

# PAUL STEWART

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## PROFILE

Paul is the founding and lead pastor of The Gateway Church, an innovative faith community centered in and committed to the city of Des Moines. Paul is a passionate disciple of Jesus Christ, a devoted husband and father, a gifted leader and a thought-provoking communicator.

## PASTORAL EXPERIENCE

LEAD PASTOR, THE GATEWAY CHURCH, DES MOINES, IOWA | 2009 - PRESENT

Envisioned, developed and launched The Gateway Church in downtown, Des Moines / Grew from 15 people in a small living room to a vibrant community of over 300 people from across all spectrums of life and faith / Successfully managed a balanced budget for six years / Developed and maintained all church-wide communications including Sunday services, web and social media, small group content and overall church brand / Recruited, developed and equipped a leadership team of eight elders, four trustees, and eight staff members / Raised over \$350K for global and local missions projects, organized hundreds of outreach projects, and developed long-term partnerships with community leaders throughout the city.

PASTOR OF SPIRITUAL FORMATION, FIRST ASSEMBLY, DES MOINES, IOWA | 2007 - 2009

Successfully served as a member of the executive pastoral team / Provided organization, operation and oversight of the total discipleship ministry to the adult population of First Assembly / Provided supervision, encouragement, and accountability for the pastors of the spiritual formation team / Initiated and launched first church-wide small group campaign with over 70% involvement in a sermon-discussion based small group.

ADULT MINISTRIES PASTOR, OAK HILLS CHURCH, EAGAN, MINNESOTA | 2004 - 2007

Initiated and developed an all-new, semester-based small group system which grew small group participation by 250% during the Summer of 2006 / Improved adult discipleship by developing CORE curriculum with a special emphasis on spiritual growth and transformation to help unchurched people on their journey to becoming fully-devoted followers of Christ / Trained, developed, supported and served all new and existing leaders and teachers.

## EDUCATION

BACHELOR OF ARTS, CHURCH PLANTING

North Central University, Minneapolis, Minnesota | 2001

MASTER OF ARTS, THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

Bethel Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota | 2009

## OBJECTIVE

To lead the church toward a renewed awareness of the beauty of the cross of as a way of life and salvation; to explore the mystery of the Bible and the Jesus way of life; to embrace the deep and long history of the Church emphasizing the importance of living in Christian community, and to wholeheartedly participate in God's mission to redeem and restore God's good world.

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## SKILLS

Gifted communicator, able to get beyond surface levels of communication.  
Able to manage several tasks simultaneously and maintain a healthy attitude.  
Easy going yet has a high energy level.  
Good at painting pictures of desired outcomes and encouraging people to own the vision.  
Thrives on seeing lives changed for the glory of God.  
Competent in raising funds to further the gospel of Jesus Christ.  
Comfortable in environments outside church structures and connects well with varying social networks.  
Not easily deterred by obstacles and remains steadfast in the midst of trials.  
Personally practices spiritual disciplines and radiates a great capacity to believe God for great things.

## INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCE

TREE OF LIFE CHURCH  
LEXINGTON, MINNESOTA | 2001-2002

BOOK OF HOPE INTERNATIONAL  
FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA | SUMMER 1999

FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD  
DES MOINES, IOWA | SUMMER 1998

MISSIONS IN ACTION  
SAN JOSE, COSTA RICA | SPRING 1997

## TOP TEN MOST INFLUENTIAL BOOKS

MERE CHRISTIANITY, LEWIS  
THE BROTHERS KARAMAZOV, DOSTOYEVSKY  
THE GOSPEL IN A PLURALIST SOCIETY, NEWBIGIN  
THE REASON FOR GOD, KELLER  
SURPRISED BY HOPE, WRIGHT  
RENOVATION OF THE HEART, WILLARD  
RESIDENT ALIENS, HAUSER & WILLIMON  
CENTER CHURCH, KELLER  
DESIRING THE KINGDOM, SMITH  
GILEAD: A NOVEL, ROBINSON

## BUSINESS EXPERIENCE

CLAIMS REPRESENTATIVE, PROGRESSIVE INSURANCE, ROSEVILLE, MN | 2003-2004

Managed overall claims process for individuals involved in motor vehicle accidents including property damage and medical benefits / Investigated insurance claims for personal, casualty, or property loss or damages / Examined insurance policies and other records to determine insurance coverage / Interviewed and corresponded with claimants and witnesses, consulted police and hospital records and inspected property damage to determine extent of liability.

SALES REPRESENTATIVE, T-MOBILE WIRELESS, MINNEAPOLIS, MN | 2000-2003

Extensive experience in sales as well as customer service / Assisted in store audits, financial management, and inventory reporting / Consistently met or exceeded sales goals and merchandising standards / Displayed strong customer relationship building skills / Top Sales Representative in Minnesota/ Iowa Region 1st Quarter 2001.