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EDUCATION

- Ph.D., Theological Studies** 2015
Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary (Wake Forest, NC)
- Major Professor: Daniel Akin
- Area of Study: Systematic Theology
- PhD Dissertation: "God on Mission: *Missio Dei* as a Theological Motivation for Ecclesial Cooperation with Special Attention Given to Southern Baptist Cooperative Efforts"
- M.A., Biblical/Theological Studies** 1994 – 1999
University of Mobile (Mobile, AL)
- Major Professor: Cecil R. Taylor
- MA Thesis: "The Relationship Between Israel and the Church: a Comparative Study of Progressive Dispensationalism and Post-Tribulation Premillennialism"
- B.A., Religion/Christian Studies with minor in Sociology** 1989 – 1991
University of Mobile (Mobile, AL)
- Additional Studies**
NT Exegesis and OT Exegetical Methodology 2006 – 2007
Evangelische Theologische Faculteit (Leuven, Belgium)
- Various biblical studies, theology, and practical ministry classes* 1991 – 1993
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary (New Orleans, LA)

TEACHING/ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

- Associate Professor of Missiology**, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. 2009 - Present
- Teaching Mission and Evangelism courses at all levels – College, Seminary, and Doctoral Levels
- Teaching experience includes a variety of contexts, including face-to-face, online, and hybrid course development.
- Guest Lecturer** – Cedarville University, Cedarville, Ohio 2014 – 2015
- Urban Missions (2014)
- History of Christian Missions (2015)
- Teaching Fellow** for David P. Nelson, Provost, SEBTS (Wake Forest, NC) 2008 – 2009
- Adjunct Professor**, University of Mobile (Mobile, AL) 2007
- Mission and Message of Jesus
- Gospel, Church, and Culture
- Christian Worldview
- Missionary Training**, IMB 1999 – 2008
- New Missionary Training and Orientation
- Church Planter Training Course
- Strategy Coordinator Training Course
- Team Leadership Training Course
- Trained National Christians (non-US Americans) in evangelism, church planting, and missiology

Guest Lecturer, University of Mobile (Mobile, AL)

1994 – 1999

- Introduction to Bible
- Introduction to New Testament
- Mission and Message of Jesus
- Practical Ministry
- Introduction to Greek

ADMINISTRATIVE/LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Associate Dean, Ministry Preparation Area, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary

Present

Director, Center for Great Commission Studies, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary

2008 - 2022

- Developing comprehensive strategy for mobilizing and equipping the SEBTS community for International and North American Missions
- Networking with outside mission agencies (denominational and independent).
- Provide Leadership and supervision for office staff and resources.

Church Planter/Co-Pastor, New Covenant Fellowship (Raleigh, NC)

2008 – 2010

- Oversee administrative functions of the church
- Lead church members in ministry opportunities
- Assist in pastoral, teaching, and leadership responsibilities

Teaching Fellow for David P. Nelson, Provost, SEBTS (Wake Forest, NC)

2008 – 2009

- Manage classes by grading exams and papers, posting course materials to students, writing quizzes, and answering questions from students
- Meet with students individually to help them develop study and writing skills

Team Leader & Strategy Coordinator for UPGs in a restricted Central Asian Country, IMB

2006 – 2008

- Worked as nonresidential missionary toward the engagement of multiple unreached micro-people groups
- Led a local team working toward evangelism and church planting inside Turkey for asylum seekers
 - Team provided Christian discipleship, education, and emergency aid to families fleeing persecution and economic difficulties
- Managed feeding project through Baptist World Hunger Fund, feeding approximately 100 persons in Istanbul for 18+ months

Team Leader & Strategy Coordinator for UPGs of Berlin and Northern Germany, IMB

2000 – 2006

- Led a local church planting team as well as all IMB missionary work in the northern 2/3 of Germany (including former communist Germany)
- Provided strategic leadership, personnel supervision, resource management, and administration for approximately 35 missionary units
- Represented IMB to both European and US Baptist partners
 - These years included several difficult periods of transition including IMB's adoption of "New Directions," missionaries being asked to reaffirm BFM2000, and the SBC pulling out of the Baptist World Alliance. My leadership included guiding missionaries through transition, as well as casting and implementing new a new vision. I also served as the representative from the SBC/IMB to the German Baptist Union as we negotiated new roles and relationships
- Established partnerships with US churches and with national Baptists, when possible, for cooperation in the missionary task
- Participated on the Strategic Leadership Team for Western Europe region of the IMB

MINISTRY & DENOMINATIONAL SERVICE

Interim Pastor, North Henderson Baptist Church (2018), West End Baptist Church (2020-2021), Carey Baptist Church (2024), First Baptist Church of Wallace, NC (2025)

Church Planter, Strategy Coordinator, and Field Administrator , International Mission Board	1999 – 2008
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Two terms in Western Europe (Berlin, Germany)- One term in Central Asia (lived in Istanbul, Turkey, served as a nonresidential missionary for a neighboring country)	
Pastor , Citronelle Memorial Baptist (Citronelle, AL)	1994 – 1999
Board of Regents , University of Mobile (Mobile, AL)	1997 – 1999
State Board of Missions , Alabama Baptist State Convention	1998 – 1999
Student Pastor , East Brent Baptist Church (Pensacola, FL)	1992 – 1994
State Student Ministry Committee , Florida Baptist State Convention	1992 – 1994
Youth Minister , West Mobile Baptist Church (Mobile, AL)	1990 – 1992

LANGUAGES

- Fluency in **German** (speaking, reading, writing, preaching, teaching)
- Proficiency in **Turkish** (speaking)
- Studies in **Biblical Greek** and **Biblical Hebrew**

PUBLICATIONS

- *A Short Guide to Evangelism and Missions*, B&H Books, 2025
- *Serving Jesus without Burning Out*, co-authored with Steven A. McKinion, B&H Academic, 2025.
- *God is Great, God is Good*, Lifeway Kids, 2024
- *Sharing Jesus without Freaking Out*, co-authored with Steven A. McKinion, B&H Academic, 2020
- *Bondage and Freedom*, Self Published with Amazon, 2019
- *Together on God's Mission: How Southern Baptists Cooperate to Fulfill the Great Commission*, B&H Academic, 2018
- "Multi-Directional Contextualization," co-authored article with Bruce R. Ashford for *Paradigms in Conflict: 15 Questions in Christian Missions Today*, 2018
- "Recentering Evangelism and Church Planting in Light of the Kingdom of God," co-authored article with Bruce R. Ashford *Paradigms in Conflict: 15 Questions in Christian Missions Today*, 2018
- "Theology and the Social Sciences: What Role Should They Play in Church Planting Strategies," co-authored article with Bruce R. Ashford for *Paradigms in Conflict: 15 Questions in Christian Missions Today*, 2018
- Multiple Critical Book Reviews in Academic Journals
- Multiple articles published online for Lifeway Voices and Lifeway Research