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Dear Whom it may concern,

My name is Chad Smith and I currently hold my Masters in Christian Apologetics from Southern Evangelical Seminary. I am in the process of completing my Masters of Divinity in Apologetics, also from Southern Evangelical Seminary. Other degrees I currently hold are my Bachelors and Masters degree in Health-Exercise Science from Lenoir Rhyne University. I have many years of experience with leading, teaching, and shepherding men and woman from all aspects of life towards the grace and love of Jesus Christ. I am currently teaching classes over various topics at Community Church of Greenwood in Greenwood, IN. Previously, I was the liaison between sports teams and FCA at Lenoir-Rhyne University. While coaching at the college level in 2016 - 2018 I was involved with Campus Crusade for Christ (CRU) and Ratio Christi. However I have felt a calling for full time ministry. After many months of prayer and fasting I have felt God leading me to pursue a calling in full time ministry. I am excited about the potential opportunity to impact and walk alongside the students and families at Parkwood Baptist Church.

In addition to my extensive academic preparation, I would like to highlight several qualities and characteristics, that I believe, are needed to be an effective and successful minister for Christ. I trust you will find me to be well-spoken, energetic, confident, and personable with strong communication and listening skills. My sound work ethic and dedication to living out a Biblical lifestyle, sets me apart and distinguishes me from other candidates. Seek Christ and His word first, build relationships, and in all things prayer, are what I set for myself daily and hold others accountable to as well. When I am not coaching or in discipleship, I travel and teach apologetics in various churches when given the opportunity.

I would enjoy the opportunity to bring my education and experience to Parkwood Baptist Church and bring sound Biblical teaching to the students within the community. I am looking forward to an interview with you to show my interest in your staff, Church, and ministries. Enclosed you will find my resume, references, and statement of faith for your review. Thank you for your time and consideration.

In Christ,

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*MS Exercise Science*

*MA Christian Apologetics*

*“Whatever you do, do it enthusiastically, as something done for the Lord and not for men”*

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## Objective

My goal as a minister is to live a Christ centered life that portrays the Gospel in all my actions, words, thoughts, and teachings. Reaching the community through relationship, sound Biblical teaching, and discipleship, meeting every person where they are, just as Christ has met us, and giving the hope and grace Christ has given to me.

## Education

Masters of Arts in Divinity, Southern Evangelical Seminary, Matthews, NC Presently Enrolled  
Masters of Science in Exercise Science, Lenoir-Rhyne University, Hickory, NC, December 2017  
Masters of Arts in Christian Apologetics, Southern Evangelical Seminary, Matthews, NC April 2015  
Bachelors of Science, Exercise Science Lenoir-Rhyne University, Hickory, NC, May 2013

## Work History

- Army Chaplain Candidate, (Indiana National Guard) **2020-Present**
- Course Content Teacher at Community Church of Greenwood **2018-Present**
- Assist with weekly Ratio Christi, FCA, and CRU meetings at Lenoir-Rhyne University **2015-2018**
- Speaker at various churches and colleges on cultural/religious issues **2015-Present**
- College Minister and associate pastor with Grace Life Church of Pineville **2014-2016**
- High School Bible teacher with Westminster Catawba Christian School, Rock Hill SC, **August 2014-August 2015**
- Fitness Floor Director Shuford Y.M.C.A Newton, NC **September 2013-June 2014** (Left for Seminary)
- Young Life Leader September **2013-June 2014**
- Bible Study and discipleship leader with Campus Crusade for Christ **2012-2014**
- Assistant Youth Minister with Antioch Baptist Church Kensington, GA **2007-2010**

## Professional Experience

### Community Church of Greenwood

- Teach in depth Bible studies to diverse age groups (18-60+)
- Teach a class going through the different covenants within the Bible and how they connect the OT to the NT
- Teach an Old Testament Survey Course
- Teach classes on basic Christian doctrine
- Lead Small group for young married couples
- Disciple young married men
- Teach various apologetics courses

### Lenoir-Rhyne University

- Implement and lead Bible studies with FCA, CRU, and Ratio Christi
- Manage events and coordinate speakers with FCA and Ratio Christi
- Guest speaker with Campus Crusade for Christ, FCA, and Ratio Christi
- Lead Coaches Bible study weekly
- Offer Religion course tutoring on campus
- Disciple young men throughout the week on topics such as goal setting, temptations, and Biblical Manhood

### **Grace-life Church of Pineville**

- Create and lead first time ever college ministry with Grace-Life church of Pineville (Ages 17-25)
- Disciple and meet with young adults on a weekly basis
- Search and hire assistant and volunteer to help with ministry and events
- Prepare and teach Bible study lessons twice a week. (Sunday Morning and Wednesday Small group)
- After school director for Grace Life Academy (Ages 6-12)
- Create, manage, and lead outreach/mission events for college ministry
- Meet with Senior and Associate Pastors weekly to discuss budget and study materials

### **Westminster Catawba Christian School**

- Teach Bible Classes to Jr. and Sr. High school students
- Grade various projects and skills tests when it comes to Biblical knowledge
- Teach the theme, dates, and overall central message of each book and how it portrays Christ within the Bible
- Teach basic hermeneutical principals when interpreting the Bible.
- Create and implement teaching material throughout the school year.

## **Accomplishments**

- Vice President of SGA while attending Southern Evangelical Seminary (2014-2015)
- Youngest in my class to graduate from Southern Evangelical Seminary (2015)
- Leader of Manhood development for 11 weeks in Juneau Alaska with Campus Crusade with Christ (2013)
- Ecclesiastically Endorsed by Venture Church Network (2020)
- Hoping to start my Doctorate of Apologetics in the near future
- Frequent speaker over multiple topics at Southern Evangelical Seminary and the National Conference of Christian Apologetics (2015-2018)

## **Skills**

- Experienced in working with diverse groups
- Exceptional communication skills and outgoing personality
- Mastery level at Excel, PowerPoint and Microsoft word
- Very organized and detail oriented
- Experienced with grief and marriage counseling
- First aid, CPR, and AED certified
- Deep understanding of Philosophy and Logic
- Have taken two, higher education courses over global and local missions

## **References**

Brian Huffling, Director of Ph.D. programs and assistant professor with Sothern Evangelical Seminary  
704-609-4763

Gary Debord, Discipleship Pastor with Community Church of Greenwood  
317-409-3029

Zach Howell, Campus Crusade for Christ Campus Leader with University of North Carolina at Charlotte  
828-284-8007

Colby Toney, Assistant Youth Director with Antioch Baptist Church  
706-313-3461

## Personal Statement of Faith

1. I believe the sixty–six books of the Old and New Testament Scripture alone to be verbally inspired by God and inerrant in the original text, and that they alone are of supreme and final authority in faith and life.
2. I believe in one God who is Creator of heaven and earth, who is infinite Spirit, light, love, and truth; eternal, almighty, infallible in all things, including His foreknowledge of all future events as well as all free choices; that He is unchangeable, all wise, just, and holy; and that the triune God eternally exists in one essence and three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
3. I believe in the special creation of the entire space–time universe and of every basic form of life in the six historic days of the Genesis creation record. I also believe in the historicity of the biblical record, including the special creation of Adam and Eve as the literal progenitors of all people, the literal fall and resultant divine curse on the creation, the worldwide flood, and the origin of nations and diverse languages at the tower of Babel.
4. I believe in Jesus Christ, the Second Person of the Trinity, the Eternal Word manifested in the flesh. I believe that He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, and that He is true God and true man, having two distinct natures co–joined in one Person.
5. I believe that the Lord Jesus Christ died as a representative and substitutionary sacrifice for the sins of every human being and thus offers salvation as a free gift based on grace alone.
6. I believe that the Lord Jesus Christ arose from the dead in the same physical body, though glorified, in which He had lived and died, and that His resurrection body is the pattern of that body which will be given to all believers at the return of Christ.
7. I believe that the Lord Jesus Christ ascended into heaven in the same glorified physical body in which He arose, was seated at His Father’s right hand, assuring us of the perfection of His work of redemption, and that He now, as Head over all things to the Church, is engaged on behalf of the saved as their only Advocate.
8. I believe in the personal, imminent, and premillennial return of the Lord Jesus Christ for His redeemed ones followed by His millennial reign on earth.
9. I believe that man was originally created in the image and likeness of God, and that he fell through sin; and that as a consequence of his sin, he became dead in trespasses and sins, and that he became subject to the power of the devil. I also believe that this spiritual death, or total depravity of human nature, has been transmitted to the entire human race, the Man Christ Jesus alone being excepted; and hence that every child of Adam is born into the world with a nature which is totally corrupt.
10. I believe that only those who receive the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior on the condition of faith alone, apart from all good works, are thereby born again of the Holy Spirit, are justified once and for all, and have become children of God.
11. I believe that the Holy Spirit, being the Third Person of the Godhead, convicts men of sin, regenerates, indwells, baptizes, seals, and sets believers apart to a holy life; that He keeps and empowers believers day by day. I believe that He is the Teacher of the Word of God through which He guides us in our daily lives.

12. I believe in the eternal security and everlasting blessedness of the saved, and the eternal conscious punishment of the lost.
13. I believe that the Lord Jesus Christ instituted only two ordinances: water baptism and the Lord's Supper, to be observed until He comes. I believe that water baptism is not necessary for salvation but that it is an outward symbol of salvation and a sign of our obedience to Him.
14. I believe that the universal Church of Jesus Christ is composed of those who have been redeemed and washed in His blood, regenerated and sealed by the Holy Spirit, and that they are saved to worship and to serve; that it is the responsibility and privilege of all who are saved to seek to win others to Christ, to the "uttermost part of the earth"; that they should seek to live a holy life, to separate themselves from and forsake all that might dishonor God, cast discredit on His cause, or weaken their testimony.