

# Dr. Casey Lewis



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## OBJECTIVE

To obtain a full-time pastorate in a Gospel-centered, Bible-believing, God-glorifying, missions-focused church.

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## PERSONAL

*Born:* March 20, 1981, Savannah, GA

*Family:* Wife – Jennifer

- Married February 7, 2009
- Registered Occupational Therapist

Children – Camden (8yrs) and Bryson (6yrs)

*Interests:* Studying Scripture and theology, cycling, photography, running, rock climbing, wake-surfing, and reading.

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## EDUCATION

**The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary**  
*Doctorate of Ministry in Expository Preaching*

Louisville, KY  
December 2020

**Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary**  
*Master of Divinity*

Fort Worth, Texas  
December 2011

**University of Georgia**  
*B.S. Biological Sciences*

Athens, Georgia  
December 2004

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## PERSONAL TESTIMONY

When I was in high school, I attended church on a regular basis and a Christian school. Because of my familiarity with the Bible through church and school, I mistakenly thought I was a Christian. However, at the age of sixteen, after reflecting on the way I was living, and having multiple conversations with friends and my youth pastor, I came to understand that knowledge of God was not the same as being a follower of Him. I was a sinner, who was in need of a Savior. Rather than worshipping and glorifying God, I was actually living in opposition to Him. Looking back, I realize God, by His grace, had been working in my life to reveal Himself to me all along. It was at this time that God drew me to Himself, and I made Him both the Lord and Savior of my life. After that, I made a public profession of faith through believer's baptism.

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## CALL TO THE MINISTRY

My call to ministry was a process that unfolded over the course of several years. Starting with an opportunity to teach a weekly Bible study and Sunday school class. While teaching these classes, and ministering to those who attended, God ignited a spark in me for ministry and a love for teaching others

God's Word. Gradually, I came to realize God was calling me into full-time ministry through my new found passion for teaching.

Realizing God's call on my life, I sought the counsel of close friends and several pastors, asking them for prayer and advice. One piece of advice I received was to take a few seminary classes online. Studying the Bible in a seminary context was both a privilege and a blessing. It served to further burden my heart for others, and open my eyes to the need for solid Bible teaching in our churches.

After more prayer, finishing my online classes, and continuing to teach, I became convinced God was indeed calling me into full-time ministry. Those who had been praying with and for me, and watching these events unfold in my life agreed. After which, I enrolled at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, where I completed a Master's of Divinity. The Lord continued to confirm my call to ministry when Sycamore Baptist Church in Decatur, TX called me as their Senior Pastor. I served them faithfully for 7.5 years. I am currently serving as Senior Pastor of Eastridge Baptist Church in Red Oak, TX. I have also completed a doctorate in Expository Preaching from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

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## PHILOSOPHY OF MINISTRY

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I believe every ministry should have the gospel at its center and should be chiefly about telling not only church members but those in the surrounding communities of the gospel's power for salvation and sanctification. Every ministry should be Word based and birthed from the faithful proclamation of Scripture. The goal is an every member Word ministry where each member understands God's Word and speaks God's Word to others whether that be for salvation, encouragement, training, reproof, rebuke, or exhortation, so that disciple-making disciples are made. This is accomplished in a number of ways.

First, all of our ministries should be focused on and tied to the faithful proclamation of the Word of God. The inspired and inerrant Word of God should be proclaimed weekly through Christ-centered expositional preaching. I see expositional preaching as the process of faithfully exposing a particular unit of Scripture, which includes presenting both its meaning and application to the congregation.

Second, our churches should be mission-minded with a desire to reach both our own communities and the world with the gospel. We must live as missionaries in our own neighborhoods and cities, proclaiming the gospel to those we meet. In short, the church should be "on mission."

Third, our ministries must equip the entire body of Christ with a gospel-centered focus. We must consistently lead our people to the foot of the cross, showing them that the gospel both saves and sanctifies. Growth in Christ-likeness, then, can't happen in our own efforts, rather it must come through the gospel, which exposes our idols and draws our affections to Christ.

I believe the pastor's job is not only to teach and encourage the congregation to make disciples but to lead out in making disciples himself. For the pastor, disciple-making is accomplished through a weekly pulpit ministry, small group ministries, and one-on-one counseling and discipleship. As the pastor invests in his people, his goal is not only to help them understand the Word of God more deeply but to help them apply God's Word to their lives, so that they then can go and make disciples themselves in the surrounding community and within their spheres of influence.

Finally, the pastor should be a man of integrity, who submits all his decisions to prayer and the Word of God. He should be committed to gospel-centered, Christ-exalting, expositional preaching that is grounded in the text. By faithfully adhering to the Word of God, his ministry will speak to the culture, and hopefully be culturally transformative, not just culturally relevant.

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## MINISTRY EXPERIENCE

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**Senior Pastor** – Eastridge Baptist Church (Red Oak, TX)

*(Oct. 2019 - Present)*

*Teaching*

- Preached and taught God's Word on a weekly basis in multiple settings that include one on one,

small groups, and all worship services.

- Prayerfully developed expositional preaching series' that are either book or topical based which seek to address the spiritual needs of the church, community, and culture.
- Taught a mid-week Bible study.
- Taught a Friday men's Bible study.
- Officiated the two ordinances of Baptism and the Lord's Supper.
- Officiated weddings and funerals.

### *Discipleship*

- Met with and discipled others in the church, including my pastoral staff.
- Oversaw church discipleship ministries for all ages, approving all literature, as well as recruiting, training, and resourcing teaches and leaders.
- Met with individual and families to discuss their new belief in Christ and baptism using material I have written *The Gospel and the Christian Life*. I have individuals and particularly parents work through this material with their children to establish a discipleship relationship. I then work through this material over several weeks with new believers and all baptismal candidates to make sure they understand the gospel and the purpose of Baptism.
- Developed church membership guide and met with all prospective members to explain the expectations of church membership.

### *Leadership*

- Collaborated with pastoral staff and church leadership to set the vision and mission of the church.
- Led weekly staff meetings focusing on service review, goals, community engagement, short and long-term planning, counseling and shepherding needs, leadership development, and prayer.
- Led monthly leadership meetings, focusing on pastoral care, administration, and mission/vision strategies.
- Oversaw the preparation of reports for and led quarterly church business meetings.
- Reviewed and approved all teaching material for church Sunday School and Bible studies.
- Worked closely with the Finance Committee to review, determine, and set our yearly budget.
- Worked closely with the Nominating Committee, approving those nominated for next year's positions.
- Oversaw church pastoral and support staff, as well as committee activities.
- Hired, onboarded, and trained pastoral staff.
- Worked to help pastoral staff develop goals and realize those goals.
- Provided direction and oversight for office support staff to ensure they are on task and resourced.
- Provided pastoral, leadership, and administrative oversight for our three day a week state licensed Pre-school in coordination with our Pre-school Director.
- Worked with pastoral staff and church leadership along with support from the SBTC revitalization office towards church revitalization.

### *Administration*

- Developed weekly worship presentation.
- Developed and created all media for sermon series.
- Built and maintained church website.
- Maintained distribution of weekly sermons through church website, podcast, and YouTube channel.

- Maintained and managed all social media platforms including special advertising campaigns.
- Redesigned internal communications materials.
- Worked to setup online giving platform.
- Assisted in maintaining the church building and grounds through scheduled and non-scheduled work days.
- Oversaw building restoration and remodel due to a flood.

#### *Pastoral Care and Outreach Ministry*

- Provided pastoral care and counsel to church and community members.
- Reached out to those in the community with the gospel.
- Worked to develop and maintain relationships with community organizations.
- Assisted those in the community who are in need through our Local Mission's fund.

### **Senior Pastor – Sycamore Baptist Church (Decatur, TX)**

*(Feb. 2012 - Oct. 2019)*

#### *Teaching*

- Preached God's Word on a weekly basis.
- Prayerfully developed expositional preaching series' that are either book or topical based which seek to address the spiritual needs of the church, community, and culture.
- Co-taught a young adult Sunday School class.
- Taught a mid-week Bible study.
- Led a home group that meets once a month with the purpose of training and equipping members in areas such as Marriage, Parenting, Finance, etc.
- Officiated the two ordinances of Baptism and the Lord's Supper.
- Officiated weddings and funerals.

#### *Discipleship*

- Led a Friday men's Bible study and discipleship group.
- Met with and disciple men in the church.
- Wrote *The Gospel and the Christian Life*, which is a resource for new believers and those seeking baptism. I work through this material over several weeks with all baptismal candidates to make sure they understand the gospel and the purpose of Baptism.
- Developed church membership guide and met with all prospective members to explain the expectations of church membership.

#### *Leadership*

- Worked with church leadership to set the vision and mission of the church.
- Led monthly leadership meetings, focusing on pastoral care, administration, and mission/vision strategies.
- Led Bi-Monthly church business meetings.
- Reviewed and approved all teaching material for church Sunday School and Bible studies.
- Worked with a team to rewrite the church's Policies and Procedures.
- Worked closely with the Finance Committee to review, determine, and set yearly budget.
- Worked closely with the Nominating Committee, approving those nominated for next year's positions.

- Oversaw all church staff and committee activities.
- Led the church through a building/remodeling project.

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#### **Regular Blog Contributor** – For the Church (Midwestern Seminary Blog) *(Sept. 2014 - 2019)*

- Regularly contributed articles to *For the Church* (ftc.co) a gospel-centered resource from Midwestern Seminary.

#### **Blogger** – ChristianityMatters.com *(March 2011 - Current)*

- Designed, built, and now maintain ChristianityMatters.com
- Create original content on a weekly basis designed to teach, challenge, and edify the church at large.
- Provide a gospel-centered perspective on all things Christian through blog posts as well as resource recommendations.

#### **Itinerant Preaching** – Various Places (Fort Worth, TX) *(March 2011 - Jan. 2012)*

- Preach in various locations around Fort Worth with a primary preaching emphasis being at Renaissance Park Rehab Facility.

#### **Intern** – Redeemer Church (Fort Worth, TX) *(May 2011 - Jan. 2012)*

- Trained in pastoral care through in depth studies and discussions on various topics related to the local church, as well as hands on experience through visitation ministries.
- Created, organized, and edited documents and advertisements for a variety of church ministries including Sunday School Missional Living and Making Disciples Classes, Children's Ministry, Eldership, and Publishing Ministry.
- Created curriculum for a weekly discipleship program.
- Learned how to cooperate with church plants through meetings with a refugee church plant in Fort Worth.
- Assisted in teaching Pastoral Discipleship Class.

#### **Care Group Leader** – Redeemer Church (Fort Worth, TX) *(April 2011 - Jan. 2012)*

- Facilitate care group discussions based on the previous sermon.
- Provide shepherding care for those in my Care Group.

- Organize evangelistic outreach events in the community where our small group met.

**Care Group Leader in Training** – Redeemer Church (Fort Worth, TX) *(Sept. 2010 – April 2011)*

- Participated in training for small group leadership at Redeemer Church.

**Pastoral Discipleship Training** – Redeemer Church (Fort Worth, TX) *(Aug. 2010 - Dec. 2010)*

- Six month training on pastoral care in the local church, which consisted of in class teaching, writing, reading, mentorship, and services opportunities.
- Class topics included: What is the Gospel?, What is Christianity?, Biblical Theology of Leadership, Evangelism, Missional Living, Marriage and Relationships, What it means to be a Gospel-Centered Church, Biblical and Pastoral Counseling, Ecclesiology, and Shepherding Leadership.
- Led a class the following semester on “What is the Gospel?”

**Revive This Nation** – Southwestern Seminary (Fort Worth, TX) *(Spring Break 2010)*

- Led a revival at Agape Family Fellowship in Northern California through the Revive This Nation program at Southwestern Seminary.
- Preached five revival sermons over a four day period.
- Encouraged the pastor and staff.
- Evangelized the community.

**Sunday School Teacher** – First Baptist Church Dallas (Dallas, TX) *(March 2008 & Jan. 2009)*

- Led a singles Sunday school class.
- Taught periodically in other Sunday school classes from Singles to Senior Adults over various topics.

**Bible Study Leader** – First Baptist Church Dallas (Dallas, TX) *(Sept. 2007- Nov.2008)*

- Started and organized a weekly Bible study for the Singles Ministry consisting of young professionals in the Dallas area.
- Taught expositional lessons through Ecclesiastes and 1, 2, 3 John.

**Kids Club Leader** – First Baptist Church Dallas (Dallas, TX) *(Jan. 2008 - Aug.2008)*

- Prepared Bible study lessons for elementary school age kids.
- Organized crafts, art projects, and sports activities with other Kids Club leaders.
- Organized, setup, marketed, and participated in a yearly Kids Club Summer Bash, which included a weeklong meeting for the kids with various speakers, arts, crafts, and sports activities.

**Group Leader** – IMPACT (Savannah, GA) *(Summer 2002 & 2003)*

- Group leader for two consecutive summers.
- Generated interest for our weekly gathering.
- Worked with other group leaders to organize the weekly gathering of 120-150 college students and young professionals.
- Met for a time of prayer and discussion with other group leaders.
- Led a weekly small group Bible study on Foundations of the Christian Life (Summer 1) and The Existence and Attributes of God (Summer 2).

## SECULAR EXPERIENCE

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**Owner/Photographer** – Casey Lewis Photography, LLC (DFW Area) *(April 2017 - Current)*

- Own and operate a freelance photography studio specializing in family portraiture, business headshots, and real estate photography.
- *Note: Currently this is not a full-time or even part-time endeavor. I shoot a few sessions a year and keep the business active for tax reasons.*

**Prestige Staffing** **Atlanta, GA / Dallas, TX** **June 2005-March 2009**

**Lead Recruiter** – Technical Division (Dallas, TX) *(Nov. 2008 - March 2009)*

- Supervised, trained, and mentored Sr. Recruiters and Recruiters through formal and on the desk training, and monthly goal meetings.
- Participated in weekly leadership meetings with upper management to discuss personal and office goals, determine weekly recruiting strategy, and formal training schedule.
- Developed and reworked training curriculum for both weekly training sessions and new hires.
- Responsible for feedback and documentation on all company recruiting initiatives, in order to provide a more efficient recruiting process.
- Screened and interviewed candidates for all contract, temp to hire, and direct hire placements.

**Account Manager** – Technical Division (Dallas, TX) *(Aug. 2006 - Nov. 2008)*

- Supervised, trained, and mentored Sr. Recruiters and Recruiters through formal and on the desk training, and monthly goal meetings.
- Acquired and maintained relationships with Managers, Sr. Managers, and Directors.
- Responsible for entire recruiting process from research, client/candidate generation, screening process, interviewing, reference checks, and closure.
- Negotiated contracts, fees, and candidate salaries.
- Responsible for many office duties that included: hiring internal candidates, ordering office supplies, and IT setup and maintenance.

**Sr. Recruiter** – Technical Division (Atlanta, GA and Dallas, TX) *(Jan. 2006 - Aug. 2006)*

- Selected to move from the Atlanta office (HQ) to the Dallas office to start-up and help run the first satellite office in company history.
- Screened and interviewed candidates for contract, temp to hire, and direct hire IT placements across North America.
- Helped train and mentor younger Recruiters.

**Recruiter** – Technical Division (Atlanta, GA) *(June 2005-Jan. 2006)*

- Screened and interviewed candidates for contract, temp to perm, and permanent IT placements across North America.