Dr. Jonathan Gers
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MINISTRY PHILOSOPHY

Committed to expository preaching and biblical discipleship that transforms lives and builds healthy church communities. Doctoral research focused on cultivating biblical literacy through systematic Bible teaching and practical discipleship frameworks.

EDUCATION

Doctor of Ministry in Expository Preaching | Liberty University | September 2025
Dissertation: "Cultivating Biblical Literacy Through Expository Teaching"

Master of Arts in Christian Apologetics | Liberty University | May 2018

Bachelor of Ministry Studies | Baptist College of Florida | May 2015

MINISTRY EXPERIENCE

Church Health Task Force | Northshore Baptist Association | January 2025 – October 2026

- Identified and established a list of resources for NBA churches regarding church health.
- Collaborated with other team members the creation of an annual church health conference.

Treasurer | Northshore Baptist Association | June 2026 – Present

- Worked with the management team of the Northshore Baptist Association and the Associational Missional Strategist to establish an operating budget.

Senior Pastor | Bedico Baptist Church, Ponchatoula, LA | April 2024 – Present

- Preach expository sermons weekly, teaching through books of the Bible systematically
- Developed "1:1:1" discipleship framework integrating ministry involvement, worship attendance, and small group participation

- Provide pastoral counseling for marriage, family, and life challenges
- Serve with North Shore Baptist Association Church Health Task Force
- Established community outreach ministries serving the Bedico area

Student Pastor & Athletic Director | The Church at the Beach, Panama City Beach, FL **|** September 2017 – April 2024

- Built thriving student ministry grounded in biblical teaching and discipleship
- Created and led discipleship groups, retreats, and mission experiences for spiritual formation
- Founded and directed Upward Sports program as community outreach and evangelism tool
- Developed age-appropriate Bible teaching curriculum for middle and high school students

Children & Student Pastor | Bethany Baptist Church, Horton, AL **|** October 2014 – September 2017

- Oversaw ministries from nursery through 12th grade
- Established AWANA program, Elevate Weekend events, and student discipleship training
- Coordinated D-Now weekends and mission projects for spiritual growth and service

Interim Student Pastor | Moffett Road Baptist Church, Mobile, AL **|** October 2012 – October 2014

- Led student ministry for 7th-12th grade students
- Developed contextualized Gospel presentations and teaching for teenage audience
- Directed Upward Basketball program

MINISTRY COMPETENCIES

- Expository Preaching & Bible Teaching
- Discipleship Development & Implementation
- Pastoral Care & Counseling

- Community Outreach & Evangelism
- Ministry Leadership & Team Building
- Denominational Collaboration

REFERENCES

Dr. Greg George | Retired Senior Pastor, The Church at the Beach | 850-814-8388

Dr. Jay Powell | Senior Pastor, The Church at the Beach | 850-774-6123

Don Pucik | Associational Mission Strategist, Northshore Baptist Association | 501-350-5549