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To Whom it May Concern:

This is a letter of reference for Greg Bryson.

I have worked as a volunteer with Greg during his time as the student minister at Lake Murray Baptist Church in Lexington, South Carolina. In the nearly two years of knowing him, our friendship has grown into a brotherhood in Christ. He has been instrumental in establishing the foundation of a dynamic youth program at the church.

Greg has a passion for Christ and for bringing the message of salvation to young adults. His actions and words display his commitment, humility, love for and reliance on God. God has blessed Greg with a gift of relating to teens on their level. His humor, tender heart, and sensitivity to the kids, who are at a very vulnerable time in their spiritual life, endear them to him. He has let God use the vision and relational skills to increase a youth group of 40 students to one of over 100.

One of the many ways that Greg used to attract un-churched kids to the youth group was to host concerts in our youth building. The events were a success at bringing in young people from local schools.

The most innovative event Greg initiated to bond the students in each Sunday school class was "Oscars Night". Each class made a video "movie" and we came together to watch them. Everyone was dressed in tuxedos and evening gowns. There was a red carpet, paparazzi and a stretch Hummer limousine. The students absolutely loved it.

I would be happy to talk further with anyone inquiring about Greg Bryson for a position on their staff. I can be reached by phone or email. My phone number is 803-622-088 and I can be emailed at tdominick@thestate.com.

Sincerely,

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June 13, 2005

Re: Letter of Recommendation for Greg Bryson

To Whom It May Concern,

It is my privilege to offer this letter of recommendation to you on behalf of Greg Bryson. Greg served as our Pastor of Student Ministries from July 2003- May 2004. Greg is a very likeable person with genuine warmth who got along with people of all ages. He has a deep love for Christ, and a zeal for reaching and teaching young people about the Christian life. Greg was not only admired and respected by the young people in our church, but by the adults as well.

Greg is a natural leader. He is very organized, prompt, and inventive. He is truly gifted from God to lead young people to the Lord and disciple them. It is indeed my honor to highly recommend Greg Bryson to you in whatever capacity you may offer. If I may be of any further assistance, please feel free to contact me at the number listed below.

May God Bless You,

Rev. John W. Rea
Executive Pastor

Personal Recommendation for Greg Bryson

Greg has been a close friend, fellow youth pastor, and accountability partner for over 5 years.

He has been an encouragement to me in my personal life as well as in ministry. I have seen Greg's gifts demonstrated through many experiences. He is one of the most compassionate people I know. He has the gift of making people around him feel they are important. He has a great repoire with students and has a good balance of being their leader and their friend. Students feel that Greg is readily available to them and that he truly cares about their lives.

He has such a heart for God and sharing that passion with those he comes in contact with - whether they are students, church members, neighbors or those he runs into in his daily activities. He has a heart for discipleship as well as evangelism. This is a great combination for ministry. Greg is a moral man of integrity, who is real and humble. His desire is not to be on a pedestal but rather to work along side people to do ministry. Greg has demonstrated maturity in his faith when he has been wronged or has seen things that are not biblical.

Greg is creative in his planing and wants to share his vision with others. We have organized many trips, activities and events together. He is a team player and desires to stretch those around him. He wants to grow along with the people he ministers with. His desires is reach out to people, being there for them and serving where he can, to minister to students and their families.

I know that God has gifted and called Greg into youth ministry. He has been faithful to that call and to those he has served. He has made a difference in many lives including my own.

Contact me if I can be of any further help in your decision process.

Working Together for HIM,

Joe Kenyon
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