

# JOE DONAHUE

25 YEARS OF LOCAL CHURCH EXPERIENCE  
8 YEARS LEAD PASTOR | 17 YEARS STUDENT PASTOR



**SPIRITUAL GIFTS:** Teaching | Evangelism | Shepherding

**STRENGTHSFINDER:** Strategic | Belief | Activator | Responsibility | Positivity

**OTHER STRENGTHS:** Vision Caster | Critical Thinker | Innovator | Collaborator | Problem Solver | Encourager | Equipper | Transparent

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## CO-LEAD PASTOR

JAN 2019 - PRESENT

CALVARY BAPTIST  
LAKE HAVASU CITY, AZ  
(SBC)

**AVG. ATTENDANCE: 2,900**  
**\$3.5 MILLION BUDGET**

- Co-led multi-campus of 30+ staff, cast vision, recruited, and mentored pastoral team
- Preached four services every other weekend
- Split preaching and responsibilities 50/50 with Co-Lead Pastor
- Led team to baptize 718 new believers from 2019-present
- Led Arizona Baptist Convention in Cooperative Program giving in 2019, 2020, 2021
- During pandemic (2020) led team to baptize 236 new followers of Jesus
- Collaborated to pivot church to create excellent online weekend worship services
- Collaborated, created, and implemented *Next Steps* curriculum

## LEAD PASTOR

AUG. 2014 – DEC. 2018

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
LAVACA, AR (SBC)

**AVG. ATTENDANCE: 525**  
**\$1.2 MILLION BUDGET**

- Preached weekly sermons, cast vision, led staff of 10
- Baptized 124 new believers and added 208 new members
- Missions to Haiti, Alaska, and Montana
- Created 30+ small groups with over 25% attendance from outside church family
- Created a modern Welcome Center with coffee area
- Converted old storage rooms to modern children's ministry space (raised \$100K)
- Developed and taught New Members Class to assimilate new believers and members into the church family

## LEAD STUDENT & TEACHING PASTOR

2008 – APRIL 2014

FIRST REDEEMER CHURCH  
CUMMING, GA (SBC)

**AVG. ATTENDANCE: 2,600**  
**\$5.2 MILLION BUDGET**

- Provided oversight to College, High School, and Middle School ministries including over 95 volunteers, 13 interns, and staffing for Student Ministry
- Collaborated with music ministry to create a weekly Worship Arts ministry for MS & HS that raised up worship leaders for Student, Children's ministry, and modern worship.
- 300+ students made professions of faith
- Student Ministry Bible Fellowship grew 122% to average attendance of 400
- Preached, cast vision, created and collaborated to develop a Contemporary Worship service from scratch reaching young and median adults
- Led annual separate MS and HS domestic mission trips with World Changers
- Organized and cast vision for annual summer camps, missions, and weekend retreats
- Managed annual student ministry budget of \$87,000

**STUDENT PASTOR**

2003-2008

BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH  
MCDONOUGH, GA (SBC)**AVG. ATTENDANCE: 700**

- 200+ students made professions of faith in Christ
- Organized and cast vision for annual summer camps, World Changers mission trips, and weekend retreats
- Collaborated with Senior Pastor to create contemporary service for young families
- Student Ministry grew from average of 40 to 120 students
- Led mission team to Juárez, Mexico to build a home for a family with *Casas por Cristo*

**STUDENT PASTOR**

2002-2003

CARLISLE AVE. BAPTIST  
LOUISVILLE, KY (SBC)**AVG. ATTENDANCE: 350**

- Engaged the inner-city culture of teenagers around the church campus by developing and preaching sermons that identified the common needs of saved and unsaved teenagers in the community and the church.
- 37 professions of faith
- Organized and cast vision for annual summer camps, mission trips, and weekend retreats

**STUDENT PASTOR**

1998-2002

GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH  
NASHVILLE, TN (SBC)**AVG. ATTENDANCE: 500**

- Preached, cast vision for growth in student ministry with students and leadership
- Student ministry grew from about ten to forty active students
- Organized and cast vision for annual summer camps, World Changers mission trips, and weekend retreats.
- Managed youth ministry budget, annual calendar, trained adult leaders
- Remodeled the Student Ministry space to make it student friendly

**OTHER MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS**

- Led seventeen student ministry mission trips
- Fourteen weeks of Student Ministry Summer Camps
- Eagle Lake Camp (Navigators) Counselor 1996-1998
- Led training for Southeast Regional Youth Ministry Training Event, Conclave. Chattanooga, TN 2014
- Guest Lecturer, Student Ministry, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, KY 2012
- Speaker, Youth Evangelism Conference, Georgia Baptist Convention, Macon, GA 5000+ Attendance
- Authored "*Urgent: Igniting a Passion for Jesus.*" Free Church Press, 2011
- Testimony featured on 700 Club and Televised on ABC Family Network, September 2010
- Led Seminar "Mending Hurting Teenagers" for National Youth Workers Convention, Atlanta GA, 2007

**EDUCATION****THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY**  
M.DIV IN EVANGELISM AND CHURCH GROWTH  
2000-2003

CURRENT HOURS EARNED: 42

**AUSTIN PEAY STATE UNIVERSITY**  
B.S. IN SECONDARY EDUCATION  
MINOR: CREATIVE WRITING/ENGLISH  
1995-1999**ORDINATION & LICENSE**  
GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH (SBC)  
NASHVILLE, TN, MAY 2001**STATEMENT OF FAITH**  
I agree with the Baptist Faith and Message 2000**MEET THE FAMILY**

Kristy and I have been married since December 1999. After six years of infertility and one miscarriage, God answered our prayers for pregnancy and granted us four amazing daughters.

Joe, 49. Kristy, 43.

Naomi, 13; Violet, 11; Jessica, 9; Sofia, 14.

Thank you for taking the time to prayerfully read this information. Kristy and I look forward to answering any questions you may have.

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