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My Current Education Situation.

My name is Grayson Blue. I am a current student at Ozark Christian College in my fourth semester. I am currently working at Forest Park Baptist Church as a custodian. However, I am currently looking for a new job that matches my degree's path. The degrees I am currently going for are BTH (Bachelors in Theology) and Biblical Communications. I plan to use these degrees to spread the gospel in vocational ministry, likely overseas. I also understand that with me being a student, the question of, "Will I have enough time?" does arise. I am currently taking 16-19 credit hours a semester. If I am offered a full time job, then I will be willing to reduce my school hours to 12 hrs in order to make time. With me taking 19 credit hours this semester, I most likely won't be able to do this semester. That being said, I am mainly looking and asking for a job that would be willing to take me starting in the Fall semester of 2022.

Previous Education Situation.

High School Education:

I completed my high school education in 2020 and received my diploma from Troy Buchanan High School.

Current Jobs.

Forest Park Baptist Church Custodial Services:

I currently have one job working at Forest Park Baptist Church as a custodian. My boss' name is Kandice Moran, head of custodial services.

Previous Jobs.

Dairy Queen:

My first job was for Dairy Queen in Troy, Missouri. I worked for 2 years off and on as lead Ice cream maker. My job was to make ice cream and lead the ice cream line. I would keep the area clean, make sure we were constantly stocked, and built relationships with them.

Occasionally, I would work at the register both in the drive through or in the front. In this period I would maintain a kind and friendly attitude at all times, dealing with all things professionally and efficiently as possible. I would assist with anything the customer needed. Moreover, I would keep the building clean and the bathrooms in order to maintain a clean and inviting environment.

Additionally, I would work as a money handler where I would greet customers at the drive through window, then take their money and give them the proper change in return. I would also organize their food and make sure everything is present for their order. I kept my station clean, encouraged other members, and assisted them whenever they needed help.

Lastly, I worked as an expo. This is where you organize orders and bring the food out to the customers with a happy face and friendly attitude. Whenever they would need help, I would help them out. I kept my area clean and helped out other workers whenever they needed help.

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Kohls Floor Associate/Register Associate/Floor Runner:

My second job was at Kohls for about 3 months as seasonal help in Wentzville, Missouri. My title and position at Kohls was a floor associate. My job was to keep everything straightened, clean, and organized. I acquired customer service skills during this time.

The second part of my job was as a register associate. I managed my area and assisted customers as needed.

The final part of my job was floor running. During this portion of my job I would scan inventory in the warehouse and take items from the warehouse out onto the floor. I would make sure all the items got to the proper place, no items were misplaced, and all inventory was present.

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Address: 1239 W Pearce Blvd, Wentzville, Mo, 63385.

Phone: (636) 327-1666.

Royalty Lawns:

This was a small business run by my youth pastor. This was a lawn care service that ran all throughout the St. Louis area. During this job, I learned how to work diligently.

Contact Information:

Name: Jeff Williams

Phone: (636) 578-2415

Interim Floor Greeter at The Wellness Connection:

I worked at the Wellness Connection as a floor greeter. This was a temporary fill in position for my mom's office. I would work at the office greeting people, building relationships with the customers, and carrying conversations. This was a Chiropractic office, so I would also assist the doctors in whatever they needed.

Contact Information:

Name: Amber Blue

Email: amberdblue@yahoo.com

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Big Stickys BBQ:

I worked at Big Stickys BBQ in summer 2021. I would cook, keep everything stocked, greet customers, take their orders, take care of the customers, and clean everything. I would also encourage and build relationships with the other employees.

Contact Information:

Address: 180 E Cherry St. Troy, Mo, 63379

Phone: (636) 775-1820.

Current Christian Ministry/Service Work:

CrossRoads Christian Church Youth Group Leader:

I currently serve as a volunteer at CrossRoads Christian Church in the youth group as a small group leader. I volunteer with the middle school boys, serving them, and assisting them in their Christian journey pursuing Christ. I help organize games and lead them in small groups. I serve about 10 middle school boys and we are currently working through a Bible study over Genesis. I help make sure they have a fun time while building them up and encouraging them in Christ. I teach and lead them in whatever way is needed.

Contact Information:

Name: Jordan Carnes

Phone: (417) 365-2168

Address: 8448 US-69 ALT, Baxter Springs, Kansas, 66713

Afghanistan Support Group through Christ Church of Oronogo/Raise:

I am currently a part of an Afghanistan Support Group taking care of a couple and their baby. Their names are Nasirullah, Shahin, and Baby Maya. I take Nasirullah to the mosque each week while my girlfriend hangs out with Shahin and her baby. My responsibilities alongside taking him to the mosque is to show him Jesus through the way I live my life and my attitudes, and while he is in the mosque I pray to God that he encounters Jesus.

Contact Information:

Name: Drake Holderman

Phone: (918) 906-2248

Current Classes:

Greek 1B
Principles of Discipleship and Evangelism
Principles of Interpretation
Foundations of Biblical Education
Gospel of John
Psychology

Past Christian Ministry/Service Work:**FCA Leader at Troy Buchanan High School:**

I was a FCA leader from my freshman year of high school through my junior year. I would lead people in the school through devotionals and small group sessions. I would serve them wherever they were at and try my best to answer their questions and lead them closer to Jesus.

Youth Group/Small Group leader at Northroad Christian Church (High School Age):

I served as a Youth Group/Small Group leader for Northroad Christian Church in Moscow Mills, Missouri. This looked two different ways. The reason being that I had two different youth pastors during this 3 year span. The first youth pastor, I had been a leader under him for one year. He taught us how to be servants. He would have us clean the church, clean up the parking lot, and serve the students. In our meetings he would give us a lesson over the Bible and have us take a moment of silence, prayer, and worship to God. The second youth pastor that came in after the first, I served for two years. He was different, his leaders led small groups of people around the same age. The underclassmen led middle schoolers, but the upperclassmen (whom I was a part of) led other high schoolers. The goal was to grow by inviting people to our small groups and teaching them the word of God whenever they enter into the small group. Each small group consisted of one male leader and one female leader. Our other responsibilities consisted of brainstorming fun activities, games, and events for our United Nights. We would serve, invite, and walk alongside our group members assisting them in their walk with Christ.

Contact Information:

Address: 49 College Campus Dr, Moscow Mills, Mo 63362

Name of First Youth Pastor: Jeff Williams

Phone: (636) 578-2415

Name of Second Youth Pastor: Jared Prindle

Phone: (816) 699-3216

Two Year Internship at Northroad Christian Church:

This two year internship was with the youth group under the second youth pastor, Jared Prindle. This time was spent learning how to make graphics for the youth group using adobe photoshop, planning events, learning the word, and planning how to grow the youth group.

2 Mission Trips to Pawnee Oklahoma:

I went on two mission trips to Pawnee, Oklahoma, a Native American community. The first was in the 8th grade and the second was in 9th grade. This first year was spent helping with the VBS program we ran. It was our job to go into the community, door-to-door asking people to join the youth VBS program. During the VBS we got put with certain age groups and we had buddies within them. Mine was a kindergarten group. We also spent time in worship, singing songs, learning about God, having fun playing activities, and doing crafts. The second time I went I spent more time doing landscaping and building within the campsite we worked at. We would trim bushes and trees, we built a deck for the guest house, and helped rebuild rotten wood within the Church in town.

One Week Summer Camp With Element Church:

I did a one-week summer camp last summer under Jeff Williams at Element Church in Wentzville, Missouri. At this camp I led a group of about 7th-8th grade boys. We would have fun activities we would participate in, worship, have a service in the morning and night, spend time in silence and prayer, and lastly we would have small group devotional time. This was a one week time spending all day and night with these guys, pouring into them about Jesus. Helping them in their walks with Christ and answering their questions.

Contact Information:

Name: Jeff Williams

Phone: (636) 578-2415

Address: 100 Mall Pkwy #500, Wentzville, Mo, 63385

I Have Preached Two Sermons:

I have preached two sermons prior to going to Ozark Christian College. I felt comfortable preaching and speaking publicly. Right now, I am in a preaching class and I will give two more sermons.

Custodian with Forest Park Baptist Church:

I am currently a custodian at Forest Park Baptist Church where I clean the building and make sets for the building. I also serve the staff in whatever way they need, ensuring that everyone has a comfortable environment.

Contact Information:

Name: Kandice Moran
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Classes.

Previously Taken Classes:

- Old Testament History 1
- Old Testament History 2
- Book of Acts
- Christ and the Bible
- English Composition 1
- English Composition 2
- Essentials of Spiritual Formation
- First Year Student Success
- Foundations For Christian Mission
- Greek 1A
- Hebrews
- Introduction to Physical Science
- Lifetime Wellness
- Philosophy
- Speech

Current Classes:

- Foundations For Biblical Communications
- Gospel of John
- Greek 1B
- Principles of Discipleship of Evangelism
- Principles of Interpretation
- Psychology

My Testimony:

I would like to explain to you guys my background so that you have a better understanding of who I am. I was born in Oklahoma raised in a Christian household, but moved to Missouri when I was six years old. Due to this process I caused trauma in my life. At a young age, I was literally afraid of everything. When I was in middle school I decided that I had enough and remembered that at church people would talk about how “fear has no hold on me” or that “Jesus silences every fear”. I decided I was going to put this to the test because fear did indeed have a hold on me. I searched the Bible for the first time in middle school. I searched for what God's word had said about fear. I came to realize that it talks about two distinct fears. One, the

“spirit of fear” in which God did not give us (2 Tim 1:7). Two, the “Fear of God” which is a good fear that every Christian should have (Proverbs 1:7). I had recognized that I was being taken captive by the spirit of fear, and I decided I was gonna shift my fear to the fear of God. I realized, why do I fear things when I have the God who is feared by all on my side (James 2:9)? After this, I had a big breakthrough and began trusting in the Lord more, growing less fearful. When I entered high school, I began to participate in different Christian groups such as FCA and I became a leader in my youth group. By my sophomore year I became a leader in FCA as well. This was a time period I began to grow in my faith a lot more and separated it from my parents beliefs to my own. Around this time was when I toured Ozark Christian College and applied, but did not yet know if it was for me. My junior year I had gone to an event called Ambassadors weekend at OCC and decided it was for me. After this commitment I graduated and began my journey in OCC continuing to grow by the day in my faith with all joy.

I thank you for your consideration and ask for your prayers,
Grayson Blue.