

Dr. John H. Ewart

Personal Information

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Born: July 8, 1962, Tahlequah, Oklahoma

Married to Tresa Jo Baker

Children: Joshua, Rachel, Josiah; Daughter-in-law: Stephanie

Grandchildren: Elizabeth Grace, Jonathan Vincent

Education/Credentials

Doctor of Missiology: Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, KY, 2003 Master of Divinity: Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, 1992

Bachelor of Arts in Religion: Baylor University, Waco, Texas, 1984 Ordained to the ministry: Calvary Baptist Church, Waco, TX, 1984

Class Valedictorian: Tahlequah High School, Tahlequah, Oklahoma, 1980

Licensed to the ministry: First Baptist Church, Tahlequah, OK, 1980

Educational Administrative Leadership Experience

Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, NC – 2006-present.

- Associate Vice President for Global Theological Initiatives, 2010 present.
 - o Administrative leadership and oversight of the directors for:
 - The Center for Great Commission Studies (Missions Center)
 - The Office for Hispanic Leadership Development
 - The Office for Persian Leadership Development
 - EQUIP: The Great Commission Equipping Network Initiative—mentoring internship processes in local churches across the nation.
 - The Field Ministry Office
 - The Hunt's Scholars Program A five year BA/MDIV combination
 - Global educational partnerships including international seminary faculty development, mission board leadership training, institutional consultation, organizational development, theological education development and local church leadership training.
 - The Office of Distance Learning (through early 2014)
 - o Director, The Center for Pastoral Leadership and Preaching, 2014-present
 - The Center provides ministry and consultation to local churches and pastors, training events, conferences, and research and writing in areas of pastoral leadership and preaching.
 - Associate Professor of Missions and Pastoral Leadership Teaching responsibilities in missions, evangelism, church revitalization and leadership.
- Curriculum Review Team Chairman Led the faculty and administration team through a major curriculum review and development process, 2014 2015.
- Director of Professional Studies (D.Min.) and Distance Learning; Associate Professor of Missions, 2006 2010. Developed the Distance Learning program.
- Accreditation Site Visit Team, SACS, 2016

The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, KY – 2001-2005

- Associate Vice President of Distance Education/Innovative Learning, 2002-2005.
- Associate Professor of Evangelism and Church Growth, 2004-2005.
- Associate Dean of Innovative Learning, The Billy Graham School of Missions, Evangelism and Church Growth, 2001-2002. Developed SBTS Distance Learning

The Southern Baptist School of Theology, Manila Philippines – 1985-1986

• Faculty Member - Teaching responsibilities in administration and education

Pastoral Leadership Experience

Interim Pastor, Raleigh Road Baptist Church, Wilson, NC, 2016-2017.

Interim Pastor, Nansemond River Baptist Church, Suffolk, VA, 2014-2015.

Senior Pastor, Cedar Creek Baptist Church, Louisville, KY, 2005-2006

- Revitalization of 216-year-old church setting all-time statistical records.
- This was a transitional opportunity.

Senior Pastor, Willow Hills First Southern Baptist Church, Prescott, AZ, 1999-2001.

- This established church served as a church planting hub in northern Arizona.
- North American mission field in a highly unchurched population area.
- Saw new statistical records reached in multiple areas.

Senior Pastor, Immanuel Baptist Church, Sallisaw, OK, 1993-1999.

- Declining church in a declining community in serious trouble.
- Revitalization led to recognition as one of the most effective evangelistic churches in North America by Thom Rainer research and writing. Top ten in baptisms for church size in Oklahoma.

Senior Pastor, Calvary Southern Baptist Church, Stilwell, Oklahoma, 1990-1993.

• First full time pastor of very young church; powerful growth in all areas.

Assistant Pastor/Minister of Youth, Pleasant Grove First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas, 1987-1990.

Associate Pastor, International Baptist Church of Makati, Manila, Philippines, (Missionary Journeyman, Foreign Mission Board, SBC), 1985-1986.

Interim Associate Pastor/Minister of Youth and Activities, First Baptist Church, Tahlequah, Oklahoma, 1984.

Minister of Youth/Assistant Pastor, Calvary Baptist Church, Waco, Texas, 1983-1984.

Church Consultation Leadership Experience

President and founder, R.E.A.C.H. Worldwide Ministries.

- Church and denominational consultation and conference/training ministry. Have consulted hundreds of churches face to face as well as denominations and denominational entities. Multiple consultation opportunities annually across the U.S. and around the world.
- *R.E.A.C.H.* (*Reaching Every Available Community Household*) a prayer, outreach, and discipleship strategy implemented through the open small group ministry in local churches.
- Multiple R.E.A.C.H. conferences are conducted around the world annually.

Board Member and Church Consultant Training Conference Leader, Society for Church Consulting.

- Conduct and lead multiple conferences each year to train church consultants.
- Featured on video curriculum.

Former Senior Vice President and Senior Consultant, The Rainer Group.

• Conducted multiple church and denominational consultation processes with Thom Rainer and Chuck Lawless for several years prior to Dr. Rainer going to LifeWay.

Denominational Leadership Experience

Chairman, Annual Church Profile Task Force, Lifeway Resources, 2009.

• Led task force of state convention and S.B.C. entity leadership and representatives to review current processes for the A.C.P. and make recommendations for changes to the G.C.R. Task Force at the request of Lifeway leadership.

Trustee, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, 2005-2006.

A.C.T. (Sunday school) Director, Yavapai Baptist Association, Arizona, 2000-2001.

Area-wide *Witness Involvement Now* training school leader and youth camp speaker, the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, 1986-1987.

Moderator, Clerk, Missions Development Council Director, A.C.T./A.S.S.I.S.T. Team (Sunday school and discipleship training consultation) Director, mission projects co-director, World Missions Conference Director, and member of various committees, East Central Baptist Association, Oklahoma, 1990-1999.

Chairman, Board of Trustees, Baptist Student Union, Northeastern State University, Tahlequah, Oklahoma, 1998-1999.

V.B.S. clinic leader, the Dallas Baptist Association, 1989.

Missions Leadership Experience

Longer Term

Missionary Journeyman to the Philippines, 1985-1986, Foreign Mission Board, SBC.

• Served as the Associate Pastor of the International Baptist Church of Makati, faculty member of the The Southern Baptist School of Theology, Philippine Baptist Convention Single Adult Leader, and a church planter.

Short Term

- Traveled to and conducted missions and/or consultation and educational projects in over 50 nations including teaching/preaching at various meetings of missionaries and national leaders.
- Led hundreds of volunteers on short term missions projects while serving as a local church pastor.

Business as Missions, 2013-2014

• Served on the steering committee for the Third Path Initiative, an interdenominational, educational and business consortium designed to train, mentor and place business school and/or seminary graduates in BAM opportunities ranging from new business start-up development to placement in established international corporations. Developing a certificate in the subject area.

Church Planting

• Participated in various roles from lead planter to planting church pastor in over a dozen church planting projects in North America and on the international field.

Other Ministry Leadership Experience

Camp, retreat, supply, revival, conference, radio and seminary chapel preacher/teacher.

Writing Experience

Upcoming book, A New Normal: Five Phases for Church Health.

Author, study guide chapter, "When Worldviews Meet: Evangelism and Contextualization," for *Facing the Change: Challenges and Opportunities for an American Missiology*. Southern Baptists of Texas Convention, 2014.

Author, R.E.A.C.H. (Reaching Every Available Community Household), A prayer, outreach, and discipleship strategy. Reach Worldwide Ministries, 1994.

Author, chapter, "The Great Commission and Strategic Outreach," for *The Challenge of the Great Commission: Essays on God's Mandate for the Local Church.* Pinnacle Publishers, 2005.

Author, *Developing a Contextual Model for Effective Prayer and Outreach in New Churches*. Doctor of Missiology dissertation, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, 2003.

Author, "The Intentional Sunday School: A Pathway to Purpose" for *The Journal of The American Society for Church Growth*. Volume 14, Winter 2003.

Author, articles for ChurchCentral.com (now the Society for Church Consulting).

Author, articles for Between the Times (blog for Southeastern Seminary).

Author, youth camp curriculum, the Dallas Baptist Association.

Personal Experience

I did not attend a church growing up and would likely have never heard the gospel preached from a pulpit. God used a friend to draw me to salvation in a football locker room. This act of courage and commitment on the part of my friend continues to challenge me to be engaged in personal evangelism to this day. The Lord called me to vocational ministry service soon thereafter during a local church revival meeting.

God further blessed me by allowing me to marry Tresa who has been the most committed and talented ministry partner one could have. Together He has assigned us the privilege to serve Him in a variety of ways and places over the years. We continue to be humbled and amazed by what He does.

He has burdened me with a passion for the American church as well as for the nations. He has blessed me with giftedness in the areas of teaching and preaching, administration and organization. I seek to transform vision into structure and action that fulfills God's mission and brings Him glory.

Tresa and I are committed to do whatever He commands us to do, whenever and wherever He commands us to do it.

References

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