthy family life, and adjusting to the birth of our first-born child. I thoroughly enjoy reading books and practicing a healthy lifestyle of High Intensity Training (HIT) weightlifting, backpacking, hiking, mountain biking, and bow hunting.

References

Dr. David Arnett, President of Northpoint Bible College & former Vice-President of Academic Affairs at Central Bible College

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Dr. Ryan Hartwig, Dean, School of Humanities & Social Sciences, Professor of Communication in the College of Undergraduate Studies at Colorado Christian University; former Director of Residence Life, Colorado Christian University

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