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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter of reference in order to commend to you the life and ministry of my esteemed colleague, Dr. David Mappes. Dr. Mappes served as a fulltime resident Associate Professor of Theology and Bible at Baptist Bible Seminary from 2008-2017.

I have known Dr. Mappes for the past 10 years, having served together on the faculty of Baptist Bible Seminary, Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania. He has been one of our primary full-time faculty members teaching in the areas of systematic theology and apologetics. He has taught in all our masters' degree programs and in both our PhD and DMin doctoral programs, supervised dissertations; he has also served as the director for our *Master of Arts in Biblical Apologetics* degree program. In addition, he has taught some undergraduate classes for our institution. I can assure you that he is an outstanding educator and possesses the highest command of skills for teaching in these areas of specialization. He has a high respect from both faculty colleagues and students that he has taught. I have observed him to be a consistent man of careful preparation; he has a high view of and commitment to the Scriptures; he is a life-long learner who is regularly looking for ways to enhance and improve his teaching skills; and he demonstrates a love and compassion for his students as a teacher /mentor. Dr. Mappes has also published numerous articles, presented papers in both academic and pastoral conferences and ministered as our university chapel speaker.

A core value for Baptist Bible Seminary is to select faculty members who combine the highest caliber of academic preparation with the compassionate care of a pastor/shepherd, that they may demonstrate the 2 Timothy 2:2 principle of "*teaching others also*" to be fully equipped and engaged for fruitful pastoral ministry. Dr. David Mappes fits this profile well. He is a man of spiritual integrity; a good husband and father; a faithful churchman; and a dedicated teacher / pastor.

I wholeheartedly recommend him without reservation to any institution of Christian higher education, pastoral ministry, or para-church ministry, as one who would be a quality addition to your team.

Please feel free to contact me if you desire further information as a reference for Dr. Mappes.

In Christ's Service,

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