



Kimberly Stutts
Minister of Benevolence & Missions
Bio

Kimberly grew up in Livingston, Texas with her parents, James and Marsha, and brothers and sister. She became a Christian at the age of 9 at Central Baptist Church and felt God calling her to full-time ministry, particularly missions, at the age of 14 during a youth camp. She was ready to jump on a plane to Africa, although her parents were not as thrilled about the idea.

Kimberly has had the opportunity to be a part of several mission trips that have shaped her calling and love for the people not only of her local community, but the international community. As a junior in high school, she traveled to Ferrier, Haiti with *Hope for the Hungry* to build an orphanage for young women who had nowhere else to turn. It was on this trip that Kimberly realized that she was created to help “the least of these.” While she was not sure what that meant or looked like as a 17 year old, Kimberly has come to figure that out over the last several years. In the summer of 2007 Kimberly served as a summer missionary at Clovis Hills Community Church in Clovis, California. On an inner-city mission trip with junior high students, God began working in her life about the church’s role in serving the poor in the community. Kimberly began to see the how her two passions: social work and the local church could be combined in the way of community ministries and missions. One of Kimberly’s favorite quotes is “The place where God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world’s deep hunger meet” (Frederick Buechner). Community ministries and missions is where Kimberly’s “deep gladness and the world’s deep hunger meet.”

Kimberly attended Baylor University for both her undergraduate and graduate degrees, graduating in 2008 with her Bachelor in Social Work and in 2009 with her Masters in Social Work. While in graduate school, she concentrated in Children and Families and received a specialization in Congregational Social Work with Families. She has completed social work internships at Child Protective Services in Waco and Wilshire Baptist Church in Dallas. Kimberly has also worked in various ministry-related jobs including children, youth, and music ministries at churches in Livingston, Waco, and California.

In her new found free time Kimberly enjoys scrapbooking, reading for fun, playing the piano, and spending time with her family.