



Malia, Nathaniel, and Matt
Ordination at Stonebriar Church



Ministry Passion

I'm a pastor who respects God's Word, believes it is inerrant and inspired, and loves to communicate biblical truth in creative ways. I believe in the value of community, spiritual formation, and building strong marriages and families. In my spare time, I blog, exercise, read, and watch the Dallas Cowboys.

Personal Information

- Family: Married to Malia since July 2006; One son, Nathaniel; another child on the way, June 2014
- Conversion: Accepted Christ as savior in 1984, Los Angeles, CA
- Spiritual Gifts: Teaching, encouragement, leadership, administration

Current Pastoral Responsibilities

- Teaching: Present the message of salvation for my church's new members class, which outlines core tenets of what it means to be Christian (Legacy Church)
- Discipleship: Serve on my church's Life Group leadership team
- Sermon Preparation: Prepare sermon kits from Dr. Tony Evans' sermons (The Urban Alternative)
- Writing: Create blog posts teaching Scripture and theology in a creative way (mattrodriguez.org)

Pastoral Ordination, Training, Special Skills

- Ordained through Chuck Swindoll's church, Stonebriar, May 2013
- Trained in Biblical Hebrew and Greek exegesis
- Expository preaching/teaching
- Creative dramatization of Scripture
- Certified to administer relational assessment tool (Prepare Enrich)
- Leading worship (guitar and bass)
- Marketing, social media, graphic and web design
- Business owner

Education

Dallas Theological Seminary, Dallas TX

2010

- Master of Theology (ThM) in Pastoral Ministries, Media and Communications
- Spiritual Formation Department leadership appreciation, June 2009
- Awarded American-born Minority Scholarships for all four years

University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), Los Angeles, CA

2001

- Bachelor of Arts in Political Science

Ministry Experience

Pastoral and Teaching Leadership

- Pastored people with addictions through Watermark Church's The Well recovery program, 2011
- Served on Watermark Church's Burden Bearing prayer team, 2010–2012
- Taught a class on "The Content of Art in Christianity" for an arts evangelism program, 2012
- Taught "Biblical Worship" to fourteen students for one semester at DTS's lay institute (Center for Biblical Studies), 2010
- Graded for DTS professor Dr. Horrell (ST103: Angelology, Anthropology, and Sin), 2010
- Led worship for the youth and adult services at Crossroads Church, 1994–1995

Discipleship and Small Group

- Life Group leadership team, 2013–Present
- Member and teacher of Watermark community group, 2010–2012
- Led worship for DTS's Spiritual Formation Leadership retreat, 2009
- Spiritual formation leader of three DTS couples, 2008–2009
- Small group leader of five men at McLean Bible Church, 2004–2006

Missions and Evangelism

- Served on Arts Festival committee board to steer the church's art evangelism efforts, 2011
- Led worship for DTS's World Evangelization Conference chapel, 2010
- Co-led a team of fourteen people on a short-term mission trip to Turkey, 2004
- Served on a short-term mission trip to Turkey and distributed the New Testament and the "Jesus Film," 2003

Professional Experience

The Cooper Institute Web Designer

2013–Present

- Helped secure a Google Adwords grant for non-profits with a value of \$120,000 per year; These ads have generated more than \$7,000 in revenue
- Oversaw an ad campaign that nearly tripled our Facebook likes in two months

- Helped save the organization nearly \$15,000 per year by better stewarding our web resources
- Expanded our brand awareness by launching an app called CIFit in the iTunes, Android, and Windows stores that encourages positive behavioral change in regards to fitness and nutrition
- Created an online fundraising campaign to raise awareness regarding childhood obesity, which brought in over \$2,200 in two months

Insight for Living Web Manager

2012–2012

- Managed five website team members; coordinated project assignments; motivated and encouraged staff; ensured quality control; analyzed reporting analytics; reported progress to executive leadership; trained staff on technologies; identified strategic opportunities for revenue generation; provided annual employee reviews; assisted employees in setting personal goals

Park Cities Presbyterian Church Creative Communications Specialist

2010–2012

- Managed and edited bi-weekly *This Week* church newsletter (2000 copies), weekly *e-This Week* email (6,000 recipients), and church bulletin; designed print publication layout using Indesign; graphic manipulation using Illustrator and Photoshop; identified, created, and implemented an automated XML to Indesign workflow using XSLT, which increased work efficiency by 10% per week; Designed promotional posters and outdoor banners; liased between the church and *Park Cities Planner* newspaper for inclusion of church events in newspaper

Dallas Theological Seminary Web Content Manager

2008–2010

- Managed content for seminary's main website (dts.edu); graphically designed and programmed HTML for seminary's email communications; assisted Alumni Department in updating their website (alumni.dts.edu)
- Liased with academic departments to ensure accurate web content; promoted Doctor of Ministry Department's programs through email campaigns; researched online education trends for other accredited Association of Theological Schools

Camino Global (Central American Mission, CAM International) Technology Analyst

2007–2008

- Managed online helpdesk console by researching, resolving, and delegating computer-related projects to other staff; upgraded computer hardware including RAM and hard drives; troubleshot printing and network connectivity issues; troubleshot phone system issues (Intertel)
- Successfully migrated missionaries onto centralized email software platform (Outlook 2003); setup missionary's Outlook configuration remotely; imported contacts; trained missionaries on Outlook email software; troubleshot ad-hoc missionary computer issues