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# Education

**McAfee School of Theology**, Mercer University, Atlanta, GA 2010 – 2013

**Doctor of Ministry** in Christian Spirituality

Doctoral Thesis: *The Spirituality Pillar: The Impact of a Spiritual Practices*

*Retreat on Certain Employees from Signature HealthCARE, LLC*

**McAfee School of Theology**, Mercer University, Atlanta, GA 2005 – 2007

**Master of Divinity** with a Concentration in Pastoral Care

Honors include Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society and Scholastic Achievement Award

**Asbury Theological Seminary**, Wilmore, KY 2004 – 2005

Pastoral Care Studies; transferred to McAfee School of Theology

**Trinity International University**, Deerfield, IL Graduated

Bachelor of Arts in Interpersonal and Group Communication

**University of Mary Hardin Baylor**, Belton, TX Attended

Undergraduate studies in Nursing and Chemistry

**William Paterson College of New Jersey**, Wayne, NJ Attended

Undergraduate studies

# Credentials

Adjunct Instructor, McAfee School of Theology, Mercer University

Instructor, Baugh Center Christian Leadership Formation Program, Mercer University

Board Certification by the Association of Professional Chaplains (APC/BCCi)

Completed 7.5 Units of Clinical Pastoral Education (ACPE)

Ordained Minister and Endorsed Chaplain, Vineyard Association of Churches, USA

Doctor of Ministry, McAfee School of Theology, Mercer University

Master of Divinity, McAfee School of Theology, Mercer University

Spiritual Director, Sustainable Faith School for Spiritual Direction, SDI

Successful prior career in Medical Technology, MT (ASCP)

**Professional Affiliations**

Association of Professional Chaplains (APC), Board Certified Chaplain (BCCi)

Spiritual Directors International (SDI), Spiritual Director

Atlanta Area Spiritual Directors

Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society

Society of Vineyard Scholars

Association of Clinical Pathologists (ASCP), Medical Technologist

# Experience

McAfee School of Theology, Mercer University, Atlanta, GA Fall 2013-Summer 2019

*Adjunct Faculty Instructor* for Spiritual Formation and Spiritual Discernment

Taught 1st year Master of Divinity students in Spiritual Formation. Created and taught a Special Topics: Spiritual Discernment elective class.

Baugh Center, Mercer University, Atlanta, GA Fall 2018-Winter 2019

*Instructor* for Christian Leadership Formation Program

Taught Spiritual Formation and The Life and Practice of Prayer

Carson-Newman University, Jefferson City, TN Fall 2019

*Adjunct Professor* for Christian Spirituality

Taught MAAT students at the Knoxville Campus.

Signature HealthCARE of Buckhead, Atlanta, GA December 2009-January 2019

Director of Spirituality/Chaplain

Conducted spiritual assessments on new admission patients. Coordinated focused patient visits in response to clinical referrals. Participated in interdisciplinary team meetings and care plans. Provided pastoral care for patients, families, and staff, including hospital visits. Offered religious sacraments and interfaith holiday celebrations. Contributed devotional material for corporate website. Recruited and trained spiritual volunteers to provide religiously diverse programming. Supervised on-site contextual ministry and pastoral care seminary students. Conducted and attended memorial services and funerals. Partnered with local hospice chaplains in offering pastoral and bereavement care. Introduced the Department of Spirituality in new stakeholder (employee) orientation. Supported corporate Compassion Fund and Stakeholder Assistance Programs (EAP). Offered pastoral care educational events.

**Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta** at Egleston**,** Atlanta, GAJanuary 2009- August 2009

*Chaplain Resident, 2nd Year, 2.5 ACPE Units*

Provided spiritual support and pastoral care primarily for patients and their families in Cardiac Care and the Emergency Department, including crisis ministry in trauma cases. Served as on-call chaplain for the entire hospital during overnight and weekend shifts. Edited CPE manual for ACPE Center Accreditation process; authored Pastoral Integration Project on Staff Prayer Support. Taught forgiveness didactic to resident chaplains and interns at a local hospital; taught prayer didactic to resident chaplains at Egleston; mentored CPE student interns and first year residents. Attended pastoral care conferences in healthcare ethics and communication skills. Gained experience with electronic documentation of pastoral care visits.

**Atlanta Medical Center**, Atlanta, GAJanuary 2008-December 2008

*Chaplain Resident, 4 ACPE Units*

Provided grief and bereavement support to parents, patients, families, and staff; conducted spiritual needs assessments and actively engaged interdisciplinary teams to provide appropriate care for patients and families. Provided religious sacraments at bedside. Planned and conducted multi-faith services in hospital chapel. Taught end-of-life VALUE in-services to ICU nurses and resident physicians. Served on Focus on Families Committee, Trauma Committee, and ICU Utilization Committee.

**Gwinnett Medical Center**, Lawrenceville, GA Spring 2006

*Chaplain Intern****,*** *1 ACPE Unit*

Grief and bereavement support; pre-operative prayers; on-call for pastoral care for entire hospital on weekends.

**Congregational Ministry**

**Liberty Vineyard Church,** Tucker, GA July 2013-Present

**Church Leadership Team**

* Serve in Prayer Ministry
* Serve on Hospitality Team to prepare meals
* Teach and Preach occasionally: [www.libertyvineyardchurch.com](http://www.libertyvineyardchurch.com)
* Sermons Fall 2014 through April 2019 include:

“Devote Yourselves to Prayer with Thanksgiving”; “Do You Hear What I Hear?”; “Nic at Night”; “Awakening,”; “Jordan Journeys”; “Thankful”; “Anticipation”; “Another Way Home”; “Restoration of Peter”; “Fruit of Light”; “Hymns of Heaven 5”; “John the Baptist”; “Life’s Turning Points: The Story of Naaman”; “Kingdom of Priests”; “Pondering Mary”; “Queen of Sheba”; “Solomon’s Temple”; “Psalm 14:1”; “John 14:1”; “Let Our Hearts be Enlightened”; “Seasons”; “Invitations”; “Abraham is Our Father”; “Guard Your Heart”; “Vineyard 5-Step Prayer Model”; “Prayers for the New Year”; “Restoring Wonder”; “I Am-The Bread of Life”; “I Am-There” ; “I Am-Willing.”

* Presented Panel Presentations at Society of Vineyard Scholars 2015, 2018
* Presented Paper at Society of Vineyard Scholars 2016

**Atlanta Vineyard Church**, Atlanta, GA July 2007-July 2013

*Director of Prayer Ministries*

Created and taught prayer seminars, led prayer teams, facilitated retreats, trained prayer ministry teams, edited and maintained the prayer ministry website.

**Atlanta Vineyard Church Teaching Topics:**

* January 23. 2010 [Jehovah Shalom](http://atlantavineyard.com/listen/?sermon_id=39) Judges 6:24 (Part of the Names of God series).
* March 7, 2010 Corporate Prayer (Topical Prayer series)
* June 25, 2010 Lot’s Wife [Genesis](http://atlantavineyard.com/listen/?preacher=7&service=0&book=Genesis&series=0&date=&enddate=may%206%2C%202013&title=&sortby=m.datetime&dir=asc) 19:1-26 (Part of the Bad Girls of the Bible series).
* July 25, 2010 A Vision for Renewal (Part of the 10 Great Ideas series)
* August 22, 2010 A Vision for Fellowship (Part of the [10 Great Ideas](http://atlantavineyard.com/listen/?preacher=7&service=0&book=&series=18&date=&enddate=may%206%2C%202013&title=&sortby=m.datetime&dir=asc) series).
* September 26, 2010 [Merciful](http://atlantavineyard.com/listen/?sermon_id=48) Matthew 5:7 (Part of the Sermon on the Mount series).
* October 24, 2010 Salt of the Earth [Matthew](http://atlantavineyard.com/listen/?preacher=7&service=0&book=Matthew&series=0&date=&enddate=may%206%2C%202013&title=&sortby=m.datetime&dir=asc) 5:13 (Part of the Sermon on the Mount series).
* December 5, 2010 King Solomon - Longing for God's Presence 2 Chronicles 6:14-42 (Part of the Pray Like the King series).
* February 13, 2011 Prayer: Petition [Matthew](http://atlantavineyard.com/listen/?preacher=7&service=0&book=Matthew&series=0&date=2011&enddate=2012&title=&sortby=m.datetime&dir=asc) 6:11-15 (Part of the Sermon on the Mount series).
* March 13, 2011 [Birds and Flowers](http://atlantavineyard.com/listen/?sermon_id=101) Matthew 6:25-30 (Part of the Sermon on the Mount series).
* July 29, 2011 A Heart that Encourages (Part of the A Woman After God's Own Heart series).
* August 28, 2011 Windows of Tears (Part of the Windows of the Soul series).
* October 2, 2011 Praying the Value of Compassionate Ministry (Part of the Praying Vineyard Values series).
* October 16, 2011 Psalm 23:3 He Restores My Soul (Part of the Psalm 23 series)
* December 11, 2011 Psalm 23:6 Surely Goodness and Mercy (Part of the Psalm 23 series)
* February 19, 2012 Immanent (Part of A Great and Terrible Love Series)
* March 4, 2012 Calming: Praying to Tame the Worry Dog (Part of the Mystically Wired series)
* April 22, 2012 Arrival of the Kingdom (Part of the God and Government series)
* May 6, 2012 In Depth (Part of the Mystically Wired series)
* July 29, 2012 May I Pray for You Right Now? (Topical Prayer Class)
* August 26, 2012 The Awareness of God’s Presence Energizes us for our Work (Part of the 30 Life Principles series).
* September 2, 2012 Prayer Personalities Part 1 (Part of the Prayer Personalities series)
* September 23, 2012 If Necessary, God Will Move Heaven and Earth to Show us His Will (Part of the 30 Life Principles series)
* October 14, 2012 To Walk in the Spirit is to Obey the Initial Prompting of the Spirit (Part of the 30 Life Principles series)
* November 4, 2012 Prayer Personalities Part 2 (Part of the Prayer Personalities Series)
* January 13, 2013 Listening to God is Essential to Walking with God (Part of the 30 Life Principles series).
* June 2, 2013 Prayer - Deepening Our Intimacy with God (Part of the Sacred Rhythms series).
* June 16, 2013 Self-Examination - Bringing My Whole Self before God (Part of the Sacred Rhythms series).

**Church and Corporate Retreats:**

* May 2008 Vineyard Russia National Conference Workshop “Forgiveness”
* Fall 2008 Atlanta Vineyard Church Prayer Retreat
* Spring 2009 Atlanta Vineyard Women “Fruit of the Spirit”
* Summer 2009 Atlanta Vineyard Women “Trees of the Lord”
* Fall 2009 Perm, Russia Vineyard Women’s Retreat “Leah- The Unloved Wife”
* Spring 2010 Atlanta Vineyard Women’s Retreat “Rivers of Living Water”
* April 2011 Atlanta Vineyard Prayer Retreat “Come, Holy Spirit”
* March 2012 Vineyard Southeast Regional Women’s Retreat “Prayer Workshop”
* October 2012 Atlanta Vineyard Prayer Retreat, “Spiritual Practices”
* October 2012 Signature HealthCARE Retreat, “Contemplative Spiritual Practices”
* March 2013 Signature HealthCARE Retreat, “Contemplative Spiritual Practices”
* November 2013 Contemplative Photography Retreat
* April 2015 Liberty Vineyard Women’s Prayer Retreat
* August 2015 Liberty Vineyard Women’s Prayer Retreat
* October 2015 Offered a Session on Prayer Practices at McAfee Student Retreat
* January 2016 Liberty Vineyard Women’s Prayer Retreat
* August 2016 Liberty Vineyard Women’s Prayer Retreat
* August 2017 Liberty Vineyard Women’s Prayer Retreat
* January 2018 Liberty Vineyard Women’s Prayer Retreat
* April 2018 Contemplative Photography Retreat
* August 2018 Liberty Vineyard Women’s Prayer Retreat
* September 2018 Contemplative Photography Retreat
* January 2019 Liberty Vineyard Women’s Prayer Retreat
* April 2019 Contemplative Photography Retreat

**Prior Career Experience: Medical Technology,** M.T. (ASCP) certification

Participated in interviewing, hiring, training, and discipline of Medical Technologists and Specimen Processors; performed Clinical testing in Hematology, Chemistry, Coagulation, Blood Bank, and Microbiology; performed Quality Control and Instrument Maintenance and Calibration; wrote and implemented policies and procedures; edited policy and procedure manuals; prepared for State Inspections and Professional Certification Inspections; participated in inspection teams for other CAP certified laboratories.

**Interests Include:** Contemplative Prayer, Instrumental Flute Music, Retreats, Historical Storytelling