

# AT A GLANCE

## EDUCATION

### LIBERTY UNIVERSITY

(Lynchburg, Virginia)

Master of Arts in Theological Studies, Biblical Studies Cognate

### GEORGIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY

(Statesboro, Georgia)

Bachelor of Science in Recreation, Therapeutic Emphasis

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- ◆ Concho Valley Fellowship of Christian Athletes
  - ◆ House of Faith
  - ◆ CVBA Impact Weekend Leadership
- ◆ Angelo State University BSM Leadership Team

## MINISTRY EXPERIENCE

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH (San Angelo, Texas)

Minister to Families (Sept 2016 - present)

Oversee and direct ministries to youth, children, college and their families; coordinate with leaders and volunteers to grow ministry areas; manage budgets to be most effective in these areas; and help to fulfill the vision and mission of the whole church.

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH (Marianna, Florida)

Associate Pastor of Student Ministries (Oct 2012 - Sept 2016)

Oversee all ministries/budgets ages 0-25; organize student discipleship and Bible study; direct/organize Vacation Bible School; create new ministry opportunities to reach youth, children, and families

### CAMPTWIN LAKES (Rutledge, Georgia)

Camp Staff, Outdoor Activities (Summer 2012)

### FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES

(Bobio Pelice, Italy)

Huddle Leader/Facilitator (Summers of 2009-2011)

## WEEKEND SCHEDULE

### Saturday, March 2

Deacon Breakfast ~ 8AM, Christian Life Center (CLC)

Churchwide Meet & Greet ~ 1:00 - 3:00PM, (CLC)

### Sunday, March 3

10:30AM, FBC Sanctuary

Vince will preach in view of a call in the morning worship service. At the end of the service, a special business meeting will be held and all church members present will vote by For/Against ballot whether to extend the call to Vince Smith as Pastor of First Baptist Church.

## FROM THE PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE

It is with great excitement and a sense of anticipation that we announce Vince Smith has accepted our invitation to preach in view of a call to be our pastor. Please plan to attend Sunday, March 3, 2019, in the morning worship service to hear Vince and his message. Most of you know that Vince has been our Minister to Families since September 2016. He and Mary Helen have been working with our children, youth, and families during this time. Most recently Vince has fulfilled many additional responsibilities during our time without a pastor. If you have had the pleasure of working with Vince for any amount of time, you know that he has a servant's heart for the Lord and a true desire to serve and shepherd His people.

As our search committee read resumes and watched and studied sermons, God's guidance became clear to us. During our listening sessions with Sunday School departments, the common thread was that our church desired a person with a passion for people and we know Vince is that type of person. Vince and Mary Helen's mission mindedness also aligns perfectly with the focus and heritage of First Baptist Church San Angelo.

Your Pastor Search Committee hopes that you share in our excitement. We want to thank you for your prayers, notes, words of encouragement, but most of all to thank you for the opportunity to serve on this committee and witness God working in our process. I think these verses from Proverbs 3:5 - 6 describe our process <sup>5</sup> Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. <sup>6</sup> In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your paths.

# INTRODUCING OUR PROSPECTIVE PASTOR



FIRST BAPTIST  
SAN ANGELO, TEXAS

# VINCE SMITH

# PHILOSOPHY OF MINISTRY

Growing up in a coach's home and playing sports most of my life, my ministry philosophy naturally parallels with lessons learned on the field or court. Success in sport stems from both teamwork and hard work. I have found ministry to be very much the same. Just as teamwork is vital on the field or court, relationships are equally as vital in ministry. Thus, I focus heavily on relationships as the foundation for all ministry. Jesus lays this out for us in Matthew 22 in how he responded to the question "What is the greatest commandment?". He answered, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and love your neighbor as yourself."

I believe the local church to be at the center of this command through its demonstration of loving God through loving the community it is in. Because of the brokenness of our world it takes hard work to be the hands and feet of Jesus showing love often in hard places and times.

I believe my role as a minister to be based off of the biblical description found in Ephesians 4. That is to train and equip the saints for the work of the Kingdom. I believe in coming alongside church people and helping them to find their calling and how it works within the mission of the church; "make disciples of all nations." I rely on the power of the Holy Spirit heavily for my life and ministry.

First Baptist San Angelo has a long history of ministering locally, state wide, nationally, and around the world. I am excited for the opportunity to roll up our sleeves together and to lead in leveraging First Baptist in its rich heritage of fulfilling the Great Commission. We have enjoyed these last two and half years and look forward to what God has for First Baptist and our family!

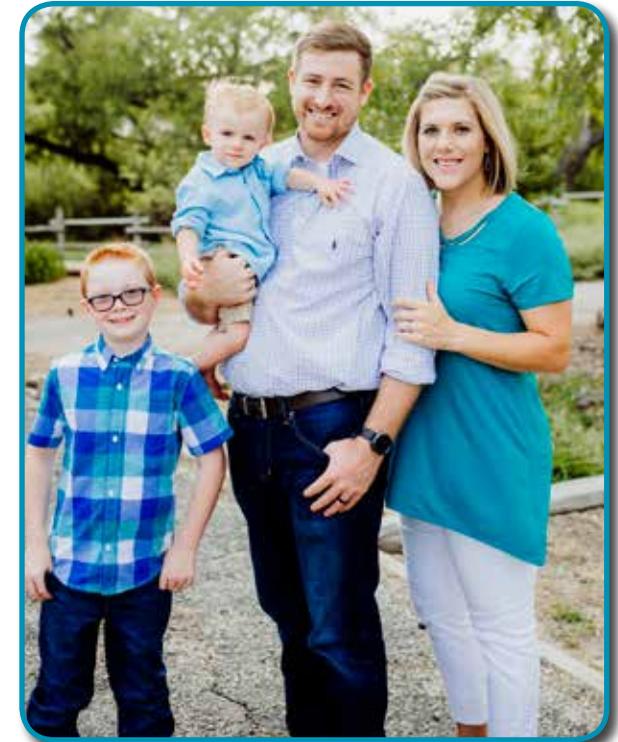
*Vince Smith*

# VINCE, MARY HELEN, K.P. & TY SMITH

Vince was born in Indianapolis, Indiana, into a loving Christian home. His freshman year his family moved to Georgia where Vince completed both high school and college. Vince came to know the Lord at age 10 and was baptized at age 14. He felt the call to vocational ministry at age 20. After his calling to ministry became clear, he spent the summers going to Europe (Italy) in order to help lead FCA groups. In Italy, he met his wife Mary Helen who was also participating in the overseas FCA program.

Mary Helen also grew up in a strong Christian home. She is a graduate of the University of Central Florida and has her Masters from Liberty University. She worked in the education field for nearly 8 years before the door opened for her to begin work as a counselor. Now, Mary Helen, works several days a week at the Concho Valley Biblical Counseling Center and spends the rest of her time at home with the couples youngest son. The Smiths have 2 sons. An eight year old (K.P.) and a 16 month old (Ty). The Smiths are expecting baby number three next October.

Vince and Mary Helen have been serving here at FBC San Angelo for the past two and a half years. Vince has been the Minister to Families and has filled many other roles in the absence of a lead pastor. Their hobbies include biking, sports, and camping. Both of their extended families live on the east coast and are supportive of their call to ministry here in West Texas.



## COMMENTS FROM SEARCH COMMITTEE MEMBERS

*Vince has an incredible ability to relate and minister to people of all ages. He and Mary Helen both have hearts for ministry and have shown that in the ministries they are already involved in here at FBC. I look forward to supporting and working with Vince as he continues to lead us to be the church God has called us to be.*

*Vince has shown a real heart for serving the Lord at FBC. He brings his beautiful wife, Mary Helen, as a partner in service. Together with their family, they have shown love from the youngest to the oldest in our church family.*

*It's been a revealing journey of God's love for His church. I think I heard Vince say" that he wasn't seeking a pastorate but he felt God guiding and leading him to pastor this church and he is following God's guidance."*

*It has been an amazing and wonderful journey watching God work in all our lives bringing us into a unified conviction that Vince is the one we were looking for all along. It took the process being played out to the end but it gives me joy to have served as a part of this group.*

*Vince has already shown a love for our church and its people... "warts and all." He has demonstrated his commitment through his work as our Youth and Family Minister. I feel confident that with our support, Vince will be the leader we have prayed for.*

*Vince has shown us that he has a heart for God and a heart for serving God's people of all ages.*