

Jeremy Cagle's Testimony

I grew up in a Southern Baptist Church in northwest Tennessee where the Gospel was taught. As a result, I knew that I was a sinner, that Jesus Christ died for sinners, and that if I did not trust in Him alone for salvation, I would go to Hell. However, I did not believe that message until my teenage years when the Lord brought an overwhelming sense of conviction upon me and I cried out to Him for mercy. At that point, He saved me and called me into ministry whereupon I attended The University of Tennessee at Martin from 1998-2002 and then The Master's Seminary from 2003-2007 for my education.

Upon graduation, I married my wife, Katie, who was also from Tennessee. She had grown up in church too and was convicted of her sin around the age of 9 while attending a Vacation Bible School. With child-like faith she put her trust in Christ to save her. After we were married, we served for eight years in the Midwest in various churches. We also adopted our two sons Jeremiah (2013) and Jason (2016) during this time and received our certification in Biblical Counselling through ACBC.

In 2017, I was asked to move to Canada in order to plant a church through Grace Advance in a town called Chilliwack, British Columbia where I currently serve. My duties here have included preaching and teaching. I have also had the privilege of helping the church to establish its first elders, deacons, by-laws, members, constitution, and children's ministry, youth ministry, music ministry, etc. Now the congregation is in a good place to put a transition plan together so they can bring on a local pastor in order to take them into the next phase of development while I look for my next place to serve as well.

My family and I are excited about the possibility of that place being Meridian First Baptist Church. We have been so encouraged to see your love for one another, hunger for the Word, and the solid foundation that has been established through your previous pastors. You exemplify the words of 1st Corinthians 15:58: "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain."

Please pray for us as we get to know you during this process. We will also be praying for you as you get to know us. In the meantime, may we all "excel still more" (1 Thessalonians 4:10) for the glory of Christ and His kingdom.