

To Whom It May Concern,

When I first visited the Creation Museum and Ark Encounter as a teenager, it transformed my understanding of science and human history in relation to God's Word. I have always had a passion for history and it was fascinating to learn how The Great Flood event impacted the world we live in today. It was there that I first encountered the idea of Young Earth Creationism and how a global flood event is backed by science. This formative experience brought my faith to life in new ways. Through the new information I was exposed to, it has equipped me to have conversations with other people about the scientific backing for a biblical worldview.

I've had the privilege of working for Lifeway's Worship team for over five years and serving alongside countless worship pastors and music ministers to support their worship ministry needs. During this time, I've worked closely with software engineers and managers during the development/deployment process of lifewayworship.com. This experience piqued my curiosity in software development and ultimately led me to enroll in the Vanderbilt Software Development Bootcamp. During this rigorous, fast-paced program, I learned many different technologies and built a portfolio of applications to gain new skills in frontend and backend development. I also had the opportunity to collaborate with other students in my cohort on applications to replicate the agile software development process.

After completing the bootcamp last May, I have continued expanding my learning of new technologies such as cloud computing by receiving a Cloud Practitioner certification from AWS. I have also had the opportunity to participate in Lifeway's annual Hackathon where the theme was focused on improving the video consumption experience for our customers. This provided an opportunity for me to collaborate with a team of engineers and rapidly develop a new feature that can be readily integrated with our existing applications. Our team placed 1st in the competition and this experience reinforced my desire to use my software development skills for the Church.

I'm encouraged to see that Answers in Genesis' values are closely aligned with my values—to honor God in our work and proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ. I believe that I would be a great fit for a team on mission for the Kingdom and I am eager to continue serving the Church in this capacity. Thank you for considering me for the Full Stack Web Developer position and I look forward to discussing how I might be able to serve in this role!

Blessings,

Jared Tichacek