

Elder Candidate Profile

X I am a member of Oakwood Community Church and have read and agree with the Church Constitution

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Birthdate: 04/12/1971 Marital Status: Married



How long have you walked with the Lord? About 36 years, since the age of 18.

Have you been baptized by immersion? Yes

What areas of ministries at Oakwood Community Church have you served in?

Elder, Deacon, SONshine Park, Treehouse, Small Group Leader, Hospitality

Briefly give your testimony:

I grew up in a liberal church that didn't have Jesus at the center. When I went to college, I got involved in a campus ministry where God got my attention and I repented and was baptized. Since then, I have been active in the church body, serving and growing. I don't have one of those jaw-dropping miraculous conversion stories, but I recognize that my sin separated me from God and I am eternally grateful to Jesus for paying the price for sin in my place.

Describe your devotion/prayer life:

I cherish the time I spend with God. I wish I could say that intimate time of reading and prayer is part of my daily routine. Although inconsistent, my love for God's Word keeps me hungry to keep learning and growing. The more I read and pray, the more I crave the next time of reading and praying (but oh, life is distracting).

What pastors, teachers, or books have influenced your Christian walk?

As a young adult, I listened to sermons by Chuck Swindoll that helped shape my worldview. The book, 'A Tale of Three Kings' by Gene Edwards has influenced the way I perceive trials in life. Randy Carlson and Kevin Leman taught me much about parenting.

Please underline your spiritual gifts according to Romans 12:6-8, 1 Corinthians 12:28, Ephesians 4:11, 1 Peter 4:9-10

- Encouragement Giving Leadership Mercy Wisdom
- Knowledge Faith Healing Miracles Prophecy Discernment
 - Tongues Interpretation Apostle <u>Teacher</u> Helps
 - Administration Evangelism Shepherding Hospitality

Please list any Christian Education, Workshops, Seminars, Counseling Classes, Retreats or Training Classes that you have attended:

Most of the formal ministry training I have had was in the youth ministry context in my 20's-30s. I attended a 1-day John Maxwell Leadership Conference in the 1990s. I have attended numerous retreats. Leading my small group has also been a great source of training for me.

Is there anything else that you would like to tell us? Perhaps you would like to discuss a circumstance in your life that equipped you to minister to others?

I feel compelled to mention that Oakwood Community Church is truly family to me. I will always be grateful for the love and community that our family has received from this church. It is an honor to be invited to serve the Lord through Oakwood.

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