



God's Call on Christopher's Life

I was a young man at the age of seventeen when I began to feel God's call for me to preach the good news to the world. However, for fear of the responsibility, I began to run from the calling in hopes that I could pursue what I wanted as opposed to what God had planned for me and the people I was called to serve. God then used my fear to transform my lively pursuit of what I wanted into what God needed me to enact for the people of this world. Officially accepting the call by the age of nineteen, I have been on a fervent journey in serving God's people in whatever way I can as a seminarian, pastor, philanthropist, and friend. I finally embraced the call when I realized that it didn't matter what I wanted in life, because God wanted something else far greater for me. To love and serve God's people here on Earth in the most helpful and hopeful way possible by operating in my own giftedness and grace, bestowed upon me by God, has become my life mission, vision, and purpose here in the world.

Background

I am a native of Atlanta, Georgia completely born and raised. I was raised by both my mother and father, Charles and Pamela Weems, and I am the youngest of three. Denominationally speaking, I was raised in a Baptist believing household, understanding and growing in my faith in God under the guidance of my father who has been pastoring for over 25 years. After high school, I continued my education as a division 2 football athlete at the illustrious HBCU that is Paine College in Augusta, Georgia. While in undergrad, my campus pastor and mentor, Rev. Dr. Luther B. Felder II, revealed to me how to best walk in my calling through a different denominational means, and thus, I made the denominational conversion from Baptist to United Methodist. It was here where God used me to enact in collegiate ministry on campus and study a double major of Philosophy & Religion as well as graduate from undergrad a straight A student.

Areas of Giftedness

My passion is placed in preaching, pastoral care, and people. I am an effective preacher to where I can make the biblical text relatable to the everyday lives of my parishioners and educated enough to communicate God's message to where all people can learn something from what is said. I am also an effective spiritual guide in pastoral care and understands how to sit in the feelings and everyday hardships that may take place in the lives of the people I comes in contact with. I love those that are closest to me so therefore I make an adamant effort to get as close as I can to all people I come in contact with, in hopes for a revolutionary change in their lives through love. Overall, my pastoral aura, attitude, and conversation is what people find most pleasurable about me. So, I make it an effort to share that gift whenever he possibly can.

Pastoral Context

I have served in different pastoral capacities throughout my various experiences in ministry. I served as the president of the Wesley Foundation for three years while in undergrad at Paine College in Augusta, Georgia, which served as a student Chaplain role catering to all of the spiritual needs of the students on campus. I also served my home church, St. Luke United Methodist Church in Augusta, Georgia, in an assistant pastoral capacity preaching several sermons as well as being an avid volunteer the lives of the children's ministry at the church known as *Kids with A Future*. I then served Summers as an assistant pastor on staff at St. John's United Methodist Church in Houston, Texas under the pastoral leadership of Rudy and Juanita Rasmus. It was there where I engaged in several acts of community service involving sheltering the homeless in the *Temmenos Project* and feeding those in the local community of Houston by distributing over nine tons of food a week to those who were without.

Current Reality

Currently I am finishing my final year at Gammon Theological Seminary in Atlanta, Georgia which upon completion I will receive his Master of Divinity Degree with a concentration in Congregational Ministries. I also serve as Youth Pastor at Bethel United Methodist Church under the pastoral leadership of Rev. Dr. Elaine Crawford. I am currently engaged to be married to the love of my life Brianna Chanel Smith and delight in the parenthood of the son we will now share together, Kamien Jordan Smith. The current global pandemic that is the corona virus (COVID-19), has placed our wedding on hold but not our love. It is now the current hope and prayer that my family and I will be accepted and embraced as the new first family at Balls Mills United Methodist Church where we can enact ministry and share more of God's love with more of God's people and live and grow in grace with them as we all grow in relationship with God together. I have not met any of our new church family yet but based upon what I have been told by Paul Amara and Troy Howell, I already see commonalities of love for God, our neighbors, one another, and the people we are called to serve. I and my family are here in that service with you and seek to be in connectivity, understanding and compassionate care with you as well.

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Keep in mind that the best method of contact is and always will be a Phone Call first and then a text message for a more immediate response. Emails also will always be responded too, but the best way to reach me is always a phone call. If I do not answer the phone you can always leave a message and I will call back! However, don't be afraid to send a text either. These methods of contacts are subject to change, but I will always keep you up to date and will always stay in touch! Thank you!