

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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Pastor, 2 Cities Church

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Mr. Josh Nowell

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