

FEATURING THE LIFE & CAREER EXPERIENCES OF

CHET BERRY

THIRTY YEARS OF MINISTRY...AND COUNTING



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TOGETHER

LEADERSHIP, 8-10

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WORD FOR IT

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EXPERIENCE

Senior Pastor

Hope Church / 2005-2019

- Creation and implementation of unique social engagement model and new brand.
- Created Millennial leadership training program resulting in 9 full-time ministry leaders.
- Identified and equipped leadership volunteers with congregational participation of 65% or greater.
- Managed budget yielding profitable results 13 out of 14 years. Contributed 28-32% annually to missions.

Vice-President of Development

Lighthouse Mission Ministries / 2003-2005

- Created and implemented departmental structure for fundraising
- Created LifePlan program for post-rehab graduates
- Composed several grants. Obtained \$100k grant from the Fairbanks Foundation
- Served as President of American Hunger Relief, the food support network of Lighthouse Mission Ministries

Worship Director

Eagle Church / 2001-2003 (PT)

- Provided conflict management to a church experiencing a cultural shift
- Demonstrated consistency and enthusiasm through the arts weekly to 700+ people.
- Supported pastoral team as an occasional speaker/teacher.

Senior and Founding Pastor

Greenwood Christian Life / 1993-2001

- Vision casting, recruitment, structural development and organization of a new church plant.
- Procurement of start-up financing. Development of budget and generation of on-going funding.
- Protected the organization through conflict management.
- Obtained a tax deductible donation of property resulting in permanent church facilities.
- Created an infomercial and distributed it on VHS tape to community

College and Career Pastor

Lakeview Christian Center / 1987-1993

- Created identity and marketability for this new ministry
- Led volunteers in the development of an inner-city youth center
- Connected with students weekly on Indianapolis college campuses
- Created job descriptions assisting in organizational structure

ENDORSEMENTS

The following were shared on my Facebook page and permission has been granted for the sharing of each post.

Alicia Marks:

Thank you for years of service to my family and many others. Every church I have looked for since moving has been with hope of finding a spiritual family like the one at Hope. The realness of the people and their open hearts are truly an anomaly today, even in churches. Thank you for leading a group of fantastic people who choose to "love outside the box." Best wishes on you and your family's new adventures!

Bradley Beckey:

I'm so thankful for my and my families time at Hope. My time there with you prepared me for my next season at Grace (Hope's granddaughter church) and helped me grow leaps and bounds as a leader. A great deal of who I am as a leader was because of your contribution and belief in taking some "kid" from Nashville and allowing him to work out his calling. Thank you. I know you will be greatly missed, but I'm excited to see what God has for you and your family. Blessings to you.

Max and Marilyn Frodge:

For 14 years you and Marchelle Myers Berry have been a blessing to our family. You married our children, dedicated our grandchildren, and buried our parents. We can't thank you enough for your kindness to the Frodge's.

Tom Burns:

You have done well, good and faithful servant. It was a privilege to serve as elder and on the worship team under you. Be strong and courageous!

Anita Berger:

Thank you for being a blessing to us. You will be missed by many, and your idea of breakfast gave us friends for a lifetime. A special thank you to Marchelle, who has put in countless hours with Hope kids and putting together special events. We love you and your whole family, and are grateful for each of you.

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The following were shared on my Facebook/LinkedIn page and permission has been granted for the sharing of each post.

Justin Ross:

While trying to land a job working for your wife while attending seminary, you swooped me up instead. I am eternally grateful. You gave my family the proving ground to stretch our ministry mind and muscle, paving the way to our own expressions of leadership across the mid-west. I am now fully entrenched in a missional church plant that would no doubt make you smile. Appreciate you, always, my friend. Kudos on the big move!

Zach Smith:

I'm so grateful for the time I got to spend worshipping alongside you all, for the lessons you taught that I carry still today (especially on team culture), and the hospitality you showed me! Peggy and I still think of the Breakfast Church fondly, and miss all the wonderful friendships and relationships we made and the hospitality we received. Truly a cherished experience. Thank you for being a guidepost pointing and equipping me towards a life in ministry Chet!

April Bose Strakis:

You played a major role in my life as I grew up at hope. I drove by the other day in fact showing my kids where I grew up, learned to love God and even got married. I have nothing but great memories of you and your family! I miss being apart of the hope congregation but just know that this church and your family helped shape me into who I am today and I am forever grateful for all of you! I look forward to hearing about what God has in store for your next chapter!

Bruce Garrison (LinkedIn)

I have known Chet Berry for over forty years. In Chet's work of spiritual service as a pastor to many individuals in different contexts, he has made a lasting impact. His consistent passion as well as his commitment to innovation have been hallmarks of his work, as was especially exemplified in the past fourteen years at Hope The Breakfast Church. Chet's understanding of the theory and practice of leadership is second to none, and is a primary reason why he has so much to offer to organizations or individuals. I continue to value Chet's wide and varied understanding and insight both as a colleague and a friend.

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The following were shared on my LinkedIn page and permission has been granted for the sharing of each post.

Aaron Case (LinkedIn)

Chet Berry is a passionate leader and enthusiastic communicator. Chet has a creative mind capable of pushing for needed change; tempered with the wisdom of leading an organization to those ends with the understanding of the implications change brings. Chet was instrumental in my development as a leader. He gave me opportunity and coaching; empowering me to stretch my wings and grow into who I am as a leader. Simply put, I would not be where I am without him. He has a sharp mind and wit that creates an environment of ideas as well as fun. He has a heart for other leaders, and is an excellent ambassador.

Ken Cavanaugh (LinkedIn)

Chet is a breath of fresh air. He is always thinking, constantly asking thoughtful questions about how to get and stay on mission. He is an initiator and a collaborator par excellence. For several years, our church held combined Good Friday services with the church Chet led, both off-site and at his church. He was the catalyst for that happening.

For a few years, Chet led a monthly pastoral cohort that brought together a diverse group for mutual brainstorming, sharing best practices, problem-solving, and encouragement. It became the highlight of the month for me, and I know I'm not the only one. The benefits of that group actually came up in conversation with a peer earlier this week! Chet came up with the idea of offering such a group, created a monthly calendar of leadership discussion topics with questions, and did an able job facilitating discussion. On the district level (Indiana & Illinois), Chet has served well and is respected. I have no hesitation recommending him, and am confident he will bring the same excellence to his next position. I am glad to be available if you have further questions concerning Chet's fit with your organization and a role for which he is being considered.

Michael Samide (LinkedIn)

I have known and worked with Chet at Hope Church for over 10 years. He is a gifted leader with a talent for casting vision and implementing positive change for an organization. He listens to multiple voices and is able to synthesize input from different sources in developing a plan for moving an organization forward into "uncharted" waters.



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November 7, 2019

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Jon Rich, I serve as the Superintendent of the Midwest District of the Christian and Missionary Alliance. I have had the privilege of serving alongside Chet Berry for more than fifteen years. In these years of service Chet, as a regional leader within our district and a local pastor, personally engaged in what we have labeled "Our Missional Journey". This endeavor is a commitment to leadership development that ultimately impacts church leaders and the broader faith communities they represent. The primary focus of this journey involves seeing pastoral and lay leaders develop and sharpen leadership attributes that result in:

- Development and implementation of interdependent leadership teams
- Development of leadership teams that function and release resources laterally
- The empowerment of people for ministry
- The creation and facilitation of joint missional ventures elsewhere in the world
- Establishing systems to effectually gauge or measure progress of the leadership team and the broader community being led

Over the years Chet transitioned from a participant or student of Our Missional Journey to being one of our leaders and facilitators. In this he gave himself to modeling and leading others into healthy and reproducing postures of leadership. Therefore, I highly recommend Chet for a position of leadership within your organization.

Rev. Jonathan W. Rich
District Superintendent



RECOMMENDED



Not by might, nor by power,
but by my spirit, saith the Lord.

March 28, 2002

To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Chet Berry

Reverend Chet Berry is a Licensed Minister with the General Council of the Assemblies of God and a member in good standing with the Indiana District.

Brother Berry has served as an Associate Pastor and also as a Senior Pastor in our district. Over the past several years, he has pioneered a very fine church in the Greenwood sector of Indianapolis. I believe he will be a blessing wherever God opens doors of ministry to him.

I am pleased to be able to recommend him as a minister in good standing with the Assemblies of God. If you need further information please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Charles E. Crank". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Charles E. Crank
Superintendent

CEC/ed



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March 8, 2002

To whom it may concern,

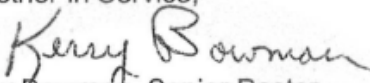
It is with great pleasure that I have the opportunity to recommend Chet Berry for pastoral ministry. I have known Chet as a fellow friend and church planter for several years. He brings a deep conviction and enthusiastic spirit to the Kingdom's work. During the years of his church plant, I watched with great interest his leadership in bringing together a Biblically functioning community of believers. I am well aware of what it takes to begin a church from nothing and be faithful to nurture it over the years. I have great admiration for his ministry efforts.

For the past six months Chet has served with us on staff at Eagle Church in both worship ministries and the assimilation of new attenders. Chet is a "people person" and it is very evident through how he encourages and builds teams of support around him. His heart and love for Jesus is central to his worship leading and his desire to see others enter into the presence of God is evident to all. Chet works well with other staff pastors and has been instrumental in sharing insight and experience concerning a renewed vision for our church. I like him as part of the team ... he brings a healthy chemistry to our current mix of staff.

Wherever God leads Chet and his family for the next season of ministry, it will be a place where the people are blessed. Chet has a lot to offer and my prayer for him is that God's divine calling will lead him to a place where his gifts can be used, his passion can be caught and his love for reaching lost people can be joined.

If there is any further way I can be of help or answer questions concerning Chet and his ministry abilities, then please do not hesitate to give me a call.

Together in Service,


Kerry Bowman, Senior Pastor



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