# Dr. Joseph P. Fowler



## Personal

- **Family:** Wife- Mary Fowler
  - o Married March 11, 2017
  - o Bachelor of Science in Mathematics, Mississippi College, Clinton, MS
  - o Master of Education, Administration and Supervision, Liberty University, Lynchburg, VA
  - High School Mathematics Teacher, Parkview Baptist School, August 2017-Present
  - Children- Isaac Jourdan Fowler, born May 7, 2021
  - Licensed: May 2017, First Baptist Church of Kennesaw, Kennesaw, GA
- Ordained: October 2017, Jefferson Baptist Church, Baton Rouge, LA
- Interests: Running, Swimming, Cycling, Training for Triathlons, Hiking, Watching and Playing Sports

## Education

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- 2020- Doctorate of Ministry
  - Luther Rice College and Seminary, Lithonia, GA
- 2017- Master of Divinity
  - o New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, LA
- 2015- Bachelor of Arts in Christian Studies
  - o Truett McConnell College, Cleveland, GA
  - Minor in History and Great Commission

## **Ministerial Employment**

- Associate Pastor, Jefferson Baptist Church, Baton Rouge, LA, July 2019-Present
  - Work alongside senior pastor and church administrator to cast a vision for the entire church to follow.
  - Oversee all young family connection groups and Bible studies; teach one of the groups on a weekly basis, as well as a weekly Bible study for all adults on Wednesday nights.
  - Responsible for planning young families and churchwide events.
  - Fill in for the senior pastor when he is out of town.
  - Plan and execute churchwide outreach events in Baton Rouge. Includes partnering with local Christian-owned businesses to facilitate outreach events.
  - Work alongside other staff members to plan events and day-to-day activities.
  - Preach all Sunday evening services.
  - Responsible for any and all other activities as deemed by the senior pastor.

#### • College & Young Adults Pastor, Jefferson Baptist Church, Baton Rouge, LA, January 2016-July 2019

- Planned and coordinated all college ministry events at Jefferson Baptist Church.
- Taught weekly Bible studies and mentored college students.
- Oversaw all young adult connection groups.
- Started a young professionals connection group that meets on a weekly basis.
- o Coordinated and participated in outreach events on the campus of LSU.
- Planned and led an annual college mission trip to Portugal.
- Ministered to families of college students.

- Intern of Missions and Outreach, Louisiana State University Baptist Collegiate Ministry, August 2015-June 2017
  - Coordinated events to connect students on campus with the BCM at LSU.
  - Led weekly campus evangelism sessions and trained students for these sessions.
  - Discipled and mentored student leaders.
- FUGE Camps Director, Carson Newman University, Jefferson City, TN, Summer 2016
  - Directed twenty summer camp staffers at Carson Newman FUGE camp.
  - Managed, planned, and led camp activities and Bible studies for adults and students.
  - Oversaw staff development activities throughout the summer.
  - Worked alongside Carson Newman staff to ensure that camp activities ran smoothly.
  - Trained to manage crisis among staff members, students, and group leaders and adults.
- FUGE Camps Missions Mobilizer and X-Fuge Lead Host, North Greenville University, Greenville, SC, Summer 2015
  - Trained all staff members on the importance of missions across the world so that they could share that with their students throughout the summer.
  - Emphasized the importance of missions (national and international) to the entire camp on a weekly basis.
  - Raised funds each week that contributed towards IMB mission activities.
  - Taught and preached to church groups each week.
  - Led various church groups in mission projects and recreation activities.
  - Middle School Pastor, First Baptist Church of Kennesaw, Kennesaw, GA, Summer 2012
    - Preached to and taught middles school students on a weekly basis.
    - Planned, organized, and executed a mission trip for middle school students.
    - Organized fellowship events for the students.

#### Leadership/Training Experience

- Resident Assistant, Truett McConnell College, Cleveland, GA 2015
  - Planned, organized, and directed events for on-campus residents.
  - o Handled resident hall disciplinary issues alongside the Director of Housing.
- FUGE Camps Bible Study Leader, Ridgecrest Conference Center, Asheville, NC, Summer 2014
  - Led daily Bible studies and recreation activities for students in middle and high school.
  - Built relationships with students and shared the Gospel with them.
  - Hosted church groups that attended camp.
  - Led recreational activities throughout the day.
  - Christian Life Coordinator, Truett McConnell College, Cleveland, GA 2014
    - Led weekly Bible studies among students on campus.
    - Built relationships and mentored students as they grew in their faith.
- Community Outreach Captain, Truett McConnell College, Cleveland, GA 2011-2015
  - Organized and led service projects for the men's cross-country team to participate in.
  - o Led weekly Bible studies and discipled other members of the cross-country team.

## **Short Term Missions Experience**

- Belarus- 2020
  - Helped led a pastor's conference to help train Belarusian pastors.
  - Partnered with local church's for outreach and evangelism.
- Portugal- 2017, 2018, 2019
  - Led college students on a week-long trip to the Algarve, Portugal.
  - Worked with college-aged sports camps counselors and shared the Gospel with them.
  - Planned and organized day-to-day activities for team members and Portuguese counselors to participate in an effort to build relationships and share Christ with them.

- Worked with Awana Portugal to share the Gospel with children at the public school-sponsored sports camps.
- Facilitated all communication between Jefferson Baptist Church and Ferias Desportivas sports camp.

#### • Mexico- 2017, 2018, 2019

- Worked alongside the LSU BCM to plan and coordinate a mission trip of over one-hundred college students to Piedras Negras and Morelos, Mexico.
- Executed Vacation Bible Schools in different cities in the region.
- Led sports clinics that included Gospel presentations.
- Assisted local church leaders in Mexico in their efforts to evangelize the region.
- South Africa- 2015
  - Assisted three different IMB missionaries in different church-planting efforts.
  - Evangelized to people living in the poorer areas of Johannesburg.
  - Taught English to Muslims.
  - Mapped churches in the areas for the IMB missionaries.
  - Preached at a church on Sunday morning of the week we were there.
- Haiti- 2015
  - Built a fence around the orphanage and helped with other projects needed there.
  - Evangelized to the community around the orphanage.
- Nepal- 2013
  - Taught English using Bible stories in local schools and Buddhist monasteries.
  - Built relationships with Nepalese people and shared the Gospel with them.

#### • Lake Placid, New York- 2010, 2011, 2012

- Worked with Ironman Lake Placid to help with athletes running the Ironman race.
- Encouraged and prayed for athletes as they ran the race.
- El Salvador- 2011
  - Worked with local churches to do outreach in schools.
- Honduras- 2010, 2004
  - Worked with local churches to do outreach in schools.
  - Assisted with a pastor's conference to help train Honduran pastors.

## Personal Statement of Salvation and Call to Ministry

I accepted Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior when I was seven years old. I grew up in a family of pastors (I am a fourth-generation pastor), and therefore have seen what a life of ministry looks like. God called me into the ministry during my senior year of high school while I was attending Allatoona High School, and I surrendered to that call. This led me to study theology throughout college and continue to pursue higher education in the field of ministry so that I can be adequately prepared for a life surrendered to ministry.

## **Ministry Statement**

I believe that the Word of God is infallible and trustworthy, and therefore I seek to communicate it in a relevant, passionate, and applicable way. I have a strong pastoral call and am seeking to invest the rest of my life preaching the Gospel, loving and caring for each individual in any congregation, sharing my faith, and supporting missionary efforts throughout the world. As a minister, I seek to lead and challenge God's people to envision His will and use their gifts to build up the Kingdom of God. I believe the size of a leader is determined by the height of his ambition to know Jesus and make Him known, the depth of his convictions, the breadth of his vision, and the reach of his love.