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/).

# Education

##### Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary | Wake Forest, North Carolina

*Master of Divinity in Christian Ministry* GPA: 4.0

##### Texas A&M University | College Station, Texas

*Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering*, *summa cum laude* GPA: 4.0

# 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

##### Pillar on the Rock | Ecclesiological Online Magazine

*Co-founder and Editor*, [www.pillarontherock.com](http://www.pillarontherock.com) 2009–2011

Wrote 50+ and edited 100+ 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
* 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
* Observed cross-cultural pastoral ministry on a daily basis

# 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

##### 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

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