



# Joseph Conway

## STUDENT PASTOR

**MARCH 20**

QUESTION & ANSWER

**MARCH 24**

VIEW OF A CALL

### EDUCATION

Southwest Baptist University  
May 2017  
Bachelor of Arts  
Biblical Studie

### FAVORITE PART OF STUDENT MINISTRY

Seeing Jesus at work through students to reach their friends, families, classmates, teammates and community.

### FAMILY

I have been married to Katlyn for just under 5 years. We have two awesome kids: Brielle (3 years) and Othniel (10 months). We are close as a family and love spending time together. Katlyn has the gift of hospitality and we love to host people in our home. Our kids are both very energetic and fun.

### HOW DID YOU COME INTO A RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST?

When I was about 5 years old my dad's uncle passed away. I attended the funeral with my parents. I began to have questions about life, death, God, eternity and so on. That night, as I laid in bed trying to fall asleep, I was still thinking through these questions. In that moment, I felt God's presence for the first time. I didn't have all the answers to my questions or understand how deeply I needed God, but I realized that I needed Him. I prayed, gave my life to Him, and asked Him to forgive me of my sins.

### DESCRIBE IN DETAIL WHAT YOUR VISION FOR STUDENT MINISTRY MIGHT LOOK AT FBC?

Any portion of ministry done by the Church should be about making disciples who make disciples. Student ministry is no different. Youth ministry should be a funnel that brings students in and is a safe place for them to find and explore faith. Once they are in the door and have found that they have a desire to pursue Jesus, we should have opportunities for students to grow in and explore their faith (i.e. small groups, mentorship, study tools, conferences, camps etc.). The end goal is to take them from disciples of Jesus to disciple makers.

### DESCRIBE YOUR CALL TO MINISTRY AND WHAT MOTIVATES YOU TO STAY IN MINISTRY?

I knew I was called to ministry pretty early on. My dad was a student pastor, so I spent lots of time in church and saw the ins and outs of ministry life. I believed that I was supposed to be in ministry but by high school I had somewhat forgotten how I had been drawn to ministry.

In college, I wanted to study art and design. Halfway through my second year at SBU, in the middle of my Christmas break, I was sitting in a Sunday evening service at my home church. As I was listening to the pastor preach I sensed God's presence. In that moment, I felt that God was making clear to me the path He wanted me to pursue.

At the end of the service, I went forward and surrendered my life to serve God in the ministry of the Church.

Motivation to remain in ministry has to be from God. There are seasons I feel self motivated and driven to do the work, but there are seasons that are draining and I feel unmotivated. What keeps me steady in pursuit of my calling is reminding myself that it is for God's purpose, not my own that I am serving. Going back to the gospel and being reminded of what I have been saved from, but also what I've been saved into is a strong motivator. We have been saved from sin, but we have all saved into the body of Christ. As followers of Jesus, we are all called to the work of seeking and saving the lost and have been equipped by Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit to do this work.

### MINISTRY OBJECTIVE

To *lead* the people of God to a greater knowledge of and deeper relationship with the Lord by feeding them the Word of God and shepherding their hearts, to better equip the saints to accomplish His work and purposes, and to share with the unsaved how to find real life and true freedom in *Christ.*

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### WHAT ARE SOME OF YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTINGS AND HOW HAVE YOU USED THEM IN THE PAST?

I believe I have been blessed with the spiritual gifts of leadership, teaching and exhortation. Obviously, teaching is an important part of weekly worship services, but I also love to teach in other capacities. If I have knowledge in an area someone is interested in, I love to share what I know to help someone else. As I am teaching, I feel that all Christian knowledge and understanding is much more valuable when it is also applied. As far as leadership, guiding any group or organization requires casting vision and leading others into that vision. Student ministry is just the same. I desire to see many students come to know Jesus, for our gatherings together to feel like a community, for students' friends and classmates to be drawn in, and all this to bring glory to God.

### EXPERIENCE

#### STUDENT PASTOR

May 2021 - August 2023

First Baptist Church, Clinton, MO

I served as the student pastor at FBC Clinton. My role was to disciple and train students from 7th grade through college. I managed most roles within the ministry, including weekly teaching in Sunday school and Wednesday night gatherings, planning regular fun events and outings, planning whole group and small groups curriculum. I also recruited and equipped adult volunteers to lead in small groups and lead out in fun events and weekly worship gatherings.

#### CAMP WAR EAGLE OZONE DIRECTOR

August 2020 - May 2021

Camp War Eagle, Springdale, Arkansas

I served as the men's Director of the Fayetteville chapter of Camp War Eagle's year-round program, OZONE. I directed weekly programming on Tuesday and Thursday nights, trained and equipped volunteer leaders, planned and executed special events, and invested in students.

#### PART-TIME YOUTH PASTOR

July 2018 - June 2019

Calvary Baptist Church, Windsor, MO

I served as the children's and youth pastor. My responsibilities included all youth and children's programs taking place in the church, including Sunday School, Sunday and Wednesday night meetings for youth and children, special events, and regular one-on-one discipleship.

#### KLIFE INTERN

August 2017 - May 2018

Polk County KLIFE, Bolivar, MO

As part of my internship, I assisted in the planning and leading of weekly KLIFE high school and middle school Klub gatherings, weekly high school small group gatherings, leaders' small group meetings, and monthly events.

#### CAMP COUNSELOR

Summer 2015, 2017

Camp War Eagle, Springdale, AR

As a camp counselor, I was charged with leading a cabin of young men through daily activities and events, teaching youth new activities and games meant to stretch their comfort and give them opportunity to try new things, preparing and teaching daily devotionals, doing all I could to teach youth about the gospel of Jesus Christ.

#### INTERIM YOUTH PASTOR

Summer 2016

Northeast Baptist Church, Clinton, MO

Assisted in the administrative planning and physical preparation for several different youth and children-centered activities including: weekly children's Sunday worship services, weekly youth group gatherings, weekly youth acting and drama group, youth service activities, local children's day camp.

### FAVORITE FOOD

Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy and Belfonte extreme moose tracks ice cream

### HOBBIES

Skateboarding has been a passion of mine since I was a teen and has been very impactful.

I love nerding out about coffee, getting deep into discussions on The Lord of the Rings, reading, hiking, art, participating in sports, and learning new things.