

Richard Gobble

Bio Overview

I. PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: Richard S. Gobble
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Address: 14702 N Chronicle Street
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Current Marital Status: Married
Previous Marital History: Never divorced; married almost 30 years
Wife's Name: Glenda F. Gobble
Names/Ages of Children: (4 still at home)
Damon Gobble, 28 Annie Gobble, 18
Karyn Mirante, 27 Skyler Gobble, 15
Nate Gobble, 25 Beth Gobble, 13
Jace Gobble, 19 Alex Gobble, 9

Hobbies and Interests: Walking, hiking, jet skiing, reading, prayer, hanging out with the family.

Date of Birth: 9/14/59

II. FAITH INFORMATION

About my spiritual background from childhood up until I became a Christian:

I was raised in a Christian home; my father became a Christian about the time I was born and my mother when she was a young girl. Our family roots on both sides of my family are in the Restoration Movement. Being in a career military family, we were part of a number of churches across the country during my childhood years, at various times members of independent Christian churches, Disciples of Christ, and at one time of a non-instrumental Church of Christ.

When I became a Christian:

Date: April 1971 Place: Vancouver, Washington

How I came to know the Lord:

Being raised in a Christian home, I've known of the Lord all my life. As I grew older I was conscious of His drawing work in my life, particularly while attending summer camp and other spiritual growth events. In early 1971 I felt both the desire and the need to commit my life to Christ in a personal way. That spring I attended a course taught by our minister designed for those interested in becoming a Christian and was baptized at its conclusion.

Two or three growth seasons since becoming a Christian:

My early years as believer were very much a “hot then cold” type of experience. There were times when I experienced an intense desire to follow Christ but it would soon cool off to lukewarm at best. I would eagerly enter into argument/debate with others about spiritual/doctrinal matters and did have a desire for a closer walk, but other things seemed on the whole much more exciting (fun, popularity, etc.). Then as a senior in high school, after a family relocation to the Midwest in 1976, being separated from friends, etc. I felt a growing desire to follow the Lord more closely. I became more comfortable in who I was as a Christian without the need to hide it in some settings or become argumentative in others. I also became more confident in who I was in Him so that I didn’t need to seek out the approval of others. This was a very significant growth “leap”. During this time I wanted to grow more in my walk with the Lord and decided to enroll in Bible College, so I graduated a semester early from high school and went to Lincoln Christian College in central Illinois where my growth in Him continued.

A second definitive growth season has been our 7 years in Spokane. We relocated here in 2001 sensing God’s leading. It has been a very good move for our family, yet has also been a challenging season in learning to trust the Lord and depend on Him. Both Glennda and I have had our faith stretched in significant ways, learning to trust Him more for His direction and provision. In addition, it has been a steady season of cultivating a deeper walk with Him, as well as cultivating a deeper holiness and discipline in my personal life.

III. EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

Lincoln Christian College

Lincoln, Illinois

Attended 1977-1980

Phone: 217-732-3168

Degree: Bachelor of Arts in Preaching Ministry

Over the years I have participated in many training events/conferences focused on leadership development, preaching, pre-marital counseling, and prayer among others.

IV. MINISTRY EXPERIENCE

Christ’s Fellowship

Kent, Washington

(Congregation no longer exists)

Position: Senior Pastor

Dates: September 1985 through April 2001

Responsibilities (as referenced in my resume):

Under the sponsorship of Overlake Christian Church I led a nucleus of people in starting a new church in the south end of Greater Seattle. Responsibilities included:

- Providing vision for the new work
- Leading prayer ministry
- Identifying and cultivating leaders
- Preaching/teaching/small group development
- Administrative leadership
- Limited counseling

During these years I also had the privilege of working with other pastors to form various groups for intercession, mutual support, and interchurch events. Other initiatives include prayer retreats in various settings across the Northwest, short term outreaches to Chile and Israel, and ministry to men through retreats, mentoring, and studies.

Morton Christian Church**Morton, Illinois**

October 1980 through May 1984

Phone: 309-266-7410

Position: Associate Minister

Responsibilities (as referenced in my resume):

The primary role was providing leadership for MCC's youth ministry for grades K-12.

Responsibilities included:

- Identifying and nurturing youth leaders
- Working with youth leadership to plan ministry objectives and strategies
- Event planning/coordination
- Leading/facilitating classes and groups for young adults.
- Other responsibilities included meeting regularly with elders, preaching and teaching, and various ministry responsibilities within the congregation

V. OTHER PREPARATION AND MINISTRY:

1. ELDER/TEACHER/PRAYER MINISTRY LEADER AT NORTHVIEW BIBLE CHURCH
Spokane, Washington
January 2002 through Present
Since affiliating with Northview I have taught and/or facilitated a number of different courses in Sunday School. I have also served as an elder there for 6 years, 2 years as chairman during which time we restructured our leadership model for greater ministry effectiveness. Serving as chair provided opportunity to learn how to lead in a non-staff capacity and provided an opportunity to appreciate that role.
2. HUMAN RESOURCES GENERALIST AT HUNTWOOD INDUSTRIES
23800 East Appleway Avenue
Liberty Lake, Washington 99019
509-924-5858
April 2003 through Present
My current position has afforded a great opportunity to work with many different types of people, both blue and white collar. I have had to learn to be tough when necessary (in disciplinary situations as well as terminations, etc.) while at the same time seek to exemplify the character of Christ. I have also had to learn to be more discerning – which a work still in process.
3. SUPPORT STAFF WITH GREATER SPOKANE FESTIVAL 2002 WITH FRANKLIN GRAHAM
Spokane, Washington (offices no longer open)
December 2001 through September 2002

My "Passion" in Ministry:

What stirs passion in me is the possibility of people – Christians and non-Christians alike – having their eyes opened to the greatness and grandeur of God as it has been made known through Christ, then in turn to see them surrender their lives unconditionally to Him in the spirit of Romans 12:1.

On Balancing Ministry and Family:

Without doubt this is a very important issue; one for which I have not learned any pat formula or schedule. Our family has found a satisfactory pattern that is periodically reviewed and adjusted in light of the needs at the time. As is well known, the work of ministry is never “done”. Sometimes the needs of family (not only in addressing problems but in proactively building a loving, caring home life) mandate that a leader say no to a ministry opportunity – or even a genuine need – so that he can be home. There are seasons when the ministry demands are such that they do require extra time, even sacrifice. The important dynamic is that a leader is in touch with both (as well as with his own needs) in such a way that over time neither is compromised. Personally, Glenda and I “keep tabs” on this together. I count it a privilege, too, that our children eagerly support our ministry goals. In a ministry setting, I would also count on other leaders in the church to help me maintain a good balance over time. An important component affording a healthy balance is sharing ministry among the leaders so potential compromise is avoided. I am deeply committed to my family and would not consider ministry in a setting where the value of family and shared ministry is not recognized and supported.

My Relationship with My Parents:

My wife and I both enjoy a very good relationship with my parents. I love and respect them deeply, and value their prayers and counsel. They are both committed believers and are very supportive of our ministry aspirations.

My Relationship with My Wife’s Parents:

I am grateful to enjoy a strong relationship with Glenda’s parents. Now retired, her father has been in ministry for over 50 years. I am grateful that Glenda’s mother modeled a very positive image of a minister’s wife. They, too, are very supportive.