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Pastoral Team
College Avenue Baptist Church
San Diego, CA

Dear Pastor Hilken and the Pastoral Team,

I'm writing to express my interest in a preaching and pastoral role on the team at College Avenue Baptist Church. I have served as a pastoral resident here since June 2026, and after these months of coursework, preaching, and ministry alongside you, I would be grateful for the opportunity to continue serving this congregation in a fuller pastoral capacity.

My residency has combined accredited coursework in preaching, apologetics, and biblical languages with hands-on ministry: writing and delivering sermons under Pastor Chris Hilken's mentorship and co-leading a college prayer team. That work builds on preaching experience in different ministry settings since 2025, including as a speaker for Kamp Love, an outreach ministry at San Diego State University — experience that has taught me to adapt my communication to different audiences while staying rooted in careful biblical study.

I am completing a Finance degree at San Diego State University alongside an Associate's degree in Theology at Summit Bible College, a combination that has sharpened both my analytical thinking and my theological grounding.

I would welcome the chance to talk further about where I could best serve the preaching and discipleship needs of the church, and I can share recent sermon recordings at any time. Thank you for your continued investment in my development.

Sincerely,

Charles Pickard