

Barry Simon

Web Portfolio: (includes video greeting, media samples, and additional information)

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Mission: to be a part of a ministry team in either an associate or lead pastor role that is developing and equipping a fully-devoted community of worshippers who are maturing spiritually and serving the mission of the Church, both within the church and in strategic outreach and evangelism, through the empowerment of the Holy Spirit

Passion: to be a **catalyst** in ministry that produces healthy disciples and churches fulfilling the Great Commission and building the Kingdom of God

Historical Effectiveness:

- led a **multi-staff** ministry with **more than 20** employees and dozens of volunteers (Valley Fellowship)
- church experienced **50% growth** in Sunday **attendance** in **18 months** (Horizons Community Church)
- church **tripled** number of **small groups (300% increase)** in **18 months** and had more than **50% of adults involved** in a weekly group (Horizons Community Church)
- more than **75% of adults served on a ministry team** of the church (Horizons Community Church)
- **key contributor** to the **long range plan** of the church including future **building design** and **ministry strategy** (Horizons Community Church and Valley Fellowship)

Personal Strengths:

- **administration, leadership, and teaching** gifts
- organizational and staff **management**
- **church strategic planning** including evaluation and analysis
- **recruiting and training** ministry volunteers
- **starting** and **developing** ministries
- highly proficient with **technology** and **media**
- **excellent communication** and **interpersonal skills**

Education:

Doctor of Ministry | Master of Divinity | Bachelor of Arts (Music)
Oral Roberts University 1999, 1994, 1991

Experience:

Oct. 2002-Oct. 2004 Horizons Community Church, Stafford, VA

- Associate Pastor: led the office staff, children's pastor, and youth pastor and the small group, social outreach, pastoral care, media/technology, greeters, ushers, hospitality, and drama ministries of the church while assisting the senior pastor with preaching, strategic planning and long-range development

May 1994- Oct. 2002 Valley Fellowship Church & Christian Academy, Huntsville, AL

- Associate Pastor: responsible for the daily administration of the ministry including staff and volunteer recruitment, training, and evaluation, budget planning and execution, organizational and facility management, accreditation, strategic planning, media/technology ministry, counseling, and preaching

References available upon request



Family Information:

Stephanie and I have been married for 13 years and God has given us three wonderful children. Garrison is 8, Audrey is 6, and Natalie is 3.

God has blessed Stephanie and me by allowing us to have Stephanie remain at home while the children are young. Stephanie has a bachelor's degree in church music and a master's degree in Christian school administration from Oral Roberts University. She served as an assistant administrator of a Christian school for five years before our children were born.

She has remained a support to me in my ministry positions and has been an active volunteer in the music and children's departments of our church. As our children grow to maturity, we foresee the day when she will once again be active in ministry in a greater capacity.

I love to spend time with my wife and children and we enjoy weekly "family nights" where we intentionally hang out together and do something as a family. My wife is my best friend and we cherish the time we have to spend growing together in love. I see my family as my first priority in discipleship training. I am excited to see God's hand on my children's lives as they grow and mature each day.

Garrison is learning piano and guitar, and he loves to play basketball. Audrey is learning to play piano and dance, and Natalie will be starting music class this year.

Personal History:

I was born in Hattiesburg, Mississippi on April 16, 1969. My dad and mom (Jerry and Carol Simon) were foreign missionaries for the first 8 years of my life--during which time we lived in Fort Portal, Uganda for a 3 year term and Taiwan for a 3 year term. I have one older brother (Greg) and one younger sister (Kim). After returning from the mission field, my parents pastored churches in Mississippi, Louisiana, and Alabama. My father passed away in August of 1993. My mom and older brother still pastor in Huntsville, Alabama.

I attended college at Oral Roberts University majoring in music. During my sophomore year, I met Stephanie, my wife, and shortly after we both graduated in 1991, we were married. After our wedding, we remained in Tulsa as I continued my education in seminary. I graduated in 1994 and returned home to Huntsville, Alabama, where I served in ministry from 1994-2002. During these years, Stephanie and I added three children to our family: Garrison, Audrey, and Natalie. I also completed a Doctor of Ministry degree and Stephanie completed a Masters in Christian School Administration from ORU in 1999 through several years of short-term on campus modules and additional course work.

In October of 2002, I transitioned in ministry to a church in Stafford, VA, where I served as associate pastor until October of 2004. I am presently seeking God's direction for my next phase of ministry.



Spiritual History:

I accepted Christ in Taiwan in a Sunday morning service at the age of 5. The Sunday was near Easter, and I remember feeling overwhelmed with the realization that Jesus had died for me on the cross. I cried all day as I embraced my decision. Shortly after accepting Christ, I was baptized by my dad (a missionary and pastor) in a swimming pool.

As my early years continued, I learned more and more about the characters of the Bible and living a Christian life from my parents and our church. My parents each night would have a family Bible and prayer time that influenced my spiritual growth greatly. In fact, my wife and I make it a daily priority to pray and read a Bible story each day with our children before bed.

At the age of 9, after asking my mother numerous questions about the Baptism of the Holy Spirit and speaking in tongues, I asked my mom to pray for me. I received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit and spoke in tongues. Throughout my time at home, I continued to learn more and more about the Christian walk. In the 5th grade, I began playing trumpet in our worship band at church, and I began to understand more and more of what it meant to praise and worship God.

I never went through a rebellious period in my teenage years (I am grateful to God--by His grace) and after graduating from high school, I decided to attend Oral Roberts University in Tulsa, Oklahoma. In my junior year, I began to have second thoughts about my major--as all college students are prone to do-- and I began to feel frustrated with the idea of trumpet performance being my fulltime career. I had always grown up in a ministry setting and had a desire to work in ministry, but really wasn't sure what God was directing me to do.

After several months of reflection and prayer, I decided to stay at ORU after graduation and enroll in seminary and seek God about what he wanted me to do with my life. During my first year in seminary, God clearly showed me that He had called me to be a pastor.

At the start of my last year of seminary, my father was murdered at his church office in Huntsville, Alabama. God's grace kept my wife and I --and our entire family-- through this difficult ordeal. That year, I finished seminary and returned to Alabama to be with my family and serve in ministry. Through the time that I spent there, God continued to grow and develop me as a person and as a minister. As I approached the end of my 8th year in ministry in Alabama, I really felt that God was stirring me to transition to a new ministry and continue my growth and development. Through a series of events, I ended up moving to Stafford, VA in October of 2002 to serve as associate pastor of Horizons Community Church.

God has revealed His love and grace to me over and over again in my life and I desire to continue to serve Him wherever He leads. I am a charismatic believer and I believe in the supernatural signs and wonders of the Spirit. Devotionally, I pray both in English and in tongues, read Scripture, meditate Scripture, and sing and play praise and worship to God on a regular basis. God continues to challenge me to yield more and more of myself to Him. When I do, He always changes me to be more like Him.



Statement of Faith:

I believe:

- The Bible to be the inspired and only infallible and authoritative Word of God.
- That there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost.
- In the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in the blessed hope of His personal visible future return to this earth to receive to Himself His blood-bought church that it may be with Him forever.
- In the precious blood of Christ, and that regeneration is absolutely essential for personal salvation.
- That the redemptive work of Christ on the cross provides healing of the body in answer to the believing prayer.
- That the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, according to Acts 2:4, is given to believers who ask for it.
- In the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a holy life.
- In the resurrection of both the saved and the lost, the one to everlasting life and the other to everlasting damnation.

Philosophy of Ministry:

A detailed philosophy of ministry is available at www.pastorbarry.com.

I believe the Church has been commissioned by Christ to take His Message to the world. As we carry out His Kingdom work, we should expect and desire the presence of the Holy Spirit. He provides power for ministry by bestowing spiritual gifts and manifesting signs and wonders. The Church must be focused intently on Christ's commission. To accomplish this, I have found the model given by Rick Warren on purpose-driven ministry to be very helpful. If we focus on [worship](#), [evangelism](#), [fellowship](#), [discipleship](#), and [ministry](#) in a balanced strategic way, the church can remain healthy and effective. To review a few brief statements about each of the above purposes, click on one of the links above.

It's important for me to:

- continue to present the Gospel message in relevant ways
- devote myself to being a "living reminder" of Christ as I serve His Church
- equip the body for the work of the ministry by modeling, teaching, and training them through servant leadership
- lead with humility, compassion, and love, and strive earnestly to keep unity in the body.
- strive to pastorally shepherd and care for the people entrusted in my care.

