

Josiahs' Ministry Experiences

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I repented of modern christianity and began going after Jesus around early 1997 and have continued to zealously run after Him from that time on [compare my testimony]. Here are some of the things which God has prepared me with and used me in to preach His truth.

Leadership Experience & Ministries that I've been involved in

Youth Groups in General

For over fifteen years, under eight youth pastors, I have gained much experience in youth groups. This has culminated in years of youth leadership roles as described in some of the points below...

Sweat Youth Group

The first youth group in which I was a leader was Sweat, at First Assembly of God Gainesville Florida: I started attending just as I was graduating from high school, and eventually became one of the youth leaders for a number of years.

The UpRising Youth Group

In 2006, I helped a youth pastor and dear friend at his youth group at First United Methodist High Springs Florida.

High School Sunday Schools

By leading High School Sunday School I gained a "small-scale" taste of what it was like to be a pastor. I faced disappointments as well as encouragements as I poured out my life to make people into dedicated followers of Jesus, at First Assembly of God. I did this for about three years, and worked mostly with high school students, but I also occasionally had middle school and college students attend. Eventually, I also taught High School Sunday School at First United Methodist for a season.

High School Small Groups at First Assembly of God

First small group: I was going to a small group, and the leader was soon promoted to youth pastor, so he asked me to take over the small group because of my influential involvement.

Second small group: I was asked to lead a small group by a parent of a student from my Sunday School class.

Youth Pastor of Fireball Youth

In 2008 I was privileged to move up to New Jersey to be a (missionary) youth pastor at Flemington Assembly of God. See: www.trueconnection.org/fireball youth

Also see this short sermon: www.trueconnection.org/goto/lawless-etp-p

Chi Alpha, College Ministry

From 1999 through 2003 I was especially involved in a Christian club on college campus called Chi Alpha (or "XA" in Greek). I served as President, Student Government Rep, and Treasurer at different times throughout my four years with them.

Ministry Internship – "Gainesville Outreach Internship"

The internship was made up of mostly college students seeking what Jesus wanted to do with their lives in ministry, done through First Assembly of God. I was *unofficially* involved with the internship for about three years (with two summers being *official*) until I went full-time the fourth year. When I went full-time, I moved into a low-income neighborhood with the interns for a year to preach the Gospel, do outreaches, including kid's church (children's ministry), prayer walking, and much more, as we prayed for the neighborhood to be changed.

During these four years we also did on-the-road "event-outreaches," (called SURGE), 6:00 am Morning Prayer at the church, Intensive Devotional and "Pragmatic" Teachings, Training, Bible Projects, Meditation Assignments, Scripture Memory, Accountability and much more.

The fourth year was also the year that I had leadership and responsibilities. I assigned, assessed, and graded Bible Projects, Scripture Memory, Devotionals, and a few other things mostly involving Bible training.

My Church History

In general...

Before 1997: churches I was raised in;

After 1997: churches I sought to evangelize

1980
Dauphin Way Baptist Church
Mobile, AL

1981
Spring Hill Baptist Church
Mobile, AL

1982
North Central Baptist Church
Gainesville, FL

1990
Ridgeview Baptist Church
Gainesville, FL

1994
Westside Baptist Church
Gainesville, FL

1997
One Ministries International
Nondenominational house-church
Gainesville, FL

1999
First Assembly of God
Gainesville, FL

2005
Grace Baptist Church
Gainesville, FL

2006
First United Methodist
High Springs, FL

2006
Union Baptist Church
6259 SE 75th Ave
Newberry, FL 32669
(352) 472-3845

2008
Flemington Assembly of God
Flemington, NJ

2009
Santa Fe Mennonite Church
Lake Butler, FL
(386) 496-4616

2010
House Church
With persecuted disciples

For questions, see my FAQs or Contact me

Missions Trips (Short-Term)

Mexico, 2000 – Through YWAM, we went to the Yucatan Peninsula, first landing in Cancun to do inner-city outreach, and then we went to the tribes, especially “Las Mayas” (the *Mayans*), with real huts, witchcraft and voodoo, and other considerable demonic activity to fight to see souls saved.

Gainesville Outreach, 2000-2003, (4 years in a row) – This annual outreach was an overflow of the internship, aiming to reach the city of Gainesville Florida for Jesus. I was a part of it for four successive years with various leadership roles, including a little preaching, and the last two, I lead ministry groups (about 15-20 people) on outreaches to low-income neighborhoods.

Miami, about 2002 – Inner-city Outreach with local Missionaries. We witnessed on the infamous “South Beach,” shining the light of Jesus in one of the most dark and morally corrupt areas in Miami. We also put on a bilingual evangelistic event called “SURGE.”

Venezuela, July 4th - 14th, 2003 – The best mission trip that I’ve ever been on, that was originally going to be a vacation for my friend. Six of us went through parts of Venezuela, and the whole part of an Island (off the mainland) called “Las Isla de Margarita” (The Island of Margarita).

We preached in an Assembly of God church, two churches in a profoundly dark prison, and many other things. Many things happened, but the pervading aspect that really made it the best mission trip, was that God’s favor was on us during the whole trip answering prayers, and even performing miracles.

Other Service

Street Preaching Bible Reading (since 2003)

I seek to do focused witnessing often, but especially when I get to proclaim the Word of God in Gainesville, Florida at [Santa Fe College](#) (where I graduated) as well as the [University of Florida](#) (where I worked for a year), where I read the Bible out loud and project my voice across the campus. When I am in a season where God lets me do open air preaching, I make it out about every other week to proclaim God’s truth for hours, and pour out my life that people would be saved. The experiences and stories that I get from this are numerous and invaluable.

Preaching from church to church (Free MP3 Sermons)

Sometimes I have the honor of preaching Jesus to a number of churches across the US.

Website (since 2006)

I am excited to offer the Truths that God has given me, to the world: www.trueconnection.org

I continually work on this to serve people with desperately needed truth, for free.

Small-group Discipleship (since 2007)

I presently lead weekly intensive discipleship Bible studies, consisting mostly of college students and college graduates, and they usually last for many hours, and sometimes last almost all day. (We eventually started doing house church on Sunday mornings).

Education

Since God has promised to teach me and raise me up, I am happy to have refrained from bible school and cemetery. [compare: www.TrueConnection.org]

Spiritual Gifts and Calling

Spiritual Gifts (from 1 Corinthians 12, and others) – Discerning of spirits (1Cor 12:10), some Prophecy (v. 10, 28; Rom 12:6; Eph 4:11), Wisdom (v. 8), often words of knowledge (v. 8), Teaching/preaching/evangelizing (v. 8, 28; 14:26; Rom 12:7-8; Eph 4:11), (and I hope one day Apostleship, v. 28; 2Co 12:12; Compare what I wrote on “Apostles”). And yes, (Biblical) tongues also (v. 10, 30).

Calling – I have been called to preach repentance to the church as we know it. My life Goal is, “To call the modern church to repent and obey Jesus, and to somehow be involved with the purification and calling out of the Bride of Christ from “The End Times Prostitute,” to meet Her soon-coming Husband in the air. (see: Mat 23, and Rev 17-19)” I live, eat, breath, sleep, to be connected and to connect others to Jesus. I deeply want to see real disciples made. I’m living for God’s revolution. The time is far spent, and the time has long passed... it is time we raised up Disciples instead of looking for converts to crowd our church buildings.

Resource Links

Main Website

www.TrueConnection.org

More about Me

www.TrueConnection.org/josiahsscott

My Testimony

www.TrueConnection.org/BibleStudies/Josiahs_Testimony.html

Letters of Recommendation

www.TrueConnection.org/BibleStudies/Character_Summaries.html

What I Believe

www.trueconnection.org/BibleStudies/FAQs.html

If You Are Interested in me as a Pastor

www.TrueConnection.org/pastor