

RICKY SMITH

PROFESSIONAL VITA PACKET



PASTOR
LEADER
ADMINISTRATOR
COMMUNICATOR
NETWORKER
WORSHIP LEADER

2019

DEAR CALVARY FAMILY,

I love Calvary Baptist Church and her ministries. I believe in her mission to make disciples and advance the mission of God in the Chattahoochee Valley and around the world (Matthew 28:18-20).

I believe that God has great things in store for His bride, and that includes the local community of Calvary Baptist Church. He is a sovereign God and is never-changing. Even when we are surprised by changes in events, leadership, or culture, God reigns supremely on His throne (Ephesians 1:11).

In order for us as a community of believers to continue following the leadership of the Holy Spirit, we must commit to humbly submit to Him as our King, confess our sins before Him, and fix our eyes upon Him. The Spirit of God will guide us day by day as we commit to carrying out the Great Commission (Hebrews 12:1-2, 2 Chronicles 7:14, Proverbs 3:5-6).

Calvary stands at a crossroads for her future. Together we look to Jesus as our King and recognize that regardless of who carries the title of Lead Pastor, we follow His leadership and commit to walking in unity. Today, we look to Jesus for direction and affirmation of our next leader. I desire to serve God by serving you, which has been built in me by the work of the Holy Spirit. In His ordained time, God recently allowed me to serve as the interim pastor of Morningside Baptist Church, which He used to birth this desire in me. Little did I know that God placed me there in His sovereign time in preparation for this moment (Ephesians 4:1-3, 1 Timothy 3:1).

Through the sovereignty and favor of God, I have been privileged to serve Calvary in nearly every ministry area on the campus, to include coaching, teaching, administration, and pastoring. My experience in preaching, student ministry, music ministry, church administration, and pastoral care represents over 20 years of professional church leadership experience. This experience will connect Calvary's memorable history up to this point to a bright future. Furthermore, my spiritual giftedness lies in mercy, shepherding, teaching, and administration. As the role of Lead Pastor functions within the context of Calvary and her ministries, God has prepared and positioned me for such a time as this (1 Corinthians 12, Exodus 4:10-11, Hebrews 13:20-21).

I will not pretend to be perfect. I cannot pretend to be the smartest person in the room. Trust me; I will let you down. I can honestly say that I desire nothing more than to follow Jesus and honor Him. I pray that I can live and lead in a way that when I die, a Christian flag can be draped over my coffin and the world will know that I lived for One King. That being said, I understand the principles of leadership and God's plan to use a leader to set the pace for the local church. I will do my best to lead with honor, humility, and transparency. Furthermore, I will strive to lead so that we can walk together in His rhythm. I simply want to follow the example of Christ, and in doing so, I hope to provide an example for all of Calvary Baptist Church and her ministries (1 Corinthians 11:1, Galatians 5:25).

I am humbled that the elders and pastors have presented me to lead Calvary into her future. With your affirmation, we will do this together. Please know that I love you, and I am praying for you. I covet your prayers as I step into this new role of service (Ephesians 6:18-20).

Let us passionately pursue the Living Christ together. May we follow the leadership of the Holy Spirit to complete the Great Commission. His unifying presence will lead us to become the church He has called us to be for the Chattahoochee Valley.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ryan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "R" and a long, sweeping tail.



Ricky has been married to his wife, Hilary, since November of 1996. He is the father of two girls.

His ministry began at Calvary Christian School in 1996, as a Middle School and High School Bible teacher. In addition, Ricky served at Piney Grove Baptist Church in Fortson, GA from 1999-2007 as a minister of music and youth. He served on the church staff at Calvary Baptist Church from 2007-2016. During that time he served as Student Pastor, Associate Pastor, Headmaster of the school, and more. Currently Ricky serves as a State Missionary for the Georgia Baptist Mission Board.

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Education

Ed.S. in Educational Leadership	Liberty University	2012
M.A. in Theological Studies	Liberty University	2010
B.A. in Christian Education	Bryan College	1996

Professional Experience

2018-2019	Interim Lead Pastor	Morningside Baptist Church
2016-Present	State Missionary Consulting, coaching, and resourcing student ministry for over 3,600 Georgia baptist churches.	Georgia Baptist Mission Board
2013-2016	Headmaster Executive Officer of a K-12 private, Christian school.	Calvary Christian School
2007-2013	Minister to Students & Associate Pastor Lead and manage the student ministry of the church. Develop worship services, preaching rotation team, and assist Lead Pastor in church leadership.	Calvary Baptist Church
1997-2007	Associate Pastor Assist the Pastor in the management of the church with specific responsibilities in the areas of youth and music.	Piney Grove Baptist Church
1996-2001	Bible Teacher Teach Middle School and High School students the assigned curriculum	Calvary Christian School

Related Experience

Over thirty years of experience in leading congregational worship.
Trained 1,505 adult church leaders in past twelve months.
Used by God to facilitate 9,516 next step decisions by students in the past twelve months.
Organizational leadership that prioritizes theology, biblical worship, teamwork, and transparency.
Proficient in worship service programming and coordination.
Developed additional worship service at Calvary Baptist Church.
Assisted in design and construction of Calvary worship center and other capital improvements.
Provided leadership in Men's Ministry of Calvary Baptist Church
Developed and lead multiple domestic and oversees Calvary mission teams.
Developed program to arm school staff for enhanced security protocols.
Coordinated strategic planning and campus development systems.
Regularly teach and preach in local churches in our association.
Routinely mentor and disciple men who are seeking to follow Christ or mature in their faith journey. Successfully promoted multiple touring concerts and event in the Columbus area.
Developed and managed a school operational budget of \$4.3 million.
Engaged a community and raised nearly \$2 million in cash and in-kind gifts for capital improvements. Led a staff of over 100 employees while experiencing a significant enrollment increase over 3 years. Recruit, train, and deploy volunteers.
Maintain relationships to work well under the accountability of a board.

Professional Development and Service

Honorary Doctor of Divinity, Emmanuel Theological Seminary, 2013
Board Member for Souled Out Conferences, 2005-2010
Local area Youth Ministry Network Coordinator, 2001-2013
Network Coach for the Georgia Baptist Mission Board, 2006-2014
Leadership Team Member of the Columbus Baptist Association, 2003-2007
West Central Georgia Fellowship of Christian Athletes Board Member, 1999-2001, 2014-Present
Executive Committee member of Georgia Independent Athletic Association, 2015-2016
Southeast Regional Commissioner of Association of Christian Schools International, 2016

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REFERENCES



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Additional references available upon request.

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