

JEFF HOLTON

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Summary of Qualifications:

- Twenty five plus years of full-time ministry experience
- Ordained Minister Southern Baptist Conference
- Confident communicator of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all ages
- Ability to build and maintain relationships with churches, congregants, ministries, and communities
- Clifton Strengths Finder Signature Themes: Developer, Adaptability, Includer, Belief and Connectedness.

Ministry Experience

- Chaplain for the Baltimore Orioles MLB Spring Training & MiLB Summer Training (2019 – present)
- Chaplain for Bradenton Christian School Baseball (2020 – present)
- High School, Middle School, and Elementary Chapel speaker for Bradenton Christian School (2019 – present)
- Moderator of the Upper Midwest Congregational Fellowship (2012 – 2014)
- Co-founded Northstar Church Multiplication group for the Upper Midwest Congregational Fellowship
- Licensed Stephen Ministry Trainer
- Licensed Prepare-Enrich Marital and Pre-Marital Counselor

Pastoral Ministry Experience

CAMPUS PASTOR *West Bradenton Baptist Church Southside Campus* *Bradenton, FL (2018 – Present)*

- Leading and guiding the church through the church replant process to bring health and leadership to church
- Casting vision for the church to reach the surrounding neighborhood for the gospel of Jesus Christ
- Prepare and preach weekly Bible based sermons
- Guide and encourage lay leaders to be successful in their areas of ministry
- Oversee all ministries of the church
- Teach a Wednesday night discipleship group
- Visitation of members
- Manage social media presence of the Church on the web

DISCIPLESHIP PASTOR *First Presbyterian Church* *Bradenton, FL (2015 – 2018)*

- Assisted Pastor in all areas of ministry
- Shared preaching responsibilities with Senior Pastor (average 8 to 10 times a year)
- Performed communion on a regular basis
- Fashioned a Family Ministry Model from ground level that prepared and resourced parents to be the primary discipleship leaders in their homes. (This ministry grew from 3 to 15 family units in three years.)
- Created and maintained budgets for the Youth, Family, Christian Education and Communication Ministries
- Resourced, developed, and trained discipleship group leaders and education teachers
- Led youth mission trips and activities
- Provided leadership and guidance for the Discipleship Education Committee
- Developed, trained, and recruited, adult volunteers to lead the youth ministry
- Wrote monthly small group curriculum for youth and adult ministry
- Created and developed the curriculum for Table Talk Dinner Fellowship Ministry
- Worked in association with church Administrative Assistants to create and distribute quarterly full-color brochures describing all discipleship ministry opportunities available to the congregation
- Trained adults in a discipleship ministry model that promotes disciples making disciples
- Researched, reviewed, and distributed all discipleship resources for children, youth, adult, and small group ministries
- Worked in cooperation with the Deacon chairperson and Deacon Board to give quality Christian care for all members of the church
- Chairperson of the Communications Committee that promoted the church via social media, online and print
- Wrote and published weekly devotional books for the congregation during Advent and Lent seasons
- Officiated wedding ceremonies
- Led a mission's campaign and trip to Iloilo City Philippines with my family in the summer of 2018.
- Led and oversaw the Stephen Ministry grief counselling group

SENIOR PASTOR*Spring Valley Congregational Church*

Spring Valley, WI

(2007 – 2014)

- Prepared and delivered Gospel-centered sermons on a weekly basis
- Cast and implemented the vision for church
- Led the congregation through many years of healthy growth through church revitalization and development.
- Moderator of Deacon Board
- Moderator of Trustee Board
- Moderator of Christian Education Board
- Led weekly men's discipleship group
- Developed and trained adult volunteers for skills-based leadership roles
- Built positive and God-honoring relationships with local business owners and members of the community
- Organized and planned evangelical outreach events for the local community
- Recruited small group leaders
- Regular weekly visitation with congregants and shut ins.
- Co- planned annual community-wide Thanksgiving worship services
- Recruited qualified volunteers to lead in Sunday morning worship
- Taught a weekly Bible-based adult discipleship class
- Instituted monthly communion
- Performed baptisms
- Pre-marital counseling
- Officiated weddings
- Carried out official duties for funerals
- Grief counseling
- Developed and taught a new membership class
- Wrote and distributed weekly sermon-based take home devotional guides for the whole family

STUDENT/CHILDREN'S PASTOR*Church of the Cross*

Fairview, PA

(2001 – 2007)

- Shared the Gospel message with youth and children on a weekly basis
- Casted and implemented a Vision, Mission, and Strategy for youth and children's ministry
- Wrote curriculum for both youth and children's ministry
- Organized annual Summer Vacation Bible Schools
- Recruited and trained adult leaders for youth ministry
- Led youth work trips with Group and Reach Workcamps
- Oversaw and led the youth praise band.
- Recruited student leaders for the youth praise band
- Led youth volunteers in local missions
- Recruited and trained adult and youth volunteers for weekly PROMISELAND Children's ministry
- Created network of youth pastors who met monthly for prayer and implementing yearly city-wide programs
- Led 30 Hour Famines to raise funds for World Vision Ministries
- Helped students organize See You at the Pole gatherings

STUDENT PASTOR*Fluvanna Community Church*

Jamestown, NY

(1994 – .2001)

- Developed a ministry that experienced exponential growth. (This ministry grew from 15 to 90 students in a seven-year period.)
- Communicated the Gospel weekly to both youth and adults
- Implemented and oversaw a Friday night community youth outreach program intended for unbelieving students
- Recruited adult volunteers and chaperones for weekly Friday night community outreach ministry
- Trained adult and student leaders for Wed. and Sun. night youth ministry
- Recruited youth for the youth praise band
- Led mission trips to inner-city Washington DC to serve the homeless and less fortunate families
- Organized youth fundraisers

Education:**Calvary Chapel Bible College:** *Bachelor's Degree in Biblical Studies and Theology***Jamestown Community College:** *Associates Degree in Humanities/Communication*