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- Birth:** May 15, 1958, Albany, GA, but considers Jesup, GA as hometown
- Marriage:** Cathy Deanne Mullis, Soperton, GA, June 17, 1978
- Children:** Emily Michelle James Ivey, September 21, 1980  
Angela Marie James Hackle, September 11, 1984  
Elizabeth Jean James Batchelor, June 2, 1993  
Christopher Ryan James, December 24, 1999
- Education:** A.A., Brewton-Parker College, Mount Vernon, GA, 1978  
B.S., Blue Mountain College, Blue Mountain, MS, 1980  
M.Div., New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, 1984  
Th.D., New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, 1989, with a major in church history and a minor in missions, Dissertation: "A Study of the Life and Contributions of Henry Allen Tupper" (Dr. Tupper was the second president of the Foreign Mission Board.)
- Current:** Professor of Missions, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, August 2002 to present  
Associate Dean for Ministry Studies, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, January 2009 to present  
Coordinator, EQUIP, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, August 2017 to present  
Interim Pastor/Supply Preaching, October 2018 to present  
Board of Directors, Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, January 2017 to present; Executive Committee, January 2019 to present  
Board of Directors, Fruitland Bible Baptist College, January 2019 to present
- Experience:** Pastor, Hales Chapel Baptist Church, Zebulon, NC, August 2014 to September 2018  
Pastor, Carey Baptist Church, Henderson, NC, September 2002 to January 2014  
Missionary to Philippines, International Mission Board, 1995 to 2002  
Strategy Leader for the Filipino People Groups (FPG) for the approximately 60 Southern Baptist missionaries serving among the

approximately 40 million people who comprise the FPGs of Luzon (the largest island in the Philippines), July 1999 to June 2002

Professor of Missions and Church History at the Philippine Baptist Theological Seminary in Baguio City, Philippines, August 1996 through June 1999. Language Studies, San Pablo, Laguna, Philippines, August 1995 to July 1996

Assistant Professor of Missions, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, 1993 -1995

Missionary to Southeast Asia, International Mission Board, 1989 – 1993

Strategy Coordinator to an Unreached People Group (1989 to 1992) and Professor of Missions and Church History at the Philippine Baptist Theological Seminary in Baguio City, Philippines, August 1992 through March 1993

Pastor, churches in Georgia, Mississippi, and Louisiana, 1977 – 1989

### **Publications (Chronological listing)**

“Missions in the Twentieth and Twenty-First Centuries.” In *Missiology: An Introduction to the Foundations, History, and Strategies of World Missions*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., ed. John Mark Terry, 217-32. Nashville: Broadman & Holman Publishers, 2015.

Post-Reformation Missions Pioneers” In *Discovering the Mission of God*, ed. Mike Barnett, 250-266. Downers Grove: IVP, 2012.

“Turbulent and Transitional: The Story of Missions in the Twentieth Century.” In *Missiology: An Introduction to the Foundations, History, and Strategies of World Missions*, eds. John Mark Terry, Ebbie Smith and Justice Anderson, 245-59. Nashville: Broadman & Holman Publishers, 1998.

“What About the Shaving Soap?” *The Commission* (September/October 1994): 78-79.

“Involving Senior Adults in Missions” *The Theological Educator* 53 (Spring 1996): 63-76.

Various book reviews.

### **Professional Societies**

Evangelical Missiological Society (Vice President for the Southeast Region, 2006-2007)

Evangelical Theological Society