



# JOSEPH KARRIGAN

ASSOCIATE PASTOR

**DEGREE** Master (May, 2019)

## PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

- Expository Preaching and Teaching
- Leadership
- Mentorship
- Premarital Counseling (Prepare/Enrich)
- Counseling
- Professionalism
- Public Speaking
- Research and Writing
- Copyediting and Formatting
- Communication
- Administration and Organization

## LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

GREEK	HEBREW
GRADUATE 12 Credits (2 years)	GRADUATE 18 Credits (2 years)
UNDERGRADUATE 22 Credits (3 years)	UNDERGRADUATE 12 Credits (1.5 years)

## FAMILY

- Married to Melissa Karrigan – May 2015
- Adopted Leonidas Karrigan (beloved dog) – July 2017

## FAMILY INTERESTS

Born in Homer, AK, Melissa graduated from Northwestern University (St. Paul) in 2016 with a Bachelor of Arts in Music. She likes receiving doggy kisses from Leonidas, watching old black and white movies, and riding and caring for horses and all other wildlife; loves the outdoors, cold weather, the ocean and mountains, delicious food, hot drinks, traveling, playing and teaching piano.

## PERSONAL INTERESTS

- Playing soccer & basketball
- Watching SpaceX rocket launches
- Reading science and psychology
- Old books, stories, and theology
- Enjoying delicious food with friends
- Movies with Melissa and playing with Leonidas

## SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

- Preaching and teaching experience.
- Experience in counseling young adults.
- 7 years combined experience leading small groups.
- Experience in organizing and administering service logistics.
- Experience in gentle reproof and rebuke.
- Experience in evangelism and discipleship.

## EDUCATION

### BETHLEHEM COLLEGE AND SEMINARY

*MASTER OF THEOLOGY, 2019 – 2020*

Scholastic-level research, analysis, and writing demonstrated in a one-hundred page thesis.

### BETHLEHEM COLLEGE AND SEMINARY

*MASTER OF DIVINITY, 2015 – 2019*

Formally trained in counseling, preaching, eldership, Greek, Hebrew, exegesis, theology, history, and pastoral communication.

### BETHLEHEM COLLEGE AND SEMINARY

*BACHELOR OF ARTS IN THEOLOGICAL STUDIES, 2013 – 2015*

Formally trained in Greek and Hebrew, systematic, biblical, historical, and practical theology, hermeneutics, and missions.

### MIDDLE GEORGIA COLLEGE

*ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE IN PHYSICS, 2010 – 2012, NOT OBTAINED*

Trained in calculus, linear algebra, differential equations, calculus-based physics, trigonometry, and chemistry. Degree intended for electrical engineering.

## NON-MINISTERIAL EMPLOYMENT

### CORNERSTONE PARKING GROUP, INC.

VALET AND CASHIER, 2013 – 2017

Minneapolis, MN

### BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH

LOGISTICS ASSISTANT, 2013 – 2015

Minneapolis, MN

### FAMILY CHRISTIAN BOOKSTORE

CASHIER, 2011 – 2013

Gainesville, GA

### RED SKY

FRY COOK AND DISHWASHER, 2010 – 2011

Gainesville, GA

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## CHURCH SERVICE

### SHORT-TERM MISSIONS TRIP

BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH, JUNE OF 2016

Tokyo, Nagoya, and Kyoto Japan

### GUEST PREACHER

GOSPEL CITY CHURCH, JULY 2015

Gainesville, GA

### ELDER APPRENTICE

BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH, 2015 – 2019

Minneapolis, MN

### AUDIO/VIDEO TECH

FREE CHAPEL, 2010 – 2012 | GAINESVILLE, GA

Experience designing and performing light shows including up to 128 moving light fixtures; experience designing and presenting worship slides and preaching graphics with pro presenter and adobe photoshop; experience running audio including up to 5 channels; experience filming and editing weekly youth announcement videos with final cut pro.

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## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND VOLUNTEERING

### DESIRING GOD CONFERENCE FOR PASTORS

CONFERENCE SPEAKER HOST, 2016 – 2018

### BETHLEHEM COLLEGE & SEMINARY BOOKSTORE

VOLUNTEER, 2013 – 2014

### JAPANESE STUDENT FELLOWSHIP

PARTICIPANT, 2014 – 2015

## RELEVANT MINISTRY EXPERIENCE

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH MINNEAPOLIS

PASTORAL AND MISSIONS INTERN, 2018 – 2019

Shadowed senior pastor in normal duties: funerals, weddings, visitations; preached on occasion; taught at annual church retreat; attended monthly missions committee meetings; designed and implemented various elements of missions weekenders; communicated with incoming missionaries; developed and edited FBC missions curriculum; developed and proposed to missions committee potential improvements regarding FBC's short-term missions trips; delivered Sunday morning announcements; collaborated with staff and interns to accomplish miscellaneous tasks; prayed for congregational members; attended weekly preaching meetings; attended weekly internship meetings; attended discipleship meetings; participated in evangelization efforts at nearby college campus with Cru; attended bi-monthly mentorship meetings with senior pastor.

### BETHLEHEM COLLEGE AND SEMINARY

TEACHING ASSISTANT, 2017 – 2018

Teaching and research assistant to Dr. Jason DeRouchie, Professor of Old Testament and Biblical Theology: tutored students; graded research papers; organized and maintained professor's digital library; copyedited monograph manuscripts and articles; digitized physical documents; edited, prepared, and published audio lectures online; various administration and organization tasks.

### BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH, SOUTH CAMPUS

HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY PASTORAL INTERN, 2016 – 2017

Led high school small groups; taught Sunday school on occasion; led high school small groups at Bethlehem's annual youth winter retreat; attended and led small groups at high school seniors retreat, spiritual disciplines retreat; attended weekly mentorship meetings with Daniel Viezbicke, Pastor for Youth and Family Discipleship; read and discussed literature on life and ministry as pastor; Scripture reader for Sunday morning service; disciplined students to grow into the knowledge and love of Jesus.

### BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH, SOUTH CAMPUS

HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY LEADER, 2015 – 2018

Led high school small groups; taught Sunday school on occasion; led high school small groups at Bethlehem's annual youth winter retreat; attended and led small groups at various retreats; Scripture reader for Sunday morning service; disciplined students to grow into the knowledge and love of Jesus.

### CHRIST BIBLE INSTITUTE – NAGOYA, JAPAN

INTERN, SUMMER OF 2014

Organized seminary library numbering 10,000 volumes; served coffee in the heart and soul cafe; participated in evangelizing nearby college campuses; mentor meetings with staff and missionaries; aided in outreach through open mic nights and English cafe nights.

## PERSONAL STATEMENT OF SALVATION AND CALL TO MINISTRY

Although I was born in Louisiana, I was raised in northeast Georgia from the age of 4. Until the age of 17, I actively attended a prosperity-gospel preaching church and volunteered in all sorts of ministries from middle school throughout high school. I assumed I was a Christian because of my extensive attendance and involvement in church. Through tragic circumstances, the Lord began leading me to himself. After my mother passed away in 2009, a year and a half later my deep depression began to slowly lift through a group of friends who challenged my faith, and, by consequence, sent me to the Bible and to prayer. During the summer of 2011, God used a John Piper sermon jam introduced to me through this same group of friends to finally give life to my dead soul. That summer ignited a sincere happiness in Jesus and whet my appetite for the glorious, massive, beautiful God revealed in Jesus Christ through the Spirit as revealed through his Word. I actually *wanted* Jesus for the first time in my life simply because of who he is. I began to love the Bible and go to it for the first time on my own. I desired holiness. I desired to share the gospel because God had given me so much through it. I attended Bethlehem College because I loved the Bible and the altogether lovely God revealed in it. Consequently, I attended seminary for the same reasons, and developed a sincere longing and desire to shepherd the church by result.

## MINISTRY STATEMENT

I love spreading a passion for the beauty of God in all things for the joy of all peoples in Jesus Christ through the Spirit. I want to gladly spend myself shepherding a community of believers and unbelievers to grow into the knowledge and love of God through the vibrant fellowship of the local church. I desire this community to cherish God in Christ as their highest treasure and dearest Father by building one another up in acts of kindness, loving the broken, oppressed, and marginalized, and exhorting one another in the gospel of truth lest their hearts be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. I hope, by God's grace, to guard the flock from sheep-devouring wolves by giving myself up for them. I desire to be gently bold, meekly courageous, and winsomely vigilant for the purity of the church over whom Christ has set me overseer, the church for whom Christ himself died that she might be for him pure and holy, adorned with the beauties of righteousness and made exceedingly lovely by the holiness of her good works. I hope to be an example to the flock: may the brightness of my knowledge of God glow with the warmth of love for my neighbors next door and the nations overseas.

## DOCTRINAL BELIEF

I believe in the one triune God who is infinitely happy in himself, who subsists plurally as Father, Son, and Spirit. I believe that in eternity past the Father compacted with the Son to purchase the fullness of the Spirit for his people. I believe that mankind fell from the original, unfallen state in which he was created, and that mankind is totally tainted with sin, such that no part of man is free from indwelling sin. I believe that God has infallibly spoken through his inerrant Word. I believe the Son died to save his bride, the church, who becomes a creature of the word through life in the gospel. I believe the Father and the Son sent the Spirit to comfort and empower the church in her mission to spread God's glory to the ends of the earth through the evangelism and discipleship of the nations. I believe that salvation is only by grace through faith, and is for anyone who believes in Christ and turns from his or her sins. I believe the church consists of all those who have believed in Christ and turned from their sins, and that baptism and the Lord's supper are ordinances to nourish the believer. I believe that the Son is coming again to judge the wicked and reward the righteous. I believe that he will establish a new heavens and new earth where he will dwell with his people forever in ever-increasing happiness in God.

## REFERENCES

- Available upon request.

## CERTIFICATIONS

- Prepare/Enrich Premarital and Marital Counseling | Certified Instructor