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GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH



Find out how you can

Pray.

Participate.

Provide.

PRAY.

Pray for open hearts and opportunities to share the gospel among the people to whom I minister. Pray people will come to saving faith in Jesus and for Christians to powerfully grow as disciples and disciple-makers. Pray comfort and strength for the many military members and their families who struggle due to the rigors of military life.

PARTICIPATE

Commit to long-term prayer for the military and God's ministers within it. Explore what it means to become a chaplain and prayerfully consider what God may be calling you to. Support chaplains and their families through prayer, notes of encouragement, childcare, care packages, chaplain ministry resources, etc.

PROVIDE

NAMB does not provide compensation for SBC endorsed chaplains. However, a general fund is available to receive donations in support of the ministry and pastoral care to SBC endorsed chaplains. To donate, please visit Support Chaplaincy (missionaries.namb.net/projects/full/chaplaincy).

About the Family

I was born in California and raised in the Pacific Northwest. I followed God's calling to attend Gateway Seminary in California to pursue my M.Div. Upon completion of this degree, I became a Bible teacher for secondary students at a Christian school in the San Francisco area.

While here, I met my wife, Jamie. We were married in 2014 and currently have two children. Here are some of my interests, hobbies and talents:

- Building healthy, joyful and meaningful relationships through relaxed or deep conversations, games, outdoor adventures, etc.
- Nurturing and growing my family and church in evangelism, discipleship, leadership development, etc.
- Making disciples by reaching, teaching, exhortation, pastoral care and more.
- Hosting and hospitality: Come and enjoy some tea, play some games and share life with us!

About My Ministry

In 2009, I was appointed as a Chaplain for the U.S. Air Force Reserve. In 2018, I was assigned as a Chaplain to Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho, where I served 2.5 years on full-time orders and then 2.5 years in normal Individual Mobilization Augmentee (IMA) Reserve status, returning to my hometown as a senior pastor. In 2022 I transferred to a Traditional Reserve position as the Wing Chaplain of the 446th Airlift Wing at Joint Base Lewis-McChord.

Through my chaplain ministry, I seek to care for every Airman, their families, and the subordinates entrusted to me, while encouraging the church and strengthening all that God provides toward the grace and love of our Lord, Jesus Christ.