

Class: 1992

Attending?: No, but I am attaching my bio

First Name: Andrew

Last Name: Beaty

Is your spouse attending?: No

Spouse's name: Karen

Current Ministry/Employment (dates included):  
 Employment: Associate Dean of Online Programs and Faculty Support at Moody Bible Institute (I started at Moody in 2011, and I've been the Assoc. Dean since 2021)  
 I'm also a Professor of Applied Theology at Moody Theological Seminary where I serve as the lead faculty member for the MA in Ministry Studies and the MA in Global Ministry Design; and I am lead faculty for our undergrad Disability Ministry programs  
 Ministry: volunteer at Eastview Christian Church in Normal, IL helping with the special needs ministry and teaching in our residency program we do in conjunction with Moody Theological Seminary

Previous Ministry/Employment (dates included):  
 School Therapist/Counselor: Hammitt Schools at the Baby Fold, Normal, IL 2007-2012  
 Interim Bi-vocational Pastor Goodfield Baptist Church Goodfield, IL 2011-2012  
 Area Director Young Life in South Dakota and Illinois 2002-2007  
 Youth and Christian Ed Pastor, Baptist General Conference (Converge) Churches in Michigan, Illinois, and South Dakota 1992-2002

Additional Degrees Earned: EdD Teaching and Learning from Illinois State University  
 Dissertation title: Improving Access To Ministerial Training Through The Use Of Electronic Devices: A Qualitative Study Of Educators In Developing Nations

Books Published: Contributing author to "The Complete Handbook for Children's Ministry" (Choun and Lawson were the editors)  
 I'm a frequent speaker at conferences about special needs ministry, fostering and adopting children, online higher education, and improving teaching methods in various modalities.

Info about children & grandchildren:  
 Biological Kids  
 CALEB and Carina (Miriam, Acacia, and Talitha) Church Planters with the SBC International Mission Board in Madrid, Spain  
 HANNAH: Working on her EdD in Intercultural & Multicultural Education at the University of San Francisco  
 JOSEPH and Kylie (Ezra) working as a Private Security Officer and is in the US Army Reserves in Kansas City  
 JOHNMARK and Karli (Everett) he works as software engineer at State Farm Insurance's corporate offices in Bloomington, IL  
 SARAH and Weston Live in Minneapolis and work for an Amazon reselling company  
 Adopted Kids  
 ELIZABETH: she's currently homeless and running from Jesus

BENJAMIN: Will be a senior in high school this fall; he will be in a special needs program through school for four more years

AARON: Will be a sophomore this fall in high school. He's currently living in a long-term residential placement for his mental health needs.

SAMUEL: Will be an eighth grader this fall

JOSHUA: Will be an eighth grader this fall. We've just adopted him after his grandmother died of Covid last fall.

NOAH: Will be in seventh grade this fall.

TITUS: Will be in fifth grade.

Miscellaneous Info:

Karen and I have been foster and adoptive parents for over twenty years. Our seven adopted kids all have significant mental health, cognitive, emotional, behavioral, and social disabilities.

I was appointed by the Governor of Illinois to serve as a board member for the Community and Residential Services Authority where I help ensure proper care of children and adolescents with significant disabilities.