

## ANDREW CORLEY

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### EDUCATION

M. Christopher White School of Divinity at Gardner Webb University

**M.Div. Pastoral Studies**

**2012-2016**

**D.Min. Christian Ministries**

**2020-Present**

Presbyterian College

**B.A. Honors History**

**2008 - 2012**

**B.A. Honors Religion and Philosophy**

Senior Capstone Research: "The Holocaust in the Media and America's Support for the Nation of Israel" – History, "Neighbor Love through the Lenses of Rauschenbusch, Niebuhr, and Hayes" - Religion

### AWARDS/PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

Daniel E Goodman Review and Expositor Award

Gardner-Webb School of Divinity

*Magna cum Laude*

Presbyterian College

Outstanding Senior – Religion and Philosophy Department

Presbyterian College

Cornelsen Award for Potential Christian Leadership

Presbyterian College

### WORK EXPERIENCE

Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, Grover, NC

**Pastor**

**Aug. 2016 - Present**

Serve in Preaching, Teaching, and Pastoral Care of a congregation of approx. 200 members (avg. worship attendance = 70). Oversee staff of four part-time employees. Plan (with staff) weekly worship, prayer meetings, and special events throughout the year. Oversee committees and leadership teams. Serve as ad-hoc member of Finance, Building and Grounds, and Worship/Music committees. Introduced Pleasant Hill to Baptist Women in Ministry's Martha Stearns Marshal Month of Preaching, allowing 5 female ministers and divinity students opportunity to preach their first sermons. Aided Youth and Children's Ministry volunteers in planning and implementing a ministry plan during a Youth and Children's Minister interim period. Transitioned the church to a primarily online operation during the 2020 COVID-19 Outbreak, then to Drive-In and in person outdoor worship.

Zion Baptist Church, Shelby, NC

**Youth Minister**

**Dec 2012 – July 2016**

Design and implement the vision and practices of Youth Ministry for 25-30 students between 7<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grades including planning and leading weekly Bible Studies and Worship gatherings as well as planning multiple trips, retreats, and mission trips and projects (locally, in Louisiana, Florida, and Ohio, and in Guatemala) though out the year and designing and leading parent Bible Studies,

Social Media and Adolescent Psychology training sessions, and support/prayer groups. Manage the budget and led fundraising activities. Serve the congregation through planning and participating in corporate worship and fellowship events as well serving as pulpit supply and substituting for church-wide Bible Studies, Prayer Meetings, and Sunday School classes. While serving at Zion I have also served on the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of North Carolina's Youth Beach Retreat Planning Team, helping plan and execute a retreat for over 300 students in 2015.

Laurens District 55  
**Substitute Teacher**

**Aug 2012 – Dec 2012**

First Baptist Church, Laurens, SC  
**Youth Intern/Pastoral Intern**

**May 2010 – Aug 2012**

Plan and help lead youth summer retreats and mission trips as well as assist in Vacation Bible Schools and Fine Arts Institutes. Serve as small group leader for High School boys during the school year and help in planning and implementing the programs of the Youth Ministry. Aid in planning and executing church-wide fellowship and discipleship activities. Provide pulpit supply when needed

Waffle House, Clinton, SC  
**Salesperson/Cook**

**May 2010 – Aug 2010**

Take, prepare, and serve customers orders to be able to serve as Youth Intern without causing budgetary issues

#### ORDINATION

Zion Baptist Church, Shelby, NC. July 2016. Drs. Matt Storie and Danny West, Ordination Council Chairs

#### DENOMINATIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Greater Cleveland County Baptist Association Leadership and Administrative Team  
North Carolina Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Youth Beach Retreat Planning Team  
North Carolina Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Divinity School Task Force  
Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Young Baptists  
Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Leadership Scholars  
Academy of Preaching (2016 Festival of Young Preachers Participant)  
Phi Alpha Theta History Honors Society

**Spring 2017 – Fall 2019**

**2014-2017**

**2014-2016**

**2012-2016**

#### PUBLICATION

“A Box to Check” – Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Blog, January 29, 2015  
“And I was the King’s Cupbearer” – Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Blog, April 20, 2015  
“For Such a Time as This” – Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Blog, January 18, 2016  
“Profile of Young Preachers” – Academy of Preaching, Fall 2015

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

My call to ministry began as a call to students. Over the course of my adolescence I was blessed with adults, both in and out of church, who took the time to make sure I knew that I had people who cared about me and wanted the best for me, and I wanted to provide that for future students. My parents are both retired teachers, and having seen the impact they had in students lives I saw teaching as the best way to be a positive force in the lives of students as well. I went to Presbyterian College intending to major in Secondary Education, but after a brief time in the education department I began to sense God calling me elsewhere. From my sophomore year of college on I interned with the youth ministry at my home church. Spending the summers ministering to children and youth was an eye-opening experience, and I began feeling a stirring in my heart that perhaps that was where I belonged. That stirring led me to divinity school and to ministry at the local church level, first as a youth minister at Zion Baptist Church in Shelby, NC for four years and then as Pastor of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church in Grover, NC since August of 2016. I have a passion for the local church. I believe that the church is the best way to be the people of God in the world, and there is nothing like being able to help others find their place in the service of God's kingdom.

My wife Meghan (a third-grade teacher in Gaffney, SC) and I were married in July 2013. We have two children: Davis (2) and Abigail (newborn) and one dog, Bear. I enjoy reading, watching thirty-minute sitcoms, going to concerts, and cheering on the Charlotte Hornets and Atlanta Braves.

## REFERENCES

Dr. Danny West (Professor and Interim Pastor when hired at Zion Baptist Church) - Executive Director, Doctor of Ministry Program, School of Divinity, Director of Ministry Leadership Development Director, Ministerial Referral, School of Divinity, Professor of Preaching and Pastoral Studies, Gardner Webb School of Divinity.

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Dr. Warren (Cal) Robertson (Academic Advisor and Minister of Music at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church) – Associate Professor of Biblical Studies, Gardner Webb School of Divinity

- [croberston@gardner-webb.edu](mailto:croberston@gardner-webb.edu), (704) 406-3821

Dr. Matthew Storie (Pastor and Youth Parent, Zion Baptist Church) Senior Pastor, Zion Baptist Church, Shelby, NC

- [pastor@zbcshelby.org](mailto:pastor@zbcshelby.org), (704) 487-8216

Mr. Matthew T. Cornwell (Youth Ministry Volunteer at Zion Baptist Church) – TGS Engineering and Surveyors

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Mrs. Julie McMurry (Youth Parent and Youth Committee Member, Zion Baptist Church) – Director of Energy Services, City of Shelby NC

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