Pastor Reyes Cortez Jr.





- Pastor and Teacher
- Problem Solver/Idea Generator
- Discipleship and Mentor
- Worship leading (guitar, percussion, bass)
- Sound engineering, streaming, and video editing
- Execution/Implementor
- Relationship Builder
- **Facilitator**
- Communicator/Visionary Leader
- Tech-Savvy
- Growth Mindset
- Heart for God, His people, and the community

Objective

Passionate and dedicated pastor with a heart for ministry, a desire to serve, and experience as a pastor, interim pastor, church planter, worship leader, small group leader, youth pastor, prison minister, college and career community group leader, and children's director. Committed to fulfilling the Great Commission by nurturing spiritual growth, building relationships, and equipping individuals of all ages to live out their faith. Excited to engage and establish myself in a community for God to reach the lost, equip the workers, and further His kingdom.

Ministry Experience

Worship Team

Calvary Church, Pueblo Colorado 2023-Present

- Served as Rhythm Guitarist/vocalist in Main Worship
- Next Step Leader

Worship Team

Christ Church, Pueblo West, Colorado 2022-2023

- Sound Engineer
- Website Designer

Worship Team

Revolution Church, Selma, Texas 2015-2016

• Served as Rhythm Guitarist in Main Worship

Worship Team/Youth Ministry

Grace Community Church, Universal City, Texas 2014-2015

Served as Rhythm Guitarist in Main Worship and Youth Worship
Managed sound

Worship Leader/Small Groups Director/Co-Youth Leader/Youth Worship Leader

Cornerstone Church, McAllen, Texas; 2005 – 2006; 2010-2013

- Led worship services, including playing guitar(s) and percussion.
- Engaged in planning and coordinating worship sets, including sound engineering, streaming, and video editing.
- Facilitated small group Bible studies and discipleship groups, nurturing relationships, and encouraging spiritual growth.
- Recruit, trained, and empowered volunteers to serve in various ministry areas.
- Fostered a culture of care, humility, and openness to feedback.
- Co-leader for youth group where we aimed to make it an exciting and engaging opportunity for students to grow deeper in their faith and in their friendships.
- Actively engaged in community outreach initiatives, organizing, and participating in events that positively impacted the local community.

Interim Pastor/Worship Leader/Youth Pastor

New Hope at the Border, Mission, Texas; 2009-2010

- Stepped in as the interim pastor, providing leadership and pastoral care during the sabbatical of the senior pastor.
- Preached and planned messages for Sunday worship services.
- Led and nurtured the youth ministry (which was in a gang-heavy area), creating an environment conducive to spiritual growth and building strong relationships.
- Led worship services, including playing guitar(s) and percussion.
- Engaged in planning and coordinating worship sets, including sound engineering, streaming, and video editing.
- Organized and executed ministry worship nights in the church's old theater facility to provide opportunities for local worship bands and rappers, guest preachers, and the community to worship together.
- Provided pastoral counseling, support, and prayer for individuals and families in need.
- Recruited, trained, and empowered volunteers to serve in various ministry areas.
- Actively engaged in community outreach initiatives, organizing, and participating in events that positively impacted the local community.
- Assisted in other pastoral duties and church activities, as needed.

Interim Pastor/Interim Youth Pastor

Calvary Baptist Church, Madison, Nebraska; 2009

- Developed and delivered impactful sermons, addressing relevant biblical topics, and providing practical application.
- Established, organized, and implemented a game plan for children's ministry. Established the youth group as Sword of the Spirit youth ministry.
- Led worship for main service and for youth group.

Lead Pastor/Church Plant

Hometown Fellowship, Clinton, Arkansas; 2006-2008

- Founded and led the establishment of Hometown Fellowship.
- Played guitar and drums as part of the worship team, leading congregational worship, and creating a dynamic and engaging atmosphere.
- Developed and delivered impactful sermons, addressing relevant biblical topics, and providing practical application.
- Led and coordinated various outreach initiatives, fostering community engagement, and building relationships with residents.
- Guided the growth and development of the church from its initial location in a Mexican restaurant to a hotel conference room, and finally to its own dedicated building.
- Provided pastoral care, counseling, and support to church members, nurturing their spiritual growth and fostering a sense of belonging.
- Conducted and facilitated leadership training and discipleship programs to equip and empower church members for ministry.

Children's Director (Volunteer)/Set Up Team/Greeting Team

Valley Fellowship, Mission, Texas; 2003-2005

- Oversaw and managed children's ministry providing leadership and guidance.
- Established and developed a new program specifically designed for 5th and 6th grade students, creating a dynamic and engaging environment for their spiritual growth.
- Collaborated with volunteers and parents to ensure a safe and welcoming atmosphere for children, implementing proper safety protocols and procedures.
- Set up and tore down the church each week, as the church rented a facility from a ballroom until moving to a permanent location.
- Designed and implemented innovative teaching methods and curriculum to make the children's ministry "the best hour of the kids' week", fostering a love for learning, and a deeper understanding of biblical truths.

- Mentored and trained volunteers, equipping them with the necessary skills and knowledge to effectively serve in the children's ministry.
- Actively participated in the greeting ministry, welcoming, and assisting families as they arrived, ensuring a positive and welcoming experience for all attendees.
- Actively participated and engaged in the college and career group.

Volunteer Experience

College Ministries

Baptist Student Ministries - Helped with fundraisers, prayer walks on campus, outreach, discipleship, and fellowship.

- X-Life Ministry Helped with worship ministry (drums), sound engineer, set up/tear down, served on Leadership Council, outreach, prayer team, and aided in the arranging a large convention at South Padre Island for hundreds of college aged students to attend.
- Grace Community Church Youth Ranch served in worship team as percussionist; preached at youth small groups; lead worship when main worship leader was out.

Church Ministries

- Calvary Baptist Church in Madison, Nebraska helped during their transition between pastors by setting up a youth group and children's ministry; preached during Sunday mornings and lead worship for congregation; helped with outreach and discipleship.
- Church Unlimited in San Antonio, Texas small group leader of a young adult group.
- Grace Community Church San Antonio, Texas-Served in worship team sound/drummer/youth worship
- Revolution Church in San Antonio, Texas served in worship and greeting ministry.
- Christ Church in Pueblo West, Colorado sound engineer; help with outreach/Website design
- Calvary church in Pueblo Colorado-Worship team as Rhythm Guitarist/backup vocalist/Next Steps Leader
- Prison Ministry in Edinburg, Texas Served as a volunteer in a prison ministry that visited two different correctional facilities bimonthly; prepared for and preached messages to the inmates; collaborated with ministry team to plan and organize service; played guitar, bass, and drums as part of the worship band; complied with prison regulations and maintained a professional demeanor while interacting with staff and inmates.

Other Relevant Work Experiences

- Legacy Chapels in Pharr, Texas officiated and conducted weddings, funerals, and quinceneras for the event center; served as the in-house pastor; conducted premarital counseling with engaged couples before officiating weddings; handled sound, security, marketing, and visuals/graphics for event center.
- KPNO in Norfolk, Nebraska On-air DJ and Underwriting Director for Christian radio station; developed database of potential underwriting partners and sponsorship opportunities.

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- Utilized archery teaching experience (Level 3 certified archery coach) to lead archery programs for adults and youth, promoting skill development and character formation.

Education

• Associates in Applied Sciences and Engineering Technology – Devry University Pursuing Bachelors in Christian Ministry at Colorado Christian University.

✤ Ordained as a pastor in 2006.

Family



(L to R) In the back, our youngest son, **Xander**, is a 4th grader this year. He has a deep love for music and hockey and is currently learning a few instruments. Next to him, our only daughter, **Sophia**, is a 4th grader this year as well. You can always hear her singing loud and proud at any service and she loves to dance and help in the kitchen. She is autistic and developmentally delayed, so we have learned a lot

about how to navigate through her disabilities as a family. Next to her is our oldest son, **CJ**. He is a sophomore this year. He loves working out, playing football, and of course, playing video games. Next to me is my middle son, **Gio**, who is a 6th grader this year. He loves learning the saxophone, piano, and acting. **Lacie**, my wife, and I are celebrating 19 years of marriage this year. She is my ministry partner and is involved with leading worship and helping with different ministries alongside me. She is a middle school math teacher and is also working to complete her third degree in accounting.

While my wife and I have been involved with several ministries throughout the years, we are looking for stability now with our family. We took a ministry sabbatical from 2016 to 2022, after we adopted our children to allow ourselves time to learn how to parent 4 children overnight and get through Covid. We have felt God calling us back to the ministry and we are willing to go where He calls us in obedience.