



Mason Reigger, Youth Pastor

Mason joined ABC's staff in January 2000. Before coming to Anastasia, Mason served churches in Texas, Tennessee, and Florida. He graduated from Florida State University in 1994, and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1997.

Favorite authors/preachers: *As far as writers are concerned most reading puts me to sleep (better than any pill)... except for the Bible. For some reason when I start reading for my quiet times many times, an hour or so later I have really encountered the heart of God's voice and instruction into something that just happened or is about to happen. When it comes to preachers I should probably say Walter, but I really enjoy Francis Chan, Louie Giglio, James MacDonald, and Ravi Zacharias. the Walk in the Word guy and the apologist that's from India (my memory is terrible, just ask the students in our ministry how many times I have forgotten their names.*

Favorite restaurant & menu item: *Nalu's down the street is an awesome place for a quick lunch especially if you get one of their Ahi Tuna Burgers or the Pier Right with beans and rice. Now if you want a good home style cheap meal that looks messy but tastes wonderful try Fran and Tams in the Food Lion shopping center on US1. If you are thinking about taking me out to dinner then any of these are awesome J: my mom's lasagna beats everything, Creekside's plank fish meal, Mikato's steak and shrimp combo and make sure you have them do the onion volcano but then throw in a shrimp tail as a sacrifice which should make the chef smile, Columbia's 1912 salad and Cuban sandwich or pork dinner, I could go on and on since as a bachelor who can't cook I have to be a restaurant connoisseur.*

Favorite movies: *Honestly, movies nowadays are either too suggestive or vulgar or just poor acting, but every once in a while there will be one that surprises me, especially since I only go to see them in the movie theater once in a blue moon. Overall though, The Princess Bride and Goonies are two of my favs. I would love to see more Christian movies like the Narnia or Lord of the Rings series. There really needs to be more churches or ministries that use this form of communication to share the gospel like in Facing the Giants or Fireproof but with bigger budgets and better production.*

Style of music most listen to: *As far as music is concerned I really wish there would be more integrity filled Christian jazz bands like Justo Almario (Ron Kenoly's sax player), Kirk Whalum, or even something like Spyro Gyra or The Rippingtons (that uses the voice as an instrumental part of the band not a feature). I love all styles of music, but the kind that gets the most play according to my iTunes is modern praise and worship like Hillsong United (especially since Jill is with them now).*

What do you do for fun: *Who has time for fun? Wait a minute I get paid to have fun... suffering for Jesus as a youth pastor on snow ski blades, whitewater rafting, indoor ski diving trips, I know it's a hard life. What I really enjoy though is a good competitive game of volleyball, disc golf, ultimate, working out, run on the beach or even Rummikub and playing cards like Rummi, Casino (no, it's not a betting game), or May I/Liverpool/Phase 10 genre.*

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Who do you most admire: *The person I most admire was one of the most humble mentors I have ever encountered and shaped my faith even before I became a Christian as a senior in high school. His name is Edson Dickinson and he has been the Instrumental Music Minister at FBC Jax for 20+ years.*

What's your passion? *I am most passionate about creative communication and watching especially youth get it and surrender/thrive in their God given gifts/callings.*