

Matthew McLaughlin

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EXPERIENCE

First Baptist Church, Crofton, MD — *Family Pastor*

September 2021 - PRESENT

Currently serving as Pastor and responsible for regular preaching, pastoral care, teaching, and oversight of children's ministries.

First Baptist Church, Crofton, MD — *Director of Family Ministries*

October 2014 - August 2021

Worked to build a young adult program to include basic Bible education, discipleship, and oversight of children's classes and activities .

CAS Severn, Laurel, MD — *Senior Accountant*

2010 - 2014

Worked with Controller to oversee budgets, manage accounts, oversee SUT, and perform general accounting practices for a company generating income in excess of \$200 million annually.

OceanPro Industries, Washington, D.C., — *Manager/Operator*

2003 - 2010

Directed the daily operations of a number of restaurants, controlled budgets in excess of \$4 million, managed as many as 100 employees at a time, moved between businesses under the company's umbrella to address issues of efficiency and profitability.

Early Life

Matt was born in Silver Spring Maryland and raised in Laurel Maryland. His father is a clinical psychologist who spent time as a monk in the order of the Christian Brothers. His mother was a Catholic school teacher. He has one brother, Brian, who lives in Connecticut with his wife, Jen, and their two children. Matt graduated from Pallotti High School in Laurel in 1996 where he was active in sports and on the school paper.

Family Life

Matt and his wife Leslie have lived in the Crofton area for the better part of two decades. Leslie is a therapist in private practice and Matt has worked at FBC Crofton since 2014. They homeschool their two daughters, Grace and Katie. Matt enjoys spending his free time outdoors hunting, fishing, and gardening.

EDUCATION

Lancaster Bible College, Lancaster, P.A. — *B.A. Biblical Studies*

August 2018 - November 2019

Acquired degree in Biblical Studies with a focus on Torah and Hermeneutics.

College of Charleston, Charleston, S.C.

1998 - 2002

University of Tennessee, Knoxville, T.N.

1997 - 1998

Interesting Facts

While at OceanPro Industries Matt was appointed to a board at the National Restaurant Association where he served with executives from McDonalds Corp., Darden Corp., O.S.I. and others. He traveled giving speeches on restaurant operations.

Also while at OceanPro Matt became involved in a biodiesel corporation, Amereco Biofuels. He spent a good bit of time in the Arizona desert and worked to negotiate contracts between the refinery and a number of large restaurant groups.