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Dean of Doctoral Studies
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Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary
Wake Forest, NC

PERSONAL

Born January 7, 1961 in Cincinnati, OH
Married Pamela Harvey on May 3, 1991

EDUCATION

1979-1983 Attended Miami University, Oxford, OH
1985 Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education, Cumberland College,
Williamsburg, KY
1992 Master of Divinity with Pastor/Teacher track, The Southern
Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, KY
1997 Doctor of Philosophy in Evangelism/Church Growth, The
Southern Baptist Theological Seminary; minor area studies in
American Christianity and Christian Missions
Dissertation Title: "The Relationship between Evangelism and
Spiritual Warfare in the North American Spiritual Warfare
Movement, 1986-1997"

Additional studies: Cincinnati Christian College and Liberty University

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Apr. 2017- present Dean of Doctoral Studies, Professor of Evangelism and Missions,
Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, NC
Nov. 2012- April 2017 Dean of Graduate Studies, Professor of Evangelism and Missions
Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, NC
2011-2012 Distinguished Professor of Evangelism and Church Growth, The
Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, KY
2005-2011 Dean and Professor of Evangelism and Church Growth, Billy Graham
School of Missions and Evangelism, The Southern Baptist Theological
Seminary, Louisville, KY
2004-2005 Senior Associate Dean; Professor of Evangelism and Church Growth,
Billy Graham School of Missions, Evangelism and Church Growth, The
Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, KY
2002-2004 Senior Associate Dean; Associate Professor of Evangelism and Church
Growth, Billy Graham School of Missions, Evangelism and Church
Growth, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, KY
2000- 2002 Associate Dean; Associate Professor of Evangelism and Church
Growth, Billy Graham School of Missions, Evangelism and Church
Growth, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, KY
1997-2000 Assistant Professor of Evangelism and Church Growth, Billy

- 1996-1997 Graham School of Missions, Evangelism and Church Growth, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, KY
Assistant to the Dean and Instructor in Evangelism and Church Growth, Billy Graham School of Missions, Evangelism and Church Growth, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, KY
- 1994-1996 Lecturer in English, University of Cincinnati Clermont College, Batavia, OH

MINISTRY EXPERIENCE

- 2019-present Team Member, Church Answers, led by Thom Rainer
- 2015-present Pastor of Equipping, Restoration Church, Wake Forest, NC
- June 2012-June 2013 Interim Pastor, Parkway Baptist Church, Moseley, VA
- Nov. 2010-Aug. 2011 Interim Pastor, West Jackson Baptist Church, Jackson, TN
- Sept. 2005-2019 President, The Lawless Group
- Jan. 2007-2010 Bible Study Leader, Highview Baptist Church, Louisville, KY
- Oct. 2004-Dec. 2004 Interim Pastor, Cedar Creek Baptist Church, Louisville, KY
- May 2002-March 2003 Interim Pastor, Lakota Hills Baptist Church, West Chester, OH
- Sept. 2000-May 2002 Pastor of Teaching/Equipping Ministries, Lakota Hills Baptist Church, West Chester, OH
- Oct. 1999-Dec. 1999 Interim Pastor, Bullitt Lick Baptist Church, Shepherdsville, KY
- Jan. 1999-Aug. 1999 Interim Pastor, Springfield Baptist Church, Springfield, KY
- Mar. 1995-July 1996 Minister of Education, Hamilton West Baptist Church, Hamilton, OH
- Aug. 1994-Feb. 1995 Interim Pastor, Rolling Hills Baptist Church, Fairfield, OH
- Feb. 1984-Aug. 1994 Pastor, Rolling Hills Baptist Church, Fairfield, OH
- Sept. 1983-Feb. 1984 Interim Pastor, Rolling Hills Baptist Church, Fairfield, OH
- Apr. 1981-Aug. 1983 Pastor, Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, Harrison, OH
- 1981 Ordained, Pisgah Heights Baptist Church, West Chester, OH

DENOMINATIONAL/CHURCH-RELATED EXPERIENCE

- Nov. 2012-present Global Theological Education Consultant, International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention; Team Leader for Theological Education Strategists
- 2011-2012 Vice-President for Global Theological Advance, International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention
- 2010-present Board member, Society for Church Consulting, Louisville, KY
- 2008-2011 Consultant for Global Theological Education, International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention
- 2002-present President, The Lawless Group Church Consulting, Inc.
- 2002-present Seminar speaker, ChurchCentral/Society for Church Consulting, Louisville, KY
- 1998-2000 Seminar speaker, Church Growth Seminars, Lynchburg, VA

- 1990-1991 Seminar leader for single adult Labor Day conferences, The Baptist Sunday School Board
- 1987-1991 Executive board and finance committee member, the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio
- 1988-1993 Single adult advisor, Southwestern Baptist Association, Hamilton, Ohio
- 1985-1986 Evangelism director, Southwestern Baptist Association, Hamilton, Ohio

PUBLICATIONS

- LifeChange: A Mentoring Bible Study Program for Restoring Juvenile Offenders through Responsible Christian Living*, Mentor's Guide and Student's Workbook. Published in 1999 in cooperation with New Life Juvenile Justice Ministries, Baptist General Convention of Texas
- Spiritual Warfare: Biblical Truth for Victory*. Nashville: Lifeway, 2001. Co-authored with John Franklin.
- Discipled Warriors: Growing Healthy Churches That Are Equipped for Spiritual Warfare*. Grand Rapids: Kregel, 2002.
- Making Disciples through Mentoring: Lessons from Paul and Timothy*. Lynchburg, VA: Church Growth Institute, 2002.
- Serving in Your Church Prayer Ministry*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2003.
- Eating the Elephant: Leading the Established Church to Growth*. Louisville: Pinnacle, 2003. Co-authored with Thom Rainer.
- Membership Matters*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2005.
- The Challenge of the Great Commission*. Louisville: Pinnacle, 2005. Co-edited with Thom Rainer.
- Putting on the Armor*. Nashville: Lifeway, 2007.
- Great Commission Resurgence*. Nashville: B&H Academic, 2010. Co-edited with Adam W. Greenway.
- Mentor: How Along the Way Discipleship Can Change Your Life*. Nashville: Lifeway, 2011.
- Nobodies for Jesus*. Franklin, TN: Rainer Publishing, 2013.
- Spiritual Warfare in the Storyline of Scripture*. Nashville: B&H Academic, 2019. Co-authored with William C. Cook.
- Numerous articles, reviews, chapters, and Bible study curriculum in various publications

AWARDS

Recipient, 2002 Findley B. and Louvenia Edge Award for Teaching Excellence, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Great Commission Research Network
- Evangelical Missiological Society
- Evangelical Theological Society

TESTIMONY

I was not raised in a Christian home. A seventh-grade classmate shared the gospel with me, and God saved me in August 1974. Quite quickly and unexpectedly, I sensed God's call to preach His Word. I had always wanted to be a teacher, but God added that proclamation calling to my life as well. My education prepared me to do both.

My church, however, did not strategically disciple me. They taught me in Sunday school and worship, but no one walked directly beside me on a consistent basis. I struggled being faithful to God through my teenage years. As I entered the pastorate, though, God was, and has been, ever faithful to me. I and my wife, Pam, are increasingly humbled that God uses us to do His work through our local church, Southeastern Seminary, the International Mission Board, and church consulting opportunities. I deeply love both the local church and the nations.

My life verses are Acts 19:11-15. Those verses might seem unusual, but I have focused on those words for more than 20 years. I fear that little we do threatens the enemy, and my prayer is that God will raise up men, women, and churches who so walk with Him that hell knows them by name.

My wife, Pam, and I have been married for 29 years. We reside in Wake Forest, NC.