

STRENGTHS:

- *Life Long Learner*
- *Creative, Strategic, Reflective*
- *Capable Curriculum Developer*
- *Proactive Leader*
- *Team Leader*
- *Cross-Cultural Connections*
- *Excellent Communicator*
- *Emphasis on Life Long Creativity*
- *Foster Confidence in Students*
- *Active in Community*

Ben Shure

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EXPERIENCED ART TEACHER (K-12)

Dedicated teacher with over 7 years of instructional experience seeking to positively impact students in creativity and visual fluency.

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION EXPERIENCE:

High School Art Teacher, 8/04 to 12/09;
Van Buren High School, Van Buren, AR

Elementary Art Teacher, 7/03 to 7/04;
Fort Smith Public Schools, Fort Smith, AR

EDUCATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS:

- Co-led district art teachers in aligning visual art curriculum K-12.
- Led professional development workshop on effective use of technology in the classroom.
- Initiated and developed new course offering visual art appreciation for VBHS.
- Co-Sponsored VBHS Art Club in fundraisers, museum trips, and college tours; including trips to Dallas, Oklahoma City, Tulsa, Little Rock, and Kansas City.
- Co-sponsored VBHS FCA in events, planning, and guest speakers.
- Previously certified to teach AP art.

CURRENT VOCATION EXPERIENCE:

Pastor to Families with Children, 2012 to current; Central Christian Church, Fort Smith, AR

- Develop curriculum and programs for over 100 people in multiple age groups and settings.
- Recruit and train volunteers, maintaining a roster of at least 60 volunteers.
- Prepare and teach engaging, age appropriate lessons for both large and small groups of children.
- Lead various whole church and community events, such as Season of Blessing, mission trips, Church in the Park, Fall Festival, and many more.
- Develop graphics and marketing themes for various areas within the church.
- Strategize with church leadership in order to be positive influence on our community.
- As dean, led Camp Joshua Christian Camp programs for 2014-2016.
- Participate continually in professional development and involvement in church leadership community.
- Periodically preach for entire congregation.
- Meet with various church members for pastoral counselling.
- Many other miscellaneous roles.

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE:

Small Business Co-owner, 2011 to 2013; Broadstroke Design, Alma, AR

- Led small business through the incorporation process.
- Developed management and financial accountability systems.
- Developed marketing and sales strategy for Western Arkansas.
- Developed strategic bidding procedure.
- Designed standard sales presentation template.
- Assisted in creating design theme for various clients.
- Assisted in painting, building, and installing 2d and 3d murals in states across the southern U.S.
- Operated as primary sales person for business.

Missionary, 2009 to 2011; Pioneer Bible Translators, Morogoro, TZ and Dallas, TX

- As international missionary, attended Swahili Language School in Morogoro, Tanzania.
- Tutored a Swahili speaking family from Rwanda through International Refugee Center.
- As graphic designer, assisted in development of organizations magazine publication.
- Developed brochures and postcards.
- Assisted in recruitment of new employees in 3 states.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

- 1 year volunteer art teacher for Union Christian Academy high school classes.
- 4 year volunteer soccer coach at Fort Smith Express and Fort Smith Boys Club.
- 2 year volunteer mentor at Chaffin Jr. high.
- 3 years working for Department of Human Services as an open foster home.

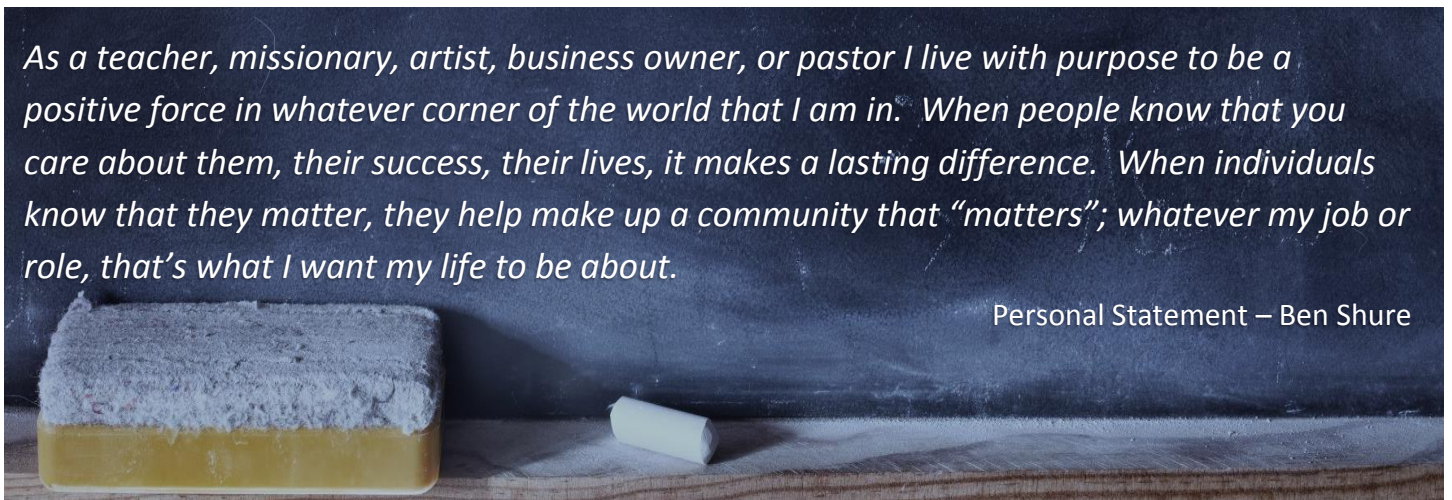
EDUCATION & CREDENTIALS:

University of Central Arkansas Conway, Arkansas

Bachelor of Arts, 2002. Major in Art, emphasis in education.

As a teacher, missionary, artist, business owner, or pastor I live with purpose to be a positive force in whatever corner of the world that I am in. When people know that you care about them, their success, their lives, it makes a lasting difference. When individuals know that they matter, they help make up a community that “matters”; whatever my job or role, that’s what I want my life to be about.

Personal Statement – Ben Shure



Professional and character references available upon request.