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PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

2014-present	Evangelist/Elder, Bakersfield, CA Highland church of Christ
2020-2023	The Harbinger Institute, Nashville, TN Adjunct Instructor of Religion and Apologetics
2010-2014	Missionary/Evangelist, Livingston, CA Livingston church of Christ
2006-2006	Weston Christian College, Ripon, CA Adjunct Instructor of Bible

EDUCATION

2023-Present	Freed-Hardeman University, Henderson, TN MDIV Student Anticipated to graduate, Spring 2026
2020-2023	Biola University, La Mirada, CA MA, Christian Apologetics
2002-2004	Freed-Hardeman University, Henderson, TN BA, Bible

OTHER CREDENTIALS

December 2007 California Basic Educational Skills Test

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Harbinger Institute (online only)

<u>Course Title</u>	<u>Term</u>
Historicity of the Resurrection	Trinity 2022

Art of Storytelling In Evangelism	Summer 2021
The Jew and Gentile Problem (Romans 1-4 and Galatians)	Spring 2021
Religion in American Media and Pop Culture	Fall 2020

Weston Christian College (Defunct), a satellite of Heritage Christian University

<u>Course Title</u>	<u>Term</u>	
The Book of Acts of the Apostles	Spring 2006	Ripon, CA, Campus

OTHER TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2011-2013	Hughson Christian Elementary School, Hughson, CA 6 th -8 th Grade Teacher of Bible and Apologetics
2005-2005	Chester County School District, Henderson, TN Elementary to 8 th Grade Substitute Teacher

PROFESSIONAL SPEAKING ACTIVITIES

University Conference Presentations

2024	<i>Invited:</i> “Extending Grace to Each Other,” “Grace to Overcome,” 80 th Faulkner University Bible Lectureship, Montgomery, AL, October 2024
	“He is Preparing a Place (Revelation 20–21),” Freed-Hardeman University’s 88 th Annual Bible Lectureship, Henderson, TN, February 2024
2023	“ReConnect with the Lost,” “ReConnect with Each Other,” 79 th Faulkner University Bible Lectureship, Montgomery, AL, October 2023
2023	“A Time for Self-Defense (Esther 8),” Freed-Hardeman University’s 87 th Annual Bible Lectureship, Henderson, TN, February 2023
2022	“What the Church can Learn from a Former Street Gangster” (three sessions), Faulkner University’s LeadersConnect, Montgomery, AL, June 2022

- 2021 “Gospel and Culture: My Journey of Faith from Gangs to God” (two sessions) Harding University Bible Lectureship, Searcy, AR, September 2021
- 2020 “Grace Greater Than Past Associations (1 Tim 2:12-14),” Freed-Hardeman University’s 84th Annual Bible Lectureship, Henderson, TN, February 2020
- 2016 “Leaders Stand Up for the Weak (Mark 10:14),” Freed-Hardeman University’s 80th Annual Bible Lectureship, Henderson, TN, February 2016

Regional Church Conferences

- 2024 Discussant: Racial Reconciliation, Reseda, CA, West Coast Preachers and Leaders Forum, March 21, 2024
- 2021 “Principles for Unity in the Body from Ephesians 4:1–3” (three sessions), “The Word at the Heart of Unity (Eph 4:11–16; John 17:14–21),” FaithBuilders of the Northwest, Puyallup, WA, July 2021
- 2020 “Presenting Truth: Compassion without Compromise,” “Ethical Issues in the Old Testament: Does the Old Testament Reveal a Morally Unjust God?,” Defending the Faith Conference, Anaheim, CA, October 2020
- 2019 “Can We Have a More Human Bible? No.,” Tahoe Family Encampment, Lake Tahoe, CA, July 2019
- “The Challenge of Manhood,” Male Spiritual Leadership at Woodward Park church of Christ, Fresno, CA May 2019
- 2018 “Conversion of a Gang Member,” Affirming the Faith, Oklahoma City, OK, March 2018
- 2014 “Short-Term Mission Campaigns,” Recharge Excellence Conference, Anaheim, CA, March 2014
- 2012 “How to be a Better Teacher,” Recharge Excellence Conference, Monterrey, CA, March 2012
- 2011 “Working in California/West Coast Culture,” Recharge Excellence Conference, Monterrey, CA, March 2011

Public Engagement Talks

- 2022 “Marxism and Critical Race Theory: Can a Christian Believe and Support Such Things?,” “Is Social Justice the Same as Biblical Justice?,” “What is Forgiveness?,” Buckeyes for Christ Presents 12 Questions Columbus at Ohio State University, Columbus, OH, October 2022
- 2016 “Why Am I Here?,” “Is the Bible Truth and Worth Following?,” “What Do Angels Do?,” “Why Can’t I Come Home Now?,” “Why is There Evil?,” “Who is the Holy Spirit and What Does He do?,” Fishinger church of Christ Presents 12 Questions Columbus, Columbus, OH, July 2016

Youth/Young Adult Conferences

- 1999–present I speak on a variety of biblical and apologetics topics at conferences, youth rallies, and forums and camps for teens and college age in mostly in California (Visalia, South San Francisco, Yosemite Bible Camp in Oakhurst [Summer/Winter], Turlock), and West Virginia (Bridgeport).

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

“Understanding that I Cannot Live at Peace with Everyone,” *The Preaching & Ministry Journal* (August 2023)

“The Hallucination Theory of the Resurrection Appearances of Jesus Christ,” *Sufficient Evidence* 11 (2021): 137-146.

Book Chapters

In development, “Appendix: God and the Problem of Human Grief” in *A Church Leaders Guide to Depression*

“He is Preparing a Place (Revelation 20–21)” in *Triumph of the Lamb: The Battle with Evil in Revelation*, ed. Douglas Burleson (Freed-Hardeman University, 2024)

“A Time for Self-Defense (Esther 8)” in *For Such a Time as This: Restoring God’s People in Ezra, Nehemiah, and Esther*, ed. Douglas Burleson (Freed-Hardeman University, 2023)

“A Peculiar People” in *His Family: Sermon Guide* (Jenkins Institute, 2022)

“Grace Greater Than Past Associations (1 Tim 2:12-14)” in *Our Place in His Story: Remembering the Past, Anticipating the Future*, ed. Douglas Burleson (Freed-Hardeman University, 2020)

“The Church” in *One Word: A 52 Week Word Study Devotional*, eds. Chad Landman, et al. (Jenkins Institute, 2016)

“Leaders Stand Up for the Weak (Mark 10:14)” in *In My Place: The Servant Savior in Mark*, ed. Douglas Burleson (Freed-Hardeman University, 2016)

Publications for Popular Audiences (Sample)

In preparation: “Jesus and the Christian Worldview,” *The Apologist* (2024)

“Does God Exist?” *Carolina Messenger* (March 2024)

“Mind Your Business,” *Gospel Advocate* (June 2018)

“The Word of God Among Denominations,” *Gospel Advocate* (February 2018)

“The Gospel of Luke,” *Gospel Advocate* (July 2017),

“The Public Reading of Scripture: Six Practical Suggestions,” *Gospel Advocate* (March 2017)

“The Widows church of Christ,” *Gospel Advocate* (December 2015)

“Leaving a Street Gang for Christ,” *Gospel Advocate* (April 2015)

RESEARCH PROJECTS

Master of Divinity Project:

2024 *Current:* Curriculum project focused on helping the average church-going Bible reader to understand how to assess and understand the differences among contemporary English translations (theories, variant) with a focus on demonstrating the reliability of the transmission of the Bible using a hands-on approach. Supervising Professor: Dr. Doug Burleson, Freed-Hardeman University, Henderson, TN, Spring 2024 to Fall 2024

Curriculum/Book:

2024–2025 *Current:* Working Title: Apologetics in the City: Christians are called on to explain and defend their faith and this happens at a highspeed rate in our urban cities which are often centers of contemporary progressive moral agendas. The goal of this project is to provide help the average

church goer (Teen-Young Adult) with an understanding of these current moral agendas so that the believer can offer well-reasoned critiques and responses to commend the Christian faith to others.

SERVICE

Regional Church Conferences/Workshops

2015-Present Director, Male Spiritual Leadership Workshop

2011-2014 Director, Recharge Excellence Conference

Institutional

2011-2014 Hughson Christian Elementary School
Fundraiser (Golf-and-Walk, Fun Run, Harvest Banquet-and-Auction)
Bible Curriculum Advisor (K-8th Grades)

2006 Academic Advisor, Weston Christian College

2006 Student Recruitment, Weston Christian College

Youth Related Events

2020-Present Co-Director, West Visalia Yosemite Bible Camp (Summer/Winter)
Director, Teacher, Dean of Boys

Volunteer

2012-2013 Board Member, Hughson Christian Elementary School
New Hires Committee Member

LANGUAGES AND SKILLS

Speaking/Reading

English (primary language)
Spanish (intermediate)

Research Languages

Ancient *Koine* Greek (intermediate to skilled)
Hebrew (beginner)

Learning Management Systems

Canvas
Blackboard

Web Conferencing

Zoom

Google

Podcasting