

# Parker & Starla Darnell

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## OUR PURPOSE

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To reach, mentor, and motivate people to become caught up in a intimate relationship with God. The passion that drives my wife and I is to see the teachings of Jesus lived out among his followers. We want to witness the church become a safe haven and support for all thoes who are looking and ready for a change. The passion for true discipleship has been placed upon both of our hearts and we desire to lead a church that is increasingly involved in their faith.

## EXPERIENCE

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### **Free Life Church of God (July 2009 – Current)**

**Lead Pastor**, San Bruno, California

[www.FreeLifeChurch.com](http://www.FreeLifeChurch.com)

- Church re-plant in an cultural diverse urban city that is the most unchurched area in the country.
- More than qudrapled attendance from less than 10 attendies to averaging 50+ in little over a year
- Completley remodled church and properties. (Church, fellowship hall, childrens area, & parsonage)
- Started several commuinty events in local park with a great attendance of over 150+ (ex. Easter Eggstravangaza, OctoberBash)
- Obtained invaluable experience including a hightened passion to see the church truly reach and diciple the lost effectively.

### **RiverWalk Church of God (March 2007 – April 2009)**

**Youth Director**, Sanford, Florida

- Directed all events, speaking, and programs for 60+ youth.
- Developed youth ministry leadership teams, both adult and student.
- Increased youth attendance by 50% in fewer than 2 years.



- Organized and directed the building and remodeling of a new 4000 sq ft youth facility.
- Developed and trained volunteer teams to run areas such as sound/media, greeters/follow up, praise & worship, food concessions, & security.
- Promoted church to community through web development, graphic banners, & community events

**Parkview Church Of God, (Jan. 2006 – March 2007)**

**Youth Director**, Natchez, Mississippi

- Increased youth attendance and participation by 300% in 1.5 years.
- Developed a non existing youth program from the ground up.
- Implemented and trained ministry teams to affectively reach and assist our community.
- Completely funded youth program through creative and effective fundraising strategies.

**OTHER  
EXPERIENCE**

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**Parker Screen Printing, (May 2010 - Current)**

**Owner Operator**, San Bruno, CA

- Own and run a small screen printing & design business
- Design & make shirts, bags, posters, business cards, websites, ect...
- Ship to churches, businesses, and organizations all over the USA.
- Experienced in marketing a product.

**Advanced Micro Technologies, (Jan. 2006- March 2007)**

**IT Technician**, Natchez, Mississippi

- Assisted in the selling, design, installation and maintaining of computer networks in places such as hospitals, medical clinics, doctor's offices, specialty clinics, warehouses, and local businesses.
- Designed and built PC's for all types of jobs and environments.
- Regularly requested to handle complex issues because of people skills and efficiency.
- Trained customers in software management.

## EDUCATION

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### **Patten University, Oakland, CA**

- Major: Church Leadership
- Status: Current Junior (Full time student)

### **Credentialed Minister within Church of God**

Exhorter Certificate (2004)

Ordained Minister Certificate (2007)

## OTHER SERVICE

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- Serve on California Church of God State Youth Board (present)
- Chairman, California Church of God Media Board (present)
- Numerous national, regional, and local speaking engagements
- Pastoral Internship, Destiny Community Church, Newberry, Florida (2009)
- Member, Florida Youth Leaders Association Board (2008 – 2009)
- Member, Florida Church of God Communication Board (2008 – 2009)
- Softball Coach, RiverWalk Church of God, Sanford, Florida (2007 – 2008)

## PERSONAL REFERENCES

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Advanced Micro Technologies, Owner

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RiverWalk Church of God, Pastor

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