

**Curriculum Vitae**  
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### Personal Statement

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As a dedicated doctoral student in the dissertation phase pursuing a PhD in Psychology with an emphasis in Theology at Liberty University, I bring a strong academic foundation and expertise in merging psychological insights with theological principles. Holding a Master of Divinity, I am equipped with a unique blend of counseling skills and teaching experience in the Ministry for 14+ years. My goal is to leverage my academic and practical knowledge in a higher education setting, contributing to the growth of students and fostering a dynamic learning environment that integrates psychology, theology, and pastoral care.

### Education

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| <p><b>Ph.D., Psychology, Emphasis: Theology</b>, (ABD), <i>Graduate with Distinction</i><br/> <i>Additional Cognates: Theology, New Testament Studies</i><br/> <i>Liberty University, Lynchburg, VA</i></p> <p><i>Dissertation title: A Phenomenological Study of the Lived Experiences of Religious Trauma among Religious Leaders (in progress)</i><br/> <i>Committee: Rachel L. Piferi, Ph.D. (chair), Laura Bieler, Ph.D.</i></p> | <p>Expected 2024</p> |
| <p><b>M.Div., Emphasis: Pastoral Ministries</b><br/> <i>John W Rawlings School of Divinity, Liberty University</i><br/> <i>Formerly Liberty Baptist Theological Seminary, Lynchburg, VA</i></p>   | <p>May 2014</p>      |
| <p><b>B.S., Communication, Major: Advertising</b><br/> <i>Minor: Business Administration, &amp; Hospitality/Restaurant/Tourism (HRT)</i><br/> <i>The University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN</i></p>   | <p>May 2011</p>      |

### Additional Training / Certifications

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| <p><b>Certificate in Online Learning &amp; Instruction</b><br/> <i>Duke University, Durham, NC</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Achieved certification through program provided tools and techniques for administering and teaching online learning programs</li> </ul>                             | <p>January 2024</p>  |
| <p><b>Certificate in Religious Trauma Studies</b><br/> <i>Global Center for Religious Research, Denver, CO</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Achieved certification and training to identify, diagnose and develop an effective treatment for those who have experienced Religious Trauma</li> </ul> | <p>January 2024</p>  |
| <p><b>Google Educator Level 1 Certification</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Achieved certification on creation and management of digital classrooms, and skills to collaborate and communicate with students and colleagues through the Google Workspace platform</li> </ul>                       | <p>January 2024</p>  |
| <p><b>Board Certified Mental Health Coach</b><br/> <i>International Board of Christian Care</i></p>   | <p>December 2023</p> |

- Achieved 42-hour clinical certification to administer strengths-based support for persons living with serious mental illness

### **CITI Certification**

*Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative*

- Biomedical & Health Science Researcher December 2023
- Social & Behavioral Researcher June 2022

### **Mental Health Advocate**

*International Board of Christian Care*

October 2023

- Obtained training to assist in coordinating mental health care for persons living with serious mental illness

### **Professional Christian Life Coach**

*American Association of Christian Counselors*

June 2023

- Obtained training to help and encourage clients through personal or professional challenges from a faith-based perspective

### **Certified Trauma Support Specialist**

*Arizona Trauma Institute, Mesa, AZ*

February 2022

### **Certificate in Music & Worship**

*Liberty University, Lynchburg, VA*

October 2017

### **GFI Institute of Counseling & Spirituotherapy**

*Grace Fellowship International, Pigeon Forge, TN*

- Spirituotherapy Certification September 2017
- Exchanged Life Counseling Certification August 2015

### **Certificate in Expository Preaching**

*Union University, Jackson, TN*

September 2014

## **Professional Experience**

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### **Part time Worship Associate**

*First Baptist Church, Sevierville, TN*

2022 - present

- Responsibilities: Fill-in worship leader in Worship Pastor's absence / worship choir director, facilitated weekly orchestra and choir rehearsals as needed
- Accomplishments: Served as student counselor / breakout session leader and worship band leader for student ministry summer camp

### **Web Developer / Graphic Designer**

*Delight Design, Sevierville, TN*

2019 – present

- Responsibilities: Owner, website & graphic designer, video/graphics creation, search engine optimization (SEO), cloud services, provided web/IT support, data analysis, technology training
- Accomplishments: Developed and maintained websites for 10+ clients

### **Interim Worship Pastor**

*Belmont Heights Baptist Church, Knoxville, TN*

2022 – 2023

- Responsibilities: Assisted First Baptist Church Concord, Knoxville, TN in revitalizing and re-launching Belmont Heights, served as transitional worship leader, facilitated weekly band and praise team rehearsals, assisted and guided tech. team

- Interim Worship Pastor** 2021 - 2022  
*Chilhowee Hills Baptist Church, Knoxville, TN*
- Responsibilities: Transitional worship leader / choir director, facilitated weekly band rehearsals, oversaw technical aspects of ministry
  - Accomplishments: Developed & directed Multigenerational Christmas musical / drama program

- Associate Pastor of Worship / Outreach** 2015 - 2020  
*First Baptist Church, Pigeon Forge, TN*
- Responsibilities: Oversaw all aspects of worship/music and outreach ministries, facilitated weekly Bible study classes, leader in college/career ministry, preached regularly in contemporary & traditional worship services, planned & facilitated annual outreach events, managed church online presence, produced weekly worship experience in both live and online livestream, served as mentor to Campus Outreach student praise team members from Tennessee Technological University and the University of Tennessee
  - Accomplishments: Aided in the development and launch of new contemporary worship service, initiated multi-generational approach to worship, developed and launched REACH initiative, oversaw campus wide technology advancements (\$120,000 upgrade), managed \$50,000 year ministry budget, oversaw yearly Thanksgiving and Christmas outreach events

- Teaching Pastor** 2013 - 2015  
*Foothills Family Church, Sevierville, TN*
- Responsibilities: Founding and teaching pastor of SBC church plant, facilitated weekly Bible studies, developed curriculum for Christian education, established new worship ministry, oversaw Biblical counseling ministry, preached bi-weekly
  - Accomplishments: Successfully planted new contemporary church, growing to 50+ in attendance

- Associate Pastor of Worship / Youth** 2012 - 2013  
*Banner Baptist Church, Gatlinburg, TN*
- Responsibilities: Preached weekly in contemporary and traditional services, supervised prayer & counseling ministry
  - Accomplishments: Developed AWAKE summer program for college and high school students

- Minister of Music** 2010 - 2012  
*French Broad Valley Baptist Church, Kodak, TN*
- Responsibilities: Oversaw choral and worship music program, delivered weekly devotions, counseled & disciple choir members
  - Accomplishments: Saw worship ministry grow from 5 to 40 in two years, Developed and directed Easter musical/drama

**Professional Associational Memberships**

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- American Psychological Association (APA)** 2022 – present
- American Psychological Association of Graduate Students
  - The Society for the Teaching of Psychology (Division 2)
  - The Society for the Psychology of Religion and Spirituality (Division 36)
  - The Division of Trauma Psychology (Division 56)
- Evangelical Theological Society (ETS)** 2024 – present
- Biblical Counseling and Spiritual Formation Network** 2024 – present
- American Academy of Religion (AAR)** 2023 – present

<b>Psi Chi, The International Honor Society in Psychology</b>	2022 – present
<b>Christian Association for Psychological Studies (CAPS)</b>	2022 – present
<b>American Association of Christian Counselors (AACC)</b>	2022 – present
<b>Tennessee Association of Pastoral Therapists</b>	2022 – present
<b>Omega Nu Lambda National Honor Society</b>	2022 – present
<b>The Graduate Student Teaching Association (GSTA)</b>	2022 – present
<b>Worship Leaders Collective (WLCO)</b>	2016 – present

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### **Service to Community / Volunteer Work**

<b>Kiwanis International</b>	2024 – present
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>International service organization</li> </ul>	
<b>A Christian Ministry in the National Parks (ACMNP)</b>	2018 - present
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Great Smoky Mountains Board Member / Treasurer</li> <li>Student-led ministry providing Christian community for the people working in, living in, and visiting national parks</li> </ul>	
<b>Sevier County Worship Collective</b>	2018 - present
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interdenominational organization to aid in cooperation among churches within the Sevier County area</li> <li>Organized Annual Community Worship Night</li> </ul>	
<b>Hearts for Internationals, Pigeon Forge, TN</b> <i>(Formerly International Student Center)</i>	2015 – present
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assisted in serving J1 International College Students residing in the Sevier County area for short term employment</li> <li>Facilitated weekly Bible Study classes / assisted in coordinating food service, laundry service, transportation to/from work and to/from airport</li> </ul>	
<b>Tennessee Baptist Mission Board</b>	2012 - present
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>East TN Vice President, TBMB Music Conference</li> <li>TBMB Bi-Vocational Pastor’s Retreat Worship Leader</li> <li>Member of Tennessee Baptist Men’s Chorale</li> <li>Served as church messenger representative, FBCPF</li> <li>Served as church messenger representative, Foothills Family Church</li> <li>Served as church messenger representative, Banner Baptist Church</li> </ul>	<p>2020 – 2022</p> <p>2018</p> <p>2015 – 2023</p> <p>2015 – 2023</p> <p>2013 – 2015</p> <p>2012 – 2013</p>
<b>Smoky Mountain Area Rescue Ministries, Sevierville, TN</b>	2018 - 2022
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Volunteer, Assisted in Annual Fundraising Campaign</li> </ul>	
<b>Next Level Worship, Hartselle, AL</b>	2018
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Breakout session leader on worship tech tools at Next Level Worship conference in Pigeon Forge, TN</li> </ul>	
<b>Campus Outreach Memphis</b>	2015 – 2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Served as mentor to 50+ college students living and working in the Pigeon Forge area from Tennessee Technological University and the University of Tennessee, Knoxville</li> </ul>	

- Board Member
- Served economically disadvantaged & new immigrants / English language learners with laundry / transportation / job applications / etc.

**Research Interests**

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- Religious Trauma / Adverse Religious Experiences
- Christian Education
- The Effectiveness of Faith-Based Interventions on Mental Health
- The Impact of Church Based Support Groups on Mental Health
- The Intersection of Psychology and Theology
- The Integrative Approach to Psychology and Christianity
- Philosophical/Theological Interpretation of Scripture

*\*Selected manuscripts available upon request*

**Core Competencies**

**Additional Tech / Software Skills**

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- Communication / Teaching
  - Counseling
  - Active Listening
  - Adaptability
  - Collaboration
  - Leadership
  - Time Management
  - Worship / Student Ministry
  - Recruit / Retain Volunteers
  - Event Planning / Execution
  - Graphic Design
  - Web Development
  - Video Editing

- Microsoft & Macintosh O.S.
- Microsoft Office Suite
- Google Workplace / Classroom
- Canvas by Instructure
- Blackboard Learn
- D2L Brightspace
- Moodle
- RefWorks
- AutoCAD / IntelliCAD
- Adobe Creative Suite
- Affinity Designer / Publisher
- Ableton Live
- Finale
- Final Cut Pro
- ProPresenter
- Wordpress / Shopify / WIX

**Personal**

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Born: January 18, 1988, Maryville, TN

Marital Status: Married, Amber Wallace Ogle, M.Ed., June 8, 2019

Ordination Credential: August 2012, Banner Baptist Church, SBC

Ministerial License: July 2012, Banner Baptist Church, SBC