

Matthew Bone

WORSHIP PASTOR
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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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MATTHEW BONE

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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.