

To First Baptist Church members:

Please find enclosed my resume. I would like to share a little about myself and my family regarding why I am applying for the pastoral position of First Baptist Church of Westcliffe. I spent the last 18 years in full time ministry and served as pastor of the same church for the past 15 1/2 years. We have had a burden to minister in the western states and have been praying for opportunities. My wife and I are both from the West. I grew up in New Mexico where my parents were AWANA missionaries. The past several summers, we traveled to Wyoming and the Colorado area and prayed that God would open doors for ministry. Our burden has been to reach the West with the precious Gospel of Christ.

We are thankful for the opportunity to be considered for this position and truly pray that God will direct our hearts as we seek His direction. If there are any questions that the search committee may have, I would cherish the opportunity to speak further. I have attached a picture of our family to allow you to put a face with our names.

Sincerely,

Joshua T. Osteen

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## **2007 - PRESENT**

### **SENIOR PASTOR, First Baptist Church of Pennington Gap, VA**

Performed all duties associated with the senior pastor position. Experienced growth from 75 to 225 people in attendance in a town of 1,800 people. Prepared and preached three sermons each week with a commitment to expository preaching. While serving as Senior Pastor, I directed and oversaw four building projects which included the purchasing and remodeling of a multipurpose ministry building, fellowship hall, church kitchen, and Sunday school building. Throughout my time serving the Church, we have started a multitude of new ministries including clothing ministries, feeding ministries, camp ministry, addiction recovery ministries, and others. We have always sought to keep Christ the focus of all ministries.

In addition, the church has seen growth with youth and children's ministries. While serving at First Baptist, I have planned, coordinated, and directed children's camps, teen mission trips, and local mission directives. But ultimately, through the preaching ministry, there has been demonstrated spiritual growth in the congregation and people have come to saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. Throughout my time, I have taught verse by verse through the books of Romans, Titus, Acts, Proverbs, I Corinthians, II Corinthians, Ephesians, Philippians, I, II, III John, and Revelation.

<p>I believe that salvation is the gift of God by faith alone in Jesus Christ. I believe the Scriptures are inspired by God and are the sole authority for the believer's life. Throughout my ministry, I have learned that we must trust God and depend upon Him as we seek His will and direction for the church and our lives.</p>	
<p><b>MAY 2006</b>  <b>MASTER OF DIVINITY, PENSACOLA THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY</b></p>	
<p><b>MAY 2005</b>  <b>MASTER OF ARTS IN BIBLICAL EXPOSITION, PENSACOLA THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY</b></p>	
<p><b>MAY 2004</b>  <b>BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BIBLE, PENSACOLA CHRISTIAN COLLEGE</b></p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expository Preaching</li> <li>• Leadership</li> <li>• Integrity</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communication</li> <li>• Vision</li> <li>• Delegation</li> </ul>

President and Founder of Recovery Through Christ Ministries Men's Sober Living Home  
 Advisory Board for Christ Life Ministries Men's Prayer Advance  
 Advisory Board for Pennington Gap Police Department

**FAMILY**

I have been married to my wife, Joanna, since 2001, and we have four wonderful children together. Colin (16 years old) loves hunting, fishing, basketball, soccer, violin, and spending time with his friends and family. Carter (14 years old) enjoys basketball, soccer, hunting, cello, and piano. Caleb (13 years old) loves football, telling others about Jesus, and cello. Charis (10 years old and the only girl) loves basketball, violin, piano, and the outdoors.

**SALVATION**

My wife and I were both saved at a young age and never dreamed that God would call us into full-time ministry. Because I grew up as a missionary kid on the Navajo Indian Reservation and was around ministry during my entire life, I always thought my life would go in another direction. After my freshman year of college, God made His calling clear on my life, and I changed my major from Criminal Justice to Bible. God has been continually faithful to me, and I have never questioned God's calling on my life. My wife has a similar story. Because her dad started a church in Douglas, WY, she did not think she would end up in full time ministry and tried to avoid ministry. But the Lord changed her heart and made it clear that He was calling her into the ministry during her junior year of college.