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## Profile

Born into a pastor's home, my childhood was one of joy and full of ministry from a young age. I accepted Jesus Christ as my personal Savior at the age of 7 years old. Since my parents were quite musical, our family traveled occasionally singing and dad preached the Word. I sensed God's touch on my life as I sang expressing my heart of love for Jesus and eventually my journey with Christ led me to a place of leading worship in various meetings. While in college, a professor asked if I was interested in helping in the campus church. After praying about this opportunity, I accepted.

Ordained to Minister — 2005, Hickory Grove Community Church  
Licensed to Preach — 1998, Christian Life Ministries

## Education

Northeastern Illinois University, Chicago, IL — Masters Degree in  
Higher Education Leadership, 2022

Christian Life College, Mount Prospect, IL — Bachelor of Arts with  
a double major in Music Ministry and Pastoral Studies, 1992

Music Studies - Northeastern Illinois University, Chicago, IL - 1982

Chicago Bible College, Mount Prospect, IL — Diploma of Bible, 1980

## Skills

Vocal Major, play guitar, piano, bass and dabble on the drums. Understand and can run sound boards (both analog and digital boards)

## Proficiencies and Strengths

- People skills are a strength. Able to relate well to all age groups.
- Able to look at the big picture and break it down into manageable pieces.
- Comfortable with speaking and presentation.
- Leading worship, sensitivity to the Holy Spirit in directing the flow of worship that would be acceptable to God.

## Experience

Worship/Arts Director; Christian Life Church, Christian Life College —  
2006 — Present and previously from 1977 — 1999;  
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- Worship Leader
  - Music Director - Music Activities Director
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- Chapel Worship Coordinator
  - Traveling Music Ministry Team Director
  - Student Housing Coordinator
  - Music Instructor - Faculty
  - Choral Conductor and Musical Productions

**Worship Director/Leader; All Nations Community Church — 2010-2012**  
18620 S. Kedzie Ave., Homewood, IL

- Worship Leader and Music Coordinator  
*(I was asked to help fill in as an interim worship pastor for 2 years on a part-time basis while still remaining at Christian Life Church. It was a wonderful experience for me as the majority of the congregation was of a different ethnic group than me. Loved this! I have made lifetime friends for which I am forever grateful.)*

**Worship Director/Leader; Hickory Grove Community Church — 2004-2006**  
3929 Highway 63 South, Ottumwa, IA

- Worship Leader and Co-Assistant Pastor
- Music Director and Musical Productions
- Young Adult Ministries Co-Pastor

**Worship Director/Leader; Moreno Christian Assembly — 1999-2004**  
13830 Nason St., Moreno Valley, CA

- Worship Leader
- Music Director and Musical Productions

**Music and Worship Instructor; Southwest Bible College — 1999-2004**  
13890 Nason St., Moreno Valley, CA

- Instructor

**Travels in Ministry Experience**

- 2000—Present — Guest worship leader and Clinician at a variety of conferences, seminars, retreats and churches.
  - 2017 — Israel
  - 2010 — Dominican Republic — Guest speaker, Women's Conference in Santo Domingo.
  - England — College Music Ministry tour group director
  - Sweden — Music Ministry tour with family
  - Suriname, South America — Youth Group Music Ministry Team
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