

# John Keller

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## OBJECTIVE

To pastor a church that has a vision for world evangelization and is committed to grow through clear preaching of God's Word.

## MINISTRY STRENGTHS

- Dedicated to teaching the whole Word of God.
- Proven skills in various methods of evangelism.
- Heart for discipleship and experienced in training others.
- Strong commitment to promoting outreach to the unchurched community.
- Devoted to world missions - training, sending and supporting.

## MINISTRY EXPERIENCE

*Pastoral Staff* - Grace Baptist Church, Hudson, IN (attendance 550)

2001 - Present

*Associate Pastor of Visitation and Outreach* - May 2003 - Present

### Share pastoral duties

- Preach two Sundays a month.
- Conduct weddings, funerals, special events.

### Design and direct all evangelistic outreach

- Conduct training program for lay evangelism.
- Launch quarterly evangelistic endeavors using activities such as "Neighbor Night," international suppers and evangelistic videos.
- Preach frequently at these events (average attendance - 300).

### Supervise discipleship program

- Train 25 small group discipleship leaders.
- Participate in one-on-one discipleship.
- Manage computerized membership data files.

### Coordinate visitation and counseling programs

- Assign member visitation teams.
- Teach weekly Bible study in retirement village.
- Personally make a minimum of 12 visits a week in homes, hospitals, and prisons.

***Assistant Pastor of Family Ministries*** - July 2001 - May 2003

**Provided oversight for education and youth programs**

- Recruited and trained Sunday School teachers and youth sponsors.
- Reviewed and ordered curriculum.
- Conducted county wide youth evangelistic campaign in conjunction with local churches.
- Results: Experienced an average of 30 conversions per year, and an increase of 25% in church membership and 40% in Sunday school attendance.

***Youth Minister*** - Cedar Creek Baptist Church, Gilbert, SC (attendance 150) 2000 - 2001

**Provided oversight for youth program**

- Implemented a small group discipleship program which emphasized habits of prayer, Bible study and outreach which evolved into a monthly ministry project in community.
- Visited weekly in local high school and spoke in 3 assemblies on social issues.
- Started a teen softball team that placed second in the community and drew 3 unchurched families into the church.
- Results: Youth group doubled with over half being new converts.

***Other Ministries***

- Active as student leader with Campus Crusade for Christ all 4 years at Indiana University, participated in training and discipleship programs and assisted in evangelistic programs.
- Taught young adult Sunday school class and served as deacon in home church: New Life Baptist Church, Michaelsville, IN (attendance 400).

**OTHER EMPLOYMENT**

***Instrument Mechanic*** - Motown Nuclear Power Plant, Michaelsville, IN 1995 - 1998

- Tested and calibrated gauges that monitor the critical functions of the nuclear generated electrical power system.
- Promoted to Shift Supervisor after 6 months on the job.

**EDUCATION**

***Master of Divinity*** - Columbia International University, Columbia, SC May 2001

- Pastoral Ministries; Concentration: Evangelism and Church Planting (GPA 3.7)
- Relevant Courses: Biblical Languages, Theology, Preaching, Small Group Discipleship, Methods of Evangelism
- Served as fellowship group leader and class president

***Bachelor of Science*** - Indiana University, Bloomington, IN June 1995

- Major: Physics
- Minor: Electronics

## **PERSONAL**

Married to Nancy (who has a B.A. in Bible and Church Music from Columbia International University and is an organist and pianist). Two children: Abi (8/2/97), Micah (5/5/05). Ordained May 2002, Grace Baptist Church, Hudson, IN. Interests: softball, golf, family camping, electronics and computers.

## **TESTIMONY**

I had the privilege of being raised in a Christian home. I accepted the Lord as my Savior when I was 10 years old. When I was 14 I began attending a Bible study for teens at our church. The leader challenged us to live Godly, disciplined lives. It was then that I began a personal routine of daily Bible reading and prayer. During my senior year in high school our pastor preached a series of sermons about being witnesses and following God's call on our lives. Through those messages the Lord seemed to be planting a seed in my heart of going into full-time ministry.

After graduating from Indiana University, I attended Columbia International University where my faith and knowledge of God's word grew dramatically. My relationship with God matured, I became involved in ministry and the Lord continued to confirm that His plan for my life was to be a pastor. My greatest privilege and joy has been sharing the grace of God with others and seeing lives drawn to Him and changed.

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