

Pastoral Candidate - Patrick Mostek

CANDIDATE'S VISIT - ORDER OF EVENTS

Saturday:

2:00-4:00pm: Meet & Greet with Pastor Patrick Mostek and Family (Option 1)

Sunday:

9:00am: Worship Service (Pastor Patrick Mostek Preaching)

10:45am: Worship Service (Pastor Patrick Mostek Preaching)

3:30-5:00pm: Meet & Greet with Pastor Patrick Mostek and Family (Option 2)

5:00-7:00pm: Covenant Meeting - All Church Gathering

7:00-7:30pm: Covenant Member Vote

7:30pm Results Announced



PERSONAL

Born: December 12, 1988 in Detroit, MI

Family:

Wife - Janna Lin Mostek

Married: May 14, 2011

- Boyce College, Louisville, KY
- Certified Nursing Assistant, Sunrise Senior Living, Louisville, KY

2010 - 2015

- Human Resources Manager at Chik-fil-A
- Interests - Singing, Missions, Youth, Discipleship and Women's Ministry, Senior Citizens
- Experience in Children's Ministry, Nursery Director, Women's Discipleship Leader, Praise Team, Vacation Bible School, Discipleship Leader for High School and Middle School

Son- Liam Francis Mostek (Born April 2, 2013)

Daughter- Corinne Virginia Mostek (Born July 21, 2017)

MINISTERIAL EXPERIENCE

Ordained

October 21, 2016 at Grace Church

Associate Pastor at Grace Church

2016 to present Grace Church

- Preach regularly
- Participate in planning new sermon series
- Teach adult Sunday School
- Administer small groups and curriculum
- Wrote series of discipleship books for small groups
- Responsible for the creation and integration of the church assimilation plan.
- Participated in the planning and institution of the discipleship plan.
- Select, equip and empower volunteers in ministry areas.
- Facilitate outreach opportunities, programs and events.
- Oversee Christian Education, Youth Ministry and assimilation ministries.
- Conduct designated weddings and funerals.
- Attend Advisory, Elder Board, Christian Education meetings and weekly staff meetings-including submitting weekly report to Senior Pastor for staff meeting.
- Provide ministry reports for monthly Advisory Board meetings and Quarterly and Annual Business meetings.
- Led short term mission trip to Cucuta, Colombia.
- Lead Men's Discipleship Group
- Teach men's weekly Bible study luncheon
- Oversee and teach middle school and high school youth ministry
- Conduct Jail Ministry
- Conduct religious services for local care centers
- Weekly Pastoral Counseling
- Designed Church's website
- Control the Church's Social Media
- Pastoral visitations to shut-ins, members in senior care centers and the hospital.
- Fulfill other duties and responsibilities as directed by Senior Pastor.

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Chaplain

2012 to 2019 Indiana Army National Guard

- Completed Chaplain Basic Officer Leader Course Summer 2014 (Graduated top 20% of Class 14-002)
- Provided counseling for soldiers including marital, family and vocational issues.
- Lead and conducted Bible Studies and Prayer Meetings
- Preached at and conducted Chapel Services
- Prepared small group discussion topics and facilitated discussion
- Taught large groups of soldiers curriculum pertaining to marriage, conflict resolution, interpersonal communication, friendship, and leadership

During Seminary and within Church

2012 to 2015 Fisherville Baptist Church

- Preached as pulpit supply at various churches.
- Periodically led Sunday School for the Young Married class
- Security team volunteer and Nursery volunteer
- Ministry Apprentice with Baptist Campus Ministry at the University of Louisville
- Studied Church Revitalization
- Taught 4-5th grade Sunday School
- Led evangelistic Bible study for non-Christians

Paraguay Missions Trip Assistant Team Leader

2010 and 2012 Crosspointe Christian Church

- Conducted evangelism and church planting campaign with indigenous believers
- Coordinated and administrated timeline, transportation and luggage
- Preached at local churches in Paraguay
- Coordinated children's ministries

Middle School Youth Leader

2009 - 2012 Crosspointe Christian Church

- Led small groups
- Planned and coordinated youth events.
- Chaperoned the BASIC mission trip.
- Assisted youth pastor in message planning and prep.
- Served as a member of the student ministry preaching and teaching team.
- Discipled and met individually with a number of students on a regular basis.

InterVarsity Christian Fellowship Leadership Team

2007 - 2009 Eastern Michigan University

- On the planning committee for the campus chapter
- Attended Intersivity's School of Leadership Training (2008)
- Led multiple Bible studies

Other Interests: Reading, personal evangelism, hospitality, weightlifting, running, playing sports, movies, and spending time with my family

OTHER EMPLOYMENT

Platoon Leader

2011 1776 Military Police Company Taylor, MI

- Commanded Platoon.
- Planned and coordinated a battalion wide event.
- Conducted evaluation reports and graded company-wide tests.
- Participated in planning the training schedule for a company for the next year.

EDUCATION

Master of Divinity

2015 The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary
Louisville, KY

Bachelor of Arts

2011 Eastern Michigan University Ypsilanti, MI

- Major- History.
- Minor- Military Science (ROTC).

PERSONAL STATEMENT

Shortly after the Lord saved me in high school, I began to sense a call to vocational ministry while serving in my church. That call was confirmed by my pastors and other mature believers who discipled me. I currently have the privilege of serving as an Associate Pastor at Grace Church in Algona Iowa. The Lord has also given me a love to read. I especially enjoy reading Christian biographies, church history and theology. Christian hospitality is important in our home. My wife and I love to have people over and share the gospel around the dinner table. My son is athletic, so we are often found outside throwing the football around or wrestling. I enjoy lifting weights and running in my spare time. I also love to travel and experience new places with my family.

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PATRICK MOSTEK

Algona, IA

- Age: 34
- Marital Status: Married
- Ordained: Yes
- Denomination: Baptist (General Conference - Converge)
- Education: The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary (Masters of Divinity), Eastern Michigan University (Bachelors of Science)
- Most Recent Job: Associate Pastor/ Grace Church/ Algona, IA

THEOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVE

Describe what the "Gospel" means to you. What theological hills are you willing to die on?

What is the Gospel?

I believe that 1 Corinthians 15:3-4 is one of the most succinct summaries of the gospel.

"3 For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, 4 that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures."

In other words, the gospel is the person and work of Jesus Christ. Jesus, truly man and truly God, came from Heaven, was born of the Virgin Mary, lived the perfect life to fulfill all righteousness and obey God's law and died the death that I deserve, as my substitute, for my sin, on the cross. On the third day, God raised him from the dead as the first fruits of the resurrection and the guarantee that my sins had been paid for. In rising, Jesus triumphed over sin, death and the devil and offers eternal life to all who would repent and believe in him. It is only through faith in Jesus that anyone can be saved. And we know this from God's revelation in His word, the Holy Scriptures.

What theological hills are you willing to die on?

Christians are called to "contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints"

(Jude 1:3). On the other hand, Paul commanded two Christian ladies to settle their disagreement by "agreeing in the Lord. (Philippians 4:2)"

Knowing which hills to die on requires a form of "theological triage." That is, while all truth is God's truth, not all doctrines have the same weight. In 1 Corinthians 15, Paul writes, "For I delivered to you as of first importance..." If there are matters of first importance, I believe the implication is that there are other matters that are not of first importance. A doctrine's importance is determined by how close to the center of the Christian faith it is. And that determines what level of agreement is required. There are primary issues that are at the heart of our faith. This list includes the Trinity, the exclusivity of Christ, salvation by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone, the call to repentance from sin and striving for holiness in the Christian life, and that Scripture is the word of God and the sole infallible rule of faith and practice. A denial of these truths is to deny a necessary fact of Christianity. And to strike at one of these doctrines is to raise serious questions as to whether someone is truly saved. There are also secondary issues. These are issues where both sides may be Christian, but for the sake of church unity we choose to go our separate ways, while parting as brothers. I believe an example of this is found in Acts 15:36-41, where Paul and Barnabas are forced to part ways. This category is determined by the need for good order in our practice and consensus among the leadership in our teaching. In other words, this category includes issues which we cannot agree to disagree because at some point the church is going to have to do one or the other. I would include believers' baptism, complementarianism, and regenerate church membership in this category.

The third category is composed of issues that matter but do not necessitate division. I would include preference on Bible translations, personal view on the spiritual gifts, eschatology, and whether someone chooses to home school their children or not. In these cases, I believe it is best to follow the command of Scripture, "maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Ephesians 3:3)."

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CHURCH DNA & CULTURE

Describe the kind of church you want to serve in and briefly describe your philosophy of ministry.

There are certain principles I try to operate by in my ministry:

1. It's all about the gospel.

The guiding philosophy of my ministry is best summarized in Colossians 1:28.

"Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ." If the Apostle Paul were to describe his philosophy of ministry, I believe this is what he would say. Ministry is the proclamation of the person and work of Jesus Christ (i.e. the Gospel).

2. Pastors and Elders must be devoted to prayer and the ministry of the word.

The Apostles give us our priorities in Acts 6:4, "But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." If the gospel is central, then the preaching and teaching of the word is essential. We pray because we know that for preaching to have any lasting effect it requires the Spirit of God to supernaturally breathe life into spiritually dead people.

3. Be simple and sincere.

In 2 Corinthians 4:1-2, the Apostle Paul writes: "Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. 2But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God."

4. What you win them with is what you win them to.

On a church level, 2 Corinthians 4:1-2 prohibits gospel ministers who proclaim the simple message of Jesus from transforming into used car salesmen.

My aim is to help people become disciples of Christ not simply manipulate them into making a temporary decision. The same is true on a larger scale. The church is called to be a congregation of Spirit-empowered worshipers not a crowd that shows up to watch the show. I believe it is the Spirit of God that saves people through the gospel not cleverness or comfort. If the church is not founded on and directed by the simple message of the gospel, it is destined for failure.

5. Be faithful, and leave the fruitfulness to God.

1 Corinthians 3:6-7, "I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth."

PERSONALITY REFLECTION

Describe your personality and how you like to work with others in the workplace.

I recently had the opportunity to take several personality tests. Allow me to share with you the results:

The Leader Profile: Genuine Organizer

You are tireless in your devotion to your work, blocking out other major areas of your life. With optimism you rise to the invitation to compete, hoping to win. You offer new ways of doing things in a changing environment. Decisions are quickly made involving others in the process. You organize smooth functioning units where efficiency and effectiveness are critical and the repetition of errors not tolerated. You visualize where an organization is going and provide the plan to get there. Success will come despite resistance because of your strong commitment to the task at hand. Quickly connecting with your harmonious style of communication, people are predictably drawn to your side. You openly and frankly express your opinions, sharing your deepest convictions and inviting others to follow. Wanting to maintain your focus, you become frustrated with disagreements and vague responses.

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Affirmation and appreciation for your followers will bring them to your team. Order, systematic methods, and follow-through motivate everyone to finish well. Stability comes through consistent sensitivity to the people who follow you and the values they uphold.

Style Portrait

Descriptor ISTZ: Reliable Guardian

This person's style is characterized by decisiveness and dependability. Extraordinarily persevering, they conduct their work in a quiet, serious manner. This style views contracts very seriously. Their word is their bond. They are practical and loyal to the people they serve. Performing their duties without flourish or fanfare their work often goes unnoticed and unappreciated. Communicating a message of reliability and stability they thoroughly carry out details and procedures.

They function well in a setting where the expression of emotions is unimportant to the execution of the job. They will carry out what needs to be done with consistency and dependability. Often this person is misperceived as being cold and indifferent because their emotions are not openly expressed. While unrelenting in their work, they are not always patient with their coworkers. This style works well alone in established settings where there is little change. They are extremely practical and sensible. Fanciness in speech, dress, or dwelling does not impress them and may even cause some misgivings.

Strength-finders

A strength-finders test listed my top five strengths as: input, belief, context, learner, and analytical. Input meaning the ability and desire to acquire and catalogue information. Belief is having strong core values that are unchanging. Context: meaning the ability to utilize history in order to understand the present and determine the trajectory of the future. Learner: which is the desire to learn and continually improve. Finally, analytical: the ability to think about all the factors that might affect a situation.

Finally, my wife describes me as kind, consistent, loyal, temperate, and faithful.

SKILLS & ABILITIES

Describe what skills and abilities you have that make you a great fit for this position.

I am a complete nerd that loves theology and the church. I love preaching and teaching. I love mentoring and discipling men in small groups and one on one. It has been fun to watch the church I currently serve in grow numerically, but the really cool part is when I get to participate in someone coming to saving faith or when someone catches fire in their faith and is conformed into the image of Jesus. I am skilled in administrative areas specifically in execution of assignments and delegation of tasks.

I also have the ability to place things in their historical and cultural context while maintaining an awareness of contemporary trends in the church and society. This allows me to anticipate the future trajectories of institutions. I can then determine whether the current trajectory of an organization should be maintained or adjusted (i.e. vision). I am a skilled communicator with an ability to read a person quickly. I have countless experiences within the church now having served as a pastor on staff for the last seven years making me an ideal candidate for this position.

VIDEO INTRODUCTION

A personal introduction from the candidate for your church.

LINK:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1QUUs9bSN1pFg6MmHw2YYFIZC3j4bfL3h/view>

VIDEO WORK SAMPLE

This video is a raw peek into how a candidate is performing in their current context. Video work samples serve as one additional glimpse into a person's ability and heart for ministry.

LINK: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=trnY9V7TORM&t=2281s>