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Background Summary

A resourceful, personable Youth Minister seeks opportunity to serve the youth within your congregation and community. Also seeks to motivate them and their families toward a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ. Easily builds rapport with all ages.

Profile

Preacher / Teacher – Prepares and delivers expositional messages based upon the Word of God

Counselor – Member of the Association of Biblical Counselors and actively involved in counseling courses

Event Organizer – Coordinates age appropriate events and activities

Project Manager – Develops and executes new projects within a church setting

Graphic Designer – Uses multimedia tools to design web and print media to reach teens

Author – Published articles and manuals including *“Keeping Time”* in Group Magazine and *“Youth Group Spaghetti Dinners Made Easy”* (a reference publication detailing the planning, organizing, and hosting of youth spaghetti dinners to build relationships in a congregation and help with fundraising efforts)

Ministry Path

YOUTH PASTOR **Mt. Pleasant Church of the Brethren** **2003 – February 2009**
North Canton, OH

Recruited to serve as volunteer Youth Minister from 2003 – 2006 and hired as Youth Pastor upon creation of position.

- Prepared weekly Bible studies and Sunday School lessons
- Developed curriculum and discipleship plan for Junior High and High School age groups
- Hosted parent and volunteer informational meetings
- Introduced and coordinated age-appropriate activities
- Recruited and trained students to serve as student leaders within the youth ministry and trained adults to serve as Sunday School teachers and youth advisors.
- Sourced, organized, and hosted yearly mission trips
- Prepared messages for Church Worship Service

FOUNDER **Do Not Freeze Ministries** **2002 – Present**
North Canton, OH

Shared the Gospel message with local youth and equipped them to share Christ with their peers at home, in class, and during social events.

- Designed and launched official website (www.DoNotFreeze.org) and promotional materials
- Authored Bible Study articles
- Planned and organized outreach events in the community
- Spearheaded outreach multimedia CD-ROM, including a Bible Study of Christian basics and study tools (used as a discipleship resource by area churches, youth groups, and High school and College sports teams)

CERTIFICATION – BIBLICAL COUNSELING INSTITUTE, IN PROGRESS

Biblical Counseling Institute of Ohio – Garrettsville, OH

BACHELOR OF ARTS – YOUTH MINISTRY, 2006

Malone University – Canton, OH

LICENSED MINISTER – CHURCH of the BRETHREN, 2005

Northern Ohio District

Consistently attend training seminars and conferences to stay abreast to the most pressing issues facing Christianity today.

- 2009 – Shepherds' Conference (Grace Community Church – Sun Valley, CA)
- 2008 – The Ambassadors' Academy (Way of the Master and Living Waters – Bellflower, CA)
 - ✓ Received hands on evangelism training from the Living Waters staff and seasoned evangelists including Kirk Cameron, Ray Comfort, and Tony Miano
- 2008 – Shepherds' Conference (Grace Community Church – Sun Valley, CA)
- 2007 – Contending for the Truth (Ligonier Ministries National Conference – Orlando, FL)
- 2006 – Moody Pastors' Conference (Moody Bible Institute – Chicago, IL)
- 2005 – Chosen by God Conference (Ligonier Ministries Regional Conference – Akron, OH)
- 2005 – Shepherds' Conference (Grace Community Church – Sun Valley, CA)
- 2003 to 2005 – Philip Training (Faith Bible Church, Canton, OH)
 - ✓ Two-year course, training leaders in Biblical discernment, spiritual disciplines, and character development

PASTOR RAY RUSS

Pastor/Teacher
Faith Bible Church
Canton, OH
(330) 497-7087

I came to know Ray from my relationship with his church during the Philip Training course I began in 2003. He has been a great source of encouragement to me as I seek the truth and live out the principles of Scripture.

PHILIP MYERS

Former Ministerial Board Chairman
Mt. Pleasant Church of the Brethren
Louisville, OH
(330) 453-4397

Philip was one of the first people to encourage me to pursue youth ministry as a full time vocation. I have known him since I was a child and I have had the privilege of having both of his children in the youth ministry at Mt. Pleasant Church of the Brethren.

JOSH BRANCH

Videographer
North Canton, OH
(330) 323-7178

Josh is a lifelong friend who has helped me develop a Biblical understanding of theology. He and I have attended several conferences and seminars together as we seek to know the truth and make Christ known.

For detailed character letters from church members and leaders, please visit: www.EvanMiller.com

Philosophy of Youth Ministry

I desire to see teens live in such a way that is pleasing to God and worthy of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The purpose of my role as a youth pastor in the church is to build up, encourage, and equip young people to be examples in speech, in living faithfully through all things, in self-sacrificial love, and in purity of heart.

Family Orientated Youth Ministry

I believe Youth Ministry should be done under the authority of the local church while maintaining a strong partnership with families. When teenagers submit to the authority of their local church, it provides young people with an opportunity to be encouraged and held accountable to fellow believers. The church also provides students with the privilege of building relationships with people from multiple generations. Likewise, it is equally essential for the youth ministry to maintain a healthy relationship with families and equipping parents to “bring up their children in the discipline and instruction of the Lord (Ephesians 6:4).”

Teaching and Fellowship

I am committed to teaching the Truth found in Scriptures to young people so they may “grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (Peter 3:18; Colossians 1:9-10).” I desire to use the Word of God to train, counsel, equip, and encourage young people to become committed followers of Jesus Christ so that they may live a life that faithfully represents the Gospel of Christ.

Discipleship

Teens today live in a world with conflicting messages that are constantly competing for their attention and focus. Young people today face a greater opportunity to fall into temptation than any other generation before them. More than ever, it is important for young people to be connected with mentors and trusted leaders in the church that will encourage teens to become grounded in the basics of the Christian faith, which produces an unshakable foundation.

Evangelism

In a Youth Ministry setting, I often focus on training young people to share the Gospel message with their peers so they may lead others to Christ. I want students to be confident in their ability to share the Gospel message with people they encounter on a daily basis. Also, I want to be certain that each student clearly understands the importance of verbally sharing the Gospel message with the lost.

Serving others

It is important that young people are provided with the opportunity to serve side-by-side with other Christians for the purpose of being the hands and feet of Jesus Christ. This can be done by serving in the church, in the community, and through mission opportunities.

Activities and Fun

Times of fun are important for students to relax, be themselves, and build relationships with their peers. Fun activities and outings are secondary in Youth Ministry as the Word of God is the primary focus. Activities and outings also serve the purpose of helping youth and youth ministry leaders build deeper Christian relationships. Fun events and activities can also provide an excellent opportunity for evangelism to un-churched teens who attend as guests.

Summary

Everything I teach and plan is selected to mold teenagers into disciples of Jesus Christ, so they can be examples in their homes, schools, communities, and in the church. The purpose of my role as a youth pastor is to build up, encourage, and equip young people to be examples in speech, in living faithfully through all things, in self-sacrificial love, and in purity of heart (1 Timothy 4:12).

When a young person lives as an example in these ways, he or she will be effective in making an impact in all settings of their life and God is continually glorified. Neither program nor personality alone can bring about these qualities. These qualities can only come about by God miraculously regenerating a sinner's heart when a person repents of their sin and submits his or her life to Christ (Ephesians 2:1-10). When the Gospel is faithfully preached and the Bible is accurately taught, the Lord will be glorified and lives will be forever changed through the working of the Holy Spirit in genuine conversion. Even though it may not appear to be culturally relevant, God's timeless Word needs to take center stage in Youth Ministry settings so that students have an accurate view of God, His nature, and His inspired Word.

