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EDUCATION

FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

Tallahassee, FL

Bachelors of Science -1976

SOUTHWESTERN BAPTIST

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Ft. Worth, TX

Masters of Religious Educ.-1979

NEW ORLEANS BAPTIST

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

New Orleans, LA

Masters of Divinity-1987

STRENGTHS

- 48 yrs. of church, ministry, and strategic leadership experience
- Skilled in philanthropic fundraising
- Passionate "big picture" manager
- Enthusiastic problem solver
- Certified in third party conflict resolution
- Certified in advanced F.A.I.T.H. Sunday School evangelism strategy
- Certificate of Endorsement in Vocational Evangelism- NAMB
- Completed transitional pastor training workshop- Lifeway Ministries
- Trained in Evangelism Explosion
- Proficient in Microsoft Office

REFERENCES

RAYMOND LANCASTER

Founder and President

Fighting to Farming

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PASTOR ERIC ALLEN

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PASTOR BARRY RICE

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PASTORAL AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

1998 - PRESENT

FOUNDER & PRESIDENT- ENCOURAGING GOD'S SERVANTS (E.G.S.) (MAITLAND, FL)

Founded nondenominational non-profit 501 (c)(3) faith-based ministry to provide comfort, affirmation, funding, and encouragement for God's servants.

2014 - 2019

E.G.S. TRANSITIONAL SENIOR PASTOR- COMPASS COMMUNITY CHURCH (APOPKA, FL)

Rewrote/adopted bylaws/constitution to reflect church's preference for a Biblical leadership style. Established ministry internship opportunities. Maintained cooperative relationship in shared facility partnership. Experimented with agricultural development for future church strategy (Heart Village, Lake Wales, FL). *Presently serves voluntarily in elder, prayer partner, and advisory roles.

2013 - 2014

E.G.S. INTERIM SENIOR PASTOR- SOUTH ORLANDO BAPTIST (ORLANDO, FL)

Provided leadership, preaching, and staff encouragement. Focused on the pastor search process. Retained healthy congregation.

2012 - 2013

E.G.S. INTERIM SENIOR PASTOR- FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH APOPKA (APOPKA, FL)

Provided leadership, preaching, and staff encouragement. Implemented conflict mediation process.

2009 - 2011

E.G.S. TRANSITIONAL SENIOR PASTOR- PARKWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH (JACKSONVILLE, FL)

Stabilized declining membership, created an action plan for the church budget, facility management, and staff reorganization.

2007 - 2009

E.G.S. TRANSITIONAL SENIOR PASTOR- DOWNTOWN BAPTIST CHURCH (ORLANDO, FL)

Provided existing building updates and reversed declining budget and membership.

2005 - 2007

E.G.S. TRANSITIONAL SENIOR PASTOR- FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH (LAKE PLACID, FL)

Identified and resolved the causes of a major internal conflict within the membership.

2000 - 2005

E.G.S. TRANSITIONAL SENIOR PASTOR- FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH (SANFORD, FL)

Created a plan of action to eliminate a sizeable church debt and increased community outreach.

1993 - 1999

SENIOR PASTOR- FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH WINTER PARK (WINTER PARK, FL)

Presided over congregation of 3,100 with an annual budget of \$2.5 million and 43 full time staff members. Hired following a 20-year pastor with the expectation of a new leadership style. Resulted in growth in membership, revenue, and outreach.

1989 - 1993

SENIOR PASTOR- FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH JACKSONVILLE (JACKSONVILLE BEACH, FL)

Presided over congregation of 2,400 with an annual budget of \$900,000 and 16 full time staff members.

1986 - 1989

SENIOR PASTOR- MOUNT HARMONY BAPTIST CHURCH (MATTHEWS, NC)

Presided over congregation of 800 with an annual budget of \$285,000 and 6 full time staff members.