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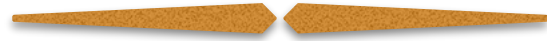
I am the 24th Senior Pastor of the historic First Church of Christ - Bradford since February 13, 2011. It is my passion to connect God's inexhaustible grace to an exhausted world, as we declare and demonstrate the liberating power of the gospel of Jesus Christ.



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*CONNECTING GOD'S INEXHAUSTIBLE GRACE
TO AN EXHAUSTED WORLD, THROUGH THE
FINISHED WORK OF JESUS CHRIST,
OUR TREASURE!*

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INTRO

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Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, watching over them—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve; not Lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock.

~ 1 Peter 5:2-3 ~

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Is there any doubt, in anyone's mind, that the incredible challenges of our day are calling for a new paradigm for sound, biblical, culturally-connected, creative Christian expression? In our increasingly post-Christian culture, the need exists within the Body of Christ to be both biblically committed (without compromise) and culturally relevant (with winsome grace & style). Since 2011 I have joyfully labored as a *bi-vocational* Pastor to combine these traits at the First Church of Christ - Bradford (est. 1682). By God's grace, much spiritual fruit is evident among us! *Yet, I discern God is calling me to transition from bi-vocational ministry to dedicated, full-time Pastoral engagement.*

My pastoral calling of over 25 years has focused on:

Vision-Casting: To connect God's inexhaustible grace to an exhausted world, through the good news of Jesus Christ!

Prayer: A ministry spearhead and sustaining spiritual power.

Preaching: Mainly expositional, through a clear Law / Gospel lens, centered on “tetelestai” (it is finished!) More on P.4...

Leadership Development: Train, equip, ordain, and commission current and future spiritually healthy pastors and lay leaders.

Networking: Connect Christians with Local, National & International ministries and resources that will promote spiritual maturity & ministry effectiveness. Some of my good friends, providing the Body of Christ with excellent resources, are part of:

- [Mockingbird](#) Ministries (David Zahl, Director)
- [Desiring God](#) Ministries (Feat. Dr. John Piper; Scott Anderson, President & CEO)
- [The Gospel Coalition](#) (and TGC New England)
- [White Horse Inn](#) / [Core Christianity](#) (Dr. Michale Horton)
- [Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church](#), Fort Lauderdale, FL (Rob Pacienza, Pastor)
- [Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary](#) (Dr. Richard Lints, Dr. Douglas Stuart & Dr. Gordon Isaac)

I am *convinced* it is time for the Body of Christ to be deeply rooted in what we believe and why we believe it.

I am *persuaded* that we must follow a biblical model of fidelity to scripture that connects with our diverse culture's deepest needs, questions and challenges.

I *believe* my pastoral experience can be of great encouragement to advance the unstoppable gospel in our region.

To this end, Please receive my Ministry Portfolio as my introduction for Ministry Support.

For God's glory, our mutual joy in Jesus and the furthering of this unstoppable, matchless gospel!

May God's will be done.

Warmly,

Danny

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RESUME

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For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

~ Ephesians 2:8-10 ~

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About

I am one needy sinner/saint, with servant-leadership experience as a current Bi-vocational Senior Pastor, with years of experience as a church planter, interim pastor, youth leader, guest speaker and counseling/resource ministry assistant.

Public speaking and group presentation expertise acquired throughout 30+ years, combining education and experience in the ministry of the Christian Faith.

Exceptional communication skills in writing, speaking and listening. Creative problem solver, resourceful multi-tasking abilities, tech-savvy, insightful and motivated visionary in the Christian community.

Ordination Southern Baptist Convention 9/20/2008

Education

1988 - 1990 Calvary Chapel Bible College, Twin Peaks, CA
Certificate of Completion: Pastoral Ministry | Biblical Studies

Ministry Experience

2011 - PRESENT (Bi-Vocational) Senior Pastor, [First Church of Christ - Bradford](#)

Bradford, MA

Vision | Preaching | Strategic Development

2008 - 2010 Senior Pastor, Haverhill Community Church*

Haverhill, MA

Vision | Preaching | Ministry Oversight

2001 Interim Pastor, Andover Baptist Church

Andover, MA

Pulpit Supply | Bible Studies | Christian Counseling

1990 - 1995 Church Planter | Co-Pastor, Coram Deo

Dana Point, CA

Vision | Preaching | Strategic Development

*I was Pastor of **both** HCC & FCC for 2 years, in 2010-2011

Professional Experience

2000 - PRESENT [Merrimack Valley Planning Commission](#)

Haverhill, MA

Field Services Coordinator: Transportation Data Analysis

[Sermon Page](#) [One Rainy Sunday](#) (conversion)



FAITH

My Statement of Faith is formed in accordance with several classic historic Protestant confessions and catachisms, both Lutheran & Reformed. Here I address The Apostles Creed:

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord:

I AFFIRM: The Trinity. God is Real. He is Infinitely Glorious. He is the starting, sustaining and ending point of Christianity. God is God-centered in everything!

I DENY: The Big Bang Theory. Mother Nature. All False gods. God worships man.

Who was conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontus Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He arose again from the dead.

I AFFIRM: Jesus is the God-Man, a real, historical figure. Born unlike all other humans. Really lived, died, rose again. Really lives today in His people!

I DENY: Jesus was a myth. Mary is co-redemptrix. The Swoon theory.

He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I AFFIRM: Heaven is a real realm. Jesus is Lord! He will Judge all soon!

I DENY: Heaven/Hell is here on earth. Jesus is not coming back. He is only love.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy universal church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.

I AFFIRM: The global body of Christ of all ages. Sinners become saints. Saints are sinner-saint 'til death, Forgiveness is final, free and forever! We need a new body fit for glory! Life is in God!

I DENY: The Holy Spirit is a force. Saints are always the "real holy people." Forgiveness by merit. "This is all there is to life...so eat, drink and be merry."

Amen.

I AFFIRM: This is TRUTH! This is worth living / dying for. Others need to hear about Jesus!

I DENY: Christianity is a man-made religion.

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Dear friends, although I was very eager to write to you about the common salvation we share, I felt compelled to write and urge you to earnestly contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints.

~ Jude 1:3 ~

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PULSE

If you were to ask me “*Danny, how would you sum up the heartbeat, the pulse, the very heart & soul of your ministry, what would that be?*” I would answer: ***Tetelestai!*** *It. Is. Finished!*

Tetelestai is the last thing Jesus cried out on the cross before he died! He proclaimed to all beings: human, angelic & demonic, that the work necessary to save, redeem & keep fallen, broken, sinful mankind is finished; accomplished; done!

The wrath of God against sin is satisfied. Now the pardon of sin and the Divine declaration of righteousness is a sure reality.

A massive, theological & practical reality for everyday life!

Out of **tetelestai** flows God’s full, free & forever forgiveness of sins, with no strings attached and no fine print, that is rooted in the death of Jesus Christ, on the cross, in your place and for your sins! Full stop. Period. Here at FCC we are a rag-tag band of misfit sinner/saints who are being shown that through the death & resurrection of Jesus, we are loved, accepted & forgiven by God, once and for all. Now God calls us saints, those whom He has declared righteous! No more striving, no more tireless treadmill of attempts to set the record straight, no more reliance on our performance to earn God’s favor, but a daily resting in the solid performance of Jesus on our behalf, secure in the obedience of Jesus for us, and rejoicing in the work of Jesus that is finished.

The Christian life is about Jesus, not me, not you. Here at FCC all of us matter, but none of us is the point. Jesus is! We now live the Christian life in the power and the beauty of His conquering love! We live out of **tetelestai’s** potent impact, not by trying to help Jesus finish the work by our vain, failing attempts to keep God’s law, but by resting in His finished work for us. This is the true motivation for living the Christian life and doing good works! Because of **tetelestai**, “*God does not need our good works, but our neighbor does*” (Martin Luther). So good works flow to others. As my friend Chad Bird reminds us:

“The absolution is absolute. Forgiveness is final.

God doesn’t keep score. It really is finished.”

His **tetelestai**, His finished work to save a wretch like me, like you - as the song “Amazing Grace” goes - is the God-given heartbeat, pulse and laser focus of my calling as a minister of the Gospel.

All for God’s glory, for our good & joy in Jesus, and for the furthering of this unstoppable good news!

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For by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.

~ Hebrews 10:14 ~

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HIGHLIGHTS

By the Grace of God, here are some ministry development highlights that He brought at First Church of Christ~Bradford from 2011 - Present

SERMON SERIES (and Sermon Notes)

- ❖ Introductions
- ❖ Back to the Beginning (Genesis 123): Creation-Fall-Redemption
- ❖ From Genesis to Jesus`
- ❖ Jesus our Treasure in the Gospel of Luke
- ❖ Book of Acts, Romans, Ephesians
- ❖ Galatians: The Freedom of Freedom in the Freedom of Christ
- ❖ God's Two Words: The Law & The Gospel
- ❖ FCC Vision & Mission 2020
- ❖ Snapshots From the Gospel of John
- ❖ Hear Good News
- ❖ Three Little Words
- ❖ The Great 8: Romans 8
- ❖ Living the It is Finished Life in a Just Do It World
- ❖ Simul Justus et Peccator (simultaneously justified and sinner)
- ❖ STYMIED! Blindsided by God's Grace

PRAYER

- ❖ Tuesday Prayer (Room & Zoom)
- ❖ Thursday Prayer
- ❖ Sunday Morning Prayer
- ❖ 7 Days of Prayer
- ❖ Use of Scotty Smith Heavenward prayer blog

DISCIPLESHIP / BIBLE STUDY

- ❖ Meet & Greet
- ❖ Bible Study
- ❖ Sermon Deep Dive Discussion
- ❖ Bible Study Classes (Mark & Steve)

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

- ❖ Develop Candidates with a Pastoral calling toward ordination
- ❖ Ministry Refresh w Pastor Rob Pacienza, Coral Ridge Pres. Church

SPECIAL EVENTS

- ❖ WHI Conference
- ❖ Reformation 500 Conference
- ❖ Honor the Past (2012 Pamphlet & event)
- ❖ Worship Breakfast Service (Palm Sunday & Sunday before Christmas)
- ❖ Conference & workshop attendance

ADMINISTRATION

- ❖ Vision & Mission (Pamphlet)
- ❖ About Us (Pamphlet)
- ❖ Our Four Reaches (Pamphlet)
- ❖ By-Law Changes
- ❖ Ministry "Team" name changes

PROPERTY IMPROVEMENTS

- ❖ Remodel of Pastor Office, Church Office, Parlor, Library,
- ❖ Handicap Restroom, Gym Floor
- ❖ Create Work Days (w flyer)

TECHNOLOGY

- ❖ Creation of Clover website
- ❖ Installation of WiFi in house
- ❖ Use of Big Screen Projection
- ❖ Photography of people, ministries & events
- ❖ Create Ministry & Event Flyers
- ❖ Creation of Zoom platform

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And whatever you do,
whether in word or deed, do
it all in the name of the Lord
Jesus, giving thanks to God
the Father through him.

~ Colossians 3:17 ~

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SUPPORT

In this season of my life & ministry I am praying about a shift from 25 years of bi-vocational ministry to dedicated full-time Christian service.

I desire and envision our congregations being an innovative, biblical resource hub for other churches around the country and here in New England that may need assistance and encouragement. Given the similarities of our churches this **Support Proposal** presents us a potential incredible ministry opportunity for mutual gospel impact, through biblical & creative means, for other congregations in need. Consider the following:

A Clear Vision:

To Connect God's Inexhaustible Grace to an Exhausted World

A Vital Mission:

Our Four PILLARS | Our Four REACHES

Collaborative Ministry:

Distinct & Linked Local, Impacting Churches

The combined and mutual historic impact could be profound. Simply **Staggering!** What an example this can be to the Body of Christ throughout this region and around the globe of how two contextually diverse congregations can lock spiritual arms together and do life and ministry in the 21st century, as we reach out to peoples of all nations!

Could our ministries have an incredible story to tell and ministry model to follow? All reports in the US tell of a serious spiritual decline taking place here, keeping pace with the post-Christian era of Europe. Might this be, *for such a time as this*, that God desires to do something different to meet our day head-on with potent gospel hope through our congregations, rooted in such kindred theology and creative, biblically sound vision?

Consider these benefits of a collaborative ministry support:

Shared Ministry Personnel & Costs: equipping the saints for the work of ministry to bless one another beyond local church walls.

Raising up ministry leaders to learn in various regions of New England's diverse contexts & cultures. Sharing ministry costs.

Shared Ministry Resources: Sharing ministry ideas, outreach experiences and ministry resources with one another.

Shared Ministry Connections & Impact: More Christians from other congregations connecting with and making a difference in local, regional, global ministries, events and outreaches.

Shared Ministry Opportunities: There is nothing like kindred congregations coming together to build the Kingdom of God beyond each one's four walls!

Gospel ministry (*especially here in New England*) takes a village! Might I direct you to consider the number of people listed in Romans 16? At the end of the day, my vision of ministry support is to utilize ALL of God's people in ministry, and ALL 7 days of the week!

I would love to bring this **Proposal** of help and support to other congregations through our collective ministry efforts.

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But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

~Acts 1:8~

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DANNY & CYNDIE

SAMANTHA

EMMA

GRACIE 

GIA 



Danny - Cyndie - Emma - Samantha



Gracie n Gia

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When he had received the drink, Jesus said,

“It is finished.”

With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

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