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Captivating Speakers
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To Whom It May Concern,

Evergreen Baptist Church continues to be enriched by the gifts and talents of our Children's and Youth Pastor, Karen McCracken. She demonstrates her ability to reach our entire congregation through speaking in our services and through ongoing programs and events. She is an excellent communicator, well organized, creative and has a spontaneous wit and humor, which is very refreshing. She earnestly seeks to meet the developing spiritual needs of our children and youth. Her creative approach to their unique needs has been evident in the wide variety of programs she has developed and implemented such as: Friday Night Lights, Praise and Worship for Kids, Creative Ministries, TNT Tuesdays, Summer Sunday Nights, Puppet ministry, 24 Hours of Prayer, children's & youth camps, Youth mission trips, Bible Studies, community service projects, conducted reverse Trick or Treating during Halloween, and she oversees our children's AWANA program and much more.

Recently Karen's Youth group, Velocity was awarded the "Best In Frankfort Award" for outstanding contributions to the community of Frankfort by the U.S. Local Business Association. The Youth group has made great strides in the last year. Through local and state-wide service projects, it has grown into a Missions-minded group. The Youth have worked locally in the past year on yards and homes in their surrounding neighborhood, conducted prayer walks through local neighborhoods and around the State Capitol Building and served numerous times at Wayside Christian Mission in Louisville as well as at the local Soup Kitchen. Most recently the Youth went for a week of Missions work with the homeless and participated in construction in Nashville Tennessee.

Karen volunteers with Avenues For Women, a non-profit health clinic. She is a leader and facilitator for a support group that meets monthly for parents, guardians and grandparents who have children with mental disabilities.

Karen is a published author. She has her own website and an on-going blog. She has been an active speaker for Women's Conferences for many years. She effectively utilizes her humor while delivering information that is very serious in nature.

I highly recommend Karen as a demonstrative and vivacious woman of God. She is an asset, a team player and a servant leader. Her ability to connect and communicate with a diverse population is evident in her Christian lifestyle.

Sincerely,
Pastor Tyre Denney