

Rev. Mel C. Montgomery

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Position Sought: Senior Pastor

Ministry Vision:

To reveal Jesus Christ to the local congregation and to the world through the preaching of the Gospel and by the manifested power of the Holy Spirit. Training all believers and especially young ministers to adhere to sound doctrine, bear good fruit, and flow in scriptural manifestations of the Holy Spirit in an orderly manner.



Ministry Experience and Milestones:

2007 - 2008

Current ministry involves preaching in local churches as a guest minister, and ministering internationally to multitudes through my articles, e-books, and recorded sermons that are hosted on my website, www.brothermel.com.

Website Statistics—From 2007 - 2008:

- Received over 825,000 hits on my website.
- My materials have been downloaded by people in 97 countries.

I have been entrusted with rare early Pentecostal recordings by:

- Dr. LaDonna Osborn and Dr. T.L. Osborn.
- Rev. Keith Malcomson, Director of Christ's College in Limerick, Ireland.
- Dr. Freda Lindsay of Christ For the Nations Institute in Dallas, TX.

Publications:

In addition to writing numerous articles, I have also authored or co-authored four e-books:

- “Tongues Throughout Church History.”
- "The Highest Form of Spiritual Warfare."
- "To Fall or Not to Fall." Co-authored with Dr. Charles Goodwin.
- “Do We Have the God-Kind of Faith.” Co-authored w/ Dr. Charles Goodwin.
- “Why Did the 'Glory' Leave Us?” A series of articles on revival that was widely accepted in the USA and in other English-speaking countries, and was also translated into Polish and published in an influential Polish Christian magazine in Warsaw, Poland.
- My article, "The Goodwins and John Osteen" was quoted as a source for Slate dot com's article about Joel Osteen entitled, "Pentecostalism for the Exurbs."
- Over 100 ministers and over 500 lay Christians subscribe to my monthly newsletter, “Voice of Reformation.”

2006

--The Goodwin family approached me and asked me to host the Goodwin Collection of rare early audio recordings, and to act as the Copyright Agent for all of the Goodwin intellectual properties including books, audio recordings, videos, and letters. I created www.brothermel.com, to host these materials.

2004

--Pioneered “The Carpenter’s House” church in Joplin, MO. Began with home prayer meetings and organizational meetings, sharing our vision with interested individuals. God's blessing was upon us. A complete sound system was donated to us, money came in from unexpected sources, and an ideal location was found for public services. Staff members were trained and put in place. We held public services for a number of months. God moved beautifully. Several services turned into Holy Ghost meetings. Lives were transformed. Then the door of ministry that God opened, and that God blessed, seemed to close. Our meeting facility became unavailable, and a couple of key staff members were transferred out of the area. No other suitable facility could be secured. Since God knows the end from the

beginning, I have concluded that this pioneering experience was given to further expand my understanding of pastoring and pioneering. It has certainly helped me to be a better guest minister as I understand what pastors need from me. Those months of pastoring were some of the best experiences I've ever had in ministry.

1991 – 2003

I assisted Pastor L. Satterfield in pioneering Calvary's Rock Church in Wichita, KS. I held services wherever God opened doors. Edited the Goodwins' biography published today by Billye Brim Ministries.

1984

Met Mrs. J. R. Goodwin (affectionately known in Pentecostal/Charismatic circles as Mom Goodwin). She and her husband (Mom and Dad Goodwin) had sat in Smith Wigglesworth's meetings and were greatly influenced. Their own ministry came to maturity in the early Pentecostal movement. The Goodwins mentored or ministered to: Kenneth Hagin Sr., John Osteen, and other individuals who later developed into national Charismatic leaders with worldwide ministries.



In her final years, Mom Goodwin shared with me the principles that she and her husband had applied at their church that had made it, as Kenneth Hagin Sr., wrote, "The most Spirit-filled and the most decent and orderly church I've ever seen." Howard Carter said of the Goodwin's church, "It is the greatest move of the Spirit I've seen world-wide, along with the greatest order." From the Goodwins I learned that genuine anointing and correct scriptural order go hand in hand. She remained my mentor and friend until her passing in 1994. I'm honored to feature the recordings of Brother and Sister Goodwin on my website www.brothermel.com.

1980 - 1982

Was born again, filled with the Spirit, called to preach, and ordained at a church in Wichita, KS.

Secular Employment Experience:

1996 – Present Missouri Southern State University, Joplin, MO
Physical Plant Employee

Having always been an entrepreneur or employed in management positions in small to medium sized companies within the private sector, it was a major adjustment for me to accept a blue-collar job at a state-funded University. But I see God's wisdom in this. In this position I have learned how to communicate with, and to understand the challenges of, people in all levels of authority from custodians, painters, and yard crew workers, to faculty members, department heads, and administrators. I've seen also that poor communication with staff can lead to low morale, confusion, and can waste an organization's greatest asset--its people.

1993 – 1996 Itinerant Ministry, Chetopa, KS
Evangelist/Teacher

Relocating to a small SE Kansas town and itinerating was a welcome change of pace from living in my hometown of Wichita, KS (population 500,000+). But it was also an eye-opening lesson in human nature and the heavy yoke of religious traditions.

1990 - 1993 Gourmet 500, Wichita, KS
Office Manager

Working closely with another entrepreneur to take concepts for business products and services from the drawing board to the market place renewed in me a fresh appreciation for the power of innovation. At Gourmet 500, I saw on an almost daily basis that when we think creatively and work diligently, "all things are possible to him that believeth." Principles of creativity, hard work, and innovation I learned in this position have served me well in creating and expanding a large and influential website that in only two years has ministered to over 650,000 people in 78 countries.

1979 - 1990 Wichita Building Maintenance, Wichita, KS
Owner/Entrepreneur

As an entrepreneur I learned to push beyond perceived limits, and to see opportunities where others saw only problems. Employing a team of five people developed in me a solid understanding of leadership principles. Participation in Chamber of Commerce events gave me added confidence in communicating with businessmen.

1978 - 1979 Duo-Fast Midwest, Wichita, KS

Office Manager

Creating and implementing systems to organize the filing, parts, and warehouse tracking systems in this newly opened office gave me an appreciation for order, checks and balances, and accountability.

1978 - 1979 Printing, Inc. Wichita, KS

Phototypesetter and proofreader.

I was not saved when I worked here, yet this job has proven to be like a divine appointment. The benefits I received from working on this job continue to contribute, even today, to my ministry. For example, the editing and visual presentation skills I gained here have been invaluable to me. The application of these acquired skills can be seen in many of the articles I have written for publication, the proofreading I have done for my own writings as well as editing, proofreading, etc., for other authors. Maybe one of the most important applications of the skills learned on this job can be seen in the creating and maintaining of my official website: www.brothermel.com.

Education:

1978 - 1979 Wichita State University, Wichita, KS.

Pursued a Bachelors Degree in Political Science.

I had not accepted Christ yet when I was attending WSU. I just knew I had a burning desire within me to "stand up before crowds of people and tell them the truth," as I described it at the time. Politics was the only profession I could imagine in which I could speak to crowds of people. Having been raised in a moral home, but not a Christian one, I certainly never imagined myself as a minister of the Gospel. However, the deeper I studied politics, the more I discovered that political intricacies did not satisfy the yearning that was in me, so I ceased secular studies. A year later I found Christ as my Savior. A year after that, this "yearning" was revealed to me from the Lord as a call to preach His Gospel. I never again desired any further secular education. I desired only to know Him, His Gospel, and His Spirit better. I have never ceased learning of Him and studying His word and the ways of His Spirit.

1977 - 1978 Central Business College, Wichita, KS.

Completed a one-year Administrative Management Course.

Central Business College provided an intense "total immersion" experience in Business Administration. Courses included a heavy emphasis on: Accounting Principles, Personnel Management, Advertising, Sales, Business Law, Income Taxes, and other specifically-targeted areas designed to prepare a businessman for all aspects of business administration. While there, I served for a year in the Wichita Area Chamber of Commerce as the student representative for Central Business College. Attending Central Business College proved to be a wise decision. I have found the education I received there to be more than sufficient for the practical areas of business and ministry into which the Lord later brought me.

1977 Graduated from East High School, Wichita, KS.

Examples and References:

My videos, audio sermons and teaching articles can be accessed at www.brothermel.com.

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In Summation:

The Lord has me currently ministering as an itinerant minister. However, He has used me in the past as a pastor, and I remain open to the idea of pastoring again--if the right position is presented to me, and I have the leading of the Lord. Although a certain amount of ministry can be accomplished as a guest minister, it is my firm belief that the only way for a congregation to truly develop into the fullness of the Holy Spirit is for the teaching, instruction, and demonstration, to come from the pulpit and through ongoing pastoral ministry--not simply through guest ministers who are invited in from time to time.

The pastor in turn must desire to develop congregation members in spiritual ministry, and he must have a congregation that is hungry to be developed, and that is willing to be taught and corrected in a kind spirit. It was in this manner that the Goodwins' ministry developed into such a powerful ministry that in turn birthed out the ministries of Kenneth Hagin Sr., John Osteen, Marilyn Hickey, Billye Brim, and so many others. Their method was to teach sound doctrine and to flow in the Spirit, thereby setting an example for others to follow. As different congregation members began to be used of the Spirit, the Goodwins continued instructing, encouraging, and correcting those individuals as they developed into spiritually powerful ministries. Eventually those ministers who were raised up under the Goodwins went out to minister to multitudes and to change the world.

I teach others in the same way the Goodwins taught me--by example. I teach and flow in the Spirit, until God begins to show me that He is moving on others. I then reach out to those individuals, encouraging and correcting them in the way I was corrected and encouraged, and I have found that a number of individuals over the years have begun to develop into tongues and interpretation, prophecy, and other gifts in a sound and scriptural way under my oversight. I am looking for a congregation that desires to grow in sound doctrine, and in spiritual gifts, in a scriptural and balanced way.

I prefer to remain within the Missouri - Oklahoma - Texas - Midwest part of the country; however, I will prayerfully consider other locations. I currently live in Joplin, MO and I believe the Lord has finished His work through me here. I own my own home, but have a couple that are interested in buying it, so I can wrap up my affairs here fairly quickly. I am 49 years old, and have not yet married, although I am believing God for that day to come. I have no scandals in my past. I welcome all contacts from fellow ministers and Pastoral Search Committees. My office phone number is 417-438-1695.

Kind Regards,

Rev. Mel C. Montgomery

Joplin, MO

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Attachments:

Letters from Dr. Charles Goodwin and Rev. Kelvin Easter

**Letter of Recommendation
From Dr. Charles Goodwin
Professor of New Testament Greek
Son of Rev. and Mrs. J.R. Goodwin:**

TO: Any Interested Reader

RE: Rev. Mel Montgomery

Although I have only known Mel (personally) for a couple of years, my acquaintance with him is far greater. Here is the story of my connection with Mel. My mother and dad were Texans, living at the time of his passing in Longview, TX. After his death in September of 79, mom decided to make a change in her residence. So in 1980 she moved to the Tulsa, OK, area (where my only brother lived). Mom moved to a suburb of Tulsa, namely, Broken Arrow.

There were at least three advantages accomplished by this move to Broken Arrow, OK. 1) Mom was geographically close enough to my brother and his family so as not to feel isolated, and 2) she was geographically close to her dearest friends, Oretha and Ken Hagin, and 3) an important third advantage was, she was able to minister to, and become a "spiritual parent of," some of the students attending Ken Hagin's school (Rhema Bible School).

One of her favorite "spiritual kids" was Mel Montgomery. Mom and Mel developed this close spiritual relationship in the early 80s. What was my role? It was my responsibility to "keep an eye" on my widowed mother, so to speak. So in one sense, I became acquainted with Mel in what one could call a "once removed" relationship. (That's the reason for my earlier statement that I have only known Mel [in person] for a couple of years, but it seems like many more because of our long time "once-removed" association).

I recommend Mel to readers with great pride. I'm proud to be associated with the Rev. Mel Montgomery. Although Mel and I now have, and will probably continue to have, theologically differing views on some subjects, our friendship and spiritual association is not negatively affected.

Mel, in my opinion, is a gentleman with class and integrity. He does his best to present the view he thinks most closely represents what Scripture teaches. Mel's honesty and determination in presenting what he considers truth, is beyond question. And most of all, I want to thank Mel for continuing, in a special way, the teachings of my parents - - Mom and Dad Goodwin.

FROM: Dr. Charles Goodwin
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Letter of Recommendation

**From Pastor Kelvin Easter
Destined to Win Christian Center
Chicago, IL**

To: All interested

Re: Recommendation for the Ministry of Rev. Mel Montgomery

I became acquainted with Mel a little less than a year ago. I first became interested in Bro. Mel's website which highlighted the past ministries of well-respected and renowned men and women of God. I have throughout the years desired to hear some of the Goodwin's recordings but to no avail. Brother Mel was the first to retrieve and reintroduce recordings from people like the Goodwin's. I believe the Lord has anointed Mel for this hour and has trusted him to bring back into circulation some of the voices of the past for our edification and to recapture authentic insight into true prophetic and apostolic ministry.

As a Pastor of a growing church in Chicago I understand the importance of linking with other ministry gifts to edify the local body. It is with the five fold ministry gifts that we effectively equip the saints to do the work of the ministry. I felt a need to bring in a person that I felt was anointed in the prophetic office but had a clear understanding of some of the pitfalls and concerns that a Pastor of a local assembly would have when it comes to all of the wild and fleshly things that have been done in the name of prophetic ministry.

After a couple of phone calls with Mel I felt a kinship to the way he had been tutored and mentored under Sister Goodwin. Although I respect some of the men and women of God that are ministering today; I absolutely believe there are tremendous indiscretions and unscriptural approaches to this ministry that have been embraced in the body of Christ at large which are more damaging than beneficial; as it is with much of the so called prosperity teaching that we hear today.

Many people are under the misguided assumption that they have gifts that they can flow in at any time and that they are prophetic when in many cases it is more pathetic than anything else. I appreciated the maturity and grounded nature of Bro. Mel and felt led of the Lord to have him minister to the congregation I serve in Chicago in the month of April 2007. Not having met each other in person Mel and I were not sure what to expect but inwardly I believe we both knew that our connection was of the Lord. Sure enough we were absolutely blessed by Mel's ministry. He is a well-grounded teacher with a solid flow of the revelation gifts to share with the body of Christ. The prophetic gift when understood should be a delight to a local church. The gift of God in Brother Mel is just that.

I was impressed by the fact that Bro. Mel shared with me that he would only move when God gave him the unction and that he could not promise that he would be able to minister to us in any special way. I shared with Mel that I agreed with how he understood the flow of the spirit to be (as the spirit wills) and that he was not under any pressure to perform. While Mel was

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here he was extremely respectful with honoring our leadership even though we assured him that he was free to flow however God graced him.

I plan to bring Mel back to our congregation in the near future he is a gift to our body and I highly recommend him based on our experience. If you want to meet someone genuine with an interest in pleasing the Lord not man; someone mature and who understands authentic prophetic ministry Mel is one of these men.

Thanks again Mel for the authenticity.

In the Master's Service

Pastor Kelvin Easter
Destined To Win Christian Center
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