

Vernon R. King, III

Having felt an earnest call to ministry since college, I have been preparing for church ministry through internship opportunities, academic study, voracious reading, intense dialog, and a foray into electronic publishing while simultaneously pursuing a career in software development. Although my primary focus has been church health, including church planting and church strengthening, I have also been gifted in personal counseling and have experience in adoption ministry.

I affirm the [Abstract of Principles](#),¹ the [Baptist Faith and Message 2000](#), the [Chicago Statement on Biblical Inerrancy](#), and the [Danvers Statement on Biblical Manhood and Womanhood](#).

Personal Background

Family

Kathryn Rose (spouse), Vernon Ray, IV (11), Brooklyn Leigh (8), Emma Grace (4), Seth Christopher (1).

Some of our children were adopted in 2011.

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Education

Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary | Wake Forest, North Carolina

Master of Divinity in Christian Ministry

2012–2014

GPA: 4.0

Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary | Fort Worth, Texas

Coursework toward Master of Divinity in Missions

2009–2011

GPA: 4.0

Texas A&M University | College Station, Texas

Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering

2003–2007

GPA: 4.0, *summa cum laude*

¹Excepting XVII. "The Lord's Day."

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Relevant Experience

First Baptist Church | Durham, North Carolina

Pastoral Intern

January 2014–May 2014

Met weekly with pastors to discuss ministry in a healthy church:

- Attended elders and members meetings
- Read and reported weekly on ecclesiological texts
- Memorized Ephesians with the other interns

Pillar on the Rock | Ecclesiological Online Magazine

Co-founder and Editor, www.pillarontherock.com

2009–2011

Wrote and edited articles to promote local church health:

- Article reprinted in B&H book, [*Preach: Theology Meets Practice*](#), by Mark Dever and Greg Gilbert
- Edited 100+ articles; Authored 50+ articles ([www.pillarontherock.com/search/label/PJ King](http://www.pillarontherock.com/search/label/PJ%20King))
- Grew the writing team to include six authors

New Song Church | Windhoek, Namibia

Missionary Intern

May 2007–August 2007

Residential intern with an IMB missionary team:

- Assisted in the leadership and administration of a weekly outreach serving 150+ students
- Helped host two American youth mission teams for two weeks each
- Provided technical support for church, youth ministries, and camp
- Observed cross-cultural pastoral ministry on a daily basis

Church Background

First Baptist Church | Durham, North Carolina

Member

2013–present

Served in the church in a variety of roles:

- Home Fellowship (small group) co-leader and co-teacher (Fall 2014–present)
- Bible for Life co-teacher, fifth grade boys (Fall 2014–present)
- Bible for Life co-teacher, two year-olds (Fall 2013)

Church of Christ the King (SBC) | Fort Worth, Texas

Member

2010–2012

Considered faithful to the community and participated in *ad hoc* duties:

- Deacon candidate (moved out of state soon after nomination)
- Organized greeter and security rotations
- Administered web technologies for the church

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Portland Avenue Baptist Church | Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Member

2008–2009

Sacrificially served while discerning future ministry goals:

- Interim College and Career Director
- Break-out teacher for youth ministry
- Assumed temporary guardianship for twin teenage girls from the youth group

Trinity Baptist Church | Norman, Oklahoma

Attended

2007–2008

Actively participated before planned move out of town.

First Baptist Church | Bryan, Texas

Member

2003–2007

Engaged in ministry during full tenure of college:

- Served as a youth leader
- Participated in college discipleship programs

First Baptist Church | Woodway, Texas

Member

1992–2003

Raised by my parents to be a faithful member:

- Baptized by Michael Toby, 1992
- Served on student leadership team during high school
- Served in numerous domestic mission trips and foreign missions to
- Served in youth mission trips to Spain, Morocco, and Namibia
- Counseled as a college leader for youth camps and mission trips

Professional History

Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary | Wake Forest, North Carolina

Software Developer

May 2013–present

FTS International | Fort Worth, Texas

Lead Software Developer

May 2011–January 2013

Led a team of five engineers and served as a point of contact with management

Deloitte Consulting | Dallas, Texas

Software Consultant, Homeland Security

January 2011–May 2011

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FIS | Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Senior Programmer Analyst

Programmer Analyst II

October 2009–November 2010

September 2007–October 2009

Hewlett-Packard | College Station, Texas

ASIC Intern

May 2006–May 2007

Texas A&M University | College Station, Texas

Peer Teacher, Department of Computer Science

September 2004–May 2006

References

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