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Most of us have had a chance to meet Pastor Marlon...as well as his lovely wife Vanessa & their two children. If you haven't...you are really missing out!

I thought it would be fun to learn a little about his background. What is our new pastor really like? Where is he from? What are his interests and hobbies? What is his favorite flavor of ice cream? (We better introduce him to Reed's Dairy very soon!)

So, let's "Meet Pastor Marlon"!

Pastor Marlon Seifert joins us from Valdosta, GA...where he pastored a smaller congregation. He loves the outdoors and the recreational opportunities the Boise area provides. His favorite ice cream is...cookies and cream. Can he get an "Amen" on that?

Where is he from originally?

Pastor Marlon spent the first 12 years of his life in the city of Salvador, on the Northeast coast of Brazil. His father was an Adventist pastor. His grandfather served as treasurer, and later as the conference president in that part of Brazil.

How did he come to America?

Pastor Marlon's father moved his family to Atlantic Union College in 1996 so that he could study English. Marlon became immersed in an English-language 6th grade class. He floundered along for several months before becoming proficient in English by the end of the school year.

Marlon shares that "It was a little like living in a dream world. I'd only seen fall colors and snow in movies. I didn't know such things as school lockers were real. It was so exciting to see it all come to life".

The next year, his father received a call to pastor at a Portuguese-speaking church in the Boston area. As a high school student, Marlon assumed a leadership role as the youth ministries director for his father's church.

And what about the love of his life?

As youth director, Marlon was involved in multiple activities... including pathfinders and the handbell choir. So was Vanessa, an attractive young lady. Vanessa was heavily involved in ministry and leadership at their local church. She also served as the youth ministry secretary. When the two started dating, Marlon presented Vanessa with a seven-year plan. He was going to finish high school, and graduate from college. As soon as he got a call, he would ask her to marry him. Seven years later he did, and she said yes. Now the Seifert's have two grade school-aged children.

What about his ministry?

During the early years of his ministry...Pastor Marlon became interested in leveraging the power of the internet to expand his ministry outreach.

The COVID pandemic inspired him to focus more energy into the online space.

Pastor Marlon maintains an active blog where he posts sermon notes, devotional thoughts, testimonials, and updates on things he is most passionate about. His blog has become a powerful resource tool to provide individuals with answers to specific questions on various topics. Pastor Marlon has discovered that sharing his ideas on a blog helps to develop and improve the quality of his sermons.

Pastor Marlon maintains a podcast where he will invite a guest to discuss a specific topic. He also spends time podcasting about his own devotional thoughts. I highly recommend that you connect with Pastor Marlon on his blog and podcast. You will be blessed.

Where do I find these resources?

Search for the blog online at >> PrMarlon.com

Search for Pastor Marlon on your favorite podcast venue at >> PrMarlon

What does Pastor Marlon hope to accomplish at Cloverdale?

Pastor Marlon says, "I'm excited about all the possibilities we have here at Cloverdale. There is so much talent here and so many resources available. My goal, with the Lord's help, is to be a facilitator...to help people fulfill their passions while sharing the gospel."







Thank you Pastor Marlon for your commitment to our Cloverdale church family. We are thrilled that you and your family are here...we heartily embrace your vision.

May God bless you immensely as you lead Cloverdale to spread the love of Jesus throughout the Treasure Valley.

PASTOR'S CORNER

Are you ready to answer the call?

And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen. ~ Matthew 28:18-20 NKJV

I find myself re-reading this verse often. These final words from Jesus are known as the Great Commission. This is the mission that Jesus gave all His followers. This is my mission. It is your mission.

This mission is why we go to church...it is why the church exists. The church exists for the sake of the mission and the mission is to make disciples. Disciples are made as we live our lives in a close and loving relationship with Jesus. Jesus causes us to reflect His love. As a result, others come to know Him through their interactions with us.

I am excited about the transition back to our church building. It is beautiful! The lighting and sound system are outstanding! No matter how gorgeous the remodel is turning out to be...do you know what really excites me? It is the possibility for mission!!

I hope you will join us not just by being present, but by being willing to be involved in sharing Jesus with others. I know Jesus is calling each of you to make disciples. The question is...how will you choose to be involved? Now is the time...God is calling you!

Contact me now. I would love to help you live out the mission God has called you to fulfill.



~ Pastor Marlon