

Letters of Reference

At True Direction Ministries, we desire to pattern our mission after His, to make much of God, to pursue and know people, and to always lovingly communicate God's direction for life.



The Ministry of Chuck & Linda Beckler

Dear Ministry Leader,

If you are looking for a speaker for youth, married couples, parents, or men's and women's ministries, I would be pleased to speak with you. My name is Chuck Beckler, and I have been an itinerant speaker for over 20 years in many different areas of ministry. I have enclosed a biographical sketch of my wife, Linda, and myself, as well as a number of letters of reference from ministry leaders.

My heart's desire is to see men, women, and young people transformed by Jesus Christ for God's glory. If you would have an interest in speaking with me, I may be reached by phone or email as listed below.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

For our Lord's glory,



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Biographical Sketch of Chuck & Linda Beckler

Chuck and Linda Beckler team up as they travel North America bringing God's Word to all ages. They make their home in McHenry, Illinois, have raised two sons there, have watched them marry godly young women and are pleased that their eldest son has given them their first awesome grandson.

Chuck has spent over 25 years as an itinerant speaker. Much of this has been to various students at camps, retreats, conferences, youth groups, public schools and universities. He has also been privileged to teach a master's level public speaking class at Trinity International University and taught for Sonlife Ministry for several years. This "Strategy of Ministry" seminar took Chuck to all kinds of churches and colleges. He also spent time locally serving churches as both youth pastor and senior pastor.

Linda, his wife, builds prayer teams when they are at camps and also does some teaching. Together they have taught marriage seminars as well as men's and women's conferences. Their passion comes out of Luke 14, a passage used in one of Chuck's noted messages, "You'll Do Anything for the One You Love the Most." They desire to serve God and look forward to seeing where He will take them to proclaim His Word.

For more information about True Direction Ministries, including the mission, doctrinal pillars and a brief history, visit www.truedirectionministries.org/about.



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January 10, 2011

To whom it may concern:

Chuck Beckler through the years has proven to be an effective and strategic communicator in a variety of settings. His passion for the Lord, prophetic gifting, and deep desire to be used by God has made him effective in many situations.

I would highly recommend Chuck if you need a strong biblical communicator for church groups, men's ministries, youth gatherings or church wide services. Sonlife Ministries for years used Chuck as one of our Strategy seminar trainers. Chuck's sense of humor and passion was always greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions, I'd be glad to talk directly with anyone considering using Chuck. I'd highly recommend him as a speaker for a variety of settings and subjects.

Sincerely,

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January 20, 2010

To Whom It May Concern:

It is my great joy to share a word of recommendation with you concerning the ministry of Chuck Beckler. I have personally known Chuck for 20 years; dating back to my youth ministry days. He recently shared with me his desire to go back "on the road" preaching and teaching God's Word. I want to encourage you to consider having him at your ministry. But you may be asking "what is Chuck like?" Here are some words that describe my friend and his ministry...

- Funny
- Biblical
- Caring
- Insightful
- Thorough
- Passionate
- Motivational
- Evangelistic
- Practical
- Grassroots
- Captivating
- Encouraging
- Integral
- Cooperative
- Servant
- Relevant
- Churchman
- Convicting

Now I know you are probably saying, "it is too good to be true that a itinerate speaker, preacher, teacher and evangelist would have those qualities and more" -- but it is true with Chuck. God has used him greatly, because God has done a great work in this brother.

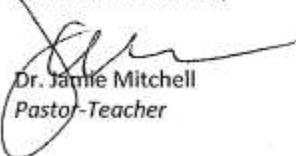
I have had Chuck to our church in the past, have recommended him to many and have him scheduled to speak this coming year. I was personally excited, that after a few years of fully devoting himself to his church ministry, the Lord is leading him to make his gifts and experience and wisdom available to the larger evangelical community.

I especially feel that what Chuck will deliver when he shares will exponentially impact the next generation of Christians. Chuck has a long standing, proven record of greatly impacting young people, not with "fluff" but with the meat of the Word. As you will agree, young people desperately need doctrinally sound teaching.

I would like to commend Chuck to you and encourage you to consider having him for your next retreat, Bible Conference, special event or simply pulpit supply. He will honor the Lord and His Word and be used to touch the lives of those you shepherd. You will not be disappointed.

Please feel free to contact me with further questions about his ministry.

Yours for the Master,



Dr. Jamie Mitchell
Pastor-Teacher



Michindoh Conference Center

A SPRING ARBOR UNIVERSITY CAMPUS

December 15, 2010

To Whom It May Concern:

It is my privilege to provide a reference for Chuck Beckler. Chuck has been an important part of our ministry team for many years. I met Chuck five years ago when I returned to Michindoh Conference Center to serve as its Chief Operations Officer. When I returned Chuck had already been one of our regular teen camp speakers and couples retreat speakers for a number of years. Over the last five years I have gotten to know Chuck and have grown to really appreciate his ministry to our youth and staff.

As a camp speaker Chuck is able to connect with the youth in a way that engages them emotionally, intellectually, and spiritually. From the first chapel session the teens are laughing and fully participating in the services. Beyond the entertainment, the youth respond to the deep and important truths presented from God's Word. The meat of the message is delivered in a way that the youth can digest and apply to their lives. The feedback that we receive from the campers, counseling staff and parents indicates that the messages are producing spiritual fruit in the lives of our youth.

Outside of the chapel services Chuck and his lovely wife, Linda, make themselves available to the youth and staff to minister to them on a one on one basis. The impact of their ministry is as effective outside of chapel as it is within. I look forward to their regular participation in our ministry, for many years to come, and fully support their desire to expand their outreach to other ministries.

With you in Christ's service,

Jeff Knoll

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To Whom It Concerns,

I am privileged to know and to have worked with Chuck Beckler for fifteen plus years. Chuck is a godly man with integrity and an exceptional communication ability. He is trustworthy and honest. He speaks clearly and poignantly, and without compromising the truth of God's Word. Chuck is top quality. He will meet the needs you have for a communicator!

I have been pleased to personally bring Chuck out to the Northwest a number of times to speak to groups of Jr. and Sr. High students. He has spoken in settings that include weekend retreats for one church as well as speaking to a large Denominational Weekend Youth Rally for multiple churches. Each time I have brought Chuck out he has met and exceeded my expectations.

I am confident you will benefit from having Chuck speak to your group at your event. Should you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Dave Anderson

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"The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" Romans 6:23

This letter is in reference to the abilities and character of Chuck Beckler. I met Chuck in a training seminar in 1989 and again in 1990 during a winter camp where he was the speaker. I not only appreciated his communication skills but his heart for people, the Lord and ministry. Since 1990 I have had him do many camps, couple's retreats, ministry and leadership training as well as consulting and mentoring. He is my friend in whom I owe much to.

Character - Chuck Beckler lives his life as a consistent follower of Jesus. His life reflects the character and priorities of Christ and has demonstrated the presence of God living in and through his life.

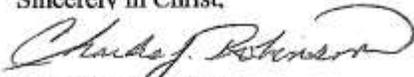
Speaking – I have been to 8 camps where I heard Chuck speak. He has the ability to deliver the Word of God in its truth in such a way that young people are able to listen and know how to apply the truth to their lives. I have also had them in a couple's retreat where the same truth can be said. I have also trusted him to fill the pulpit for me and again only to have seen him faithful to the Word and effective at bearing fruit.

Training – Chuck has spent many weeks together with me and my ministry teams and leadership teams. He has conducted many training meetings using the Word of God, different leadership books and principles as well as ministry strategies and philosophies.

Consulting – Chuck has been my mentor for over 20 years. Using his skills listed in the above areas, he has helped me personally as well as professionally. He is challenging and yet delivers it with love and encouragement. I would wish such a relationship on anyone.

If there are any further information that I can provide please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely in Christ,



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December 2011

Letter of Recommendation for Pastor Chuck Beckler

To Whom It May Concern:

My relationship with Chuck Beckler has extended over ten years. My first experience with Chuck occurred when he was the special speaker for our high school students during a week of spiritual enrichment. The initial experience with Chuck led to employing him for a number of other opportunities to minister to students while I was a school administrator in Michigan and Wisconsin. He also helped nurture students who were interested in becoming leaders. In addition, Chuck was available to engage students in spiritual, historical and even political debates to challenge growth in the Christian Worldview in classrooms and small groups. I have also visited the church on a number of occasions where he pastors.

Pastor Chuck's passion for the Word of God while engaging students to apply the Word has always been evident. He maintains a spiritual and practical balance. God continues to use Chuck to draw teens to the Lord through His Word. Not as evident but important has been the prayer and counseling ministry of Linda Beckler when she is able to travel. Chuck's wife has been a close spiritual companion who often prays throughout the time Chuck ministers. Linda also has been available to provide godly counsel to teens.

Chuck invests in teens beyond the assembly time. I have seen Chuck visit classes many times to engage students spiritually. He also joins students for lunch. He sometimes participates in a game of pick-up basketball and other activities with students. Chuck sometimes returns for evening activities such as athletic events to watch students compete. He recalls students' names and builds a necessary relationship for continued spiritual nurturing.

I enthusiastically recommend Pastor Beckler for any ministry opportunity in which people are serious about the Word of God, spiritual growth and affirming the Faith.

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To Whom it May Concern,

I am privileged to write in support of our friends Chuck and Linda Beckler. Chuck has spoken at our annual youth camp several times, most recently in August 2010. Chuck has been a joy to work with this last summer, during the preparation process and while speaking at the camp.

Most of the youth we had at the camp had never heard or seen Chuck and Linda, some had been skeptical in the weeks prior and at the start of camp. After just a few minutes with them all doubts were gone and were wanting to hear and be around them the entire time. Chuck did an amazing job speaking; he incorporated stories in his lessons, some funny and others not so much, all the while the students were very intent on listening. When it came to speaking on tough subjects Chuck didn't shy away, instead he tackled it head on. During times when Chuck was not speaking he did an amazing job connecting with the students during meals or even playing football on the lawn.

Linda was also a blessing to have around. While Chuck would speak, Linda would pull a few of the leaders aside and pray for him and the students, something the leaders very much enjoyed and look forward to.

Chuck and Linda are a great team. Our group has enjoyed them very much, and look forward to working with them in the future!

Sincerely,

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The Lord is near to all who call on Him Psalm 145:18



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January 17, 2011

Dear Friend:

This is a letter of recommendation in regards to Chuck Beckler speaking for you at your next event. It is my intention to express an unreserved endorsement for Chuck.

Not only have I had Chuck speak for us in several of our ministry events, but I consider Chuck to be the guy who taught me the most about communicating God's message to students in an effective and life-changing way. Frankly speaking, Chuck's speaking ministry has broadened and deepened over the years. He is one of those rare people who can communicate across almost every barrier, whether age, spiritual commitment or location.

Chuck has a unique skills set. He is a storyteller who, because of his passion, experiences and study, makes his points clearly while riveting his audience with his words. Chuck also is one of a very few truly funny communicators. He connects to his listeners quickly with his hilarious and even quirky brand of humor. What he never loses, however, his desire to focus on the main task of turning attention to the Savior.

Chuck's primary focus will always be to teach God's word with clarity and power. If you are looking for a guy who can communicate and connect at all levels, then you will want to have Chuck be a part of your next ministry event!

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at your earliest convenience. I can be reached at (517) 283-3982.

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing as a reference for Chuck Beckler. I have known Chuck for over 20 years and have found him to be a person of great integrity and high moral character. He is a great speaker and communicator and has a teachable spirit that enables him to work well with others in a camp or teaching environment. He has been gifted with communication skills that have served him well at camps and church environments. Chuck has been used by God to impact my students in a radical way. Many of the students that have learned from Chuck have been gone into fulltime ministry and are now teaching others what he has taught them. He is flexible and a good team player. I know that God has and will continue to use him to impact lives. I highly recommend him and believe that he will be a blessing to any camp, church, or ministry. If I can be of any assistance please feel free to call me concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Rev. Robert P. Schuman".

Rev. Robert P. Schuman



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Pastor Dave Klipp

January 18, 2011

To Whom It May Concern:

I first met Chuck and Linda years ago while receiving Sonlife Youth Pastors' training at Camp Timber-lee in Wisconsin. Chuck was one of their trainers at that time I believe. Over the years we became better friends.

Chuck spoke at a Youth Conference in Peoria to which I took my youth group and really enjoyed his talk there. I recall that he shared that the Bible says "that men before they came to know Jesus were dead in their sins" so "stop listening to dead people!" That is a powerful idea; youth listen more sometimes to the world's opinions which are views of "dead" people.

After that conference I invited Chuck to speak at Sugar Creek Camp's Junior High Week which I directed. Over the years I directed that Camp I had him and Linda back again and again. They also spoke at our Snow Blast Retreat.

Chuck's messages are always true to the Bible and come out of the scripture. His illustrations are current, and his humor gut-splitting.

He can relate to both youth and adult groups.

I highly recommend him as an awesome communicator of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Yours in Christ,



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To whom it may concern:

Chuck Beckler has been a very influential part of my life! He used to speak at many of the youth camps and retreats that I was a part of from my 9th through 12th grade years in and even into college and seminary where I was a volunteer in several different locations. While finishing high school and beyond, I was part of Sonlife Ministries training, where he did most of the teaching.

Several things that I know about Chuck are that he studies and knows Gods Word and has a real burning passion to communicate that in a variety of settings, but especially to youth. He was very formative in my thinking about what is important in life and ministry and often reinforced, by words and actions, the ideas that the Bible must be our standard and to teach a proper concept of Christ and that Prayer is Vital! In fact, one of the things I cherish is having his wife, Linda, there praying and inviting students and adults to pray with her during his speaking.

Chuck and Linda played a significant part in confirming my wife and I's own calling into ministry and we have even used him for training and speaking in our youth ministries. I would highly recommend him and his wife to anyone who is looking to have a speaker come teach God's Truth in a manner that is clear, enlightening, and even Very funny at times.

Honestly, with all the memories and lessons that I still have notes from, I can't say enough good about Chuck and Linda and all that they bring to any speaking setting! I am honored to say that he is a dear mentor, friend, and brother that God uses to communicate His timeless Truths in my wife's and I's life and many others.

Still on this JOURNEY together,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Reg Hamilton". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "R" and "H".

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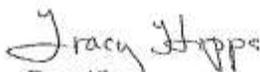
To whom it may Concern,

I am writing this reference letter for Chuck and Linda Beckler, whom I have known for over 25 years. It has been my pleasure to serve with the Becklers on many occasions over the years. They are a couple that I would trust my group to every time.

They serve so well as a couple and how they interact with the groups is above and beyond the call of duty. Their love for the Lord and serving him is why they are called to this special type of service. I have not seen many couple serve so well together as they do. Linda is a jewel in the service of the master. Chuck is a man of the word and has a gift to communicate and music.

Chuck has always been gifted in communicate to all age groups and been received warmly at every stage of life by groups. When I first met them they were good but the seasons of life and the time in ministry has made them both jewels of the King. He has the gift of communicating in a way that it gets to the heart of the matter and challenges the position of the believer. The years have now made his message even more real, seasoned and far relevant.

Chuck has the heart of a pastor so that while speaking and singing is what he can do, what he brings is a heart to care and serve the people God's has entrusted to him for the time together. After a season of a break they are back to the heart of who they are and what God has called them to. I am blessed to be a part of the family and I know you will be if they partner with you.


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