



CORY ATKINSON

LEAD PASTOR

PROFILE

I was born and raised in Corpus Christi Texas. I've been in vocational ministry for over twelve years and I absolutely love it! I've been married to my beautiful bride, Kara, for 5 years. We have a cat named Elise and a behemoth long-haired German Shepherd named Spurgeon.

EXPERIENCE

LEAD PASTOR

Rhythm Church (150 people) - Mason City, IA
Aug 2022 -Aug 2023

- Started 3 community groups--one for women, one for men, and one for new believers.
- Baptized 14 people so far in 2023.
- Created a new volunteer handbook to clarify expectations and goals for those serving.
- Re-wrote the church membership packet to better reflect who we are as a church.
- Appointed 10 Team Leaders to oversee different areas of church ministry.
- Planned and executed a Trunk or Treat event that drew almost 200 people from around the city.
- Planned and executed a local missions event where 30 people from the church served the city in different ways.
- Planned and executed a Volunteer Appreciation Trivia Night that was extremely fun and wildly successful.
- Served our city through holiday food and clothing drives.
- Started recording the sermon audio and video for those unable to attend services on Sunday mornings.
- Appointed one new elder as a step towards moving our elder team from a pseudo board of directors, to a true biblical elder team.
- Created multiple opportunities for two of our elders to preach and teach, and have coached them each time.
- Have seen giving and volunteers increase since starting.

SKILLS

- Writing - I have published multiple resources through Download Youth Ministry that have been downloaded over 2,500 times.
- Musical Knowledge and Ability
- Leadership
- Willingness to work hard

EDUCATION

MASTER OF ARTS IN MINISTRY

Stark College and Seminary

In Process: > One Year Left

BACHELORS IN SCIENCE OF RELIGION

Liberty University
Aug, 2014

EXPERIENCE

PASTORAL RESIDENT/CAMPUS PASTOR

BT Church (1,500 people) - Corpus Christi, TX

May 2021 - March 2022

- I worked bi-vocationally as a pastoral resident/campus pastor for a new BT Church campus during this time.
- I found the building we leased.
- Baptized one person
- I developed a core team of volunteers to lead different areas of ministry.
- I preached once a month for our live gatherings.
- I led weekly 'watch parties' at the building on the weeks we didn't have live gatherings.
- I regularly met with newcomers following their first visit.

STUDENT PASTOR

Riverside Church (1,000 people) - Fort Myers, FL

Aug 2019 - Oct 2020

- Primary communicator to approximately 50 students.
- Developed all sermon series and sermon-related small group content.
- Oversaw and developed a team of 20 volunteers.
- Developed a high school student leadership team.
- Developed a core team of 4 adult leaders to help me lead the ministry.
- Developed a student-led band from the ground up.
- Planned multiple evangelistic events to draw in the unchurched.
- Completely renovated our three student ministry meeting areas.
- Built bridges with multiple non-profit organizations in the community.

STUDENT MINISTER

Revolution Church (2,500 people) - Canton, GA

Jan 2014 - July 2019

- Primary communicator/preacher to 200+ students.
- Grew the ministry from 120 students to approximately 250 students across 2 campuses.
- Helped launch student services for our second campus which has grown to over 40 students with 15+ volunteers.
- Planned yearly events such as summer camps, missions trips, and retreats for 100-200 students.
- Planned and executed annual summer outreach events drawing over 400 students.
- Developed 5-6 sermon series a year.
- Developed a preaching team of 4 through practice and coaching.
- Wrote weekly sermon-based small group curriculum for our 30+ small groups.
- Oversaw and developed 6 "team leaders" who lead our 50+ volunteers.

STUDENT WORSHIP/MULTI-SITE DIRECTOR

Church Unlimited (6,000 people) - Corpus Christi, TX

Aug 2009 - Nov 2013

- Student Worship Director - Led young musicians and worship teams at each campus. Raised up leaders for 3 bands of all age groups. Designed intimate worship experiences, led worship, and occasionally preached to an average of 400 students weekly.
- Student Multi-Site Director - Raised up leaders at all 6 campuses as Student Directors to oversee over 150 students. Developed systems to improve communication across the team. Led one of the campuses myself.