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Ben Arment is producing an event for church leaders in Chicago this month called STORY. It will be held on Thursday, Oct. 28, 2009, at the Paramount Theater in Aurora, Ill. More than 1,500 church leaders, pastors, teachers, artists and authors are expected. Speakers include best-selling author Donald Miller; Nancy Beach of Willow Creek; Dave Gibbons of the NewSong Global Alliance; Stacy Spencer of New Direction Christian Church in Memphis; Ed Young of Fellowship Church in Dallas; Mike Foster of Ethur; and Chris Seay of Ecclesia Houston. For more information visit www.StoryChicago.com.

NAME: Ben Arment

GRADUATING CLASS: Liberty Baptist Theological Seminary, December 2000

RESIDENCE: Virginia Beach, VA

FAMILY: Wife, Ainsley, and three sons: Wyatt (5), Dylan (3) and Cody (newborn)

OCCUPATION: Event producer

HOBBIES: Running, writing and reading

EDUCATION: B.A., English, Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio and M.A.R., Liberty Baptist Theological Seminary

Why did you choose to attend Liberty University?
My grandmother in Ohio was one of the early supporters of Dr. Falwell before Liberty owned the entire mountain. She had a piggybank with a picture of Liberty Mountain and the phrase "I want that mountain!" on it. I learned about the great things God was doing at Liberty from a pretty early age. So when it was time for me to go to seminary, there was no other choice.

What is your fondest memory of Liberty?
I'll never forget seeing Dr. Falwell drive around in his big, black Suburban, waving to students and making us feel like we were his best friends.

How did attending Liberty prepare you for your life after graduation?
Liberty prepared me to be audacious about vision. I learned to dream bigger than I'd ever dreamed before, to go after the impossible feats that God laid before me. Nobody dreams bigger than Liberty students. That's one of the tremendous legacies Dr. Falwell left.

What would people be surprised to know about you?
In 2001, when Ainsley and I were newly married, we moved to Reston, Virginia, to plant a church. For seven years, we built a congregation and raised up a team to lead the ministries. We saw many people give their lives to Christ and go on to serve God faithfully. Reston Community Church is still thriving today. I've written a book about church planting called "Church in the Making," which will be published by Broadman & Holman in April 2010. But in 2008, I moved on to work at Catalyst Conference in Atlanta, where I helped launch the first West Coast event. I'm now producing ministry events and conferences from Virginia Beach.