

BRIAN JAMES

ELDER | DISCIPLE

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MINISTRY OVERVIEW

I am passionately committed to making disciples who follow all that Jesus has commanded. I have demonstrated faithfulness in little and in much and have experience in both the instruction of adults and children. I manage my own household and the church well embracing Scriptures commands to live out the gospel in every arena of my life.

TESTIMONY

Like Peter I was a commercial fisherman called to lay down my nets and become a fisher of men. Divine irony was at work while I worked. I caught living things and yet I was the one caught, caught dead in sin and I knew it. The heavens and the sea were declaring the glory of God while a local pastor was declaring to me the gospel of Jesus Christ. Sitting under expositional preaching and working through the *Fundamentals of Faith* I was made regenerate on my living room floor by the grace of God. I responded with a repentant faith, being baptized with my wife in June of 2011. The love of Christ controls me.

MINISTRY/ WORKPLACE EXPERIENCE

HOPE BIBLE CHURCH | (Church Plant) Seaford, DE

Present – June 2020

Elder – Director of Children’s Ministry

- Launched Children’s Sunday School, Mid-Week Theology Program, VBS
- Current Responsibilities: Teaching, organizing, staffing, background checks, scheduling, training
- Achievements:
 - Theology Program Yr. 1: 21 participating children – 7 unchurched

Elder – Director of Outreach

- Current Responsibilities:
 - Teach & organize evangelistic / outreach campaigns
 - Locate & organize visitation & vetting, advocate for foreign missionary support.
- Achievements:
 - Instrument in a successful church plant
 - Initiated & developed counseling relationships within local *Teen Challenge*
 - Elder board approved missionary Tom McConnell, *Grace Bible Rugby*, England October 2022

Other Responsibilities

- Pastoral support in preaching and counseling, adult Sunday School teacher, elder board secretary

Family Ministries Director

- Staffed, trained, scheduled, taught Children’s Sunday School, Jr. Church, and AWANA
- Instructed children 3yrs – Youth Group, Trail Life teacher & participant
- Achievements:
 - Faithful, weekly children’s Sunday School teacher 2013–2020
 - Developed visual system to aid young children in theology & doctrine

BERACAH HOMES | Greenwood Delaware

May 2018 – June 2015

Plant Supervision

- Oversight of one-half of custom home manufacturing facility & 30+ employees
- Achievements
 - No prior experience in home building industry; shared gospel with most of the 60+ employees

Self-Employed | Delaware Bay

May 2015 – June 2006

Waterman

- Completed State of Delaware apprenticeship program
- Collected & worked State of Delaware commercial crab, fish, oyster, and eel licenses
- Achievements:
 - No prior experience as a waterman; heeded call to follow Jesus

EDUCATION

The Master’s Seminary Springfield, VA Bachelor of Theology	Present – Aug 2018
International Student Exchange US State Department Advocate Certification	Present – July 2022
Reformed Presbyterian Theological Seminary Pittsburgh, PA Biblical Counseling Certificate	May 2019 - 2015
Milford High School Milford, DE Diploma	1991 - 1988

PERSONAL BIO

Age: 49 Birthdate: 02/21/1973 Birthplace: Milford, DE
 Wife: Lisa James Married: 10/06/2010
 Birth Son: Aiden James (9) Stepsons, Daughter: Ryan (22), Sean (20), Kenniss (17)
 Coach: Little League Baseball Hobbies: Baseball, fly fishing
 Enjoy: Learning & teaching anything profitable, the outdoors, playing at the park w/ my family & collies

MARRIAGE HISTORY

Lisa and I are both divorcees, me in 2005 and Lisa in 2009. Lisa and I met in 2009 and married prior to our conversions in 2011. We both acknowledge our past sinfulness and have repented. We praise God for redemption. Having been recreated in holiness, righteousness, and truth we strive for the goal of marriage which is the gospel. Our marriage and parenting are marked by sacrificial love and faithfulness, has been tested by trial, and is continually being transformed by the working of the Word of God, the Spirit, and our labors. God in mercy has also seen fit to use me to save other marriages.

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