

Introducing Our Minister of Music



Josh Powell



AT A GLANCE

MINISTRY EXPERIENCE

LAMAR BAPTIST CHURCH Wichita Falls, TX

Associate Pastor of Music & Senior Adults, 2016 - present

Duties include planning and leading a blended worship service for a multigenerational church, planning and leading a quarterly bilingual worship service, overseeing a worship band, leading a choir, visual media creation, establishing and overseeing a live stream, leading worship for youth, leading a Senior Adult choir, presenting Christmas and Easter cantatas, pulpit supply, website upkeep and design, sermon podcast creation and editing, and pastoral care for senior adults and homebound members.

LIFEWAY FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH Amarillo, TX

Minister of Worship and Creative Arts, 2014 - 2016

Duties included planning weekly worship services for a multi-generational church emphasizing exciting contemporary music while also staying connected with a rich history of hymns and songs; leading a children's focused Sunday morning worship time; leading weekly rehearsals for vocalists and instrumentalists to teach new songs and arrangements; installation, design, and maintenance of sound and multimedia equipment; and teaching a small group Bible study for college students and young adults. In Creative Arts, duties included website design and upkeep and graphic design for publications, mailouts, the website, t-shirts, and sermon notes.

PATHPOINT FELLOWSHIP CHURCH Amarillo, TX

Worship Musician, 2012 - 2014

Duties included playing guitar, drums, keyboard or bass as needed week to week.

EDMUND BLVD. BAPTIST CHURCH San Angelo, TX

Music Minister, 2009- 2012

Duties included planning weekly worship services in a blended style, media preparation and oversight, leading a choir and praise team, pulpit supply, small group leadership, teaching weekly Bible studies, and others as needed.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Lamesa, TX

Youth & Music Intern, 2009

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Big Lake, TX

Interim Youth Minister, 2008

EDUCATION

WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY Canyon, Texas

Master of Music in Percussion Performance, 2014

ANGELO STATE UNIVERSITY San Angelo, Texas

Bachelor of Music in Music Education, 2012

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Since 2014, I've had the opportunity to teach drum lines at Canyon High School, Caprock High School, S.H. Rider High School, and Hirschi High School. I am a classically trained percussionist and have had the opportunity to perform with the San Angelo Symphony Orchestra, Amarillo Symphony Orchestra, and the Wichita Falls Symphony Orchestra. I also regularly perform with the Singing Men of Texas North Central Chapter. I play guitar, piano, drums, and bass and have worked with instrumental groups from orchestra to mariachi and vocal groups of all sizes.

I'm comfortable with a computer and can learn to use whatever software is needed. I've used Finale, Planning Center Online, Quickbooks, ACS, Photoshop, Illustrator, and more over the last decade.

JOSH'S STORY

Josh wasn't born in Texas, but he got here as quickly as he could and grew up in Monahans. He was saved by his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ when he was eight years old, following in believer's baptism at First Baptist Church of Monahans. Josh initially attended Texas Tech in Lubbock but found that he lacked direction. While taking some time off and paying off some student loans, God got hold of Josh and called him into ministry.

Josh went back to school at Angelo State with a drive to enter the ministry and earned his degree in music education. While at ASU, Josh and Laura married and not long afterward started their family. With a desire to become the best musician he could be, Josh continued his musical education at West Texas A&M University with a degree in percussion performance.

Josh began serving churches as a volunteer youth leader and Sunday School teacher before having an opportunity to serve as a Youth Ministry Intern at First Baptist Big Lake and then with First Baptist Lamesa. Josh was licensed to the Gospel Ministry at Edmund Boulevard Baptist Church and eventually ordained at Lifeway Fellowship Baptist Church in Amarillo.

Josh loves to read and cook and is a dedicated fan of Texas Tech sports. He loves to root for the Dallas Cowboys and the Miami Heat and thinks that guitar pedals are really neat.

Josh's greatest joy in ministry is found when people are worshipping together. You'll often hear him say that we sing what we believe, and we believe what we sing. Josh has an eclectic taste in music, ranging from

the music of David Maslanka and the hymns he grew up on to the music of Lecrae and Chris McClarney. He wants to know your favorite song and hopes to see you at choir practice very soon!



THE POWELL FAMILY

Laura grew up in Spearman, in the Texas Panhandle north of Amarillo. After high school, she attended Wayland Baptist University and then the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, where she earned a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Laura began her nursing career at Shannon Medical Center in the Women's and Children's building, transitioning to gastroenterology with stints at BSA Hospital in Amarillo and United Regional Health Center in Wichita Falls.

Laura sees it as her life mission to help people. She is a problem solver, whether it's helping her work unit run smoothly, inspiring coworkers to laugh together, or meeting whatever need she sees at church. She loves all things Disney and would jump into the ocean for a swim at first sight of an orca pod.

Anna (11) is in fifth grade and is a prima ballerina. She has danced in the Nutcracker performance with the Wichita Falls Ballet Theatre in 2019 and 2021. She loves to read and sing and is a wonderful baker.

Kirby (8) is in second grade and loves all things action. He loves dinosaurs and Power Rangers and has been learning Jeet Kune Do mixed martial arts for the last year. You'll usually find Kirby on the trampoline with either a book or an action figure in his hand.

Katherine (7) is in first grade and is experimenting with everything. She loves to scooter all over the place, is curious about everything, and loves to explore. Katherine has an artist's heart and loves all things arts and crafts.



FROM THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

The Personnel Committee unanimously recommended that Josh Powell be called as our Minister of Music. Following an extensive question-and-answer session, we felt that Josh can plan multigenerational worship so that each person has a meaningful experience. He will be able to positively lead the music program at First Baptist, resulting in the growth we desire. We also felt that Josh has a mission heart, sharing Christ through music at the church, the schools, the community, and abroad.

Josh's experience in the maintenance of sound and multimedia equipment and his knowledge of website and graphic design are impressive additions to his exceptional resume. His wife, Laura, has expressed her willingness to participate in his ministries and needs within the church as her work schedule allows.

We feel that Josh will be very helpful to Pastor Greg in the worship experience and that, together, they will be energetic and enthusiastic leaders for First Baptist Church.

Sandra Nichols
Personnel Committee Chair