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OBJECTIVE

My deepest desire is to serve my Lord Jesus Christ in such a way that would bring Him maximum pleasure and glory. Several years ago I started a journey at Lancaster Bible College, since then my calling has become clear. Through my prayer life, interactions with others and opportunities to serve within the church I firmly believe that I have been called into vocational church ministry, in a pastoral role. Since I have had the pleasure to serve in this capacity for the past several years, I can say with certainty that I cannot imagine doing anything else. While I alone have nothing to add to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, I humbly submit to His authority and power.

In my experience as the senior pastor of Basore Road Grace Brethren Church, I have grown immensely. I have seen my family's growth as well, and can only credit Jesus Christ for it. Obedience has become our battle cry, we desire to be where the Lord wants us, when He wants us there, doing the work He has called us to.

I deeply desire a relationship with a church body, very much like Paul described in 1 Thessalonians 2:3-8. That I would serve with pure motives, pleasing God, proclaiming the truth and sharing not only the Gospel but my very life with those whom I am called to serve.

I believe that my varied work experience along with my skill set and gifts, uniquely qualify me for the pastorate. I thank Jesus Christ for allowing me to partake in such a calling.

TESTIMONY

The story of my salvation begins with my predestination and was completed on the cross at Calvary. Then when I was very young, the true Gospel message was given to me during a Vacation Bible School program. It was there where I first realized that I was a sinner deserving eternal punishment. As I grew older I strayed from the path, and found myself in sin. Throughout my entire life my parents remained loving and continued pointed toward Jesus. It wasn't until much later, like the Prodigal, I turned from sin; fell on my face and cried for forgiveness. It was then that true repentance happened.

SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

2015	I serve as the Vice-Moderator of the Tri-State District of Churches
2012 – Present	I serve as the Senior Pastor/Elder of Basore Road Grace Brethren Church. This is a church of 120 +/- . I was called to be the pastor after a significant loss in the leadership of the church. The church had split and they needed a leader to bring people together, serve patiently and bring about a change in the governance of the local church.
2011 – 2012	I served on a preaching team, charged with bringing the Word to a group of believers meeting in a local fire hall. Helping them to develop as a young church, reaching their community.
2008 – 2011	Elder at New Beginnings Grace Brethren Church.
2006 – 2011	Sunday School Superintendent and Vacation Bible School Director at New

2005 – 2006 Beginnings Grace Brethren Church.
 2005 Preached and assisted in a Grace Brethren church plant in Reamstown Pa.
 Assessed and approved by GBNAM (Grace Brethren N. American
 2002-2004 Missions) for church planting.
 Part-time Youth Pastor, Salem UCC

I also have served as pulpit supply for several local churches.

WORK OF EXPERIENCE

March 4, 2012 – Present **Basore Road Grace Brethren Church -- Senior Pastor**

I serve as the Senior Pastor. In my role I am responsible for all preaching and teaching ministries within the church. My day to day duties are varied and require me to be prepared for any and all opportunities to minister to the people under my shepherding. I counsel, mentor, preach, teach, and handle administrative needs as they arise. As the only pastor on staff I must be flexible and meet needs as they arise. Discipleship and ministry training are vital in my position. I also have been active in evangelism and evangelism training. Outreach is an important facet of the ministry.

During my time at Basore Road:

- I have walked through a process to re-write the church's constitution successfully
- The church's government was changed from primarily a congregationally lead church to a model of Biblical Eldership
- I have made it a priority to train men, helping them to discover if indeed they have been called into eldership
- We planted one house church in a retirement community
- I have taught an ongoing evangelism training class, and have given each of the students "real-world" experience
- Using my background in marketing and advertising we rebranded Basore, created a new website, new logo, new business cards and direct mailers
- Taken the lead in many new and creative initiatives to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with our community
- Continued in firm reliance on the Word of God

May 9, 2006 – February 28, 2012 **Lancaster Farming Newspaper – Advertising Sales**

I sold advertising for an agricultural newspaper with a circulation of approximately 63,000 people. My main responsibilities were to maintain an active customer base, while building new business. I not only sold advertising, I designed and layout ads, and also handled the tight newspaper deadlines. My role was not only to sell advertising but I found that there were strong relationships built between me and my customers. Many time I would find myself in a counselor's role and often I had opportunities to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

March 2006 – May 2006 **K & Y Sales – Credit Manager (Temporary Position)**

My responsibilities included: Taking payments, running credit checks and calling delinquent accounts in order to obtain payment.

2002 – March 2006 **KB Toys - Assistant Sales Manager/Full-time and Part-time positions.**

My responsibilities included: Customer service, Merchandising, Processing freight, I also took care of paper work and nightly deposits. I was in a leadership role, I motivated and delegated responsibilities to the sales associates. It was my primary goal to insure sales goals were met and that the customer had a pleasant shopping experience.

2004 – 2005 **Comcast Inc.** – Overnight Dispatcher

I was responsible for routing work to our communication techs. Overnight I would watch for cable outages and saw to it that they were corrected in a timely manner. I also maintained and created several spreadsheets. My position also required me to contact customers and troubleshoot problems that they might be experiencing. (Laid off).

2002 - 2004 **Part-time Youth Pastor** – Salem UCC

My responsibilities included: Teaching Sunday school, Planning and overseeing Youth activities, counseling youth members, planning and overseeing Bible studies, giving sermons when necessary also I was a voting member on the church board. The position continued until the endowment was exhausted.

2000 - 2002 **M.H. Eby Inc** – Trailer Fabricator

I was a member of a five man team, we built aluminum cattle trailers. I was responsible for many steps in the fabrication process; wiring the trailer for lights, making custom parts, brakes, and so on. We worked closely with the customer to ensure they were pleased with every aspect of the trailer. (Developed Respiratory Problems)

1996 – 2000 **KB Toys** – Assistant Sales Manage

My responsibilities included: Customer service, Merchandising, Processing freight, I also took care of paper work and nightly deposits. I was in a leadership role, I motivated and delegated responsibilities to the sales associates. It is my primary goal to insure sales goals were met and that the customer had a pleasant shopping experience.

EDUCATION

2010-2011 **Lancaster Bible Graduate School.**

I began taking Master's level courses until I had to stop to pursue my current position 500 miles away from the school. I would like to pursue this avenue again.

2002 – 2009 **Lancaster Bible College.**

I graduated December 18th 2009 with a Bachelors Degree in Bible.

2004 - 2007 **Mid-Atlantic Regional Equipping Center.**

Attended several weekend long, counseling seminars, and then became a teacher of one of the classes.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

After High School graduation I was chosen to become the Pennsylvania Future Farmers of America (FFA) State Chaplain for the year 1995-96. It was my team's responsibility to oversee and create youth programs in order to develop leadership, teamwork and goal setting skills. My responsibilities included counseling, public speaking, developing and overseeing events which would range in size of 10 - 3000 students. Currently I am a member of the Pennsylvania FFA Alumni Association.

- I am a current member of The Evangelical Homiletics Society.
- I am a current member of the CMA (Christian Motorcycle Association)

- I am a current member of the AGBM (Assoc. of Grace Brethren Ministers)
- I am currently the Vice-Chairman of the Tri-State District of Grace Brethren Churches.
- I have started a business called, "Grease & A Bible". It started as a way to make extra income but has now morphed into an opportunity to train others in evangelism and a way to mobilize evangelists within the motorcycling community.
- I enjoy hunting and the outdoors.

REFERENCES

- Tim Mihojevich, Engineer – Purchasing at Greenville Technology
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- Don Wick, Elder/Social Work
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- Shawn McDowell, Vice-President of Wealth Management: 5/3rd Bank
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Other references given upon request.