

Michael Santiago

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Education

Graduated from Harding University in May of 2020

- Bible and Family Ministries Major; Minor in Psychology

Work Experience

June 2020- Present: Youth minister at University Church of Christ in Abilene, Texas.

- Organized summer activities that spiritually nourished the youth.
- Developed curriculum and classes for Wednesday and Sunday.
- Pastorally cared for the youth of Abilene by attending their events, getting coffee with them, inviting them to share a meal in my home.
- Grew in knowledge and faith as a result of dear mentors that were willing to impart wisdom and truth to me.
- Filled in preaching when called to.

June 2019- December 2019: Senior Intern at River City Church and Ministry in North Little Rock, AR

- Grew in leadership roles in regard to interns and teens. Developed conflict management.
- Had an increased preaching role.

June 2018- August 2018: Intern at River City Church and Ministry in North Little Rock, AR

- Served as a leader, mentor, and encourager to the other interns
- Gained perspective in the history and effects of urban poverty
- Youth Ministry Aspect
 - Served as a mentor and leader to inner city youth.
 - Led VBS classes weekly and small group devotionals for the youth.
 - Facilitated skills training class that taught the youth practical life skills and healthy habits.
- Homeless Ministry Aspect
 - Ministered to the local homeless and impoverished at the ministry.
 - Gained knowledge of the behind the scenes work of a non-profit ministry.
 - Led devotionals weekly to clients of the homeless ministry.

May 2017- August 2017: Summer youth intern at Northside Church of Christ in Harrison, AR

- Led weekly Wednesday classes.
- Assisted in planning of mission trip to a Navajo Reservation.
- Organized weekly service projects to help the elderly of the congregation.

2016: Harrison Youth Center Summer Recreational Program in Harrison, Arkansas

- Monitored and led activities for children ranging from kindergarten to seventh grade as a counselor/

Ministry Experience

2016-2019: Various ministry work

- Organized and participated in annual day of service with Harding University.
- Served on the executive committee of Harding University's new student orientation.
- Led devotionals in front of congregation on Wednesday nights.

2013- 2015: Three mission trips to Yamaranguila, Honduras

Additional Interests/Achievements

2007-2016: Obtained Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America in Tampa, Florida and Harrison, Arkansas

References

- Beau Bennett (870)-688-4245 Harrison, Arkansas
Former youth minister at Northside Church of Christ
- Steven Morris (706)-669-2773 Little Rock, Arkansas
Minister at River City Church
- Steve Powers (870)-577-4388 Harrison, Arkansas
Preacher at Northside Church of Christ
- Jason Hart (270)-293-4711 Harrison, Arkansas
Youth Minister at Northside Church of Christ
- Donny Lee (501)-207-1910 Searcy, Arkansas
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