LESLIE ANN JONES

PERSONAL INFORMATION

I have spent 21 years of my life in school. Considering that I'm only 26, I can honestly say that I am a perpetual student. I love to read books that haven't been assigned for school, try out new recipes and beat my husband at Canasta. I find working with students and young adults both challenging and rewarding, and I am passionate about educating and developing whole-hearted, inquisitive, and genuine children of God.

EDUCATION

2006-2008	Beeson Divinity School at Samford University Master of Divinity
2004-2005	George W. Truett Theological Seminary at Baylor University Earned credit toward Master of Divinity
2000-2004	Mississippi State University Bachelor of Arts in Journalism and Religion

EMPLOYMENT

2000-present	**Freelance Writer** Work has been published in multiple publications including *ec*, *Mississippi Magazine*, *The Alabama Baptist*, *threadsmedia.com*, *Facts & Trends*, *The Baptist Press*, *Waco Today, Williamson A.M.* and *Franklin Review Appeal.*
2007, 2008	**Intern**, Baptist Campus Ministries at the University of North Alabama, Florence, Alabama Developed and taught studies on the Pauline epistles and Isaiah to students. Built relationships with students and established the foundation for future mentoring opportunities. Assisted director in planning for the academic year.
2004	**Youth Intern**, First Baptist Church, Starkville, Mississippi Responsibilities included working in a team environment to minister to middle and high school youth. Job functions also included leading Bible studies, small groups, and assisting in worship services.
2003	**Communications Intern**, LifeWay Christian Resources, Nashville, Tennessee Worked closely with editors to develop story ideas and write articles to be distributed to the Baptist Press and state Baptist papers. Compiled media distribution lists and assisted in the production of *LifeLines*, the company's internal newsletter, and *Facts & Trends*, a magazine distributed to pastors and ministry leaders nationwide.
2002-2003	**Editor in Chief**, *The Reflector*, Starkville, Mississippi Responsibilities included general maintenance of the student newspaper, managing section editors and other employees and making sure production of the paper ran smoothly. Developed and implemented policy for the newspaper and maintained economic stability. Before moving into EIC position, served as entertainment editor and copy editor.

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