

# TaZaras D. Isom

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## Senior Pastor

### Career Objective

A Dynamic, Enthusiastic Senior Pastor and Church Leader, with the experience and skill to lead, teach and grow the Body of Believers in Jesus Christ. Transforming and revitalizing a congregation with renewed desire for both growth and increase.

### Summary of Qualifications

A skilled professional with 14 years of experience in leadership, pastoral care, teaching, management and human resources.

## Selected Accomplishments & Milestones

- Increased worship attendance by 40% within almost a two year period through using engaging preaching topics with life applications, while injecting some humor and creativity into the worship service structure. ~ Greater Mt. Lebanon MCB.
- Worked alongside Deacon Board to create a maintain a benevolent fund. ~ Greater Mt. Lebanon MBC
- Involved in community and economic development of the inner city neighborhoods. ~ The Storehouse Church, Inc.
- Assessed community needs to strategically plan for ministries for the future and designed a building to accommodate potential needs prior to launching major building expansion. ~ Greater Mt. Lebanon MBC.
- Ordained/Licensed an Associate Minister to help lead in worship service. ~ Greater Mt. Lebanon MBC.
- Reconfigured the church staff through working with consultants with a goal to better meet and serve the church needs, resulting in lower staff costs and more effective ministry. ~ The Storehouse Church, Inc.

## Key Strengths & Expertise

Exegetical Preaching | Engaging Teaching | Imaginative Storytelling | Collaborative Leadership | Evangelism

Community Service Projects | Outreach Planning | Strategic Planning | Internal Change | Management

New Ministry Development | Growth & Expansion | Capital Improvements | Program Development | Youth Ministry

Public Relations | Youth/Adult Counselor | Leadership Development | Training & Development Direction

## Pastoral Experience

**HEALING PLACE CHURCH, Topeka, KS**

**2016 – Present**

### Senior Pastor

Established and launched a new church to ...

- Launched a visioning and strategic planning team for the future compromise of select church leaders, which resulted in new vision and mission statements.
- Leading the process of visioning and discovery of God's plan for the future with the congregation.

- ☐ Developed a benevolence program for the impoverished people of SE Topeka.
- ☐ Established a clothing, food, and personal bank/giveaways.
- ☐ Leading the church in an effective program of witnessing and in a care ministry for church members and the community.
- ☐ Assessed community needs to strategically plan for ministries for the future.
- ☐ Harnessed multiple forms of public relations through expanding publicity into print media, which tripled first time visitors by giving away clothes, household items, food, etc.

**EXALTED PRAISE CHURCH, Grand Prairie, TX**

**2015 – 2016**

**Associate Minister/Evangelist**

Assisted Senior Pastor with...

- ☐ Supported the Senior Pastor in prayer and ministerial assistance.
- ☐ Preaching and teaching at other ministries in the Dallas/Fort Worth, Texas area.
- ☐ Leading the Praise Team in worship at selected services.

**THE STOREHOUSE CHURCH, INC. Kansas City, MO**

**2014 - 2015**

**Senior Pastor**

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- ☐ Launched a visioning and strategic planning team for the future compromise of select church leaders, which resulted in new vision and mission statements.
- ☐ Leading the process of visioning and discovery of God's plan for the future with the congregation.
- ☐ Developed a program for spiritual growth and well-being of the church membership. Increased worship attendance by 40% through creative preaching and teaching.
- ☐ Leading the church in an effective program of witnessing and in a care ministry for church members and the community.
- ☐ Assessed community needs to strategically plan for ministries for the future.
- ☐ Harnessed multiple forms of public relations through expanding publicity into print media, which tripled first time visitors by giving away clothes, household items, food, etc.

**GREATER MT LEBANON MBC, Kansas City, MO**

**2012 – 2014**

**Senior Pastor**

Selected to transition a small-sized congregation in need of stability after a decade of continual pastoral change and a congregation who needed healing and restoration as a church and re-established ministry within the community that had been a tradition in the past.

- ☐ Expanded cooperative ministries and ecumenical services among local churches.
- ☐ Encouraged congregational harmony and taught ways of improving interpersonal communication between members both in passive settings and in planning meetings.
- ☐ Set specific goals to stabilize and unify the church membership as well as improve retention.
- ☐ Devised "stretch goals" for reaching new potential participants in church activities.
- ☐ Assessed community needs to strategically plan for ministries for the future and designed building to accommodate potential needs prior to launching major building expansion.
- ☐ Developed a program for spiritual growth and well-being of the church membership. Increased worship attendance by 40 % through creative preaching and teaching.
- ☐ Engaged prospective youth from the community through hosting free concerts at the church.

**TOP CITY CHURCH, Topeka, KS**

**2011 – 2012**

**Senior Pastor**

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- ❑ Launched a visioning and strategic planning team for the future compromise of select church leaders, which resulted in new vision and mission statements.
- ❑ Leading the process of visioning and discovery of God's plan for the future with the congregation.
- ❑ Engaged prospective youth from the community through hosting free concerts at the church.
- ❑ Harnessed multiple forms of public relations through expanding publicity into print media, which tripled first time visitors by giving away clothes, household items, food, etc.

### **Rescue Baptist Church, Kansas City, MO**

**2009 – 2011**

#### **Senior Pastor**

Assisted Senior Pastor with the following ...

- ❑ Worship planning and pulpit conducting.
- ❑ Preached at numerous services authorized by the Pastor at Rescue Baptist Church and/or other sister churches. Bible Study Instructor.

### **East Eighth Street Baptist Church, Topeka, KS**

**2001 – 2011**

#### **Associate/Youth Minister**

Assisted Senior Pastor with the following ...

- ❑ Worship planning, pulpit conducting, hospital visitation and nursing home ministry.
- ❑ Led in ministry to youth/Youth President/Instructor for youth and adult Sunday school classes and provided informal counseling to youth. Disciple teens to be future leaders within the church including preaching, teaching, drama, etc. Planned and implemented evangelistic events consisting of lock-ins, Christian gatherings, etc.
- ❑ Directed youth choirs, junior deacon and praise/worship leader.
- ❑ Taught teens to be effective in their evangelism efforts including street witnessing. Helped leaders and teens grow in their walk with the Lord through accountability.
- ❑ Preached every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month since August 2002 and also preached in Pastor's absence. Taught bible study classes in Pastor's absence as well.

## Education

Associate Degree | 2014-2015

**PENN FOSTER COLLEGE, Online Degree Program, Scottsdale Arizona**

Bachelor of Arts | 2012 – 2014

Major: Leadership & Ministry | Minor: Pastoral Ministry

**OHIO CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY, Online & On Campus Accredited, Circleville, OH**

Bachelor of Arts | 2009 – 2010

Major: Inter-Disciplinary Studies | Minors: Pastoral Studies | Advance Biblical Studies

**CALVARY BIBLE COLLEGE & THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, Kansas City, MO**

High School Diploma | Graduation May 2009

**MISSION VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL, Eskridge, KS**

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