

GEORGE VERGHESE

Adjunct Faculty



Ministry Philosophy

I believe that the Great Commission of Jesus Christ is the sole agenda of the Church in the world. The thrust of Christ's commission is the making of disciples among the nations. The driving passion that God has laid on my heart in the context of this commission has been to increase biblical literacy within the Church. The goal of my ministry is life change – both of mine and the hearers, as we study the Scriptures, understand its message and seek the Spirit's power and wisdom to apply it in our lives.

Personal Summary

- I was fortunate to be born and raised in a Christian home in the South Indian city of Hyderabad. I grew up being instilled with the fear of God and tutored in the Scriptures by my godly mother.
- After a period of drifting away from the church during my growing up years, I began attending Church again in July 2007. Over the next few months I began to clearly see my need for Christ and the redemption He offered me. Subsequently, I accepted Jesus as my Lord and Savior on December 27th 2007 at a youth camp where the gospel was preached. Unspeakable joy and peace flooded my soul that instant and has been mine ever since. I made a commitment that day to spend the rest of my life serving this great God and telling others of His matchless love.
- I met my wife, Divya, in College. Though coming from a Hindu family and an atheist, her interest in religion was piqued after my conversion, after which she began her journey of investigating the Christian faith. She was convinced of the validity of the claims of Jesus, and gave her life to Christ two years later, despite vehement opposition from her family. Divya is an avid student of the Scriptures with an interest in apologetics and loves serving the Lord through her practical gifts of helps and hospitality. She holds a degree in Engineering (Bio-Technology) and worked for six years as a Software Engineer before quitting to take care of our children. We have been blessed by the Lord in our marriage and have two beautiful children – Nathan (4 yrs old) and Karis (6 mos. old).
- When I'm not reading a book on theology, I'm either watching a good movie from the 90's, a documentary or a drama or spending time with my family.

Education

DALLAS THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY – Dallas, Texas
Master of Theology – August, 2019
Emphasis: Hermeneutics
[Ministry e-Portfolio while at DTS](#)

OSMANIA UNIVERSITY – Hyderabad, Telangana (India)
Bachelor of Technology – April, 2010
Emphasis: Bio-Technology

Ministry Experience

EKKLESIA EVANGELICAL FELLOWSHIP – Hyderabad, India | September, 2019 – present
POSITION: As a Pastoral Intern of this Church, I have the privilege of being mentored by the current Senior Pastor of the Church and be groomed to take over leadership of the Church in the coming years. As a pastoral intern, I will be tasked with a deep study of all topics related to the doctrine of the Church, under the supervision and tutelage of the Senior Pastor. I will also share the responsibility of ministering the Word to the congregation on Sundays. Additionally, I will also direct and teach the adult Sunday school program in our Church, from the month of November. Apart from this, I will be discipling two key lay leaders in the Church whom the Pastors have identified as showing promise for Church leadership in the future.

GRACE REDEEMER COMMUNITY CHURCH – Garland, Texas | January, 2018 – December 2018
POSITION: As an intern at the Church, I performed a variety of duties. I team taught the Adult Sunday School program in the Church, teaching through the Gospel of John and the Book of Daniel. I also had the privilege of sharing the main message one Sunday morning and usually got to share the Lord's Supper exhortation every fifth Sunday of the month. I also started a martial arts program at the Church as an outreach strategy that has since outgrown our premises and branched out to another larger church. I was also a vocalist in the worship team and served once a month, along with my wife.

SPIRITUAL FORMATION AT DALLAS SEMINARY – Dallas, Texas | August, 2016 – May, 2018
POSITION: As leaders of the couples group, my wife and I had the privilege of leading our group of four other couples through the seminary's two-year spiritual formation course. Serving as SF leaders really helped shape us for pastoral ministry, especially as we learnt how discipleship is complemented by hospitality. We learnt to love our group and be loved by them through all the ups and downs of seminary life. We planned 'work days', 'move out days', weekend getaways, threw baby showers, graduations parties and prayed and counselled each other through tough decisions. We still remain in constant touch today. The Lord has been good to us and provided us lifelong friends.

STUDENT MISSION FELLOWSHIP AT DALLAS SEMINARY – Dallas, Texas | August, 2017 – August, 2018
POSITION: SMF is a student body that exists to spread awareness and kindle participation of the DTS family in the global discipleship mandate by connecting them to a network of worldwide ministry partnerships. As Vice President, I was involved in recruiting members to join the group, plan and co-ordinate events over the academic year, support the President as needed, and promote missions in general on campus. The highlight of my time at SMF was the 'World Focus Chapel' where I was able to present the needs of my country India to the student body. Several students were moved and are considering ministering in some context in India in the days to come.

EKKLESIA EVANGELICAL FELLOWSHIP – Hyderabad, India | March, 2013 – July, 2015
POSITION: As one of the first members of this Church plant, I had the opportunity to serve in several capacities in the Church. I had the privilege of ministering the Word in a variety of settings including opportunities to preach the main message twice on Sunday mornings, apart from sharing the Lord's Supper exhortation every other week. I was also one of the worship leaders in Church, responsible with leading the Church every other Sunday. I also lead a discipleship program and walked three members of our church through what it meant to be a member of a local Church. My wife and I also enjoyed a ministry of hospitality to foreign missionaries, visiting preachers/teachers and the youth of our church as we opened our home to them for fellowship, rest and refreshment.

Teaching Interests

1. Hermeneutics
2. Bibliology
3. Soteriology

Work Experience

EKKLESIA EVANGELICAL FELLOWSHIP – Hyderabad, Telangana, India | September, 2019 – present
POSITION: Pastoral Intern

- Being mentored by the current Senior Pastor of the Church to assume leadership for the Church in the coming years.
- Sharing the preaching responsibilities for the Church with the Senior Pastor.
- Directing and teaching the Adult Sunday School program in the Church.
- Studying and writing papers on subjects related to the doctrine of the Church.
- Discipling and mentoring the next generation of leaders from within the Church.

DALLAS THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY – Dallas, Texas | May, 2018 – August, 2019
POSITION: Web Content Manager

- Handling all requests for updates to DTS web properties, monitoring analytics, and disseminating information on public properties such as www.dts.edu, voice.dts.edu and social media.
- Use the Seminary's task management system to view requests from departments for web updates, social media posts, email sends, and more.
- Creating and sending emails to admissions prospects and current students.

DALLAS THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY – Dallas, Texas | October, 2015 – June, 2018

POSITION: Mail Clerk

- Processing and delivering mail to the campus.
- Deliver all out going campus mail to the post office at the end of the day.
- Assist incoming students, faculty, and staff with their mail or material requests at the service window.

COGNIZANT TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS – Hyderabad, Telangana, India | June, 2010 – June, 2015

POSITION: Associate

- Write software programs customized for the banking sector – particularly an investment banking client in Chicago.
- Managing a team of programmers that worked together to execute large projects for the bank. As the team lead, I had to ensure quality, timely deliverables as well as post-production support for the client. A regular project cycle would include requirement gathering, analysis, proposals, development, testing, bug fixes, installation and support.
- Assist incoming students, faculty, and staff with their mail or material requests at the service window.