

Dear Pastor,

For ten years my family and I served at Cleburne County Baptist Church in Heber Springs, AR, with Tim Crumpton as my Pastor. Beginning in 2020 we took almost monthly trips to help church planters and pastors in the U.S. and overseas, including a 7 week fill-in for Missionary Matthew Shields in Aruba, who was on furlough. We returned to Aruba for 2 ½ months to help Bro. Shields plant a new church, and returned this year for three months as well to do furlough relief and assist him. In November, 2022 we began deputation to Serve God's Servants. We have seen the tremendous need and God has greatly burdened our hearts to be a Barnabas that comes alongside pastors, missionaries, and churches for periods of time <u>to help and encourage them</u>.

Our goal is to preach the gospel and **encourage** pastors, missionaries, and church planters through <u>ministry, music, maintenance, and media</u> and help them equip the believers. We are now in a time of deputation and ministry. We are asking God to raise up partners with us in this ministry <u>as</u> <u>we go</u>. If you would be interested in having us share this with your church, please contact us at 501-270-2128.

For Christ's Glory,

Jeremich Herekberger

Luke 22:32 ... when thou art converted, <u>strengthen</u> thy brethren.

Please see my Pastor's Recommendation Letter that Follows

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Cleburne County Baptist Church <u>HIGHLY recommends</u> the Hershberger Family. Over the past ten years with our church, their love for the Lord and their diligence is <u>REAL</u>. They will be switching from part time evangelist/foreign missionaries, to <u>FULL</u> <u>TIME EVANGELIST/FOREIGN MISSIONARIES</u>. They'll be working with <u>a church</u> <u>planter on the island of Aruba</u>, helping other missionaries, traveling in the US to help church planters, and seeking to help and encourage pastors. He has good experience in Vacation Bible Schools, maintenance, music directing, painting, website design, and jail and recovery ministries.

Bro. Jeremiah is "apt to teach", and you'll also enjoy their family singing with seven kids age 14 and under. <u>They've been diligent with their finances, and were able to make three "survey/mission trips" to Aruba and helped churches in the USA out of their personal savings, but have now felt the call to GO.</u> They have now by faith moved from job salaries to love offerings and monthly support as the Lord provides. Jeremiah is diligent in the study and preaching of God's word, and thorough in his manual labor.

Our church is privileged to have ordained and sent Bro. Jeremiah for this "helps" ministry of encouraging. <u>Teaming with our church</u> would definitely be a consideration to pray about. <u>We would ask that your church would pray for them as they are now on the full-time deputation trail.</u>

Yours in Christ,

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I have been privileged to know Jeremiah going back to his teenage years. He is the epitome of a 'faithful man' as a husband, father and servant of Christ. It has been exciting to watch God's hand upon his life in full-time ministry.

Pastor Mike Stanley, Now Family Evangelist out of

Friendship Baptist Church, Highland, AR

Dear Friends, I am excited to recommend Jeremiah Hershberger and his dear family to you. His desire is to be a help and blessing to Churches and also to help Missionaries take a furlough while he oversees their work. He did a Sunday for us recently and our folks really enjoyed the day. We took them on for monthly support. I have known him since he was a boy and am very proud to see how God is using him and his family. I recommend him to you without reservation. Any consideration given for monthly support would be greatly appreciated.

Pastor J.D. Weido

Bible Baptist Church, El Dorado, AR

The Jeremiah Hershberger family are a great blessing in an amazing ministry of helps by Serving God's Servants in many different ways. They are a gifted and godly family and I am delighted to recommend them to your church.

Evangelist Ken Graham, Pastor Emeritus

Victory Baptist Church, Benton, AR.



Jeremiah's Personal Testimony

My name is Jeremiah Hershberger. I grew up in a strong Christian home and I'm thankful that I heard the gospel at an early age. I struggled with my salvation until the age of 19. When I was at Bible college, I read 1 Peter 1:5, that says "We are kept by the power of God". At this point I realized that there's nothing I could do to be saved or keep myself saved other than to put my faith and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ. Once I put all my faith in Christ alone the doubts ceased.

My mother and father served in ministry until their divorce. I was 18 and a freshman in Bible college at the time. I understand the pressures that pastor's families go through. I watched the church my dad was pastoring split when I was in 9th grade and then my parents divorced while my dad was a pastor. Thankfully, God protected me so much through these things and I graduated Bible college and then served on staff at two churches with my wife Ambre for the next 13 years. God has blessed us with seven wonderful children and we love to sing together and minister together as a family. Cleburne County Baptist Church in Heber Springs, AR is our home church where we served for 10 years as principal, song director, recovery program director, maintenance man, and many other areas. I love to preach the Word of God and assist others in what God has called them to do.

A few years ago God burdened us to start helping other pastors and churches. I moved to part time at our church and picked up part time jobs so I would be available to go out and help other churches on the weekends. We made at least twelve of these trips to help other churches beginning in 2020. Then God opened doors for us to assist Missionary Matthew Shields on the island of Aruba. We filled in for him while he was on furlough for two months, returned again for 2 ½ months to help him plant a church on the other side of the island, and returned again in 2024 for three months to fill in for him and assist him. God has burdened us to be full time in Serving God's Servants to help church planters, pastors, and missionaries. We desire to encourage the servants of God as they are faithfully proclaiming the gospel.

Sincerely,

Jeremiah Hershberger

This is the statement of faith of my church and I agree to it and follow it. Our church believes in the prominence and importance of the local church. If there are any particular questions please feel free to contact me. Sincerely,

Jeremiah Hershberger

Cleburne County Baptist Church Statement of Faith

The Holy Scriptures

We believe the Holy Scriptures to be the verbally and plenary inspired Word of God. The Scriptures are inerrant, infallible, preserved, God-breathed, the final authority for faith and life, and the complete and divine revelation of God to man. The Authorized King James Version of the Bible shall be the official and only translation used by the Church. (II Tim. 3:16-17; 2 Pet. 1:20-21; Luke 24:13-28; John 16:12-16; Jonah 1:1; Ps. 100:5; Ps. 12:6-7).

Salvation

Salvation is obtained only by God's grace through faith in Jesus Christ. Each person must: recognize their own need for salvation ("For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God," Romans 3:23), repent of their sin (2 Peter 3:9), and believe in their heart that Jesus is the payment for their sins and that God has raised Him from the dead.

<u>Baptism</u>

Baptism is the first step of obedience to, and a public confession of identifying with, Jesus Christ. Baptism is a prerequisite before church membership. (Matthew 28:19; John 3:22-27; John 5:26-27; Acts 2:41,47; Acts 10:48; Ephesians 5:23)

The Church

We believe that the Church was started by Jesus Christ (Matthew 16:18; Acts 1:1-2). We believe that the Church is a congregation of baptized believers who have received Jesus Christ as their personal Savior.

The Trinity

We believe in the Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – three persons, yet one (I John 5:1-8; Deuteronomy 6:4; Matthew 28:19; II Corinthians 13:14; John 14:10, 26).

Blood Atonement

We believe in the substitutionary atonement of the Lord Jesus Christ; that He, by the grace of God, tasted death for every man and that all must be born again or are forever lost. We believe that salvation is available to all men and that each one of us has the ability to choose. (Hebrews 2:9; John 3:1-18; 6:44-69; Romans 3:25; Revelation 1:5; Hebrews 9:22; I Peter 1:18-19).

Resurrection

We believe in the bodily resurrection of our Saviour and Lord Jesus Christ, and that He ascended bodily into the Heavens and is at the right hand of God as our Mediator, Priest, and Advocate. He is the first-fruits of the resurrection (Acts 3:12-26; John 20; Hebrews 9:24; I Corinthians 15:12-25).

- The First Resurrection -The main "harvest" of the resurrection occurs at the catching away or "Rapture" which occurs immediately prior to the tribulation period. This can occur at any moment as the Lord has said, "Surely I come quickly." (Revelation 22:20, I Thessalonians 4:13-18). The final part of the resurrection for believers or "gleanings" occurs for those martyred during the Tribulation (Revelation 20:4-6).
- 2. The second death (second resurrection by implication) is for those who have rejected Jesus Christ as their Savior and is directly associated with judgment. (Revelation 20:12-15)
- 3. The Second coming of Jesus Christ is tied to the first resurrection.

Justification by Faith

We believe that man is justified on the single ground of faith in the shed blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ (Romans 5:1). We believe that God commands and demands repentance on the part of sinners (Acts 17:30; Luke 13:3, 5; Matthew 9:13).

Eternal Security

Eternal security is a description of the assurance of our salvation. Once we are saved we know and are persuaded that we are a child of God for all eternity (I John 5:13; John 10:27-29; Romans 8:30-39; John 3:16; Hebrews 7:25; 10:10, 14; II Timothy 1:12).

Kingship, Second Coming, and Judgment

We believe in the Kingship of Jesus Christ (Revelation 11:15; 19:11-21; 20:4-6; I Thessalonians 1:9-10).

A Separated Church

We are to be separated from false doctrine (II Peter 2:1-3). We are to be separated from the world and its standards (Romans 12:1-2; Ephesians 5:1-17). We are to be separated unto Christ. (Romans 6:11-13; Hebrews 12:12).

<u>Creation</u> We believe that God created the universe in six literal, 24-hour time periods, as it is presented in the Biblical account (Genesis 1-2; Exodus 20:11).

<u>**Civil Government</u>** We believe that the civil government has been ordained by God and is directly responsible to God. We also believe that civil government has been given specific Biblical responsibilities and limits to its sphere of authority. (Romans 13:1-7; I Peter 2:13-17).</u>

Human Sexuality

We believe that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of a marriage between a man (who has always been a male) and a woman (who has always been a female). We believe that the only legitimate marriage is the joining of one man (who has always been a male) and one woman (who has always been a female) (Genesis 2:24, Romans 7:2; I Corinthians 7:10; Ephesians 5:22-23).

Abortion We believe that human life begins at conception and that the unborn child is a living human being. Abortion constitutes the unjustified, unexcused taking of unborn human life. Abortion is murder. We reject any teaching that abortions of pregnancies due to rape, incest, birth defects, gender selection, birth or population control, or the mental well-being of the mother are acceptable (Job 3:16; Psalms 51:5; 139:14-16; Isaiah 44:24; 49:1,5; Jeremiah 1:5; 20:15-18; Luke 1:44).

Discipleship A disciple of Jesus Christ is one who is a saved and baptized individual who is to be a follower of Jesus (Mark 2:14). We believe that we are to train the saved to follow the commandments that Christ gave, and to follow that which He "began" with His apostles (Matthew 28:19-20 and Acts 1:1-2).

The Statement of Faith does not exhaust the extent of our faith. The Bible itself is the sole and final source of all that we believe.