**Matt Nelson**

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Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight.

In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

Proverbs 3:5-6

**Objective**

I am an ecumenical Christian who believes in the power and potential of the local church. It is a place where people encounter God and learn to love one another through the example of Jesus Christ. As a local church pastor, I strive to follow in our Lord’s commandment to make disciples, equipping them to be the hands and feet of Christ to the world.

**Education**

 **McAfee School of Theology (May 2012-May 2015)**

Master of Divinity

**Emory University (August 2006-May 2010)**

 B.A in Religion

**Work History**

**Worship Leader (December 2011-current)**

Edgewood Church

*Atlanta, GA*

* A multi-generational and multi-racial congregation with diverse needs
* Minister to a wide range of socio-economic levels
* Lead rehearsals while incorporating a range of talent and skill levels
* Contemporary Christian Music driven with a background in traditional styles
* Experience delivering sermons and leading congregation in worship

**Registrar Student Intern (June 2011-current)**

 Mercer University

*Atlanta, GA*

* Opportunity to hone organizational skills
* Service profession experience

**Travelling Team Ministries Leader (August 2010-August 2011)**

www.youthencounter.org

 *St. Paul, MN*

* Music and ministry experience
* Flexibility
* Strategic planning
* Relational skills
* Experience working with diverse groups of people

**Worship Leader (September 2007-June 2010)**

Reformed University Fellowship, Emory University

 *Atlanta, GA*

* Leadership experience
* Conflict resolution experience
* Social interaction experience

**Pastoral Intern (June 2009-August 2009)**

Christian Missionary Alliance

 *Erie, PA*

* Observed the insides of a functional organization
* Job description flexibility

 **Worship Leader (September 2006-June 2008)**

Baptist Collegiate Ministry, Emory University

 *Atlanta, GA*

* Built organization from ground up
* Worked with small groups of dedicated people

**Software/System Skills**

* Microsoft Word
* Microsoft Excel
* Microsoft PowerPoint
* MediaShout
* Soundboard Operations

**References**

**Rev. Nathan Dean**

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National Team Director at Youth Encounter

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Gentlemen – I wish to place into your hands the attached resume on Matt Nelson, a 2015 graduate of McAfee School of Theology.  He is interested in being considered for your Minister of Music-Youth-Families position.

Matt is young, smart, son of a minister of music, very creative, and someone I think would be a help to you at Central.  I think you all would be wise to invest in a phone conversation with him.

I never observed Matt in a classroom here.  However, I watched him help to lead chapel worship weekly at McAfee, and know he is talented (plays guitar very well), sings and writes, and connects well with the congregation.

It may be that you have questions for me, and I would be pleased to talk more about Matt.  Please note my contact number at the bottom of this email.  And, you have my email address above.

Here’s trusting you are having a refreshing summer!  Ron

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