

REV. MICHAEL NORTUNE

LEAD PASTOR
LIFE CHURCH | CONCORD, CA



SUMMARY

Pastor Michael Nortune has served the local church faithfully for 35 years. From his start in full-time ministry as a janitor and groundskeeper to Lead Pastor of Life Church in Concord, CA, Michael has had the opportunity to gain experience in every capacity within the local church throughout his ministry. Not only does he have hands-on experience on the local church level, but Michael has also led at the district, regional, and national levels within Open Bible Churches.

EDUCATION

Master of Arts in Christian Leadership

New Hope Christian College - Eugene, OR
May 2018

Bachelor of Arts in Pastoral Studies; Greek Minor

Eugene Bible College
June 1988

CHURCH LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Founding and Lead Pastor

2006 - Present

Life Church | Concord, CA

- Planted Life Church in 2007, which began with a core group of 10 people and grew to nearly 300 in average weekly attendance with 2 service times, seeing hundreds of decisions for Christ with 12-15 baptisms per year
- Lead a staff team including 5 Licenced Ministers as well as other ministry leaders
- Raised and released multiple leaders and pastors into leadership positions in Life Church and other churches.
- Helped plant and sponser Urban Life Church in Chula Vista, CA.
- Helping prepare a church plant that is targeted to launch in 2026
- Invested in nearly 30 interns to help give emerging leaders practical, hands-on local church ministry experience and opportunities
- Renovated the 17 buildings on our 10-acre campus
- Completely remodeled and updated our Worship Center
- Paid off our \$250,000 loan for renovations in just 5 years (7 years prior to the deadline)
- Adopted King's Valley Christian School as an outreach ministry of Life Church, which was on a path to closure
- Since taking on leadership in 2006, enrollment has grown 65% and the school is financially sound
- Grown church and school budget from 1.5M to 4M annually, reserves from 335K to 2M, employees from 37 to 65

CHURCH LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE (CONTINUED)

Youth Pastor, Associate Pastor

Word of Life | Denver, CO

1992 - 1993; 1997 - 2006

- Started the Youth Ministry, building identity, discipleship, and outreach from the ground up
 - First Full-Time Youth Pastor at Word of Life
 - Spearheaded a community outreach called “Extreme Summer” in the summer following the Columbine tragedy and saw over 500 teens make decisions for Christ with 40 water baptisms
 - Led Family Ministries
 - Developed and Directed Care Ministry, Pastoral Care, and Deacons Ministry
 - Developed New Believers follow-up and assimilation strategy
 - Oversaw New Members and Baptism
 - Partnered with a team to launch a new preschool
 - Saw church triple in size from 600 to 1,800 in attendance
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Youth Pastor, Associate Pastor

Christian Center | Colorado Springs, CO

1988 - 1992

- Led discipleship, Ministry Outreach, and Missions Trips in addition to responsibilities as Youth Pastor
- Preached twice weekly for Youth Services and regularly for the adult congregation
- Casted vision to raise funds for Youth For Missions by building a home in Colorado Springs, which required casting vision to Senior Pastor and Board, mobilizing volunteers, and coordinating contractors, gave all proceeds to YFM
- Led Junior High and High School Ministry
- Led city-wide outreaches and missions trips to Mexico and Puerto Rico
- Facilitated District Youth Camps

OPEN BIBLE LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Movement National Director

Open Bible Churches

2019 - Present

- Selected by the President of Open Bible and confirmed by the National Board to initiate, create, develop, and implement a ministry to raise and release young adults into their calling and ministry
 - Established our mission as a network of young adults and leaders from across the nation who want to unite and collaborate to see their generation transformed by connecting, building relationships, and living on a mission with other like-minded leaders in Open Bible and beyond despite pandemic setbacks
 - Cast compelling vision that Movement exists to empower and engage young adults and a new generation of leaders to lead in the local church, marketplaces, communities, and relationships
 - Built a strategy on three priorities: Community, Cause, and Calling
 - Built Movement Leadership Team of 11 Leaders
 - Launched Open Bible's first-ever National Event for young adults, “Movement United Summit”, where 175 young adults and leaders from 16 states, representing 51 churches attended
 - Launched Crew Communities of Young Adults in multiple states
 - Led first Movement Missions Trip to Costa Rica
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OPEN BIBLE LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE (CONTINUED)

National Youth Pastor

Open Bible Churches

1993 - 1997

- First National Youth Pastor for Open Bible Churches, selected by the National Board of Open Bible
 - Built structure and developed a three-pronged strategy priority:
 - Equip Youth Pastors and Leaders in local churches for effective Youth Ministry
 - Create and establish an Open Bible Youth Identity to recognize and raise emerging leaders for the movement
 - Be a voice for our movement in churches, camps, and conferences, sharing the vision, priority, and passion for next-generation ministry
 - Led a network of District and Regional Youth Leaders in hosting biennial Leadership Summits for training, team building, and vision casting
 - Oversaw Youth For Missions fundraising effort that saw nearly \$300,000 raised
 - Developed materials yearly, selected projects, and mobilized youth ministries to give
 - Led a national youth conference, “Frontline”
 - Helped write, produce, and publish 2 youth devotional and discipleship tools in partnership with SonLife Ministries, “S.E.R.V.E. GOD” and “Extreme Encounters”, which were launched at “Frontline” National Youth Conference
 - Launched a national youth leaders training for equipping and imparting into Youth Pastors and leaders through the Foundation of Youth Ministry Seminars and the Strategy of Youth Ministry seminars. Traveled and trained at multiple events in all 5 regions
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Regional Youth Director

Mountain Plains Region

1990 - 1993; 1998 - 2005

- Led and Directed Summer Camps
 - Led Regional Youth Conference, “YouthQuake”, which grew to nearly 700 attendees
 - Led a team of 4 District Youth Directors
 - Oversaw Missions Trips and fundraising for Youth For Missions regionally
 - Built networks and Youth Ministry Leadership Development
 - Spearheaded a new event, “Empowered”, to equip both full-time staff and volunteer Youth Leaders to raise their leadership gifts and expand their impact to better reach and disciple youth. Coordinating the event included booking speakers, preparing materials, and developing practical tools and resources for attendees
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District Youth Director

Rocky Mountain District

1989 - 1990

- Networked with multiple churches for:
 - Youth Ministry Events & Rallies
 - Camps & Retreats
 - Missions Trips
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ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

Church planting

- Planted Life Church in October 2007
 - Served on Pacific Planting Network (now Discover Church Planting) Leadership Team
 - Assisted in developing and directing a Church Planting Assessment Center, which has assessed multiple church planters to date
 - Coach for Waypoint Church (Springfield, OR), Generations Church (Pleasant Hill, CA), Next Gen Church (Rosemead, CA), and Urban Life Church (Chula Vista, CA) which launched from Life Church Concord
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Speaking

- Youth Summer Camps in Florida, Iowa, Illinois, Colorado, South Dakota, California, Oregon, and Washington
 - Conferences including Oregon Men's Retreat, Pacific Regional Pastors Conference, Mountain Plains Regional Pastors Conference, YouthQuake, Breakaway, Ignite, and Sonfest
 - Churches across the nation including Christian Center (Bend, OR), Desert Streams (Canyon Country), First Church (Des Moines, IO), Tujung Open Bible (Tujung, CA), Turning Point (Spokane, WA), Waypoint (Springfield, MO), Word of Life (Denver, CO) and more
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Missions Outreach

- Co-led multiple trips of pastors from the Pacific Region to Costa Rica
 - Led or joined leadership for outreaches to Cuba, Panama, Columbia, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Mexico, and Puerto Rico
 - Partnered with Puente De Amistad to minister in Tijuana and have built 7 homes since 2009
 - Since 2018, Life Church has been in the top 10 churches in giving to Open Bible's Mission Venture Plan (MVP)
 - Life Church has built churches and supported a Girl's Orphanage in India, supported pastors in Cuba, given toward a ministry center building in Haiti, and supported several missionaries and multiple humanitarian needs
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Equipping Conferences

- In addition to multiple Open Bible District, Regional, and National Events, continued growth through conferences including Exponential Conference, Catalyst, Pastors Practicum New Hope Oahu, EYL with Dr. Paul Leavenworth, Growing Healthy Churches, Consultations and Church Planters Assessments, GrowLeader, and ARC Churches

REFERENCES



THERE ARE GOOD LEADERS, AND THERE ARE GREAT LEADERS. MIKE NORTUNE IS A GREAT LEADER.

As president of EBC, I witnessed his passion as a student training for ministry. As president of Open Bible Churches, I saw his innovation, excellence, and work ethic as our National Youth Leader. Mike and Julie restarted and brought to health a broken and wounded congregation. But Mike is more than a pastor - he is a pastor to pastors, a leader of leaders. I know Mike to be a visionary, anointed, Spirit-empowered, called man of God, and it is an honor to recommend him to Open Bible Churches as their next president. He will wear the mantle of leadership as a team player, with a balance of boldness and humility.

Rev. Jeff Farmer, Former President of Open Bible Churches



THE RELATIONSHIP I HAVE HAD WITH REV. MIKE NORTUNE DATES BACK OVER 30 YEARS. DURING THAT TIME I HAVE SEEN A MAN THAT IS DETERMINED TO FULFILL THE CALL OF GOD UPON HIS LIFE.

I have been the senior pastor of Word of Life Christian Center in Lone Tree, Colorado for the last 38 years. Rev. Nortune served our congregation in a multiple of roles for approximately 10 years serving hundreds of families. Working with Mike was always a positive experience because no matter what the department was or the task was, he fulfilled his responsibilities with excellence and an attitude of joy. His pulpit ministry was always inspiring and spiritually balanced. Mike and Julie's marriage has always shown biblical order and their relationship reveals that they are a team. Their six children were taught the Godly principles of the Word and they are now living their adult lives today according to those principles. During my 51 years of full time ministry I have had scores of employees and team members, and I can say from my heart that working with Rev. Nortune was always a blessing.

I believe that Open Bible would be extremely blessed and well led by this man of God. He is a visionary, experienced, and is divinely prepared for this position. He loves God, the people of God and Open Bible Standard Churches.

Dr. Tim Bagwell, Senior Pastor at Word of Life Christian Center

REFERENCES (CONTINUED)

I AND MANY OTHERS HAVE BEEN BLESSED TO KNOW AND OBSERVE MICHAEL NORTUNE IN HIS MANY YEARS OF FAITHFUL SERVICE IN OBC.

He has led in national, regional, and local church pastoral and organizational leadership roles as well as being a family man and father.

He has a heart for learning and education earning both BA and MA Degrees. His leadership is remarkably enriching, empowering, and training those he serves and leads. He has faithfully served in both smaller and larger pastorates as well as being a successful Church Planting Pastor.

He successfully replanted and has pastored a church for 17 years that also has a large Christian school, serving PK-8th grade. He serves as a coach on the Discover Church Planting Team providing vital leadership on the Assessment Teams evaluation of the attending prospective planters. He understands many aspects of technology, communicates well and is an insightful man with passion, compassion, and conviction; understanding how to wisely manage challenges while working closely with others. His record has no blemish to mar trust or confidence in him as our national leader. Considering him as the new Open Bible Churches national President is an honor!

Dr. Donald R. Bryan, Former Regional Executive Dir., Missionary and Bible College President

I'VE KNOWN MIKE SINCE 1984 WHEN WE ATTENDED BIBLE COLLEGE TOGETHER. I HAVE WORKED ALONGSIDE MIKE IN MINISTRY IN A NUMBER OF WAYS.

We both served as youth pastors in Open Bible; we served as District Youth Directors; Mike was the Open Bible National Youth Director shortly after I planted our church in Washington State; Mike planted Life Church in Concord, CA, and then we worked closely together as he served on my team when I was the director of church planting. Mike and I have worked together in seminars, church planting assessments, conferences and as guests in one another's churches.

Mike is a visionary leader who inspires others to believe God for beyond what they have experienced. He has been both a good steward of that which has been entrusted to him but also generous with his time, ability and resources for the sake of mission and Kingdom purpose. They have invested in and helped to develop many leaders who have gone on to serve in ministry contexts beyond their own. Mike & Julie have exemplified commitment to their family, integrity in their lives, the value of excellence, and fruitfulness in ministry.

Chris Hansler, Regional Executive Director - Pacific Region



DREAM BIG.

Michael has been married to his wife Julie for over 33 years, whose partnership in life and ministry has made an immeasurable impact. Their ministry journey together has truly made them who they are today. All six of their children and five sons and daughters-in-law are serving Jesus today. Michael and Julie are thrilled to welcome their first grandchild later this year.