

Ken Kniskern

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It is my heart's desire to serve God in a church, business, or organization where my wife and I can put to good use the unique talents and abilities that God has gifted us with, in an effort to reach out to the lost and to build up the body of believers through service and ministry.

EDUCATION: Ordained into Gospel Ministry: December 2005
Bachelor of Science – CIS, Management, and Music emphasis: May 2001
University of Central Oklahoma – Edmond, OK

SKILLS: I have well over 16 years of experience with Apple and Windows based computers and software, and am proficient in many software programs used in mainstream church work including but not limited to: Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Illustrator, and Microsoft Office Suite. I have done web site design using Macromedia Flash and Macromedia DreamWeaver, and have extensive experience with video projection and the use of PowerPoint, MediaShout, and other worship presentation software packages including the use of digital photography and digital video editing using Final Cut Pro and other DV programs. My previous work experience has given me an expansive knowledge base of the computer & software market, helping me to make purchasing decisions for all aspects of technology for the churches I have worked in. I am familiar with computer networking, and have set up or helped to set up networks in all of my churches thus far, from small 2-3 user file sharing networks to working on a several hundred user system at a major university including TCP/IP and DHCP client based solutions for file and internet sharing. I am also well versed in the music aspect of the technology market, and have worked with several contractors in the installation of new church sound and media systems. To learn more about my technology consulting for churches, please visit my consulting website: <http://www.k2technology.org>

REFERENCES:	Dr. Bill Green	Baptist General Convention	Assoc. Exec. Dir.	405-942-3800
	Keith Haygood	Baptist General Convention	C.A.F.E.	405-942-3800
	Bruce Hill	Surrey Hills Baptist Church	Former Pastor	405-373-0469
	John Fream	Calvary Baptist Church	Pastor	918-258-2528
	Kent Shirley	Clearview Baptist Church	Former Pastor	918-451-7601
	Monroe Palmer	Faith Baptist Church	Pastor Emeritus	918-455-5001
	Dan Anderson	Prairie Hills Baptist Church	Pastor	316-775-5209
	Dennis Taylor	First Baptist Church, Okmulgee	Pastor	918-756-7880

SALVATION: I accepted Christ as a young boy at age 9 during a revival in Colts Neck, New Jersey. My parents were both believers, and ensured that we were always a part of a local church. I accepted God's call to ministry in my life during a youth camp with FBC Clarksville, Tennessee. I realized that my life hadn't changed much since my salvation, so I reaffirmed that decision for salvation. As I matured in my walk, I began to see a purpose behind that calling to the ministry, and now my wife and I strive to be available to God's calling no matter where we are, or what the circumstance.

MINISTRY EXPERIENCE: **Interim Minister of Music** **Mar 06 – Present**
First Baptist Church – Okmulgee, OK

I began leading worship as the interim minister of music for FBC Okmulgee after their full time minister took a position at another church. I work regularly with the praise band and accompanists, an eight member praise team, the adult and youth choir, and the youth Wednesday night praise band.
Rob Barris – Chairman, Personnel Committee: 918-756-7880

Worship & Media Minister Jan 05 – Jan 06
Surrey Hills Baptist Church – Yukon, OK
My duties at Surrey Hills involved planning and leading a comprehensive music ministry, including a blended contemporary worship service each Sunday morning and a traditional hymn service each Sunday evening. I also led all rehearsals of the choir, praise team, and praise band to prepare for our services. My other responsibilities included administration of the church web site, media presentation ministry, sound equipment and technology purchases, graphic design work, and leading other assorted rehearsals.
Jay Johnson – Chairman of Deacons, Personnel Committee: 405-354-0018

Associate Pastor of Education & Technology Oct 04 – Jan 05
Calvary Baptist Church – Broken Arrow, OK
I worked with the church staff in planning and implementing an effective Sunday school strategy that combined outreach and growth with communication and discipleship. This position also included the responsibility for the redesign of the church website and upgrading church technology including the sound system and digital audio recording equipment for weekly services.
John Fream – Pastor: 918-258-2528

Worship Leader Oct 04 – Jan 05
Clearview Baptist Church – Broken Arrow, OK
Planned and led morning contemporary worship services including use of a praise team and praise band, worked with worship software for presentation of lyrics, and digital media for use during the services.
Kent Shirley – Former Pastor: 918-451-7601

Music & Youth Minister Oct 02 – Oct 04
Indian Springs Baptist Church – Broken Arrow, OK
As the first full time minister at Indian Springs (other than the pastor), I took the reins of a student ministry averaging in the low teens, and God truly blessed. In the two years I was a part of this ministry we grew exponentially, seeing over 60 students come to Christ. The music program was well established, with a contemporary and a traditional service Sunday morning, using choir, praise team, and a band. We worked with all of these groups to promote musical excellence in every service. We worked tirelessly to move our worship services into our large fellowship hall to accommodate more people, built a new platform, and contracted out the installation of a new Sound and Multi-Media system, all of which fell under my direction.
Brad Morrow – Personnel Committee Chairman: 918-663-0592

Music & Youth Minister Feb 01 – Oct 02
First Baptist Church – Wewoka, OK
I was called to FBC Wewoka to serve as minister of music and youth. My duties included planning, organizing, and leading all youth activities and trips, as well as choir rehearsals and worship services. I was also the web master and network administrator, designing the network and the church's web site, and implementing them. I was also responsible for all of the graphic design work for the church's programming.
Max Filson – Minister of Education: 405-257-5438

WORK EXPERIENCE: **High Volume Business to Business Sales** Nov 00 – Jan 01
New Horizons Computer Learning – Oklahoma City, OK
Worked within a business to business sales model for the nation's largest computer training provider, closing over \$36,000 worth of sales in just 2 months.
Jeff Mount – Owner: 405-516-4000

Sales / Service / Supervisor / Manager Aug 99 – Oct 00
CompUSA, Inc. – Oklahoma City, OK
Worked in retail computer sales for five months training and gaining experience in the area of computer hardware and software. Promoted to Floor Supervisor in January 2000, to gain management experience. Promoted again to Software & Accessories Manager in August 2000, over 8-10 salesmen.
Todd Shropshire – General Manager Store 737: 405-879-3003

Retail Store Manager
Nadill Enterprises, Inc. – Norman, OK
Jared Summers – Owner & CEO: 405-364-5151

Sep 98 – Aug 99

Computer Technician / Mac & Network Specialist
OBU Information Systems Services – Shawnee, OK
Gary Nickerson – Director of Information Services: 405-878-2053

Sep 97 – May 98

MY FAMILY:

God has blessed me with a wonderful helpmate and best friend in my wife of 5 years, Amanda. Not only is she a huge help in our home, but in my ministry as well. She graduated from Oklahoma Baptist University with a degree in Piano, and is the accompanist for the Mustang Middle School vocal music department. She also finds time to teach private piano lessons in our home, and has led a youth choir and a vocal ensemble at our church. Amanda has been such an encouragement to me in my ministry, and we share an unmatched joy when we lead worship together. It is an awesome privilege for me to experience that joy with her on a weekly basis. My parents live in Poquoson, Virginia. My father Wayne retired after 27 years in the US Army, and now heads a division for a major government contractor. My mother Diane has a master's equivalent in education, and has taught for many years, but enjoys teaching swimming lessons during the summer more than anything else. My younger sister Karen lives in Tulsa, and interprets for the hearing impaired at her church, and Kate the youngest sister is a nanny for a family in Virginia. My in-laws are wonderful. They took me in as part of their family long before my wife and I married. They are encouraging of our ministry together, and share in all of our happy and sad times. It has been a blessing to have them here, since my own parents are so far away. In fact, they even invited Mandy and me to live with them for eight months while we looked for a house after our move back to Oklahoma City. I know that God places us within circumstances and situations for the express purpose of developing us into workable and usable vessels for His love. He has given me a wonderfully nurturing and loving environment in which I can grow and learn. The verse that I dedicate to my family is Philippians 1 : 3 – 11. To learn more about my family, visit our website: <http://www.kenandmandy.com>

MY MUSIC:

I believe that for our churches to be successful in reaching the postmodern generation, we must present ourselves as sincere and truthful worshipers of Christ. This means more than simply singing five or six songs, taking an offering, hearing a sermon, and heading out for lunch. Being worshipers in "Spirit and in Truth" means that our lives are transformed by His presence and we start to take His image. We will simply drive the lost away from our churches if our hearts are not truly into the music or the ministry of the body. To help our churches accomplish the daunting task of reaching this generation, we must provide them with a unique setting within which people from all age groups and backgrounds can feel comfortable and encouraged to express their love for the Creator through their worship singing hymns, psalms, and spiritual songs. I have seen this melding of styles and attitudes tear churches apart and set brother against brother. It is my desire to minister within a church that understands the concept of the true worship of Christ, and realizes that the corporate worship time is evidence of the overflow of love and joy within our hearts as we worship Him with our lives each and every day. I prefer to lead a contemporary blended worship service that embraces the modern worship movement, while maintaining the rich heritage of the hymns I grew up singing. If you would like to sample a recording of my music including solos, duets, and some worship recordings from my last praise band, please visit my worship website: <http://www.k2worship.com>

To request a copy of a CD recording of my worship music, please email me at kkniskern@cox.net, or call 405-265-3214
