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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, 1992.
Major: Evangelism. Minor: Preaching. Dissertation Title: “A Critical Analysis of the Organizational Methodology in Selected Evangelistic Campaigns of William Ashley (Billy Sunday.”

Master of Divinity, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, 1984.

Bachelor of Arts for Select Students, Stephen F. Austin State University, Nacogdoches, Texas, 1978. Graduated magna cum laude.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Professor of Evangelism and Evangelistic Preaching, occupying the Roland Q. Leavell Chair of Evangelism, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, January 2008 to present.

Associate Professor of Preaching and Evangelism, occupying the J.D. Grey Chair of Preaching, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, August 2005 to December 2007.

Adjunct Professor of Evangelism, The Criswell College, Dallas, Texas, Fall 1993, 1992.

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

Acting Associate Dean of Graduate Studies, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, January 2024 to July 2024.

Chairman of the Pastoral Ministries Division, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, January 2008 to July 2020.

Director of the Leavell Center for Evangelism and Church Health, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, January 2008 to present.

Director of Supervised Ministry, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, August 2005 to July 2008, August 2019 to July 2022.

PUBLICATIONS

"Twentieth-Century Regional and Specialized Revivals and Awakenings." Chapter in *When the Fires of Heaven Fell: Volume 2, Essays in Honor of Malcolm McDowell*, eds. David Wheeler and Frank Harber, 181-224. Fort Worth, Texas: Seminary Hill Press, 2025.

"The Jesus Movement and Chuck Smith's Calvary Chapel." Chapter in *A History of Evangelism in North America*, ed. Thomas P. Johnston, 273-290. Grand Rapids: Kregel Academic, 2021.

"Boldness in Personal Evangelism." Article in *Journal for Baptist Theology and Ministry* 18, no. 1 (Spring 2021): 105-118.

"Conflict in the Church." Chapter in *Interpersonal Skill Set for Ministers*, eds. Jeanine C. Bozeman and Argie Smith. Gretna, Louisiana: Pelican Publishing Company, 2020. E-book.

"Motivations for Fulfilling the Great Commission" Chapter in *Engage: Tools for Contemporary Evangelism*, gen. ed. Wm. Craig Price, 3-14. Birmingham, Alabama: Iron Stream Media, 2019.

"Decisional Preaching: Essential Elements of the Evangelistic Sermon." Chapter in *Engage: Tools for Contemporary Evangelism*, gen. ed. Wm. Craig Price, 464-478. Birmingham, Alabama: Iron Stream Media, 2019.

"Transitioning a Monocultural Church to a Multicultural Ministry." Interview conducted by Dr. Mark Johnson, Dr. Wm. Craig Price, and Dr. Preston Nix. Chapter in *Engage: Tools for Contemporary Evangelism*, gen. ed. Wm. Craig Price, 405-428. Birmingham, Alabama: Iron Stream Media, 2019.

"Commentary on Article 10: The Great Commission." Chapter in *Anyone Can Be Saved: A Defense of "Traditional" Southern Baptist Soteriology*, eds. David L. Allen, Eric Hankins, and Adam Harwood, 142-156. Eugene, Oregon: Wipf and Stock Publishers, 2016.

Co-Editor with Dr. Adam Harwood. "The Gospel & Evangelism." *Journal for Baptist Theology and Ministry* 11, no. 2 (Fall 2014).

"Technology, Communication, and Relationships." Chapter in *Interpersonal Skill Set for Ministers*, eds. Jeanine C. Bozeman and Argile Smith. Gretna, Louisiana: Pelican Publishing Company, 2014. eBook.

"Commentary on Article 10: The Great Commission." Article in *Journal for Baptist Theology and Ministry* 10, no. 1 (Spring 2013): 36-46.

“Preparing for Spiritual Warfare in Evangelism.” Chapter in *Mobilizing a Great Commission Church for Harvest: Voices and Views from the Southern Baptist Professors of Evangelism Fellowship*, ed. Thomas P. Johnson, 123-137. Eugene, Oregon: Wipf and Stock Publishers, 2011.

“The ‘Third Great Awakening’ in America: The Prayer Revival of 1857-58.” Chapter in *Evangelism for a Changing World*, eds. Timothy Beougher and Alvin Reid, 197-213. Wheaton, Illinois: Harold Shaw Publishers, 1995.

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATION

“Evangelism and Caring: Bellevue Baptist Church,” a case study presented to the Academy for Evangelism in Theological Education, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, Louisiana, October 3, 2008.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Evangelical Homiletics Society

Southern Baptist Professors of Evangelism Fellowship

MINISTRY EXPERIENCE

Transitional Senior Pastor, East Pointe Baptist Church, Spanish Fort, Alabama, August 2025 to present.

Interim Pastor, Parkview Baptist Church, Metairie, Louisiana, March 2024 to October 2024.

Interim Pastor, First Baptist Church, Pearl River, Louisiana, July 2023 to December 2023.

Interim Pastor, Greenwell Springs Baptist Church, Central, Louisiana, November 2020 to February 2023.

Interim Pastor, First Baptist Church, LaPlace, Louisiana, August 2020 to September 2020.

Interim Pastor, Parkview Baptist Church, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, June 2018 to April 2020.

Interim Pastor, Bethlehem Baptist Church, Albany, Louisiana, July 2016 to April 2017.

Interim Pastor, Bedico Baptist Church, Ponchatoula, Louisiana, August 2014 to May 2016.

Interim Pastor, Steep Hollow Baptist Church, Poplarville, Mississippi, September 2013 to July 2014.

Interim Pastor, First Baptist Church, St. Francisville, Louisiana, January 2012 to April 2013.

Interim Pastor, Jerusalem Baptist Church, Hammond, Louisiana, July 2010 to July 2011.

Interim Pastor, First Baptist Church, LaPlace, Louisiana, September 2009 to May 2010.

Interim Pastor, Jerusalem Baptist Church, Hammond, Louisiana, November 2008 to May 2009.

Interim Pastor, First Baptist Church, Ponchatoula, Louisiana, October 2007 to August 2008.

Interim Pastor, Roseland Park Baptist Church, Picayune, Mississippi, January 2007 to September 2007.

Interim Pastor, First Baptist Church, Villa Rica, Georgia, March 2006 to June 2006.

Senior Pastor, Eastwood Baptist Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma, June 1994 to July 2005.

Senior Pastor, Ridglea Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas, October 1985 to June 1994.

Minister to Youth, Plymouth Park Baptist Church, Irving, Texas, November 1981 to September 1985.

Youth Pastor, First Baptist Church, Bovina, Texas, summers of 1981, 1980.

Campus Evangelism Coordinator, Baptist Student Union, Baylor University, Waco, Texas, August 1979 to May 1980; Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, Texas, August 1978 to May 1979.

Youth Director, First Baptist Church, Woodville, Texas, summers of 1979, 1978.

Youth Director, Woden Baptist Church, Woden, Texas, February 1978 to May 1978.

Youth and Recreation Assistant, Richardson Heights Baptist Church, Richardson, Texas, summers of 1976, 1975.

DENOMINATIONAL SERVICE

Southern Baptist Professors of Evangelism Fellowship:

President, 2025-2026, 2012-2015

Secretary, 2021-2024

Vice President/President Elect, 2010-2011.

Southern Baptist Convention: Evangelism Task Force, 2017-2018.

Liaison for the New Orleans Baptist Association and Intentional Community Evangelism Teams and the North American Mission Board, Crossover New Orleans, January-June 2012.

Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma:
Committee on Order of Business, 2002-2005
Resolutions Committee, 1998
Advisory Committee, Crisis Pregnancy Center, 1995.

Tulsa Metro Baptist Association, Tulsa, Oklahoma:
Evangelism Committee, 2002-2003, Chairman, 2003
Zone Leader, Touch Tulsa 2000 Evangelistic Campaign, 1999-2000.

Tarrant Baptist Association, Fort Worth, Texas:
Director of Evangelism, 1991-1994
Personnel Committee, 1989-1991
Christian Life Committee, 1986-1988, Chairman, 1988
Baptist Student Union Committee, 1986-1988.
Pastor-Advisor to the Conference of Texas Baptist Evangelists, 1993-1994.

HONORS, AWARDS, AND ORGANIZATIONS

President, Southern Baptist Professors of Evangelism Fellowship, 2025-2026, 2012-2015.

Secretary, Southern Baptist Professors of Evangelism Fellowship, 2021-2024.

Marvin Jones Awards for Excellence, Outstanding Faculty Churchman, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, 2015.

Vice President/President-Elect, Southern Baptist Professors of Evangelism Fellowship, 2010-2011.

The Ola Farmer Lenaz Faculty Grant Program, Special Award, “How to Turn Around a Church with Zero Baptisms,” New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, 2009.

Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges, 1985, 1983.

Outstanding Young Men of America, 1984, 1983, 1980.

W. Oscar Thompson Jr. Memorial Award in Evangelism, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, 1983.

President, Baptist Student Union, Stephen F. Austin State University, 1977-1978.

Texas Baptist Student Union State Council, 1977-1978.

Alpha Chi National Honor Scholarship Society, inducted 1977.

Valedictorian, Connally High School, Waco, Texas, 1974.