

## Appendix A: Letter of Verification From My Pastor

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This letter is to verify that our associate pastor, Duane Morris, has been preaching in our church since 1999. He has a gift for making difficult subjects easier to understand. He enjoys learning more about the Bible, and we appreciate his ability to digest that research and present it to us in a way we can benefit from. He not only gives us information, but he also uses that as the foundation for encouraging us to put biblical principles into practice in our lives.

Duane began preaching in our church in 1999, when he gave two sermons. In 2000, he gave two sermons and eleven shorter messages. In 2001, he gave nine sermons. In 2002, he gave seven sermons here, and was asked to speak in a couple of other churches, too. In 2003, he gave five, and in 2004, six. In 2005, it was three sermons and four split sermons. In 2006, it was two sermons and four split sermons. In 2007, it was seven sermons and two split sermons. In 2008, it was five sermons. In 2009, ten sermons. In 2010, four sermons and 18 Bible studies. In 2011 he gave four sermons and seven Bible studies. Last year, he gave ten sermons and was asked to speak in a couple of other churches as well. We have seen steady progress in Duane's abilities over the years, and we are glad to see him pursue additional education to help us. He's already better than the seminary-trained preachers at a couple of other churches in town.

Duane has done well, which is one reason that I ask him to speak to our congregation on an almost monthly basis. I learn from him, and when I am away, I am confident that he will give the congregation something that is helpful. Members of our church have given me good feedback about his ability to explain and to preach. He has experience with a wide variety of topics, a wide variety of situations, and a wide variety of audiences.

Sincerely,

Benny Dixon  
Senior Pastor