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PERSONAL INFORMATION

Birth Date: March 2, 1961

Married to **Laura Roberts** on August 15, 1981

Children: **Brian**- born on August 5, 1986

Benjamin-born on November 29, 1988

Tyler-born on October 23, 1991

Licensed into the ministry by View Baptist Church, View, Texas, 1982

Ordained into the ministry by Circle Drive Baptist Church, Colorado Springs, Colorado, 1988

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Behavioral Science

Hardin Simmons University, Abilene, Texas, 1984

Master of Arts in Religious Education

Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, 1987

Doctorate in Educational Ministry with an Emphasis in Leadership

Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, 2005

MINISTRY OBJECTIVE

To Encourage people by Preaching, Teaching, Training and Leading in the areas of Evangelism, Ministry, Worship, Discipleship and Fellowship.

MINISTRY RELATED EXPERIENCE

Senior Pastor, Hilltop Baptist Church, Green River, Wyoming. April 2008-Present. Hilltop Baptist church is a vibrant growing congregation that is in the middle of building a new 450 seat auditorium.

- Adjunct Faculty Professor for Golden Gate Seminary. Taught Baptist History and Baptist Polity for diploma students in Southwest Wyoming in the Fall of 2008, Old Testament in the Spring of 2009 and the book of Genesis in the Fall of 2009. Teaching Ministry Foundations through Spring of 2010.
- Teaching online courses in Christian Education, Theology and New Testament as an Adjunct Professor for Liberty University beginning in mid 2010.
- Providing Pastoral Care and Leadership. Mentoring a Church staff of four.
- Church Growth has necessitated going to two services. Worship attendance has increased by over 100%. There have been numerous additions by profession of faith and by letter. In August of 2008, and 2009 (After our annual picnic) 17 were baptized in the Green River.
- Giving has increased substantially. A record budget was approved for 2009.
- Led the Church to financially support (Special love offering) our two mission Churches that built new facilities.
- Singer in the Church praise team. Lead Worship when needed.
- Transitioned the Church from Committees to a team based ministry strategy. We now have twelve functioning ministry teams.
- Have led the Church by providing comprehensive Discipleship training. We now have five different Discipleship groups meeting weekly.
- Providing leadership in the area of community wide outreach to include participating in an annual parade. The church had a float and passed out 1000s of water bottles and pieces of candy advertising upcoming church events including VBS and sports clinics.
- Led in the development of monthly (summer) events to reach the community utilizing the associational trailer featuring cotton candy, snow-cones and popcorn and other outside activities to reach the community through friendship evangelism.

Interim Director of Missions, Green River & Overthrust Associations of Southwest Wyoming. 2007-2008.

A joint opportunity with the Wyoming Southern Baptist Convention and the North American Mission Board. Served as Moderator of the Green River Baptist Association.

- Certified as a facilitator for Building powerful ministry teams Next Level Leadership Network a division of the North American Mission Board.
- Led development of the monthly newsletter to facilitate more communication between churches and ministries.
- Encouraged Pastors and Churches through personal visitation to their church fields and writing notes of encouragement to pastors and serving as a resource through preaching and teaching.
- Provided council and assistance to a Church going through conflict.
- Led associational churches to financially assist a Church Pastor who has cancer.

Senior Pastor, Mountain View Southern Baptist Church, Lafayette, Colorado, 2004-2007

While serving there God did amazing things.

- We had more than 70 new members join.
- We baptized more than 40 new believers.
- We set a new record for highest attendance on a Sunday.
- The church became debt free.
- Home Bible studies were started.
- Leadership development increased.
- Discipleship became more personal.
- Outreach became more intentional.

Senior Pastor, Southern Hills Baptist Church, Sioux City, Iowa, 2002-2004

I was the pastor of one of the leading mission minded congregations in the state of Iowa.

- We had more than 80 new members join.
- We baptized more than 40 new believers.
- Two worship services were offered to accommodate and accelerate growth.
- Average combined worship attendance of more than 300.
- Bible study attendance increased by more than 25%.
- Revamping of the mid-week service resulted in attendance increasing from 10 to 90.
- Mission offering amounts were the highest in the church's history.
- We purchased an additional 7 acres of land for future expansion.
- We utilized television in order to increase church exposure.

Senior Pastor, West Greeley Baptist Church, Greeley, Colorado, 1996-2002

While serving there, God did extraordinary things.

- We had more than 200 new members join.
- We baptized more than 80.
- Sunday School attendance tripled.
- Worship attendance more than doubled.
- The church was renovated.
- The church became debt free.
- The church became involved in a clothing and food ministry.
- The church helped start a "Cowboy" church in Kersey, Colorado.
- The church led a Bible study and worship services in the local jails.

Chaplain, Colorado State Patrol, 1999-2002

- Worked closely with the officers, ministering to them with encouragement and support.

Senior Pastor, Berryton Baptist Church, Berryton, Kansas, 1994-1996

Appointed Home Missionary, New Church Extension Division, North American Mission Board

Senior Pastor, First Southern Baptist Church, Larned, Kansas, 1991-1994

I inherited a church that was in emotional turmoil.

God used:

- My ministry of encouragement to help heal the congregation.
- My integrity to help stabilize the congregation.
- My leadership to help inspire the congregation.

Senior Pastor, Washington Avenue Baptist Church, Rocky Ford, Colorado, 1988-1991

Appointed Home Missionary, New Church Extension Division, North American Mission Board.

- I inherited a church that had not baptized anyone in three years and attendance was in the single digits.
- In 1990 the church was second in the state of Colorado in baptisms among churches with less than 200 members, seventh in the state without regard to membership size. We saw over 100 professions of Faith in Christ. Praise God!

Musical artist, various churches and events, 1977-present.

- Vocalist and pianist.
- 2001 Nashville recording artist, my cd "Encouragement" is available upon request.

DENOMINATIONAL INVOLVEMENT

Church Growth Apprentice, North American Mission Board, 1988-1991
Committee of Nominations Member, Southern Baptist Convention, 2001-2002
Evangelism Committee Chairman, Longs Peak Association, Colorado, 1997-2001
Evangelism Committee, Kansas, 1995-1996 and Colorado - 1989-1991
Executive Board Member, Kansas/Nebraska Convention, 1993-1994
Moderator, Longs Peak Association, Colorado, 2001-2002
Preacher/ Place Committee, State of Iowa, 2003-2004
Revival/Camp Speaker, North Carolina, Kansas, Colorado and Oklahoma.
World Missions Conference Speaker, North Carolina, Louisiana, Oklahoma and Georgia.
Preacher/ Place Committee, State of Wyoming, 2008

PERSONAL STATEMENT

One Sunday, as I was listening to the sermon by Calvary Baptist Church, (Hendersonville North Carolina), Pastor Buddy Mullinax, I realized my need for salvation. I responded to the invitation and received forgiveness in Jesus Christ. I was a new creation! The following year our family moved to Colorado Springs, Colorado. I became active in a Southern Baptist church and began to grow in the knowledge of our Lord.

While attending a church encampment outside of Colorado Springs, Colorado in the summer of 1980, I experienced an inward stirring, a call to the ministry. Through the years, as experiences came, (youth ministry, leading music in worship services and nursing homes and other opportunities for preaching) I realized a definite and specific call; A call to vocational ministry.

I appreciate this opportunity to share my life with you.

REFERENCES

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