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NIGHTLIGHT CHRISTIAN ADOPTIONS

President of Nightlight Christian Adoptions. Nightlight has offices in ten states (CA, CO, FL, GA, IN, OK, MO, SC, TX, and KY). We operate with a budget ranging to \$10 Million, and have about 130 employees. In addition, we work with facilitators overseas, conducting adoption programs in fifteen countries.

Nightlight is the pioneer of embryo adoptions, and the leading embryo adoption agency with the Snowflakes® program. Since 1959 we have helped women in crisis pregnancies make adoption plans through domestic adoption. Nightlight also operates the Embryo Adoption Awareness Center, a recipient of the federal embryo adoption awareness grant. Successfully orchestrated seven merges/acquisitions.

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Pastoral Counseling (Practical Theology), June 2012

Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, California

Graduated with Distinction

Dissertation: *The Therapeutic and Preaching Value of the Imprecatory Psalms*

Master of Theology, May, 2003

Talbot School of Theology, La Mirada, California

Concentration: Systematic Theology

Master of Divinity, May 2000

The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky

Concentration: Pastoral Ministry (School of Theology)

Master of Arts in Ministerial Education, April 2001

Indiana Wesleyan University, Marion, Indiana

Thesis: *A Biblical Model of Church Decision-Making*

Bachelor of Arts, June 1995

University of California, Irvine

Major: Classical Civilization
Graduated with Honors, *Eta Sigma Phi* (Classics Honors Society)
Admitted with Distinction

PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING

Established a successful private counseling practice from January 2010 to April 2012. I began under the supervision of the counseling program at Fuller Seminary, and continued as a member of the Orange County Christian Counseling network.

UNIVERSITY TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Biola University, Fall 2003 to Spring 2012. Taught nineteen sections of BBST 105, "Foundations of Christian Thought."
Fuller Seminary, Summer 2012. Taught "Grief, Loss, Death and Dying." I also served as a teaching assistant for two courses at Fuller.

PASTORAL MINISTRY

Senior Pastor, Oak Chapel, Marion, IN. June 1996 to December 1998
Associate Pastor, SeaRidge Community Church, Irvine, CA. January 1999 to February 2005
Administrative Pastor, First United Methodist Church, Fountain Valley CA. February 2005 to March 2012.

BOOKS

Untrapped: 9 Secrets to Getting Along. Ambassador International, Greenville [SC]: August, 2017. Featured on Focus on the Family.

Who's Using You? Making Yourself Available for God's Use.. CLC Publications, Fort Washington [PA]: Fall 2015.

Praying Curses: The Therapeutic and Preaching Value of the Imprecatory Psalms. Wipf and Stock, 2013.

The Struggle is Real: Ministering to Mental and Health Relationship Problems in the Church. "Understanding the struggles in Adoption." American Association of Christian Counselors, 2017.

Beyond Kum Ba Ya: Guide for the Chaplain Aide, Fountain Valley [CA]: Custom Book Publishing, 2008. Continues to be the bestselling book on this subject.

ARTICLES

- “Adoption Prevents Trafficking.” *Adoption.com*. November, 2016
- “Ten Morale Boosters.” *Christian Leadership Alliance*. Forthcoming, 2017.
- “Will She Love Me, Will I Love Him?” *Adoption Advocate*. Issue 68. National Council for Adoption, February 2014.
- “How the Christian Orphan Care Movement will have Staying Power.” *Adoption Today Magazine*, January 2013.
- “The Therapeutic Value of the Imprecatory Psalms.” Evangelical Theological Society paper for the Far Western Region, April, 2012.
- “What does it Mean to be Excited about God?” *Ministry in Motion*, June, 2011
- “Church Management: How much does it pay?” *Rev! Magazine*, Colorado Springs [CO]: Group Publishing, Jan/Feb, 2010
- “Circumcision as a Shadow of Conversion.” *Clergy Journal*, Inner Grove Heights [MN]: Logos Productions, March/April, 2009
- “The Difference Between Milk and Meat,” *Preaching Magazine*, Franklin [TN]: Preaching, Jan-Feb, 2005.
- “Lectionary Prayers and Sermons,” *Clergy Journal*, Inner Grove Heights [MN]: Logos Productions, September/October, 2009.
- Contributions in *More than Mud Pies*, Loveland [CO]: Group Publishing, 1997.
- Contributions in *Making Scripture Memory Fun*, Loveland [CO]: Group Publishing, 1997.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- “The Therapeutic Value of the Imprecatory Psalms.” Evangelical Theological Society paper for the Far Western Region, April, 2012.
- “Will She Love Me, Will I Love Him?” National Council for Adoption conference. Washington DC, June 2013.
- “Ten Morale Boosters.” National Council for Adoption conference. New Orleans, September 2016.
- “The Landscape of Intercountry Adoption.” Christian Alliance for Orphans Summit. May, 2017.
- “Building a Support for Parents by Adoption and Foster Care.” American Association of Christian Counselors conference. March, 2018.
- “Succession Planning for your Organization.” Denver: National Council for Adoption, June 2019.
- “Preventing Dissolution: 9 Strategies for relational change.” National Council for Adoption, Saint Louis: 2023.

“How Embryo Adoption Helps You.” National Council for Adoption conference.
Denver, 2017.

“Changing the Trajectory of Intercountry Adoption.” Christian Alliance for Orphans
Summit. May, 2018.

“Avoiding Compassion Fatigue and Burnout.” Christian Alliance for Orphans
Summit. September, 2023.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Board Member, A Helping Hand Ministries, Louisville KY

Board Member, National Christian Adoption Fellowship

Board Member, Every Child Has a Name

Board Member, Save Adoptions

Full member of the Evangelical Theological Society (ETS)

Organizing member of Adopted for Good, Coalition for Adopted Children

Member of the American Association of Christian Counselors (AACC)

Board Member, The Urban Ministry Institute, World Impact: Los Angeles

Member of Convene Business Leaders Forum

LICENSE AND ORDINATION

Certification: June 2010, Board Certified Christian Counselor by the BCPPC

Licensed: August 1996, North Indiana Conference, United Methodist Church

Ordained: November 1998, Union Chapel Baptist Church, Marion, Indiana.

HONORS AND ACTIVITIES

Eagle Scout, Huntington Beach, California, June 20, 1988.

Boy Scouts of America, September 1985-present. Served as Cubmaster and
Scoutmaster.

OTHER

Private Pilot License

Hobbies: Off-roading, guitar, home improvement, skiing

Licensed Bus and Motorcycle driver (Class BPM1)

Ham Radio License KN6AFQ

Global Entry, Senti Access

Fluent in Spanish, studied Greek, Latin, Hebrew