



Chris Taylor

Objective

To shepherd God's church by faithfully preaching the word of God. It is my goal to help cultivate a great passion for Jesus, the gospel, and the glory of God in a local church for the purpose of impacting the community and world at large with the message of Jesus Christ. I truly believe that the church is God's "Plan A" for growing God's people in Christlikeness and reaching the world with the gospel.

Family

Married to Haley Taylor since April of 2011

Children: Clark Andrew (6/14), Luke Everette (3/17), and Samantha Jane (8/20)

Pastoral Experience

September 2016–Current

Lead Pastor and Church Planter • Marysville Community Church, Marysville, WA

Responsibilities

- Equip the saints for the work of the ministry by faithfully preaching the word of God every Sunday
- Oversee staff
- Oversee and serve alongside elders
- Train ministry leaders
- Co-lead youth group
- Teach classes on evangelism, apologetics, prayer, and bible reading

- Write daily devotionals
- Oversee life groups and train new leaders
- Lead weekly men's bible study and oversee men's ministry
- Multiple 1-to-1 weekly bible studies with men (discipleship)

April 2012–August 2016

**College and High School Pastor and Church Planter in training •
Alderwood Community Church, Lynnwood, WA**

Responsibilities

- Preach the word of God every Wednesday and Thursday
- Member of the preaching team on Sundays (1-2X a month)
- Oversee student leaders
- Write student devotionals
- Train parents
- Oversee and train adult volunteers
- Organize and lead annual two week mission trip to Albania
- Disciple students and adult leaders
- Church Planting Training

January 2011–March 2012

Junior High Pastor • Prestonwood Baptist Church, Prosper, TX

Responsibilities

- Preach the word of God every Wednesday and occasionally on Sundays
- Disciple students
- Train student leaders
- Organize and lead mission trips

January 2010-June 2010

**Missionary (Bible Teacher) • Cameroon Baptist Theological Seminary,
Ndu, Cameroon**

Responsibilities

- Teach Hebrew and Hebrew Exegesis at the Master's level
- Teach two course on the Gospels
- Teach course on New Testament Theology
- Disciple pastors in training
- Lead youth group in village
- Preach chapel services
- Preach in village churches

Education

Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, South Hamilton, MA

- Master of Arts in Old Testament Studies, 2010
- Master of Arts in New Testament Studies, 2009

Southwestern Assemblies of God University, Waxahachie, TX

- Bachelors of Science in Church Ministries, 2006

Ordination

- Southern Baptist Convention, 2011

Background and Testimony

I was born and raised in East Texas in the town of Lufkin. My parents were nominal Christians. My father left when I was 11 years old. My mom raised my sister and me until she remarried when I was in middle school. My step-father was the first person to walk me through the gospel. I was overwhelmed by a sense of guilt that was immediately met with the hope of Christ's sacrificial death and resurrection. I trusted in Jesus Christ for salvation from sin and the wrath of God in February of 1995. I've never looked back. After being baptized I joined our church as a member. I got involved in our youth group and was discipled by the youth pastor. At the age of 16 I truly felt that the Lord wanted me to shepherd His people. I developed a great love for the Scriptures and wanted to help other believers understand God's word and follow faithfully after Jesus. After high school my church hired me as the associate youth pastor. Since the age of 18 I have continually served in some form of church ministry. I love Jesus! He is my Lord and Savior. I have

always been passionate about evangelism and missions. I love to share the gospel with unbelievers and have made it my goal to have at least one gospel conversation or encounter a week. Jesus saved me, and I am committed to following Him with His church. I love to preach the word, and I truly believe that the Lord has gifted me to communicate the word of God to God's people.

Philosophy of Pastoral Ministry

As a pastor my primary responsibility is to shepherd God's church by faithfully teaching them the word of God. I am whole-heartedly committed to teaching the Bible. The pastor's job is really two-fold. It involves preaching and prayer (see Acts 6:4). As a pastor my focus must be more on the people of the church than programs. Programs certainly have their place, but the people are the ones I am called to disciple and equip for ministry. The pastor, I believe, is tasked with the job of cultivating a culture of discipleship in God's church, where believers are committed to doing the "one-another" commands together (see Colossians 3:16). A healthy church, one committed to loving one another, caring for one another, serving one another, and teaching one another, will truly serve as a light before the world (see 1 John 4:12). A healthy church, one that is committed to doing God's word together, is a church that will be committed to the Great Commission. The pastor must be committed to cultivating gospel health on the inside and equipping those on the inside to go out and call the lost to repent and believe in Jesus. I believe that God calls pastors to lead by example. What the pastor teaches and calls the church to do, he must be found doing as well. I'm constantly challenged by Paul's words to Timothy in 1 Timothy 4:16. He writes, "Keep a close watch on yourself and on the teaching. Persist in this, for by so doing you will save both yourself and your hearers." The best way I can care for God's sheep is by giving them the word and continually bringing them before the Lord in prayer. Granted, pastoral ministry concerns more than this, but this is the main thing or business that the pastor must be committed to. A third aspect of pastoral ministry was introduced in 1 Timothy 4:16. It's the pastor's holiness. As Robert Murry M'Cheyne once stated, "The greatest need of my people is my personal holiness." A holy pastor will serve the church well, in that he will be able to say with Paul, "Follow me as I follow Christ" (1 Corinthians 11:1). In sum, the pastor's job is to preach (equip and train), pray, and lead by example.

References

[Available upon request.]