MATTHEW BONE

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To the Eastwood Baptist Church, Bowling Green Worship Pastor Search Team,

My name is Matthew Bone and I am the Associate Pastor of Worship and Media at First Baptist Church in Pikeville, KY. It is one of my greatest privileges to serve the church as a worship pastor, and the Lord has blessed my efforts in a way that makes me so grateful.

Having served in the Kentucky Baptist Convention for the last 17 years, I am aware of the important role your church plays in the state convention, and know that God is using you to be a powerful gospel witness for the Bowling Green area and beyond. After meeting with Pastor Rob, I am excited for the future of Eastwood and believe that the Lord is leading me and my family to partner with you in the Lord's mission of making disciples of all nations.

I am deeply committed to leading truth-centered singing, and pursuing spirit-filled worship. I am also passionate about discipling every generation as I fulfill the role of equiping the saints for the work of ministry. (Eph. 4) I love leading with a choir and believe their leadership in the service is both biblical and powerful. I am comfortable leading with a band and orchestra, and if needed, I can lead from guitar or piano myself.

I am energetic, passionate, and always want to plan and serve with purpose. My outgoing personality and genuine desire to love people has left a trail of deep and meaningful relationships through years of ministry, that I am confident will continue wherever the Lord leads.

I humbly submit my resume to you and will commit to seek the Lord's will for my family and for Eastwood as you search for your next Worship Pastor.

Sincerely,
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glorify Christ, edify His church, disciple His saints, and make Him known.

THE BONE FAMILY

- Wife: Rachel, married July, 2009
- Children: Jonathan (13), Eliza (11), Carson (10), Hadley (6), Xavier (4)

Adoption and serving the vulnerable is a passion for us. As a family, we spent four years as an open DCBS Foster Home. By God's grace, three of our children were adopted through this process.

ABOUT ME

- Born and raised in Columbia, TN
- Interests: Tennessee Vols, Titans, Nashville Predators, Washington Nashionals, fishing, golfing
- Collector of Hymnals
- Very active in Kentucky State Convention and local association.
- Coordinator for the KY Student Worship Camp.

EDUCATION

2019
The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, KY
Master of Divinity of Worship Leadership

2009
Boyce College, Louisville, KY
Bachelor of Science in Music Ministry

CONVERSION EXPERIENCE

I grew up under the care of God-fearing parents and active in the ministries of Pleasant Heights Baptist Church in Columbia, TN. At the age of nine, I was made aware of my need for personal faith in Jesus and surrendered my life to Him. After my conversion, I was baptized and continued to grow in my relationship with God.

CALL TO MINISTRY

At the age of fourteen, I committed to an undeniable calling from God to vocational ministry. God gave me a passion for His church and to disciple the saints through the Word and worship. This call to ministry has been continually confirmed by the local church. I was sent out by my home church, licensed to ministry by Shively Baptist Church in Louisville, KY on March 4, 2009, and ordained to gospel ministry by Pleasant Heights Baptist Church on August 4, 2010.

PHILOSOPHY OF MINISTRY

Although my role in church deals primarily with music and technology, I am a pastor first. It is my goal to disciple those I serve, as well as carefully lead and encourage the congregation to grow in their faith through the Word and worship. Since worship is a response to God's revealed truth, I plan very carefully and intentionally to make much of God and to lead His people to respond with passionate and genuine worship.

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LOCAL CHURCH MINISTRY

First Baptist Church, Pikeville, KY 2018-present

Associate Pastor of Worship and Media

As associate pastor, I regularly meet and council with the other pastors to provide leadership for the church as a whole and to assist other ministries in accomplishing our mission of making disciples who make disciples. As worship pastor, I am responsible for the vision and oversight of the worship department, its budget, and members. This has included graded choir programs, our weekly Day-school program, youth praise band, adult choir, and worship band. From October 2023 - October 2025, I was also responsible for pastoral oversight and leadership in the absence of a Sr. Pastor. This included pastoral, administrative, and leadership needs, excluding Sunday morning preaching. A large part of my ministry has also been to oversee all aspects of technical equipment in the church, which has included a complete update of all lighting, camera, and production equipment in the sanctuary and youth spaces, as well as managing our digital presence on the website and app.

Parkland Baptist Church, Louisville, KY 2014-2018

Minister of Music

My time at Parkland was particularly challenging due to the chronic illness of our Sr. Pastor. During this season I learned valuable leadership lessons as I was forced to fill a void out of necessity. I was blessed to serve with an amazing team and in a ministry that nearly doubled in my time there, both in the worship choir and the band/orchestra. I was also leading the youth praise band and choir, as well as overseeing children's music events. This was my largest ministry with 65 in the worship choir and 15 in the orchestra.

Horse Cave Baptist Church, Horse Cave, KY 2011-2014

Minister of Music

My primary responsibility as Minister of Music was to lead weekly services, rehearse the choirs and small instrumental ensemble, and build a healthy church-wide music ministry. I also started a youth choir and children's choir. Additional responsibilities included overseeing the creation and upkeep of a new church website. I often served as a teacher for Sunday School classes, small groups, as well as pulpit supply. As a staff, we developed and deployed a church-wide discipleship process that continues to guide the ministries at HCBC.

Southern Heights Baptist Church, Lexington, KY 2009-2011

Minister of Music and Youth

Shively Baptist Church, Louisville, KY 2005-2009

Music Ministry Intern

OTHER INVOLVEMENT

- Creator/Coordinator of the KY Student Worship Camp: kybaptist.org/worshipcamp
- Kentucky Baptist Convention (KBC) Pastor's Conference worship leader (2021, '22)
- Coordinator for KBC Allstate Jr. High Choir (2008-19)
- Member of select KBC mission team to Brazil to lead a statewide worship conference (2015-17)
- Member of KBC Men's Chorale 2007-25 (Secretary 2010-12, President Elect 2013, President 2014, Regional Representative 2018-25)
- Team Leader of the Liberty Association Church Strengthening Team (2013-14)
- Led worship for multiple revivals, local associations, and state convention events.
- Taught multiple breakout sessions at KBC worship events.
- Served as mentor for Boyce College worship student mentor program (2014-17)
- Preached and officiated weddings and funerals.

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MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

August 27, 2026

To Pastor Rob Patterson and the Search Committee at Eastwood Baptist Church,

I am happy to recommend my friend, Matthew Bone, for the position of Worship Pastor at Eastwood Baptist Church.

I love Matt and have had the opportunity to work with him and see his leadership in many different situations. He is a very competent musician, but honestly, I think one of his greatest strengths is that he is a great pastor. He genuinely cares about people and does a great job connecting with people of all ages. He brings a lot of energy and joy to what he does.

Matt is also extremely organized and dependable. I have worked with him and relied on his leadership many times, and he always seems to have things under control. He is someone you can trust to lead, communicate well, and get things done.

I would highly recommend Matt for this position. I believe he would be a great fit for Eastwood Baptist Church and would serve the church and its people very well.

Blessings,



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August 26, 2026

Dear Pastor Patterson and Personnel Committee,

It is my pleasure to recommend Matthew Bone for the Worship Pastor position at Eastwood Baptist Church.

While serving as Interim Pastor at First Baptist Pikeville for eight months in 2024, I had the joy of observing Matthew fulfill his responsibilities wonderfully. He knew the church and provided a blended service that appealed to everyone present. His ability to interweave both modern songs and choral standards with excellence exalted Christ each Sunday.

In the absence of a pastor, Matthew provided stable leadership to the staff team. He possesses a rare combination of strategic vision, diligent work ethic, and administrative discipline.

Additionally, Matthew Bone has been a valuable asset to the Kentucky Baptist Convention's ministry. He has provided significant leadership to the Kentucky Baptist Student Worship Camp, training hundreds of students over the past several years in media, instrumental and vocal worship leadership.

Beyond his technical skill, Matthew is very personable with an innate ability to relate well with individuals. He invests deeply in relationships, and folks quickly view him as a close friend.

Matthew is immensely loyal, and his steady, faithful presence proves his commitment to long-term organizational health. He is a devoted husband, father, and friend who embodies the highest level of character. He understands the heartbeat of churches and the desire to help them thrive.

I recommend Matthew Bone to you with the highest level of confidence.

Sincerely,

Michael Cabell

Dr. Michael Cabell
Team Leader, Evangelism