

Don Jackson

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Lead Pastor

Dynamic, enthusiastic leader, with a proven record of relational ministry balanced in outreach and discipleship with the goal of developing disciples who are passionate and obedient followers of Jesus.

Selected Accomplishments & Highlights

- Ordained by council May 23, 1999 at Calvary Baptist Church, Battle Creek, MI
- Frequently requested international speaker at adult and student conferences, camps, workshops, baccalaureates, graduations and worship services
- Envisioned and implemented CDI (Calvary Discipleship Institute) for adults
- Increased growth in Student Ministry attendance (from 20 to 114 during tenure)
- Established Fright Night, an outreach event which grew over 10 years to a record audience of 2,100 teenagers attending from across the mid-west
- Introduced and implemented small group format throughout the Student Ministries
- Cast vision and implemented three facility structural renovations and additions
- Awarded the "Who's Who Community Service Award" from the Battle Creek Enquirer
- Keynote Speaker for Vision For Youth's National Youth Workers Conference (2014)
- Speaker for Battle Creek Community Prayer Breakfast (1,500 in attendance) at Kellogg Arena (2012)

Key Strengths and Expertise

Transformative Preaching – Engaging Teaching – Imaginative Storytelling – Collaborative Leadership
Strategic Planning – Effective Vision Casting – Outreach Training and Planning – Intergenerational Ministry
Implementing Discipleship Process – Missions – Leadership Development – Growth and Expansion

Professional Experience

VISION FOR YOUTH, INC.

2010 – Present

Director of Student Missions

- Affirmed the accomplishments of the past while leading the process of developing new vision
- Increased the number of international and national missions trips offered
- Set specific goals to stabilize the quality of the mission trips
- Cultivated and secured new participants
- Developed resources for promoting trips, training teams and on-the-ground ministry
- Strengthened partnership with host missionaries and ministries

SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNCIL, Battle Creek, MI

2010 – Present

Drug Prevention Specialist and Presenter

- Expanded the reach of Anti-Drug Abuse programs into unreached schools and facilities
- Produced an excitement for Anti-Drug Abuse presentations among students and staff

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH, Battle Creek, MI

1999 – 2010

Associate Pastor

- Excelled in individual and family counseling, officiated weddings, funerals, visitations, baptisms and frequently preached in Sunday services
- Cast vision, developed church-wide mission statement and applied goals for direction
- Created and chaired executive ministries committee which executed long-term goals and strategies
- Implemented discipleship and outreach opportunities
- Coordinated staff/board/leadership retreats
- Recruited and trained ministry leadership
- Developed and directed church-wide child protection policy
- Initiated and managed application of technical advances with the Technology Committee
- Developed audio and visual production values for church services and special presentations
- Collaborated with community initiatives, including implementation of community outreach and care events

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH, Battle Creek, MI

1990 – 2010

Pastor of Student Ministries

- Responsible for all aspects of the Student Ministries (Jr./Sr. High and College) including administration, fiscal oversight and program planning
- Provided and implemented a six year scope and sequence curriculum
- Recruited, trained and consistently evaluated adult volunteer student ministries staff
- Created innovative youth experiences such as evangelism and outreach events, retreats, service projects and missions trips (local, national and international) as well as weekly discipleship opportunities
- Established student leadership teams responsible for worship, fellowship, visitation and planning
- Initiated, developed and maintained an ongoing church intern program
- Certified as a Sonlife Ministries Advanced Curriculum trainer

Community Leadership

- Board member and volunteer for Battle Ground Indoor Bike and Skate Park (2013-Present)
- Assistant Conference Director, Promise Keepers Battle Creek Men's Conference (2013)
- Area Youth Workers Network Coordinator (2010-Present)
- Board Member Battle Creek Community Prayer Breakfast Planning Committee (2010-Present)
- Annual abstinence education teacher in local public school (2008-Present)
- Board member Battle Creek Substance Abuse Council (2005-2010)
- Crisis and intervention counselor in local public school (1998-Present)
- Member of Pennfield School District PA226 (Health and Reproductive Education) committee (1998-Present)
- Workshop leader for Mothers Against Drunk Driving Teen Leadership State Conference (1997)

Education

Master of Ministry – 2013

BAPTIST BIBLE SEMINARY, Clarks Summit, PA

Bachelor of Religious Education – 1990

CORNERSTONE UNIVERSITY, Grand Rapids, MI

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