

BENJAMIN PRATER

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FAMILY

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FORMAL EDUCATION

Graduate: SOUTHWESTERN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
January 2017 – 2018
Master of Arts in Worship

Undergraduate: MIDWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY
Graduated - 2014
Bachelor of Arts
Major: BAAS Minor: Psychology



MINISTRY EXPERIENCE

SKILL SET: Guitar (acoustic and electric), Piano, Lead Vocal & Harmonies, Theory (charting, chords and number system), Planning Center, ProPresenter, Photoshop, Premier, Illustrator, InDesign, Web Development (UX Design), Team Building, and Communications.

First Baptist Church of Georgetown, TX

February 2020 - Present

Communications Manager

- Oversight of Communications for FBG
 - Providing avenues to effectively communicate Mission, Vision and Strategy
 - Resourcing / Engaging ministries to work together under Mission, Vision and Strategy
 - Website Maintenance / Design
 - Ekklesia360 | Source Code
 - Graphics for Ministries and Church
 - Canva | Photoshop | Illustrator | InDesign
 - Video Production for Church
 - Premiere | Soundstripe | Motion Array
 - Built new website in 2021 (Ekklesia360 Platform)
 - Helped build and launch Live Stream Production Team in 2020

Contract Work (non-FBG related)

- UX Design / Website Design and Maintenance for companies
 - Wordpress | Wix | UX Design Tools / Plugins
 - Build and maintain websites. Contract to code teams for unique development, when needed.
- Video Production for companies
 - Film, Edit and Provide video production elements for companies (commercials, ads etc)
- Worship Leading
 - Filling in at various churches that are in need of a Worship Leader. I'm typically leading somewhere every Sunday Morning.
 - Leading for Horsemen for Christ Ministries
 - I've been helping in this ministry for over 10yrs and I love it. It's a ministry within the Cutting Horse community. I lead at chapels during the Futurity and other events in Fort Worth, Tx along with leading for their camp every year.

First Baptist Church of Wichita Falls, TX

May 2012 – February 2020

Pastor of Contemporary Worship Ministries

- Oversight of Worship Ministry Administration
 - Two budgets – Contemporary and Blended (traditional service)

- Academy of Fine Arts
- Kids Praise (Children's Choir)
- Two Administrative Assistants, Kids Praise Director, Orchestra Director, Creative Director / Associate, two Campus Worship Leaders, Media / Tech Team
- Oversight of Contemporary Worship Ministries across 3 campuses – 6 services.
- Give vision and oversight to global Contemporary Worship Ministry of two Worship Pastors, several interim Worship Leaders, Administrative Assistant, Creative Director, Creative Associate, FOH Operators, IMAG Operators, Lighting Technicians and the Global Contemporary Worship Ministries Budget.
- Recruit, train, and lead Contemporary Worship Ministry volunteers.
- Plan flows with Contemporary teams, chart music in both chord and number form, manage Planning Center flows for 3 campuses and lead vision of stage design / concept.
- Lead worship for two Contemporary services at our main campus.
 - Implemented use of environmental projection
 - Use of standard band (two electrics, bass, drums, keys, piano, BGV's, acoustic guitar) along with saxophone, lap slide guitar, dobro, Harmonica and violin on occasion.
 - Use of Click Track (global) and InEar Monitor system (global)
- Global oversight of Christmas Eve services (6 services).
- Lead planner for Good Friday Service that combines the use of the 3 campus worship teams / technical teams.
- Oversight of Global Announcement Videos.
- Oversight of Global Communications Team (graphics, videos, website, social media, etc)
 - Manage this team for our Global communication
 - Put together weekly "reviews of assignments" that specify the responsibilities of each area of communication as well as provide details of upcoming events and where they are to be publicized.
 - Create graphics (Photoshop / Illustrator) for ministries.
 - Website Content Manager
 - Keep the website up to date with current information – including graphics
 - Help other ministries build their pages and train their administration

December 2010 – May 2012

Church at Sheppard Worship Pastor (satellite campus of First Baptist Church, WF)

- Led worship for first satellite campus of First Baptist Church, WF.
- Built a worship team from the ground up, including technical operators.
- Introduced the Worship Ministry to Planning Center and how to operate it.
- Assisted Campus Pastor in many other needs that a start up satellite campus requires.
- Helped lead worship for a Global Easter Service of over 6,000 in attendance.

Colonial Church, Wichita Falls, TX

August 2006 – May 2010

Worship Arts Pastor

- Led worship for first satellite service at Colonial Church.
- Transitioned to Worship Arts Pastor as church transitioned to modern worship.
- On team that renovated Worship Center and upgraded the technology.
- Led worship for 3 services in main campus and had oversight of satellite service

Central Baptist Church, College Station, TX

January 2003 – May 2004

College Student at Texas A&M University

- Helped lead worship for college ministry.

R e f e r e n c e s - **References available upon request*
