



Rev. Kenneth D. Gooch

“Fulfilling the Great Commission in the Love of the Great Commandment!”

Greetings in the Precious Name of Jesus!,

I am an energetic and passionate exegetical Bible preacher and conference speaker. As a servant of the Lord Jesus Christ, I desire to minister and serve by helping others to come to see who the one true living God is, to know Him through Jesus Christ, to grow to love Him and as a result, to serve Him out of this love.

Throughout my life the Lord has provided a rich array of ministry opportunities in local church work, volunteer missions work and denominational ministry and service. In addition, having worked in the secular world for many years, I have come to realize how critically important it is to help individual believers come to a Biblical world view so that they can live an authentic Christian life. This doesn't mean that we won't falter and fail, what it means is that when we do, like King David, we confess it and turn from it. (*Psalm 32:3-5, 51:4, 1 John 1:9*) These personal experiences, failures and success, reveal the desperate need in our culture for Bible believing, mission minded and evangelism focused Churches that are not afraid to teach the truth of the Bible, hold members accountable, and call the world to repentance, in order to advance of the Kingdom of God.

These experiences have sharpened my ministry skills, broadened ministry capabilities and confirmed so clearly what I have sensed to be my life's theme, that of ***“fulfilling the Great Commission in the Love of the Great Commandment!”*** (*Matt 28:18-20 and Matt 22:37-39*) I am keenly aware in so many ways of the Power of God, His love for mankind and of His desire to see all people come to faith in Christ. (*John 3:16, 2 Pet 3:9*) I also recognize that we each have the privilege as well as the responsibility to reach out in Jesus name to a world that is desperately needy. The world, like never before, needs practical, relevant, Bible teaching to combat the incredibly subtle and deceptive lies being so loudly proclaimed! The truth of the Bible in the power of the Spirit of God, through the love of Christ are the tools necessary to live a committed Christian life in the midst of this *“crooked and perverse”*(*Phil 2:15*) generation.

I am available to your group, organization, ministry or church for conference and seminar presentations, current cultural issues clarification, missions and evangelism training, financial and money management seminars, revivals and evangelistic preaching. Please feel free to call me at (540) 797-5288 or email me at kengooch@newlifequest.org in order to schedule a meeting or conference.

As you and your church or ministry continue to lead and serve in Jesus name, remember to *“Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And do not lean on your own understanding. {6} In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He will make your paths straight.* God's richest blessings to you!

In Christ's Service,

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Wife: Penny Diane Gooch **Children:** All grown and out on their own and Praise the Lord for that!



EDUCATION

MASTER OF DIVINITY, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, May 1990.

Clinical Pastoral Education Certification, Baylor Medical Center, Dallas, Texas, May 1990.

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE, Information Systems Processing, Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, Virginia, May 1981.

MINISTRY EXPERIENCE

MINISTER/EVANGELIST/CONFERENCE SPEAKER, New Life Quest Ministry, 2003 to present. Began a ministry that provides volunteer missions training, finance and money management seminars, revivals. I am currently serving Connelly Memorial Baptist Church in Roanoke, Virginia.

SENIOR PASTOR, Calvary Baptist Church, June 2002-Nov 2003. Calvary had faced a long term difficult pastorate before I came. I led over 100 leaders and staff through a 9 month study to clarify the work and ministry of the church. While affirming the value and importance God places on individual ministry and service, I led the church to develop a new vision statement, core values and an evangelism plan that were overwhelmingly adopted by the church.

STATE DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS, SBC of Virginia, January 1998-May 2002. The Lord allowed me to implement three major divisions for the SBCV: Church Planting, Volunteer Missions and Disaster Relief. Working with state wide teams we developed the vision, core values, and mission of each division. I worked extensively developing training classes and materials and providing recruiting and training for volunteer leaders throughout the state in each area. I implemented and managed 2 major overseas partnerships in Romania and Ukraine.

PASTOR, Warwick Baptist Church, September 1990-January 1998. Served as Pastor and Minister of Music. Through a clear focus on mission and evangelism and a commitment to community ministry we saw significant increase in members spiritual growth, in baptisms and missions. I managed an extensive individual and family counseling ministry since a large portion of our church were military families. I also served as a volunteer chaplain on a weekly basis for 5 years at Riverside Regional Medical Center. Because of God's blessing the church quadrupled in size in 3 years, allowing us to call a full time Minister of Music and a part time Youth Leader.

PASTOR, Hillside Baptist Church, May 1987-August 1990. I served this rural church for 4 years as Pastor and Minister of Music. Hillside tripled in size as God blessed our focus on evangelism, missions and discipleship. We completed an educational building and saw the Lord grow our youth and young families in marvelous ways.

DENOMINATIONAL AND MISSIONS SERVICE

UKRAINE PARTNERSHIP, SBC of Virginia. Developed and implemented a state wide three year partnership with the Brotherhood of Independent Baptist Churches and Ministries. 2001-2003

CERTIFIED TEAM LEADER, International Mission Board of the SBC, March 2001.

TEAM LEADER AND MISSIONS VOLUNTEER, Romania Chapel Project, each year, 1997-2001.

TRUSTEE, Baptist Banner State Paper, October 1997 - Sept 2000.

CERTIFIED NATIONAL CPMS TRAINER, North American Missions Board of the SBC, Fall of 2000. I served as a NAMB Associate, traveling and teaching one day seminars across America.

DENOMINATIONAL AND MISSIONS SERVICE (Continued)

FAITH CERTIFIED, Liberty Baptist Church. Completed FAITH Evangelism training certification.

Served in two semesters as a trainer leader at Liberty Baptist, Hampton, Virginia.

CERTIFIED MENTOR TRAINER, North American Missions Board, February 1999.

CERTIFIED CHURCH PLANTER ASSESSOR, North American Mission Board, Fall 1998.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT, SBC of Virginia, October 1996-September 1997.

VOLUNTEER CHAPLAIN, Riverside Regional Medical Center, 1991-1997.

PRESIDENT, Peninsula Baptist Association Ministers Conference, 1995-1996.

MISSIONS VOLUNTEER, Mombasa, Kenya, July, 1995; Oklahoma, 1994; Brazil, August 1986.

MAJOR SECULAR EXPERIENCE

CHRISTIAN FINANCIAL ADVISOR, I am a state Registered Financial Advisor, Licensed in Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina.

POLICE OFFICER, Patrol Division, Fort Worth, TX 1986-1987. Served as a fully licensed police officer on midnight shift.

CORPORATE VICE PRESIDENT, Advance Electric Supply Company, Inc. Richmond, VA. 1979-1985. Normal corporate responsibilities, handling all hiring, fiscal, management and marketing responsibilities. Developed and implemented the Advance Computer-Telecom Division in 1981.

PERSONAL STATEMENT

Having been raised in a Christian home, I accepted Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior at the age of nine. God has grown me and challenged me in many ways throughout my life. In the fall of 1985, God called me into full time vocational ministry. I closed down my computer business and moved to Texas to attend Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary where I completed a Master of Divinity degree. I also completed a unit of Clinical Pastoral Education at Baylor Medical Center in Dallas, Texas.

Since that time, I have served as Pastor, Music Minister and Worship Leader for two churches that experienced explosive growth. I served for 5 years as the State Missions Director for SBC of Virginia and as Senior Pastor of another church for a total of 18 years of vocational ministry. This extensive ministry experience, overseas missions service and convention leadership combined with my extensive secular business and life experiences have dramatically impressed upon me the critical importance of the Church and its mission to reach the world. I believe in a team model of leadership and believe that God can and will accomplish His purposes through the local church.

Because of my life circumstances the Lord has given me a unique ability to communicate in a compassionate, relevant and practical manner that touches people with the truth of the Gospel right where they live. I have seen first hand how faith in Christ can dramatically change lives and responses to the circumstances and crises faced. I am also confident that God can restore anyone who is willing to come to Him, confess and turn from their sin and trust Him. I have learned from ministry and personal experience that one of the most important needs in the church is to develop strong teaching and discipleship that offers accountability and mentoring relationships that will help believers develop and maintain a healthy Christian life. In doing this I believe we provide members with the Biblical knowledge and practical skills necessary to truly live a full and meaningful Christian life.

There is no greater joy for me than to see people come to faith in Christ and then to see them grow in that faith to a point of wholeness as mature believers and servants. I am confident of God's calling in my life as a Pastor and will continue to serve Him wherever and however He leads. My life theme is "Fulfilling the Great Commission in the Love of the Great Commandment!"

REFERENCES

Available upon request