

A RESUME OF LANDON DOWDEN

WHAT MATTERS MOST

- Christ – I yielded my life to Christ when I was 8 years old. His grace not only saved me but continues to sanctify me. As a husband, father, and pastor, the Gospel is my only hope for aligning my life with God's Word. I have no righteousness of my own, but Christ's imputed to me.
- Wife – Tara - 10+ faithful years of marriage; she is my accountability partner and spurs me to holiness; she taught in inner-city New Orleans and we saw several of her students come to Christ; she spent a summer in Argentina on mission for Christ; she rocks the house as a helpmate and mother; she has a cool nose trick (at least she thinks it's cool); we also don't own credit cards
- Shepherding our Children – Arabella (9); Adalaide (5); Adoniram (4); Alastair (1)
 - The first verse we've taught each of our children is 1 Cor. 10:31 "Whatever you do, do all to the glory of God." We try to help our children memorize numerous Bible verses and the books of the Bible by putting them to song. We've also had some great Pancakes and Proverbs moments. We continue to work toward "obeying the first time, every time, with a glad heart!" We also pray for people groups regularly in our prayers at dinner. Making disciples in my own home is of primary importance.
- Love of Christ and His Word – one of the best things about each year of pastoring has been my continued growth in sanctification. I don't believe all pastors keep growing, so I am thankful for the measure of grace God has extended that keeps compelling me deeper with Him. I continue to desire to store His Word in my heart that I might not sin against Him. I am thankful for the opportunities God has ordained that have been used by Him to further conform me to the image of Christ. I am also thankful for how He uses His Word to nourish my soul.
- Call to Ministry – When I was a freshman in high school, God graced me with the desire to serve Him in ministry. Each year since, God has refined and further established His call on my life. Although there are days where ministry is extremely difficult, I am grateful for Paul's testimony that he labored "with the strength Christ worked in him." I could never minister were it not for the Chief Shepherd.
- Making Disciples Locally – over the years I've led small groups in: Suffering and the Sovereignty of God, the Doctrine of Heaven, Sanctification, How to Study the Bible, Making Disciples, etc. My wife and I have also hosted a Wednesday night prayer and fellowship group in our home, as well as, Sunday night Life Groups. In Baton Rouge, I created the Fellas @ 5 group to help equip men to lead their homes. In Tupelo, I've done the same thing but called it Shepherds @ 6. A personal joy has been to see guys I've mentored continue to grow and flourish in the ministry.
- Making Disciples Globally – It has been my joy to make disciples in: the Bahamas, Chile, Germany, Mexico, Rwanda, and Uganda. I'm currently pursuing two possibilities in Indonesia and China.
- Knowing the Word:
 - In the preaching and teaching at CrossPoint (Sundays and Wednesdays), I led CrossPoint through John, Malachi, Philippians, Obadiah, the Sermon on the Mount, 1 Peter, Nehemiah, Exodus, Galatians and Romans 12, as we focused on the Gospel Community.
 - Our small groups have also studied: 1 & 2 Samuel, Hebrews, Acts, Genesis, Ephesians, Isaiah, Matthew, Obadiah, Jonah, Amos, 1 John and Psalms.
 - At Trace Crossing, I've preached through Ephesians, Ruth, 1 Thessalonians, Proverbs, and now preaching through 1 John.
- Came from an abusive/divorced family – My parents divorced when I was in 7th grade. I led my father to Christ on December 18, 1997. I also preached my father's funeral on February 25, 1999.

WHAT YOU MAY WANT TO KNOW

- Kindergarten – I served a two-year tour of duty here
- Leesville High School – graduated Valedictorian (1995)
- Louisiana State University – Bachelor of Science in Management (Cum Laude – 1999)
- New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary – 4.0 for each of these:
 - Master of Divinity – 2002
 - Master of Theology – 2005
 - Doctor of Philosophy – 2007
 - My major was Preaching (but if the sermon stinks you do not want anyone knowing you have a Ph.D. in preaching!)
 - My dissertation was on the Holy Spirit and Preaching (aka – An Examination of the Pneumatological Content in Southern Baptist Homiletic Theory Since 1870)
- Preaching
 - Preached first sermon at the age of 19 at home church.
 - Ordained in 2002.
 - Had full-time itinerant ministry until October 2005 (have continued to travel some but much less since I love pastoring one group of people)
 - A few of the itinerant things:
 - Student Life Camps – 7 years (still speak at each summer)
 - LifeWay Camps – 16 years (still speak at each summer)
 - Germantown Baptist Church (Germantown, TN) Metro service – led this for a year and half (flew up every Monday from New Orleans)
 - State-wide Youth Evangelism Conferences for: Louisiana, Mississippi, Georgia, and Tennessee
 - National Collegiate Week (Glorieta/Ridgecrest) – 3 years
- Pastoring
 - CrossPoint Baptist Church – October 2005 to July 2011
 - The Church at Trace Crossing – August 2011 to present
- Professor
 - Served as an adjunct faculty member for the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary
 - Taught: Preaching Practicum; Worship Leadership
 - Guest Lecturer in Interpersonal Skills
 - Guest Professor at the Uganda Baptist Seminary in Jinja, Uganda (2 years)
 - Led Quiet Days as guest pastor (Preached in the daily services)
 - Taught Christian Ethics course

WHAT'S JUST FUN TO KNOW:

- I can hum and beatbox simultaneously.
- I can rap part of Psalm 23 in Hebrew
- I once was a national record holder for Jump Rope for Heart
- I can play about 5 songs from memory on the piano – even more on the kazoo
- I can still remember the “cheat code” to Contra on Nintendo

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