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Ministry Vision

Purpose: I strive to offer inspiring and convicting teachings of Scripture, personalized training and mentoring, prayer support, encouragement, and accountability, to help people experience spiritual transformation and become multiplying disciples of Christ.

Desire: I desire to join a church where the pastors and lay elders work together as a team to teach and lead the church, where we will do what is right and trust God with the consequences, and where we will encourage deep study of God's Word, authentic community, and passionate worship, service, and outreach.



Vision: I seek to help people fulfill the great commandment of loving God and others and the great commission of leading others to Christ and encouraging their growth toward Christ-likeness. Therefore, I strive to provide sound biblical teaching and contexts which encourage people's relationships with God, each other, and the unchurched. With these universal goals, I uniquely tailor strategy to each church. I come with vision, but also with an open mind regarding methodologies, seeking to observe and learn from others what is needed and what is working in each specific church.

Approach: As I visit and consult with churches, I see some that teach the Bible well, but fail to help people come to a conviction for change. I see others that focus on application, but fail to teach enough theology for renewal of the mind. I strive to offer sound biblical teaching, which reflects careful research to determine what God is revealing and creative presentation to encourage receptivity in the target audience. To be effective, biblical teaching must provoke the listener intellectually with Scripture and an interesting explanation of its context; provoke the listener emotionally with theological truths derived from the text which the listener can discern with conviction; and provoke the listener to respond behaviorally into sound doctrinal understanding and a godly lifestyle with specific suggestions and questions deriving from the theology.

If we combine good teaching with true biblical community, the congregation will experience God's grace for healing and transformation. Biblical community is more than having small groups or Sunday school classes. It is cultivating and experiencing all the one-another attitudes and actions while becoming intimate friends. It also is having a mentor who teaches and counsels with Scripture, who is intentional about ensuring an environment conducive to fellowship and learning, and who is intentional about ensuring each individual is empowered to take the next step in faith. Biblical community is the necessary root system, and when combined with teaching that produces growth, the resulting bloom is passionate worship, compassionate service, and effective evangelism.

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Ministry History

My present ministry is to support several local churches in my area, by preaching, developing learning tools, and training leaders. For the past fifteen years, I have sacrificed to focus on ministry. In that time, I became a pastor, and was recognized for doing the work of a pastor, even though I have only worked on staff part-time.

Certification: ORDINATION FROM NORTHWEST BIBLE CHURCH [Dallas; 2011]

THM IN BIBLE EXEGESIS FROM DALLAS THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY [Dallas; 2011]

- 3.98 GPA through 122 credit hours
- Ten semesters of Bible exegesis, six of Greek, four of Hebrew, twelve of theology
- Certification for Prepare-Enrich Counseling
- Certification as a Graduate Teacher from the Evangelical Training Association
- Member of Evangelical Theological Society

Ministry: PREACHER [2005-2013]

- Preached expository and topical sermons for several churches [50-350 people]; samples are available at <http://www.groben.com/will.php>

MENTOR, MINISTRY COACH, COUNSELOR [2003-2013]

- Mentored and coached other adults into their own multiplying discipleship ministries
- Counseled teenagers and adults into spiritual health and growth

SMALL GROUPS TRAINER, COACH, AND LEADER, FOR ADULTS, TEENS, AND CHILDREN [1999-2012]

- Led a two-year Spiritual Formation couples small group for Dallas Theological Seminary
- Developed new training programs and coached small group leaders for two churches
- Led and taught small groups of adults for over ten years; of teenage boys for three years; and of first grade students for a year

LARGE GROUP TEACHER FOR ADULTS, CHILDREN, AND TEENAGERS [1999-2009]

- Taught children's church and Easter Services, middle and high school programs
- Taught young adult services, Sunday School classes, and topical training classes

MINISTRY INTERN AT SOUTH SHORE COMMUNITY CHURCH [2006-2007]

- Wrote detailed church theology, sermon-coordinated small group curriculum, and personal devotions which inspired hundreds of members to begin Bible study

VOLUNTEER ON MINISTRY TEAMS [1997-2012]

- Served on teams for strategic planning, communications, evangelism, nursery, children, youth, greeting/ushering, drama, curriculum development, and special events



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Personal Details

Family: I have been married to LeeAnn for over nine years. She is the most genuinely merciful, caring, and kind person I know. She is loving and effective with all types of people. We both love children, but have not been blessed with any yet. Our extended family lives in Florida, New York, Connecticut, Indiana, and California.

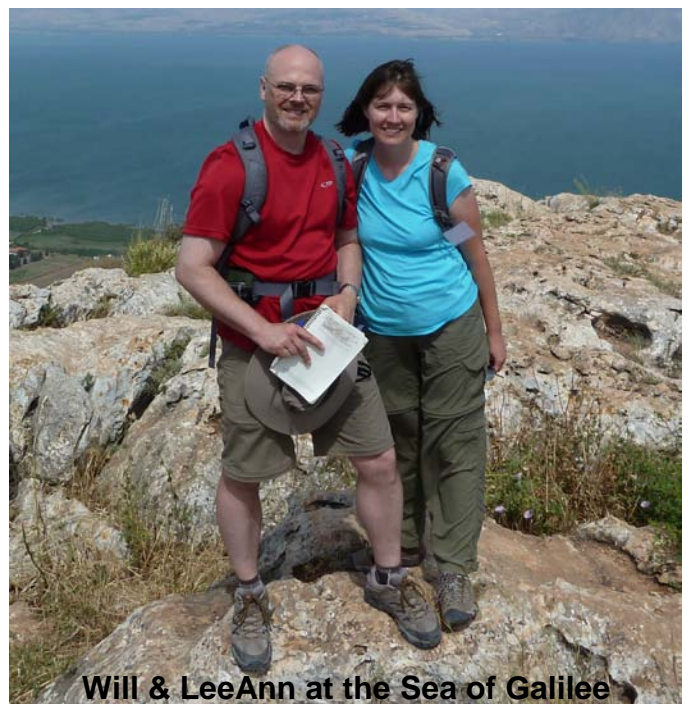
History: I was born in Utica, New York, in 1966, and raised in a suburb. I attended New College in Sarasota, graduate school at Georgetown in Washington, and seminary at Dallas Theological Seminary in Dallas. I have an MA in Economics from Georgetown, and taught college economics as a teaching assistant or adjunct lecturer at four colleges over a twelve year period. For about fourteen years, I worked as a bank consultant, credit manager, and analyst. I helped edit two ministry books and was published several times in a local business journal.

LeeAnn was born in 1976, outside of Ft. Wayne, Indiana. She moved to Sarasota when she was ten and lived there until we moved to Dallas. She earned a BA in business from the University of South Florida and works as a software developer for Vertex.

Faith: LeeAnn came to faith through her church as a young child, and increasingly learned to live out her faith in the course of life. She is fully supportive of our life centered on ministry. I always knew God existed, talking to him as a child and reading all the red letters in my Bible so I could understand Jesus. When I was fifteen, a friend explained the gospel to me, which I immediately knew was true. I enjoyed a great passion for God in high school, went a bit astray as a young adult, but was humbled by God into a deeply consecrating moment about sixteen years ago. Since that time, I have pursued complete submission to Christ.

Church: LeeAnn grew up in Baptist and Evangelical churches. I received infant baptism in the Roman Catholic Church, and attended a Presbyterian USA church in middle school. In high school, I visited various Evangelical and Charismatic churches where I had friends. After a decade of non-attendance as a young adult, I was reintroduced to church by a Pentecostal friend, and received water baptism by immersion. After rejecting aspects of Pentecostal theology, I joined LeeAnn in attending an Evangelical church for nine years. We later became members of a Baptist church, where the pastor wanted my help. During our time in Dallas, we were members of Northwest Bible Church [Evangelical], which ordained me. Presently, we are helping several churches in our area, which all are Evangelical in teaching.

Hobbies: We enjoy reading, walking and hiking, watching movies and sports, travelling, conversing, gardening, and playing with children and pets.



Will & LeeAnn at the Sea of Galilee