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](http://www.founders.org/abstract.html),[[1]](#footnote-2) the [Baptist Faith and Message 2000](http://www.sbc.net/bfm/bfm2000.asp), the [Chicago Statement on Biblical Inerrancy](http://library.dts.edu/Pages/TL/Special/ICBI_1.pdf), and the [Danvers Statement on Biblical Manhood and Womanhood](http://cbmw.org/uncategorized/the-danvers-statement/).

# Personal Background

##### Family

Kathryn Rose (spouse), Vernon Ray, IV (12), Brooklyn Leigh (8), Emma Grace (4), Seth Christopher (2).

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*

# 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](http://www.pillarontherock.com) 2009–2011

Wrote and edited articles to promote local church health:

* Article reprinted in B&H book, [*Preach: Theology Meets Practice*](http://www.amazon.com/dp/1433673177/?tag=vernonking-20), 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–Spring 2015)
* Bible for Life co-teacher, fifth grade boys (Fall 2014–Spring 2015)
* 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

##### 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–January 2015

##### 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 SecurityJanuary 2011–May 2011

##### FIS | Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

*Senior Programmer Analyst* October 2009–November 2010 *Programmer Analyst II* 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 ScienceSeptember 2004–May 2006

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1. Excepting XVII. “The Lord’s Day.” [↑](#footnote-ref-2)