

# Marvin W. Huddleston, F.R.A.S.

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## OBJECTIVE

*Associate Pastor in Educational Ministries/Administration*

## MINISTRY EXPERIENCE

1979-Present                      **Various Christian Ministries**                      North Texas

- **Minister to Youth**, Wildwood Baptist Church, Mesquite, TX (2 years).
- **Director of Outreach** and Facilities support role, Gross Road Baptist Church, Mesquite, TX (2.5 years).
- **Minister to Youth**, First Baptist Church, Frisco, TX. (3 years).
  - Collin Baptist Association, served as the Associational Church Training Director for 3 years while at FBC Frisco.
- **First Baptist Church**, Sunnyvale, TX 1994-2005
  - Lay member since 1994
  - Have taught in areas of Youth Ministry, Singles Ministry, and Couples Ministry (including 4 years teaching the Homebuilders Couples series).
    - **Couples Ministry Intern**, Fall 2004-Spring 2005.

### Ministry Support Positions:

- Crew Supervisor and Maintenance Technician, Trinity Christian Academy, Addison, TX. (5 years).
- Maintenance Supervisor, Reinhardt Bible Church, Dallas, TX. (2 years).

## MARKETPLACE EXPERIENCE

2000-2003                      General Growth Properties                      Chicago, IL.

### **Senior Operations Manager**

- Manage Operations of the 1.2 million square foot Vista Ridge Mall.
- Manage operations budget approaching \$7 million (planned \$4 million).
- Manage complete Operations Department (34 people) including Security, Construction, Maintenance, Housekeeping, etc.

1999-2000                      CMD Realty Investors, Inc.                      Chicago, IL.

### **Building Engineer – Royal Tech Business Center**

- Responsible for the Operations of a 3 building complex (>100,000 sq. feet) in Irving, TX. (Los Colinas).
- Managed and supervised outside vendors and contractors.

1994-2000                      U.T Southwestern Medical Center @ Dallas                      Dallas, TX

### **Building Manager - Key Control Supervisor**

- Managed Operations for the *Simmons Biomedical Research Center*, a 12 story Medical Research tower including P3 Labs and an Animal Resource Center.
- Served as Liaison between multiple Physical Plant departments and Research Staff.
  - Supervised the Key Control Department the last 6 months serving the 5 Million Square foot, 33 building facility.

## EDUCATION

- 1979 -'85; 1998 -'99 **Dallas Baptist University** Dallas, TX
- **Bachelor of Arts and Sciences Degree**, concentrations in Christian Ministries & Business Administration.
- 1997 Dallas County Suicide and Crises Prevention Center Dallas, TX
- Completed training as a Suicide and Crisis Prevention Counselor
    - Did not continue with program after training due to prohibition against Theistic and Biblical guidance.
- 2000 – 2002 **Criswell College** Dallas, TX
- Completed 9 Hours (Graduate level) in Old and New Testament Theology.
- 2003 – Present **Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary** Ft. Worth, TX
- **Master of Arts Degree** in **Christian Education** (Graduating May, 2005). Current GPA of 3.90 with 61 of 70 hours completed.
  - Deans Academic Honor List - Spring 2003; Fall 2003; Fall 2004.
  - Youth Labs 1979-1986; 2004.

## INTERESTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

### Amateur Astronomer (over 30 years)

- Association of Lunar & Planetary Observers (A.L.P.O.) – member of the Lunar Staff directing an international effort to catalog and classify Lunar Domes. Also held past positions as the Lunar Recorder for the Lunar Selected Areas Program; Coordinator of the Lunar Topographical Studies Program, and the Coordinator for the Bright Lunar Rays Project.
- Royal Astronomical Society; Elected a *Fellow* in December 2003 (F.R.A.S.).
- American Association of Variable Star Observers (A.A.V.S.O.)
- Texas Astronomical Society (T.A.S.) since 1971
  - Noted as "...an expert in lunar domes..." by the Dallas Morning News (Discoveries section), June 21, 2003, page 2E.
- **Ancient Coin Collecting** (Judean & Biblical)
  - Founder of the Yahoo Group on Biblical Coinage.
- **Writing**
  - Published in the Strolling Astronomer (Journal, Association of Lunar and Planetary Observers, most recent article Summer 2004); the Spectrum, newsletter of the Texas Astronomical Society of Dallas and several Publications of Astronomical Conventions.
  - Published in the Lunar Observer, an internet newsletter devoted to serious Lunar Astronomy (Selenology). Latest article was titled *Lunar Swirls, Magnetic Anomalies and the Reiner Gamma Formation* (published spring 2005).
  - Writing a book on Natural Revelation based on Romans 1:20 and an intensive bible study on the Astronomy of the Bible.
  - Writing a curriculum on the Astronomy of the Bible.
  - Planning a curriculum project based on the Baptist Faith and Message detailing the essentials of the faith.
- **National Weather Service Storm Spotter** call-sign *KC5LEI*
  - Since 1994
- **Family Activities; (Camping, etc.)**
- **Apologetics**
  - Lay Apologist with the Dallas chapter of *Reasons to Believe*.
  - Founder of the Dallas RTB yahoo discussion group.

## **TESTIMONY: My Journey to Nineveh:**

My grandfather planted within me an interest in the science of Astronomy in the early 1960's. I recall looking up at the universe in the later part of that decade and wondering about God and my relation to Him. Later, I was placed in a parochial school as a protestant youth due to struggles I was having in grade school. I learned about Catholic theology while in that setting and sensed a moving of the Holy Spirit during those years which I interpreted as a calling to join the Roman Catholic Church. However, I became a believer in Jesus Christ on May 4, 1974 at the Gross Road Baptist Church (G.R.B.C.) of Mesquite, Texas. Immediately, I sensed a calling on my life to vocational ministries. Later, I married my high school sweetheart, whom I had met while attending the youth group at GRBC.

In 1979, I entered Dallas Baptist University, and during the period from 1979 – 1985 I pursued a Bachelor Degree in Theology and Christian Education while I served in several churches. In 1982, I went to Manila, Philippines, and preached the gospel among the literal garbage dumps of the city. Circumstances led me away from life as a church staff member and my dream of earning my degree in 1985. I suffered a period of backsliding and felt somewhat like Jonah for a number of years. However, as Oswald Chambers once wrote "I know when the instructions have come from God because of their quiet persistence." I found the call of God upon my life to be inescapable.

My wife and I began attending our current church in 1994, when a friend of ours from the youth group at GRBC invited us to visit First Baptist Church of Sunnyvale, TX.. We visited the church and soon joined.

In 1997 our family went on vacation to North Carolina, and while driving through the state while my family slept I experienced a powerful moving of the Holy Spirit within my life while listening to praise music. I sensed a clear calling to return to school and complete my undergraduate degree. At the time, there were what appeared to be insurmountable obstacles standing between myself and the degree. I researched many options, all of which would take many years and thousands of dollars which I simply did not have. One of the biggest obstacles was a remaining student loan debt exceeding \$18,000. I prayed and asked the Lord to remove this debt if it were His will for me to return to school.

My wife had been attending Dallas Baptist University through her employer, and she told me about a program available there where credit would be given for life work experience. I entered the program in the fall of 1998 and found that my previous work at DBU was a perfect fit for this program, and everything was falling nicely into place. My graduation was initially planned for December 1999. However, we received word that my Father, who was battling cancer, had only around 6 months to live. I really wanted my Dad to experience my graduation, and asked for God's guidance and for Him to make it possible for my Dad to be there. I talked to the school and devised a plan to complete my work four months early. Despite never being a very good student (I graduated with a 2.93 GPA), I earned 39 hours of college credit in 10 months, and graduated August 6<sup>th</sup>, 1999. My original graduation date had been December 17, 1999 and my Dad (having been bed ridden since Thanksgiving) passed away December 18, 1999!

Six months after graduation, I found myself in the Business World and believed I had arrived at what the world calls success. My income was at an all time high and we experienced our first financial security since we had married. However, I never was happy in this role and longed to serve the Lord in Ministry. The events of September 11, 2001 had a profound impact upon me. I recall looking out across the Palm Trees of the mall where I worked and I sensed the Lord asking me "Marvin, what are you doing here?" I was working in a setting where career was all important and employees expected to be married to their jobs. 9/11 caused me for the first time to understand and apply the words of **Joshua 24:15** to my life. I also realized the Holy Spirit was moving in me in a powerful way. In December 2001, I sensed the clear calling to go to seminary, and struggled against this for five months. In May, I had been sick and missed church one night when my wife came home and shared with me concerning the message she had heard on the text of **Luke 9:23**. It had taken the Lord one sermon to get my wife where it had taken me five months to be. By the next day, we had committed for me to resign my job and enter seminary. That fall, I placed my application with the seminary and committed to God to be in seminary as soon as I was able to enter following acceptance. I had received my acceptance letter within two weeks and the earliest entry date was the spring semester, 2003.

I have grown in my walk with Christ enormously since entering seminary. My commitment to Christ and my role as an evangelist has developed to an all time high. I have become very bold in my witness and see God developing me into a sort of missionary to the Astronomical community. God blesses my ministry through this with opportunities to witness to people who are drawn to my role as a scientist and professing Christian.

Concerning stepping out in faith my pastor often states: "If you will do the possible, God will take care of the impossible." (Dr. Charles Wilson). **Life is short, "...whom will you serve?"**

## REFERENCES

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