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Thank you for taking the time to consider my resume in your search for God's servant in your ministry. I would like to take a little time out of your busy life to let you know a little about me apart from the resume, a lot of which can be found on my personal blog at <http://pastorplayz.com>.

I have been married for 18 wonderful years to the greatest helpmate the Lord could give to anyone. We have been blessed with two lovely daughters, ages 17 and 12, of which our oldest will be heading off to California Baptist University this coming fall.

My deepest desire is to use the talents that God has given me to reach people where they are today, not where we were, or some wanted to return to. Society is changing very rapidly, and it's our mission as believers in the twenty-first century to reach them where they are. We can not expect people to show up in our churches or ministries simply because we exist.

We must do something that touches them. Two of the ways I know to do this are traditional methods of getting out and meeting people and through technology.



I have been a tech geek as long as I have been a believer. I am also part of the gaming generation in our world. This background has given me and my wife a unique way of meeting people not only from across the country, but around the world. It provides the opportunity to build relationships and meet their needs when they arise.

My deepest desire is to serve my Lord as best I can. If you are looking for someone to come alongside you and help you reach this world for Christ, and you too believe that God is moving in our world still, then I would love to sit down and talk to you about what it is God has done in our lives already and what He can do with us in the future.

In His Service

Mike Norton

The Tech/Media Pastor

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## ○ Objective

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My greatest desire is to continue the ministry that Jesus began of reconciliation, both of man to God and man to man. To accomplish this, I have been called to minister to people where they are, exemplifying the love of God through my relationships with all I meet.

God has gifted me with many talents that involve using media, computers, internet, gaming, sitting down at a coffee house, worshiping and just getting to know and touch people of all generations. God is alive and well in today's information age, and I want to be used by him to reach them with his life changing love.

## ○ Education

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### **Clear Creek Baptist Bible College Pineville, KY**

Bachelor of Ministry, 1997

## ○ Church Experience

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### **First Baptist Church, Live Oak CA Senior Pastor**

**2003-2008**

- Responsible for the management and growth of the congregation both spiritually and numerically
- Implemented visitation program targeted at new housing projects
- Supervised multi-church community ministry to high school students
- Developed and implemented technology into the church, including streaming video of services weekly.
- Organized and led worship services with a mix of praise songs and hymns.
- Played guitar while leading out in bringing people into the presence of God.

### **Magalia Pines Baptist Church, Magalia CA Associate Pastor of Worship and Education**

**2000-2003**

- Responsible for the oversight and development of the music department as well as education parts of the church.
- Organized and led church choir.
- Established youth group.
- Developed and designed floor plan for church rebuild after a fire, focusing on including technology.
- Designed, installed, and maintained data network for all computers, telephone, and video for the campus.

### **First Southern Baptist Church, Willows CA Senior Pastor**

**1997-2000**

- Responsible for the management and growth of the congregation both spiritually and numerically

## ○ Activities

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- Served on the feeding team of the California Southern Baptist Relief team following Hurricanes Katrina and Rita
- Served as Vice Moderator for Sierra Butte Baptist Association, 2006-2007
- Taught and facilitated VBS clinics, teaching youth workers the latest material for several years.



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- Member of California Baptist Builders
- Worked with pastors of other churches in the community on community ministry projects
- Write and perform songs of praise and worship with my daughter Bethany.

## ○ References

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I attempt to be transparent when it comes to my relationship to God, and my gaming. I have a blog that you might find useful, or entertaining. In either case it shows a little more about who I am, what my interests are, and might even get you interested in the same. <http://pastorplayz.com>

**Please also consult <http://pastorplayz.com/resume> for more information.**

For more information on my full resume, including my tech background please check out my LinkedIn profile at <http://www.linkedin.com/in/mikeanorton>