

Chosen to serve . . .

whether in Moscow or Midtown



Called to care . . .

for the lost sheep &
the saved saints



Committed to the church . . .

what really matters



Creative in methods. . .

telling the old, old
story using fresh
new ways



Introducing Matt, his
wonderful wife Valerie,
and precious Aliza



Matt Blackmon

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www.WhoWe.Are

Matt entered this world May 10, 1968 to Betty & Larry Blackmon. He grew up in a Christian home, and trusted Christ in 1979 at a revival in a small Southern Baptist Church.

Valerie greeted Marvin and Dimple Weaver August 10, 1970. She trusted Christ as a child.

They browsed into one another at the University of Tennessee where Matt was her “big brother” in a university program. “Big brother” cared for her, even to the extent of inviting her to be the light of his life, which she became June 8, 1991. Valerie uses her gift of evangelism in her career as a physical therapist.

They believe God has gifted them to work as a team in ministry—Matt as a “transformational navigator” (i.e., pastor and teacher) and Valerie in the role of a loving and supporting wife.

Whether in the United States or in the former Soviet States, Matt and Valerie are convinced ministry is not merely a job or a career, but a way of life through which the Holy Spirit changes the lives of everyone involved.

Ministry Experience

Discipleship Minister

The Heights Baptist Church (Richardson, TX)

March 2001 –

- Perform sermon planning, design, and research
- Teach the Youngest Families Bible Fellowship
- Assist in the Young Families Division leadership

Assistant to Senior Pastor

Reinhardt Bible Church (Garland, TX)

January 1999 – March 2001

- Facilities Administration
- Pastoral Care and Young Families Ministry
- Developed, designed, and taught discipleship

Associate Instructor

Walk thru the Bible Ministries

June 1998 -

I serve as small church instructor teaching Old and New Testament Seminars (in five hours, using maximum creativity, teach either the complete Old Testament timeline or the New Testament timeline in a way that the participants will *never* forget). You have to be a part of it to believe it!

Spiritual Formation Directors (Matt & Valerie)

Dallas Theological Seminary

2 Year Process (1997-1997)

Lead a small group of new seminary couples through the pitfalls of seminary to prepare them to minister for a lifetime as a couple.

Before Seminary

- Young Married Ministry (1995 – 1996)
- College Ministry (1990 – 1995)
- Deacon
- Youth Pastor (1986 – 1987)

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Values

I believe the **church** to be the God-ordained institution **to equip believers** for the work of the ministry and **to attract and win** lost people to Christ. The work of the pastor is to **model** Christ-like behavior, **to train and equip** believers to impact their world for Christ, **to disciple and shepherd** those who God has placed in His care, and **to reach out** to those who do not know Christ both locally and globally. This starts with my family, then extends to the local church, and to the rest of the world.

My major areas of strength include the biblical gift of pastor-teacher along with an excellent ability to communicate and teach. I **highly value** using creativity in the methods of communication and I enjoy teaching **people**—never just teaching content. I have strong administrative abilities and am **committed** to the **servant-leader model**.

A Measure of a Man

Ordained: 1998, Sevier Heights
Baptist Church, Knoxville, TN

Gifts: Pastor-Teacher,
Administration

Personality Profile:
D=I on DiSC,
ESTJ on KTS

Ministry Match Profile Available

Professional Experience

Dallas Theological Seminary 2002 –

Adjunct Teacher, Graduate Teaching Assistant

Teach various courses on a team with Dr. Robert Pyne, including Anthropology, Soteriology, Sanctification, and Ecclesiology.

Training Consultant January 1997 – August 1999

Master Training Services, Inc.

Conduct training classes, perform computer and network design and analysis for a variety of corporate customers. Develop course and instructional materials as needed, and interact with customer management to determine needs and establish goals.

Adjunct Professor, Computer Science

January 1997 - March 1998

Brookhaven College, Farmers Branch, TX

Teach undergraduate level computer science and computer business courses, as well as continuing education courses for various local companies. Develop curriculum and course material for those courses.

Assistant Director, July 1992 - January 1997

Network Engineering and Systems Management

Computer Services Department

The University Of TN Medical Center at Knoxville

Chief engineer over the Medical Center's Information Services Network. Responsible for a \$1M budget and over \$2M worth of equipment. Developed and supervised team of engineers, network specialists, and computer operators.

Network and Systems Analyst July 1990 - July 1992

Martin Marietta Energy Systems, Incorporated

Oak Ridge Y-12 Nuclear Weapons Plant

Write Classified and Unclassified software for network utilization. Perform security-related tasks to insure

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Education

Dallas Theological Seminary

Ph.D. student in Theological Studies

Dallas Theological Seminary

Master of Theology (May 2001) in Bible Exposition and Bible Exposition

The University of Tennessee

Master of Science (December 1995) in Computer Science

The University of Tennessee

Bachelor of Science (May 1990) in Math

Phi Beta Kappa Graduate with High Honors

Professional Education

Christian Prevention and Relationship Enhancement Program (CPREP) Trained Presenter

Prepare/Enrich Pre-marital and Married Counseling Inventories Certified Administrator

Management Problems of the Technical Professional (Fred Pryor)

Managing Multiple Projects and People (Fred Pryor)

First Things First Management Seminar

Willow Creek Prevailing Church Workshops and Conferences

Those Who Know Me Well, and Will Tell My Strengths as Well as My Weaknesses

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