
LEIGH ANN HALVERSON

CAREER

GOAL To serve as Children's Pastor

PHILOSOPHY OF MINISTRY

I believe it is my calling to assist in the laying of a firm Christian foundation for children, helping assist them as they grow spiritually. I also want to empower families to recognize the importance of their roles in the formation of their children's faith. I seek to fulfill this calling through effective teaching, training, intentional relationships and a holistic ministry while I maintain my own personal, spiritual life of growth, learning and devotion.



EDUCATION ***M.Div. (Master of Divinity) – MCAFEE SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY, MERCER UNIVERSITY
ATLANTA, GA***

- Graduation May 2008

B.A. (Bachelor of Arts) – ELON UNIVERSITY, BURLINGTON, NC, May 2005

- Major in Religious Studies and a minor in Human Services
- 3.499 GPA

RELATED

EXPERIENCE **ORDAINED TO THE MINISTRY, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Winston-Salem, NC – September 9, 2007**

**CHILDREN'S MINISTER, NORTHEAST BAPTIST CHURCH
Atlanta, GA – June 2007-Present [average church attendance: 120]**

- Plan and administer regular children's programming including: Wednesday night Bible Study, and Sunday morning Sunday School.
- Plan, organize and implement events for the children's ministry that are open to the community, including: Easter Egg Hunt, Vacation Bible School, and a Fall Festival.
- Partnered with congregation members who responded to the call to serve in the Children's Ministry.
- Coordinate transportation to church to over twenty five children in neighboring communities through the use of the church van.

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**ASSISTANT CHILDREN'S MINISTER/MISSION GROUP COORDINATOR,
MONCRIEF BAPTIST CENTER. Atlanta, GA – January 2006-July 2007
[average church attendance: 40]**

- Organized and coordinated with all mission groups that served at the Moncrief Center.
- Provided transportation to church to over thirty children in other areas of Atlanta through the use of the church van.
- Taught the preschool-Kindergarten and Third-Fifth grade classes Sunday and Wednesday of each week.
- Co-directed an eight week summer camp for the children of the Moncrief Baptist Center and those in the community.
 - Coordinated a minimum of eight separate missions groups that hosted one week of summer camp each.
 - Facilitated registration for up to seventy-five children at our main summer camp location and open registration at our satellite location.
 - Coordinated transportation for children to attend summer camp.
 - Coordinated Field Trip Friday's with each of our mission group sponsors.

**INTERN CHILDREN'S MINISTER, ST. MARK'S CHURCH
Burlington, NC – February 2004-May 2005
[average church attendance: 1,800]**

- Assisted with an after-school program, Kaleidoscope.
- Organized curriculum for leaders.
- Assisted with the puppet and drama ministry.
- Assist and organize the teaching of the three, four, and five year olds.
- Organized, planned and implemented a large group time of worship for the three, four and five year olds.
- Assisted with the planning and implementing of Vacation Bible School.
- Managed the attendance records of the Children's Ministry, three years-fifth grade.

**INTERN YOUTH MINISTER, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, Winston-Salem, NC
June 2005-July 2005, May 2003-August 2003, May 2002-August 2002
[average church attendance: 200]**

- Assisted with the planning and administration of mission trips for youth, grades 9-12.
- Assisted with the planning and administration of camps for youth, grades 6-12.
- Assisted with the planning and administration of weekly activities, and local service projects for youth, grades 6-12.
- Assisted office staff in organization of files and information.
- Served as a supervisor of a summer student intern (June-July 2005).

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OTHER

EXPERIENCE **OFFICE ASSISTANT FOR THE TRUITT CENTER FOR RELIGIOUS AND SPIRITUAL LIFE
Elon, NC – November 2004-May 2005**

**MANAGER FOR THE ELON UNIVERSITY VARSITY VOLLEYBALL TEAM
Elon, NC – Spring 2002-Spring 2003**

HONORS

AND ACTIVITIES

- Treasurer – Student Advisory Council, Fall 2006-May 2007
- Treasurer – Sigma Alpha Omega, Fall 2003-Fall 2004
- Alpha Delta Omega – National Human Services Education Honor Society, 2004
- Omicron Delta Kappa – National Leadership Honor Society, 2004
- Communications Chair – Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Fall 2003- Spring 2004
- Recreation Chair – Sigma Alpha Omega, 2003
- Theta Alpha Kappa – National Religious Studies Honor Society, 2003
- President’s List, Fall 2003
- Dean’s List, Spring 2002, 2003, 2004
- Prayer/Fellowship Ministry Leader – Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Spring 2002-Fall 2003
- Kimberly Ann Barkman Support Staff Scholarship Award, 2002-2003
- Sister of the Year – Sigma Alpha Omega, 2002-2003
- Who’s Who Among American College Students Dean’s List, 2002 and 2004

WHAT SOME OF LEIGH’S REFERENCES SAID ABOUT HER:

[from her current pastor]: *She is a wonderful minister and our congregation is heartbroken that we cannot keep her on staff here. She was able to make a lot of changes in our program and keep just about everybody plugged in during the process. In a short time she was able to build strong relationships and trust that won her the support, not only of her co-workers, but the entire congregation.*

[from a former fellow staff member]: *She did a great job relating to staff and went out of her way to develop relationships and connections. Leigh was beloved by all. She holds herself to very high standards, is organized and efficient. Leigh is a servant of Christ and really wants to be obedient to His will and grow in her relationship with Him. Leigh is an incredibly strong person with a gentle spirit. She has a true heart for children and their families.*

[from a seminary professor]: *Leigh has never received a bad peer evaluation. She is a team player and is one of the kindest people I’ve ever met. Her greatest strengths: organization skills, loves children, self-motivator. She has the ability to work with all types of people. She’s wonderful with children and truly loves them.*