

## Coaching Biographical Sketch

**Name:** Pastor Steven D. Young

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**Month and year you attended the BGCT Coaching Clinic:** May 2009

**Languages you are willing to use in coaching:** English

**Number of Coaching Clients (coachees) you are willing to take each month:** 12-15

**Your current profession or occupation and place of service:**

Pastor Steven D. Young presently serves as the pastor/founder of The Cross Baptist Church in Tyler, TX. His experiences involve serving as a pastor of a new church plant, as well as an established church. He is actively involved in the Smith Baptist Association, and serves as assistant secretary of African American Ministries of the Baptist General Convention of Texas and is a member of the executive board for the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

Steven also works as an elementary music teacher with the Tyler Independent School District and has been in education since 1996. He is presently preparing for his internship in the principalship program through University of Texas at Tyler.

**Education background:**

Steven holds a M.A. in Christian Education from Dallas Theological Seminary, and B.SE in Music Education from the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff.

**Family:**

He and his wife Yolanda were married a week after graduation, June 1, 1996, and have been blessed with two wonderful daughters and one super son.

**Hobbies or Interests:**

Steven enjoys spending time with family and fishing for crappie, bass, and catfish in Texas and Arkansas. This summer he has planned to do some reading and exercising (i.e. walking and tennis) with his family. He has an interest in reading books on leadership development, writing devotionals for magazines/websites, and composing gospel music.

**What makes you a good candidate to coach a New Church Planter?** "I have a desire to help people fulfill their potential by helping them discover their possibilities. My belief is people can achieve if they believe that the presence of problems is the presence of possibilities/opportunities".

