

John M. Harris

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Personal Information

Birth Date: March 6, 1978
Married to Beth Pitman on December 30, 2000
(B.A. Psychology & Religious Ed., DBU 2000)
Children: Reagan (b. Dec '08); Kennedy (b. June '11)

Salvation/Baptism: May 21/26, 1985
Licensed by FBC Carrollton TX, August 4, 1996
Ordained by FBC Eules TX, March 2, 2005



Education

Doctor of Philosophy in New Testament, Midwestern Baptist Theol. Seminary, *Anticipated*
Graduation: May 2015
Master of Theology in New Testament, Southwestern Baptist Theol. Seminary, May 2008
Master of Divinity, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, December 2004
Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Studies, Dallas Baptist University, May 1999

Personal Mission

I have a passionate call to preach God's word and pastor His people. I believe in reaching the lost with the gospel, and I love leading the body to live-out our faith together; building up the church to glorify God by making (and growing) disciples in all the Earth.

Shepherding: protect, feed, lead, care (1Peter 5:1-4; Acts 20:17, 28-31; 1Timothy 3:2; James 5:14)

Teaching: responsible to teach God's word faithfully (1 Timothy 3:2; 4:11, 13; 2 Timothy 4:2)

Equipping: train and encourage God's people for gospel-centered ministry (Ephesians 4:11-13)

Evangelizing: sharing the gospel everywhere and in every sermon (2Timothy 4:5)

Disciple-Making: use a biblical method of multiplication (Matthew 28:18-20; 2Timothy 2:2)

Leading: qualified, grace-filled, servant, example (1 Timothy 3:2-7; Titus 1:6-9; 1 Peter 5:1-2)

Personal Values

Gospel-centered life: living under God's grace and extending it to others everywhere.

Christ-centered biblical preaching: messages rooted in scripture and focused on Christ.

Discipleship: leading people to faith in Jesus and developing Christians as disciple-makers.

Relevance: engaging people with the good news to help them come closer to Jesus.

Servant leadership: leading by serving the church and others as Jesus did.

Excellence: God's people should reflect his majesty and give their very best in everything.

The Great Commission: Reaching, teaching, and ministering with the Gospel, in all the earth.

Ministry Experience

Adult Pastor, First Baptist Church, Maryville, IL, April 2009-present

- Pastoral leadership including counseling, weddings, funerals, Sunday morning preaching, hospital visits, in home visits, planning and leading church wide events and activities
- Oversee all the Adult Ministries of the church: Sunday School, Small Groups, Discipleship, Men's Ministry, Women's Ministry
- Teach weekly Adult Leadership meetings
- Provide leadership in matters of reconciliation (church discipline) and assist the deacons in protecting the flock from pragmatic and doctrinal threats
- Develop and implement Mission activities based on the "Acts 1:8 Model": Jerusalem (locally), Judaea/Samaria (regionally/culturally), and Ends of the Earth (global).

Single Adult Pastor, First Baptist Church, Euless, TX, March 2003-March 2009

- Pastoral leadership including counseling, weddings, funerals, Sunday morning preaching, hospital visits, in home visits, etc.
- Oversee all the Single Adult Ministries in the church (college aged up to Sr. Adults)
- During a time of transition at the church, served as the Associate Administrator

Minister to Students, First Baptist Church, Cleburne, TX, March 2000-June 2001

- Coordinated youth Bible studies and developed a worship band
- Organized and executed annual youth camp/summer trip to the Texas Gulf Coast
- Led church-wide Discipleship Training

Hobbies & Interests

Family time, carpentry (building/fixing things), baseball, snow skiing, music, reading, movies/TV (crime drama, mystery, action, sci-fi, comedy, documentary), and technology/electronic gadgets.

References

...all of his training and experience have prepared him for [the] task. I commend him to you without reservation... [you] will catch the spirit of this great young man and his very supportive wife.

-James T. Draper Jr., President Emeritus: LifeWay Christian Resources

...one of the finest young ministers of the Gospel in Southern Baptist life... John Harris has the heart of a pastor and the mind of a scholar. He is a humble student of God's word and has wisdom beyond his years.

-Don Cass, Director of Evangelism (Ret.): Southern Baptists of Texas Convention

Dr. James T. Draper, President Emeritus: LifeWay Christian Resources

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