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Timothy J Kufeldt

Objective To live a life worthy of the Lord and that pleases Him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God (Col. 1:10): Connecting people to the Love of God.

Experience 2001-present Dayspring Church of God Cincinnati, OH

Lead Pastor

- Preaching and Teaching weekly
- Brought healing to a hurting Congregation
- Led a multiple staff ministry and a 5-Star rated children's daycare
- Transitioned Dayspring into a Multi-Cultural Congregation, reflecting the demographic of the community
- Planted a Latino Congregation within the ministry umbrella of Dayspring
- Administrated Child-Sponsorship program with two school in Brazil ☑ Led multiple workcamps to Brazil and Guatemala

1993-2001 Morganton First Church of God Morganton, NC

Senior Pastor

- Helped the founding pastor to retire
- Directed multiple Pastoral and Support Staff
- Preached and taught weekly
- Planted a Latino Congregation
- Experienced Church growth from 195 to 315 members.

1988-1993 Middleburg First Church of God Middleburg, FL Pastor

- Reached out into the community.
- Experienced Church growth from 37 to 110 members
- Developed an outreach through a community paper

1986-1988

Missionary

Saga-shi, Japan

- Missionary and English Teacher
- Preached monthly in local congregation
- Led weekly Bilingual Bible Study
- Taught English as a second language.

1985-1986 PT Adjunct Professor of CE: Warner University, Lake Wales, FL
 1985-1986 PT Associate of Music and Youth: Ruby Street ChoG, Lakeland FL
 1984 Assistant at ONE Ministries, Washington DC
 1981-1984 Music and Youth Pastor: Alexandria Church of God, Alexandria, IN
 1979-1981 Music and Youth Pastor: Tulare First Church of God, Tulare, CA
 1977-1979 Youth Pastor: Rangeline Presbyterian; Anderson, IN

Education

1981-1983 Masters of Divinity Anderson School of Theology Anderson, In
 1975-1979 Bachelor of Arts Anderson College (University) Anderson, In

- Triple Major: Sociology, Psychology, and Religious Studies
- ☐ Minor: Church Music

Ordination

Church of God (Anderson, Indiana) under the Credentials Committee of Central Indiana
 Year: 1984

Denominational

Serve the General Assembly Business Leadership Resource Committee for 12 years
 Credentials Chairman for the South West District of the Church of God 9 years
 State Board of Church Planting, Ohio Ministries 6 years

Vitals

Born January 20, 1957

- Married, August 3, 1985 Beth Anne Craig, graduate of Warner University, Lake Wales, Florida 1986
- Five Children, James and his wife Nathalie serves as missionaries to Central Asia (they have four children), Joshua works in Cincinnati, Jenna, is married to Evan teaches in Vietnam, Jesse married to Emily and is working on his Law degree in Virginia, Julia is a junior at Anderson University (Music Ed).
- Parents: Walter and Doris Kufeldt (father deceased), Mother, Houston, TX
- My wife's parents: Don and Delora Craig, Durham, NC

Spiritual Gifts & Passion

- **Teacher / Preacher:** I find great joy and excitement to share God's Word, finding application and practical understanding.

- **Shepherd / Pastor:** God has given me a heart for people. With a strong “mercy” gift and a deep love for people, God has often used me in times of crisis, grief, and conflict. These gifts also are manifested in the high-calling to make disciples. I’m passionate about helping others to grow in their faith, to live holy lives, to become soul-winners and disciple-makers themselves. Through my years of ministry there have been over 20 individuals who have answered God’s call to the vocational ministry. As those around me take on the mantle of ministry I find myself full of thanksgiving and joy.
- **Administration / Leadership / Visionary:** These are adaptive gifts which has been developed through the years of leading staff and teams. I’ve carried the mantle of leadership at our local congregation with four full-time employees and three-part time; for our mission work in Brazil (Helping Hands Ministry); the oversight of the Agape Children’s Center School with 22 full-time employees and 110 children; and the coordination of three cultural and language-diverse congregations and church plants within our present ministry has demanded leadership, team building, and cooperation.

REFLECTION:

- Throughout our ministry lifetime, God has been so very good to my family and me. We have had great stability in my recent ministry of 20+ years in Cincinnati. Our children have benefited from a strong and consistent community. We are now, after 35 years of marriage, empty nesters. This opens our hearts and minds for new possibilities and, if the Lord leads, a new opportunity for ministry. Relocation would not be an issue. We find our children all doing well and scattered to the far-winds. We have a son and his family living in Turkey as missionaries. We will have a daughter and her husband serving in Vietnam. Our youngest son is in Law-School studies with his new bride in Virginia. Our youngest daughter is continuing her studies in Music Education and Composition at Anderson University. Our second son has a stable job and is doing well here in Cincinnati. We feel accomplished and at rest in the arena of raising our family.
- Now it is a great time for Beth and me to enter a stronger co-ministry together. My wife has been (in my opinion...(and in the opinion of many) the quintessential “Pastor’s Wife”. She is very supportive and active in the ministry. Through the years she has led our youth choir, served as a Sunday School teacher to children and most recently to Adults. She uses her musical talents on our worship-team. She enjoys working in the background and rarely draws attention to herself. She has the gift of discernment and has often recognized the needs of the people around us before most would. She is often called upon by women in the church to offer counsel and wisdom. She studies the bible in her personal walk at a deep and meaningful level. She challenges me, often, with understanding and application of God’s Word. Frankly, I’m blessed! Beth works as a private piano teacher. She has done this for over 25 years. Presently she has over 30 students. She is very humble, and she would be embarrassed that I have stated the things above.
- In the three churches where we have served, God has used us to help bring healing and wholeness to churches which were going through difficult times. Our first church was a small country church that was unsure if they would be able to keep their doors open. Our first Sunday had 36 in attendance, with 24 of those related to one another. We helped this family to look beyond themselves and reach out to the community, becoming more inclusive. When we left, five years later, we were running around 110 on a Sunday morning.
- Our second church was transiting to their founding pastor’s retirement. There was pressure from some that felt that his long-term (30+year) ministry needed to end and others who were refusing to let him go. We came into a very disjointed and spilt congregation. We worked there for eight years and left at a time when the congregation was doing well.

- Our present congregation had just endured a major split 6 months before our arrival. We were told that 210 families left the fellowship. It was in our fifth year that we finally felt that the congregation experienced healing. God laid upon my heart a new vision for the church, to embrace the diversity of our surrounding community, to reflect the demographics and become a multi-cultural church. This started our journey to become a “mosaic” congregation. Soon, God began to bring people of different ethnic and cultural backgrounds to Dayspring. Today we celebrate the beauty of a multi-cultural congregation.
- Where is our future? We could stay at Dayspring and yet, we feel that God is stirring something new in us. We are healthy and energetic. We are experienced and ready for a new challenge. We would be open to helping a struggling church find stability and direction. We could serve in a transitional position, readying a congregation for the future, bringing healing, hope, and unity to the challenges of a hurting congregation. We could find an international opportunity. We in the hands of God, reporting for duty.
 - Our “semi-retirement” ~ We have identified this next year as the time we will exit our ministry at Dayspring Church. Working with our state office and local district leadership, we are striving to make the transition for Dayspring, and for us, healthy.