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Experience

Pastor

October 2001 – Present

First Baptist Church

303 E. Church St.; Tustin, MI 49688

As pastor I am primarily responsible for prayer, preaching, and teaching the word. I oversee all the ministries of the church, train and support leaders, lead the church council, and moderate business meetings. I offer discipleship, pastoral counseling, and spiritual direction. I also oversee community outreach and serve on the Pine River Ministerial Association. I developed the church's small group ministry and led the church through significant restructuring. See more under "Skills & Training."

Director of The Pastor's Soul www.pastorsoul.com

November 2018 – Present

A website that trains churches to care for their pastor with the hope of addressing the growing trends of burnout, moral failure, and forced exit among pastors. I research and write two to three articles per week (in my free time).

Converge Michigan Board of Ministries

2007-2009

Converge Michigan Vice-Chairman and Executive Committee

2008-2009

In these elected positions I helped the Converge Michigan board of ministries determine it was time to merge with our MidAmerica district. The executive committee was instrumental in discerning and leading this change.

Baker Book House - Retail Division

November 1993 – September 2001

Sales clerk, shipping & receiving, delivery driver, software manager, weekend manager.



Education

Grand Rapids Theological Seminary

May 2007

M.Div. in Pastoral Studies

- *Nicolai Weins Pastoral Ministry Award* – Student chosen by the faculty who shows great promise for pastoral ministry.

Spring Arbor University

May 1999

B.A. in Management and Organizational Development

Kuyper College

January 1996-May1997

No degree – Bible major

Calvin College

September 1993-May 1995

No degree – majored in Theology & English

Ordination

Converge Ordination Council called by FBC of Tustin

May 2007

“One Pastor in attendance commented that he had not attended any ordination council with a more clearly called and thoroughly prepared candidate than Pastor Sean. There was hearty agreement to this observation by all of the delegates.” – Minutes of the Ordination Council

Gifts,

- Prayer
- Teaching/Preaching
- Shepherding/Counseling/Coaching/Spiritual Direction
- Knowledge
- Mercy
- Vision and Strategic Planning

Strengths and Personality

If you are not familiar with the following profiles, www.seannemecek.com has more information.

- Strengthsfinder Signature Themes: Learner, Strategic, Responsibility, Achiever, Maximizer
- DISC Profile: 3-5-5-5 – Practitioner
- MBTI: INFJ/ENFJ (Borderline Introvert/Extrovert)



Skills, & Training

Teaching/Preaching – This is my primary area of gifting and my most developed skill in ministry. One of the college students in our church says, “Over the years, God has often encouraged and challenged me by the truth that you have shared from his word. There is a simple clarity of thought and a depth of study that is evident in your sermons. I feel so blessed to have grown up learning about the Bible and its application from you.”

Evangelism – I was trained in evangelism through the Billy Graham Association and the Evangelical Church by participating in an Intentional Evangelism Cohort (2017). This 10-month training was based on Kevin Harney’s *Organic Outreach for Churches*. Through this training I learned how to help the church have an every-member approach to evangelism.

Spiritual Direction – The way I practice it is designed to have three outcomes 1) Greater awareness of the real presence of God in everyday life; 2) Deeper intimacy with God through prayer and the ministry of the Word; 3) Greater confidence in God’s will through spiritual discernment.

Consulting – I’ve consulted with pastors and churches on subjects like theology, best ministry practices, search committees, caring for clergy, pastor/board relationships, community outreach, and biblically ministering to LBGT people and the families who love them.

Training – I’ve trained small group leaders and ministry team leaders. I currently oversee a team of 11 people on our Church Council (3 administrative officers, 6 ministry directors, and 2 spiritual leaders). I train in prayer, spiritual formation, discernment, theology, productivity, vision casting, systems, leadership boundaries, and accountability.

Counseling – While I am not a licensed professional counselor, I have become a good biblical, pastoral counselor. I am good at getting to the root of an issue. I then help and encourage people as they find their way to health.

Missions – In February 2003 I was part of a mission team to Repalle, India, where I preached several evangelistic messages to crowds numbering 5,000 to 20,000 people. Several thousand people made commitments to the Lord and more than 200 were baptized. We also taught the local pastors and evangelists from the Bible and answered their ministry questions.

Community Involvement – I’ve led our church and other churches to connect with their community through intentional strategies – marketing, social media, outreach events, need-based ministries, and support of the local schools.

Website Development – I’ve developed websites for my church (www.tustinfbc.church) and for my ministry to pastors. I’m still a beginner in this area but I’m learning quickly.



Family

My wife, Amy, is a non-fiction book editor with Baker Book House. Authors she has worked with include Warren Wiersbe, Haddon Robinson, and Mary Beth Chapman. She is editor-in-chief of Exhale, the journal of the Breathe Writers' Conference. Amy writes poetry (several of her poems have been published in literary journals) and plays the violin. She has a deep love for the Lord and a strong life of prayer and devotion to Christ. Amy is a breast cancer survivor (almost 15 years ago). She is now in excellent health.

We have one son, Ben (age 17), who wants to be a Christian rock star. Ben plays the bass guitar, writes music, and has a very creative mind. He loves Jesus and has good handle on Christian theology. Ben also has a deep sense of justice and mercy – He loves people. In his work at a local ice cream shop, his boss says that Ben is the employee who most connects with the customers on a personal level.

My Future Plans

My family will be moving to the greater Grand Rapids area so my wife can be closer to her job in Ada. I am open to both full-time and part-time opportunities. I plan to continue my work on pastorsoul.com but this will be in my spare time.

My church is aware that we are planning to leave. They are allowing me to stay on until we move or until I find a new position, provided I give them a 30-day notice (minimum). I would be happy to provide references upon request.

My ideal position would allow me to use my gifts to glorify God by helping others live, love, and lead like Jesus. I would be very good in one of the following positions:

- Teaching pastor in a medium to large size church.
- Helping a small church find health and vitality (revitalization).
- Ministering to college & career adults.
- Pastoral counseling, coaching, or spiritual direction.
- Provide training and support to current and future pastors – especially in the areas of prayer, family care, ministry coaching, and self-care.
- Writing content for spiritual formation, biblical study, or church ministry.