

Gentlemen,

Pastor Kyle Detmers has asked me to prepare my written ordination papers. I thought I would start out with why I desire to be ordained. Well like most things there is a story behind all of it.

On Friday March 6<sup>th</sup> 2009 I was cross country skiing and happened to break my Clavicle which was surgically repaired on March 10<sup>th</sup>. I had been examining a Bible study by Dr. Arnold Fruchtenbaum which addressed Romans 12:1 where Paul beseeches us to present our bodies as a once for all living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God. Well, since I had time on my hands to think as I recovered from my surgery I thought to myself "I don't think I have ever done this".

One thing lead to another as the Lord worked on my heart and I became convinced that it would be pleasing to Him to become ordained as a way of presenting my body as a living sacrifice to Him. I am not doing this because I feel the Lord is leading me to pastor a church, rather for me it is a matter of accountability before the Lord and before the local church. So about a week or so after my surgery I met with Pastor Kyle, shared this scripture passage with him and expressed the resultant desire to be ordained. He was most encouraging to me.

The Marquette Bible Church constitution says an applicant should be examined thoroughly in several areas including the call to ministry (stated above), educational training, doctrinal belief, Christian service and reputation. So I will try to provide helpful information. My wife and I have pretty much attended Marquette Bible Church since 1973 except for some short periods of time when I attended Anesthesia school. We have always had a deep love for this local assembly and have seen good times and hard times as well. I have a strong Dispensation perspective on the scripture and firmly believe in Independent local churches, which I believe is the biblical model. I am in unwavering and firm agreement with the doctrinal statement of Marquette Bible Church. And although I have no formal Bible School training, I have always been a student of the Word; I have taught Sunday School for many years and even filled the pulpit for several months when we were without a Pastor. Three people have had a great influence on my Christian training and education, Pastor Don Barsuhn, Charlie Clough [www.cclough.info](http://www.cclough.info) and Dr. Arnold Fruchtenbaum [www.ariel.org](http://www.ariel.org). All three are strong dispensationalist.

As far as reputation goes, I have an extremely strong sense of principles and at times this has gotten me into trouble. Those principles have been driven by the Word, but not perfectly so. As a result there may be some within this local community who might not approve of my ordination. I have endeavored as much as is within my power to be at peace with all men including those brothers and sisters in Christ who have left this local assembly. I trust this information has been helpful in your evaluation of my fitness for ordination. God bless.

Sincerely, Paul Pawlak