

TESTIMONY

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Personal Calling

I grew up as an only child in the "country" outside Charlotte, NC. My father ran his father's country store. Isolated by geography, transportation and economic reality, my interests lived in Ham Radio; the consummate "geek". God gave me friends who were geeks too! A late night out with the guys until the wee hours of the morning meant talking with other hams around the world. God was "interesting" like anything else. I had no doubts about His reality as The Creator, but the idea of sin was confined to some association with murder. So, I was "good". Sin and forgiveness were nowhere in my thought pattern.

In essence, I died at age 35 when the Holy Spirit began revealing the enormity of my sin and my forgiveness through the perfection of Jesus Christ. This led to understanding more about my calling to represent the reputation of God as I forgive others. My spiritual birth line included a full year examining what "forgiveness" means in God's terms. Forgiveness remains fundamental to my explanation of the Gospel. Indeed, there is no good news like being truly forgiven and fully restored. My prayer request is to bring such encouragement to others.

In 2014 we moved to Fredericksburg from Fairfax Station and prayed for 6 months to hear God's calling. We began attending New City Fellowship. We felt called to join in 2016 and affirm the ministry vision for the whole body of Christ.

One role of the church is equipping the Royal Household Family to apply God's Word to daily life; therefore, I am are called to represent Christ in the community. To me the 3rd commandment is about living in the community where God places me to reflect the reputation of God ... especially as I daily live the Gospel - essentially the supernatural act of forgiving others as I have been forgiven. [Eph 4:32] I am involved in various levels of encouraging a few others. As an Elder, I am accountable as described in Hebrews 13:17. Election as elder in 2017 confirmed God's continuing call for my life. [Joshua 13:1]

Bio

Elder; New City Fellowship, Fredericksburg, VA. (December 2016 ...). Preaching, teaching Sunday School at NCF (an intentionally multi-cultural congregation). Chapel speaker for Christian schools in Fredericksburg and Stafford. One year resident with Evangelize Today. Vice President, Open Hand Fredericksburg, (ministry to at-risk teens 14-19), invited speaker “life skills”.

Elder; Harvester, Springfield, VA (1989-2015) Finance, Education Scholarships, Care Groups, Vision Committee, Christian Education, Administrative Commission; Mercy Deacon (1984-1989). SS teacher and preaching in the greater DC area. Our home Care Group grew to 50-60 and birthed a church plant in Woodbridge, VA in 2003.

Other Ministry: President, Chesapeake Reformed Theological Seminary 1999 - 2007; Advisory Council, Institute for Uniting Church and Home; Retreat/Seminar leader on “Eldering”. Three PEF mission trips to Romania and Hungary teaching pastors and leaders on Covenant, Biblical Finance & Economics and Relationships.

Potomac Presbytery: Moderator 2006; Credentials committee, Christian Education committee; Presbytery representative for Chesapeake Seminary Board.

PCA & General Assembly: Served on Committee-of-Commissioners for CE&P (now Committee on Discipleship Ministries – CDM), PCA Foundation (PCAF), and Retirement Benefits & Insurance (RBI). Served on the Permanent Committee of CE&P (CDM) class of 2013, and Alternate 2017-18, 2018-2019 .

Professional Activities

Retired from Telecommunications Industry (Network Quality Test and Management systems) 1997. Issued 22 US patents. TeleManagement Forum “Distinguished Fellow” award, Nice, France May, 2003. IEEE member 1960-1999; Phi Theta Kappa; Who’s Who “U.S. Executives” 1989; Who’s Who World Wide “Business leaders” 1994; Industrial Technology Advisory Council, Fairfax County (VA) Schools 1991-1999; George Mason University GMU, Advisory panel to establish the School of Engineering; GMU New Horizons Advisory Board and lecturer 1970’s; International Federation of Information Processing, Working Group Network Management 1970-80; NC State College BSEE 1960; President Home Owners Association (several).

Hobbies

Fixing things that break, Food & Wine pairing, NASCAR driving schools, Ham Radio.

Family

Married in 1960 to Louise Beatty from Charlotte, NC. God has blessed us with six children, 22 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. We moved to Fredericksburg from Fairfax Station in 2014; now only one hour drive to all 22 grandchildren!