

# Rev. Jake Sorber

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**Objective** To equip and encourage the next generation to serve God and serve others.

**Experience** 2021-Present Grace Community Church Greensboro, NC

**Pastor Of Youth Ministry, Community Engagement & Missions**

- Develop weekly program for High School & Middle School students.
- Recruit and train volunteer student ministry staff and paid interns.
- Teach and develop at teaching team for the student ministry.
- Provide training and direction for student worship bands.
- Plan monthly community building and outreach events for students.
- Lead students on annual domestic or foreign mission trips.
- Work with a team to develop sermon series for the church.
- Create and direct an internship and residency program.
- Cultivate relationships with community partners.
- Provide opportunities for people of all ages to serve in the community.
- Send and support missionaries locally, domestically and internationally.
- Manage budgets for multiple ministries.

2017-2021 Bethany Camp Sinclairville, NY

**Program Director**

- Develop and implement year-round camp programs for kids, youth and families.
- Work with camp staff and board to create strategic long-term plans.
- Recruit, interview, hire, train and supervise college age counselors/supervisors.
- Recruit, interview, hire and train high school support staff.
- Collaborate with church leaders to create programs for retreats/conferences.
- Started camp scholarship program that raised \$20,000 in 2019.
- Design and supervise internship and gap year program.
- Build relationships with pastors and leaders to expand ministry influence.
- Preach, teach and train at camp events and in local churches.
- Build partnerships with local school, community and business leaders.

2015-2017 Syracuse Youth Workers Network Inc. Syracuse, NY

**President/CEO**

- Give direction to leadership team for regional network of youth workers.
- Lead annual outreach event for over 800 students at Destiny USA.
- Organize monthly network lunches.
- Lead network through the process of becoming a nonprofit incorporation.

2009-2017 North Syracuse Baptist Church North Syracuse, NY

**Associate Pastor, Youth**

- Redefined the philosophy of ministry and CORE Values of the student ministry.
- Recruit and train volunteer student ministry staff and paid interns.
- Preach and teach on a weekly basis in the student ministry.
- Provide training and direction for student worship bands.

- Create and run weeklong student leadership-training experiences.
- Design monthly outreach and community building events for students.
- Train and lead student mission teams to Costa Rica, Dominican Republic and Cuba.
- Led Shoes Of Hope, a church wide outreach providing 2,000 pairs of shoes to refugees in the community.
- Create ministry teams and service opportunities for students in the student ministry, church and community.
- Preach in worship services
- Started the Wild and Free ministry for students in grades 6-8.
- Direct Upward basketball outreach for over 200 kids in grades K-7
- Create and manage a ministry budget.

1997-2009                      CrossPoint Community Church                      Binghamton, NY

**Youth & Worship Pastor**

- Started THE WAY Youth Ministry as a Sr. in college.
- Develop a philosophy of ministry and purpose statement.
- Design and implement programs and events to fulfill the purpose.
- Recruit and develop a volunteer youth ministry staff many of which are now working in youth ministry across the country.
- Create and teach curriculum both in the youth ministry and in the greater church.
- Ordained in 2000.
- Organize and administrate community outreach events for the youth ministry and the church.
- Arrange creative elements for worship services.
- Write, direct and perform in drama for the youth ministry and church.
- Recruit, train and lead adult worship teams.
- Create media used in worship.
- Play drums, bass and guitar in worship.
- Design and lead concerts of prayer for the youth ministry and the church.
- Preach in worship services.
- Participate on the Elder Board and Christian Education Committee.
- Provide leadership for church in transition between Lead Pastors.

2004-2007                      Sonlife/Youthfront                      Baltimore, MD

**Event Leadership Team & Learning Coach Coordinator**

- Participate in the planning and execution of a weeklong student conference.
- Recruited and trained learning coaches for an event challenging students to live beyond themselves.
- Lead students to merge with God's story, mission, and way of life through interactive learning communities.

**Education**

1998-2002                      Elmira College                      Elmira, NY

- Masters of Science in Education
- Graduate Training of Trainers Certificate

1994-1998                      Davis College                      Johnson City, NY

- Bachelor of Religious Education
- Majors in Bible and Youth Ministry

**Family**

I met my wife Liz when we when we were students at Davis College. We were married on New Years Eve 1998. God has blessed us with the opportunity to adopt two children, Owen (20) junior at UNCG and Madilyn (18) a senior at Page High School.

**Interests**

Skiing, golf, hunting, basketball, soccer, motorcycles, music, Yankees, Giants, Knicks, Syracuse Orange.

**References**

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Teaching Pastor, Grace Community Church

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Lead Pastor, The Gathering Place

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