

Kevin Stone has lived a double life. On the one hand, he has had a successful career in electronics and computer network design. On the other hand, he has had a successful career in music performance, worship music and shepherding people as a pastor.

Spiritual Journey, Part 1

Kevin grew up in a devout Wesleyan family. He cannot remember a time when he did not believe in God. His family was very active in church, and Kevin was right there with them, helping out wherever he could.

A Christian youth event Kevin attended while in high school had a deep impact on him. At the time he reaffirmed his commitment to serve God and could say “I’m really sold out for God!” Kevin entered college with the goal of becoming a worship leader, but after a couple of years, the financial pressures of providing for his young family led him to enter the Navy.

Career Development

The Navy trained Kevin as an electronics technician, and soon he was supervising maintenance crews, performing troubleshooting, developing technical guides and providing training to others.

After leaving the Navy, Kevin went on to work for Lockheed Martin as an engineering technician. After several years, he transferred to Veridian Information Systems as a systems engineer.

When an opening came up at another consulting company, Kevin hired on and began to work as a consultant to the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (formerly NIMA), proposing design enhancements and solving performance issues.

Later he would work at AT&T as a systems engineer, designing high-end computer networks for government and businesses.

Career Transitions

Then, after a successful 18 year career in electronics and computer networking, Kevin became the full-time Pastor of Worship at Crosspoint Bible Church in Omaha, Nebraska.

How does one move from network engineer to worship pastor? Well, remember, Kevin has lived a double life. From an early age, music has been his first love. As a teenager, his summer detasseling profits went into sound equipment, and whenever and wherever he could, he sang.

Even while in the Navy, he was involved in a church: singing, leading a choir, filling in as worship leader. Kevin was licensed as a Nazarene pastor. When the pastor went on a sabbatical, Kevin was asked to take his place as pastor. This gave Kevin experience in counseling, weddings and funerals.

At one point, Kevin set up a recording studio called “Foundation Records” in his basement. He gained valuable acoustic experience as he helped various musicians and businesses produce recordings.

A few friends and Kevin began singing together as a hobby. They decided to form a Southern Gospel quartet called “4tified.” With the encouragement of several friends, they entered a Southern Gospel quartet competition, and, to their surprise, won the competition! This drove them to go on the road with concerts, and they often lead congregations in worship services as well. Before long, 4tified had performed in 13 states! Kevin even wrote some award-winning songs for the quartet.

But Kevin felt that God was calling him to be a worship leader, so he left the quartet to become the part-time interim worship pastor at a large Baptist church in Virginia where over 1000 attended. After seven or eight months of this, he decided to pursue a full-time worship pastor position. A friend recorded several services for his résumé, and Kevin, working through churchstaffing.com, submitted his portfolio to 12 churches.

Evangelical Bible Church (now Crosspoint Bible) was also working with churchstaffing.com to find a worship pastor. EBC posted the position, thinking it was a long shot, and the first time Kevin looked at the

site (and responded to their posting) was just a day or two after they had added it.

To Kevin, EBC/Crosspoint felt like the “best fit” from the beginning. Kevin had many conversations with the search team and felt that this was definitely God at work. The rest is history. Kevin came to Crosspoint in 2006 and served as worship pastor until a few people urged him to apply for the position of FEBC President.

Spiritual Journey, Part 2

Growing up, Kevin absorbed many Wesleyan doctrines and teachings. Later, as an adult, while attending Nazarene churches, he began to question some of the church’s teachings that seemed more legalistic than biblically based.

Then, when he was in the quartet ministry, two of his fellow members knew the Bible very well and understood the doctrines of sovereignty and grace. Traveling together for several years, Kevin and they discussed and argued many theological issues. By the time Kevin left the quartet, he had rejected some positions and adopted others, so that when he read the FEBC doctrinal statement, he realized that he had come home theologically.

In anticipation for ordination, Kevin studied deeply and was well-prepared by the time he was ordained by FEBC/Crosspoint. However, he realized that for preaching and ministry more formal theological education would be valuable, so he returned to college at Grace University and pursued a degree in Christian Ministry and Biblical Studies, graduating in 2016 with a Bachelor of Science degree and winning the Dahlquist award for exemplary scholarship and leadership.

Kevin has preached dozens of sermons at Crosspoint, along with preaching Sunday mornings and revivals at other churches. He has performed weddings and funerals. He has served as an Elder and has managed a team of over 50 volunteers. Through it all, God was preparing him for his next step in ministry.

When the FEBC International Board of Directors interviewed Kevin and saw his administrative, leadership and communication skills plus his church experience, they hired him to be president of the Fellowship.

Family

Melissa is a sixth grade social studies teacher in an Omaha Public Schools middle school. She serves on the Crosspoint Bible Church Worship Team. Occasionally Melissa and Kevin sing duets — and cycle together.

The Stones have three adult children. Thomas, their oldest, works for a food processing company in Topeka, Kansas. Beth is an assistant golf pro in Phoenix, Arizona. Andy, the youngest, was just married to Jana James in June. They live in Omaha and Andy manages cell phone stores for a Canadian company. Andy regularly participates on the Worship Team at Crosspoint.



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