

# Pastor Matthew W. Proctor

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- *An ordained pastor in the Evangelical Free Church of America passionate about experiencing fullness in Jesus Christ and in challenging others toward Kingdom-minded living.*

## **Summary of Qualifications**

### ***Preaching and Teaching***

- ❑ Preached in multiple churches, denominations, and venues gaining reputation as gifted communicator. Guest speaker at both adult and student retreats and conferences. Prepared sermons for local churches in need of pulpit supply to meet overall vision and pastoral needs.
- ❑ Taught bi-weekly youth group outreach and Sunday school discipleship venues to 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students. Passionate for people of all ages to be impacted by the Gospel.
- ❑ Created Sunday school curriculum for both adults and students: intergenerational material on Christian doctrine and multiple studies for 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students.

### ***Servant Leadership***

- ❑ Re-created and developed a 7<sup>th</sup>- 12<sup>th</sup> grade student ministry from the ground up. Oversaw ministry growth from handfuls of students with few volunteers to vibrant volunteer staff, paid intern(s), and dozens of students. Focused on providing safe place to ask questions and experience God in a Christian community. Challenged students to walk faithfully with Jesus Christ daily.
- ❑ Co-led regional youth pastors from Iowa, South Dakota, and Missouri (2006-07) on the steering committee for Central District of Student Ministries (CDSM) providing training for youth pastors and volunteer staff, hosting annual student retreats and conferences, conducting monthly networking meetings designed to encourage and equip student pastors.
- ❑ Assisted other pastors and ministry leaders in casting and implementing vision. Participated in key decisions creating and ending ministry programs. Co-led two intergenerational church-wide campaigns with nearly universal participation from 7<sup>th</sup> grade students through senior adults.

### ***Pastoring and Shepherding***

- ❑ Coached and trained ministry leaders and students through weekly one-on-one spiritual mentoring and small-group discipleship resulting in a natural replacement among the volunteer staff when leaving for seminary and in spiritual growth among the students and volunteer staff.
- ❑ Member of General Board, Christian Education Board, Student Ministry Team, and Church Staff effecting greater communication and cooperation among church boards and congregation.
- ❑ Performed weddings, funerals, and pastoral visitation in hospitals, homes, and schools.

### ***Administration and Management***

- ❑ Program Director for the IMPACT (2006-7) annual student conference hosting over 1200 attendees. Supervised two assistant program directors. Coordinated contracts and main sessions, worked directly with the speakers, bands, drama groups, audio/visual personnel, etc. resulting in many students giving their lives to Christ and some to full-time occupational ministry.
- ❑ Coordinated all annual budgets, weekly programs, mission trips, and annual retreats for two student ministries in multi-staff churches. Successfully streamlined budget, lowering it 10-15% annually (2003-7) during period of consistent numerical growth.

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### Education and Ministry Training

- Denver Seminary** Denver, CO Anticipated graduation, May 2010  
□ **Master of Divinity**, emphasis in Biblical Studies
- Iowa State University** Ames, IA 1999-2003  
□ **Bachelor of Arts**, Religious Studies Minors: History and Spanish  
□ Received formal and informal ministry and disciple-making training from the Navigators.
- Marriage Coaching** Denver, CO Spring 2009  
□ *"Building a Resilient Marriage"* course with pastor and writer, Gordon MacDonald, and wife Gail.  
□ Certified with Prepare and Enrich: premarital preparation and marriage enrichment.
- Sonlife Ministries (now with Youthfront)** Kansas City, KS 2004-06  
□ Inspired, challenged and equipped youth workers with a missional approach to ministry bringing others into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ.  
□ Advance I Leadership Training and Strategy and Foundations Seminars.
- Purpose-Driven Youth Ministry** Des Moines, IA 2003-07  
□ Incorporated essentials for building healthy, purpose-driven youth ministry.  
□ Built ministry focused on fulfilling scriptural goals of evangelism, discipleship, fellowship, ministry, and worship.  
□ Equipped pastors to utilize team approach reducing burnout and incorporating the strengths of the church as a whole.

### Professional Ministry Experience

- Pastor of Student Ministries** 2003-07  
*First Evangelical Free Church, Boone, IA*
- Interim Director of Student Ministries** 2002- 03  
*Indianola Community Church (EFCA), Indianola, IA*
- Youth Pastor Intern** Summer 2002  
*Faith Bible Church, Robbins, IA*

### Relevant Employment History while in Seminary

- TNT Solutions** Littleton, CO 2009-present  
*Contract Services: Administrative and management services for Regional Manager providing hardware and software solutions for members of law enforcement. Assisted in creation, development, and implementation of e-commerce website.*
- Phonezone (Authorized Dealer T-Mobile)** Denver, CO 2007-09  
*Sale Representative: Performed managerial duties for a team of service-focused representatives dedicated to providing excellent customer service in a competitive sales environment.*