"My ministry life was most shaped by my experience in missions. We spent five years in Ukraine-- it wasn't so much what we did that shaped us, but what God did with us through the whole process. It's been difficult to find a good church fit since returning. I grew up in the Church of Christ, but don't really fit in anymore. Anchorage was a good fit until the church downsized, but we stayed in town and I ministered in a taxi cab. We've tried our hand at different things to make a living, but my heart is still in the Scriptures and with the *missio dei*; and one of the best spiritual mentors I ever found lives up here, too. One of the reasons we would consider coming back down south is the right fit-- the idea of being able to have a little farm, and that my wife's parents are up the road in West Virginia, my mom down in Georgia.

My family and have been all over the world following God-given opportunities. We long for a home and a community to live in and to belong to. I have worked many side jobs to make paychecks because it's been difficult to find a church ministry that fits. I'll bet there are a lot of people we know in common, and some that I would be happy to invite you to inquire as references. We could talk about my history, education, scriptural views, whatever you'd like. If you're not interested in having a conversation, don't even bother sending me a rejection letter, I've got enough of those already!

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Conversational Commentary

I started typing out a cover letter, but I found that I had so much to say/explain, it could hardly be reduced to a letter. So I edited and inserted writings and videos I have made to support the statements. Not every work has a corresponding video. This tool will be more effective than a resume, and its purpose and function are more than just an employment request.

"For several years, I've put out resumes for ministry jobs, and it's been a while since anything panned out. But it has yielded some really great conversations and some friendships that abide. So I might not be your guy, but if someone gets hold of this and cares for a conversation, that's what I aim to get from this."

CONVERSATIONS

Text	Video
20 year conversation	Story: 25 year conversation with Charles White
• jim posey	Jim Posey's Youtube Channel

Conversation with Mom (Public Edit)	
Taxi Conversations	
Life Transformation Groups	

"I would guess that whoever is reading this letter were likely raised in the church of Christ, and that back ground we have in common."

Church of Christ

Text	Video
25 list for the Church of Christ	Things to RETHINK if you are a member of the "Church of Christ"
 Fuzzy Part 1 Thinking and Communicating Fuzzy Part 2the God factor Fuzzy Part 3- How God-community relates Fuzzy Part 4- Core Fuzzy 	Intro Fuzzy Bible part 1 Fuzzy Bible part 2 Fuzzy Bible The God Factor part 1 Fuzzy Bible The God Factor part 2 Fuzzy Community Principles Fuzzy Community Relationships Fuzzy Church

"I must say that I collected a great number of benefits from such an inheritance: a stable family, good foundation in the Bible, a positive culture of religious life and education. All of those things I'm grateful for."

HISTORY

Text	Video
Rethinking the Restoration	Rethink Restoration
 Polarizing Factors of the Division of the Restoration Church 	Researching the Restoration Movement : Valdosta, Georgia

"I don't really care much for this process by which churches attempt to fill their position of local minister. The only better way I can think of is to either raise up servants from amongst the local congregation or to consult beloved and trusted brothers to give recommendations. But sending in applications it's a miserable process for introverted minister such as myself. What's worse, is that ideologically... Through study of the Scripture, through the expansion of my scope of worldview by working and living as a

missionary in another country, I have found it increasingly difficult to find a congregation with which I could have a positive working environment without going against my conscience."

MINISTRY

Text	Video
Ministry Manifesto	
Helps for finding a preacher for a church	
religious industrial complex	Religious Industrial Complex
• small church	
 Preacher and His work Revised for 21st century 	

"With running the risk of treading on others' consciences, I think it's most prudent to go ahead and give examples of the most controversial things that differ with COC norms: I don't believe church attendance is necessary for salvation. One of the truths that I want to live out the remainder of my days is that I don't want so much as to promote people to going to any kind of a meeting but rather promoting them to have a relationship with the living true God-- because I don't believe those two are the same thing."

Church you don't have to go to

"So with that chip plant is squarely on my shoulder I will proceed...

Nor do I have a problem with instrumental music. The argument is long and detailed, yeah, it normally reduces to a binary: yes or no. Is it a sin? No.

Instrumental Music

Text	Video
instrumental music	Stories: Instrumental Music and Worship
	Parable of the Instrument

"Here's another one that hits hard on the ethos of a local church: I think asking for money from your members is not tasteful at all."

A brief statement on measuring <u>Church Health</u>

"Those of us who grew up in the church are all the ones who are old enough to remember when they talked about *change agents*. I kept my mind open in those days I never did pick sides, because I was one for unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. I did a masters thesis on a division in the church of Christ down in Georgia, which made me start realizing that the unity of the Spirit comes from God himself and not from the agreement of brothers. Mostly, people divide because they don't want unity except on their own terms,"

Text	Video
Holy Spirit	The Holy Spirit Loophole
Leadership and Legalism	Body Based Covenant
	Definition of Religion

"I don't know if I've lost you yet, but one of the main reasons that I am sending this letter in to be put into the running is that I'm holding out hope that such a congregation exists that would have me. I'm pretty quirky, but I can speak "our" language, and I can also reach out to people who do not have such language for faith. My idea of a life lived in faith does not concentrate on Sunday, Wednesdays or any other meeting days. But rather a holistic 24 seven."

Text	Video
Church in Lockdown	Church in Lockdown

"I believe that the manifestation of the 21st century church is not going to look like the 20th century church. I can live with that. I'm excited about that. I am interested to see what it's gonna look like. I suspect if a congregation plows forth with the Word with the Lord as a guide, without getting too deeply mired in history and tradition, that the meetings may begin to look like 1st Corinthians 14. What I mean is a picture of a congregation who are all participating in whatevers going on, not just a select few who are standing up front.

Changes

Text	Video
• 1A One another	
Changes For an Unlocked Church	Church In Lockdown: Changes Unlocked

- Resume Brett White 2020
- Brett White Ministry Resume 2020
- Church Shopping
- White Family Values