

Pastor Andy Thomas

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Educational Background:

Andersonville Theological Seminary (www.andersonvilleseminary.com)

Educational Goals: Master of Divinity Degree, School of Theology - Pastoral Ministry

Completed: May 2006

Goal Attained: **Completed Master of Divinity Degree (M. Div. [Pastoral Theology])**

LOGOS Bible College (www.logos.edu)

Educational Goals: Completion of Bachelor of Religious Arts/Applied Theology

Completed: Last Quarter of 2003

Goal Attained: **Completed Bachelors Degree**

CSU Long Beach

Educational Goals: General Education and Computer Science

Attended: Late 80's (with a mixture of full and part time) (Approx. 1.5 years, total)

BIOLA University

Educational Goals: Pastoral Ministry / Bible Minor

Attended: '84-'85 (1 year)

Long Beach City College

Educational Goals: General Education and Computer Science

Attended: Early 80's and late 80's (with a mixture of full and part time) (Approx. 2.5 years, total)

Ecclesiastical Background:

- **New LIFE Fellowship**, Johns, SC (from March 2015 to Present - church planting attempt [<http://NLFJI.org>])
(We moved to Charleston, SC around September, 2011 – seeking God for the next step in Pastoral Ministry while paying the mortgage)
- **New LIFE Fellowship**, DELTA, CO (from March, 7th, 2010 to August 2011 - church planting venture [<http://www.newlifefellowship.us>])
(we had a core team and we were meeting regularly, but eventually I ran out of money and needed to find a “**real job**”, again – moved to Charleston, SC)
- **Calvary Baptist Church**, DELTA, CO (2007 - 2010 [<http://www.cbdelta.com>])
- **Heber Springs Christian Church**, Heber Springs, AR (I did not know what “Christian Church” meant until I was there for a while)
- **First Baptist Church, *Life Fellowship***, Temecula, CA (middle of 2003 to 2005)
- **LIFE Church**, Temecula, CA (www.getlife.tv - C&MA) (2002 through middle of 2003)
- **Discovery Church**, Murrieta, CA (www.discoverychurch.ws - SBC) (2001 - 2002)
- **Church Planting Attempt** (1995 - 2000)
Attempted to plant a church from scratch. Eventually after 3 years we were able to form a Church Planting Team. After 2 years into that Team, certain factors lead to the disbanding of this attempt. We tried 2 more times to develop a team but did not have much success. We attempted all of this without any outside denominational and/or ecclesiastical help.
- **Bellflower Baptist (CBA)**, Bellflower, CA (1990 - 1995) (<http://www.angelfire.com/ok/newjoychurch>)
Bellflower Baptist, changed its name to New Joy Christian Fellowship, and then eventually to its current name of New Joy Community Church
Possible Contacts: Mark Laughlin and/or Tom Seeman - (562) 634-2910
- **Calvary Chapel**, Downey, CA most of the '80s - (where I met my wife)
- **Nazarene Church** (Grew up in this denomination)
(Lynwood, CA and Bellflower, CA) (from late '60's until early '80's)
Received Christ during this time at home, in my bedroom **after a dream** (October 1981)

Ministry Involvement with these Churches/Ministries:

- **New LIFE Fellowship** (<https://NLFJI.org>)
 - Founding Pastoral Elder & Pastor-Teacher – ordained – 2015 thru Present
 - Johns Island, SC – Attempt at church planting, forming a team, etc.
- **Calvary Baptist Church (SBC)** (2007 – 2010)
 - Pastoral Elder & Pastor-Teacher – ordained – full-time
- **Heber Springs Christian Church** (2005-2006)
 - Senior Pastor, ordained
- **First Baptist Church, *Life Fellowship*** (SBC)
 - Developing the Home Fellowship Ministry
 - Led a Home Fellowship
 - Teaching at the Sunday Evening Service (once in a while)
- **LIFE Church**
 - Part of the Leadership team for developing small group, discipleship, assimilation ministries
 - Led a Home Fellowship (a Life Group)
 - Pursued Ordination/Licensing for Full-Time Vocational Pastoral Ministry until I found out that their Doctrinal Statement was in conflict with mine (turned out that they were a part of C&MA)
- **Discovery Church (SBC)**
 - Involved with prayer ministry
 - Filled in, one time, for the Pastor in the Pulpit when he was on vacation
- **Bellflower Baptist** (a.k.a. New Joy Community)
 - Pastoral Internship, entailing the following ministry endeavors:
 - Leading a Home Fellowship
 - Involved with One to One Discipleship
 - Leading the Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class
 - Preaching/Teaching from the Pulpit on Sundays (AM/PM)
 - Helped to change the worship style from the 1950's into a more contemporary style, to reach younger families in the area.
 - Helped to change the name of the church to something to which younger families could relate.
- **Calvary Chapel of Downey:**
 - Leading the Mission Prayer Ministry
 - Leading a Home Fellowship
 - Helped out with the High School Ministry, which included some teaching.
 - Helped out with the Young Adult/College and Career Fellowship, which included some teaching.

Secular Employment:

- **Data-Mail**, - telecommuting, full-time employee (Software Dev.) (860) 666-0399 -- Nov. 2012 - Present
- **CodeLynx**, Charleston, SC (IT / Software Dev.) (843) 266-2330 -- Aug. 2011 to Nov. 2012
- **Sequent Information Systems**, Grand Junction, CO (970) 254-0855 (IT Support / Design)
- **First Security Bank**, Searcy, AR (http://www.fsbank.com/our_locations/central_arkansas/searcy/downtown_searcy) (IT Support / Design / Software Dev) November 2006 - December 2007
- **NBS Local Government Solutions**, Temecula, CA (www.nbsgov.com) (IT Support / Design / Software Dev) 1999 to 2005 (800) 676-7516
- **Literacy Unlimited**, Canyon Lake CA (they went out of business) MIS Director 1997 - 1999

References:

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