

# **Luke S. Johnson**

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## **PERSONAL**

Born: March 2, 1983, in New Orleans

Born Again: February 22, 1998

Ordained to Ministry: April 21, 2002

Licensed to Ministry: January 25, 2004

Married: July 22, 2006, to Lauren Husbands

## **EDUCATION**

### **Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary**

Doctor of Philosophy, Applied Theology (International Missiology), May 2025

Supervising Professor: Dr. Charles E. Lawless, Jr.

Dissertation Title: “Martyrs and Riskers: Examining the Definition of Christian Martyrdom and Proposing a New Term to Honor Christians Faithful unto Death for Jesus’s Sake.”

### **New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary**

Master of Divinity, May 2009

### **The University of Southern Mississippi**

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, May 2005

## **ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE**

### **Assistant Professor of Global Missions**

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, April 2025–Present

### **Research Assistant for the Dean of Doctoral Studies**

Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, January 2024–May 2025

### **Assistant/Grader for Graduate and Undergraduate Courses**

Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, January 2023–May 2025

### **Paper Presentations/Session Moderator**

“The Body, the Bible, and Hinduism: How Valuing Human Bodies Brings Meaning and Hope,” Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, Boston, Massachusetts, November 20, 2025.

Session Moderator, “Theological Anthropology: Johannine,” with Steven M. Bryan, Denny Burk, Charles Lee Irons, and Kamy Hanna. Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, Boston, Massachusetts, November 18, 2025.

Session Moderator, “Creedal Christianity: New Testament I,” with Gary W. Derickson, Jason B. Doty, Sung Min Park, and A. Boyd Luter. Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, San Antonio, Texas, November 16, 2023.

## **MINISTRY AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE**

### **Itinerant Preacher**

2003–Present

### **Trustee**

2 Cities Church, Columbus, GA, March 2020–March 2026

### **Equipping Pastor/Co-Pastor**

Crosspointe Community Church, Laurel, MS, May 2021–June 2025

### **Interim Pastor**

First Baptist Church, Ellisville, MS, June 2017–August 2020

### **Director of Discipleship**

Vintage Church, New Orleans, LA, January 2009–December 2010

### **Minister of Students**

Pine Grove Baptist Church, Ellisville, MS, May 2001–August 2003

## **PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC AFFILIATIONS**

Member, Evangelical Missiological Society

Member, Evangelical Theological Society

## **PUBLICATIONS**

Co-editor of *Stuck in Space: An Astronaut’s Hope through the Unexpected*, by Barry “Butch” Wilmore. Laurel, MS: Heirloom, 2026.

“Salvation Without Spin: How the Gospel of Christ Subversively Fulfills the Prayer Wheels of Tibetan Buddhism.” *Themelios* 49.1 (2024): 173–90.

“Shock and Awe.” *The Carey Pulpit* 41 (2024): 33–34.

Review of *How to Read a Book: Advice for Christian Readers*, by Andrew David Naselli. *Themelios* 49.3 (2024): 759–60.

Review of *When Christians Face Persecution: Theological Perspectives from the New Testament*, by Chee-Chiew Lee. *Themelios* 48.2 (2023): 485–87.

## **HONORS AND AWARDS**

Southern Miss M-Club Athletic Hall of Fame, 2024

Doctor of Divinity (Honorary), Emmanuel Theological Seminary, India, 2013

NOBTS Student Representative, Conference of Southern Baptist Evangelists, 2007

Woody Hayes Award, Division I Male Recipient, 2006

American Football Coaches Association Good Works Team, 2004

Southern Miss Football, 2001–2005

All-American, All-Conference, Team Captain, 2005

Offensive MVP/Scholar Athlete, AXA Liberty Bowl, 2003

Southern Miss Student Representative, NCAA Leadership Conference, 2003

Eagle Scout, February 1998

## **REFERENCES**

Dr. Charles E. Lawless, Jr.

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