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Personal

- Marital Status:** Married to Melinda Ann Brown (*nee Roberts*)
The couple celebrated their twentieth wedding anniversary last November
- Hobbies/Interests:** Collecting copies of ancient Biblical manuscripts written in Greek, reading books, and listening to music
- Professional Boards:** Serves on the Board of Directors for the *New Testament Textual Studies Foundation* at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary
- Professional Societies:** Member of the *Evangelical Theological Society* and the *Society for Biblical Literature*
- Speaking Engagements:** Guest speaker for Point University's 2013 Faculty/Student trip to Israel

Objective

- My objective is to serve as a senior pastor in a Southern Baptist church equipping Christians for the work of ministry.

Education

- **Doctorate of Philosophy** (Ph.D.) with specialization in New Testament and Greek from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, 2009
- **Master of Theology** (Th.M.) with specialization in Biblical Studies from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, 2005
- **Master of Divinity** (M. Div.) with specialization in Biblical Languages from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, 2002
- **Bachelor of Business Administration** (B.B.A.) with specialization in the area of Computer Information Systems from University of Louisiana at Monroe, 1992

Published Works

- ***Grounded: Anchoring the Evangelical Sermon in Theological Doctrine*** – JEM Group Publishing (Forthcoming, Fall of 2013). This book on biblical preaching examines twenty passages from the Bible then provides commentary on each passage as well as a sermon outline. Preachers and Sunday school teachers alike will benefit from this book. Available through Amazon in both paperback and kindle formats.
- ***How Valid is Von Soden's M Group in the Gospel of John?*** ProQuest Publishing LLC 2009. A doctoral dissertation that examines the history of the Gospel of John in various handwritten forms. Disseminated to all universities and seminaries through the UMI database.

Ministerial Credentials

- *Ordained to the Gospel Ministry:*
Metairie Baptist Church, Metairie, Louisiana
- *Licensed to the Gospel Ministry:*
Monroe, Louisiana
- *Ordained as Deacon:*
First Baptist Church, Mableton, Georgia

Ministerial Service

Adjunct Professor of New Testament

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, Monroe, Louisiana, *August 2012 – Present*

- Contract teaching in both graduate and undergraduate courses as needed in the area of New Testament studies including but not limited to *Survey of the New Testament*, *An Introduction to Biblical Greek Grammar*, advanced exegesis courses for particular books of the New Testament, and *Christian History*

Expository Preaching

Preaching Ministry, Northeast Louisiana, *October 2013 - Present*

- Actively promotes expository preaching and sound doctrinally based sermons to local churches by using sermons written and developed by Dr. Brown as found in his new book, ***Grounded: Anchoring the Evangelical Sermon in Theological Doctrine***

Senior Pastor

Ridge Avenue Baptist Church, West Monroe, Louisiana, *September, 2007- September 2013*

- Taught an in depth study on the ordinance of Baptism and its practice. This study combined with outreach has led to a steady increase in the number of baptisms over the last six years
- Organized and led an on-going outreach strategy called “*One Focus Living*” to increase RABC baptisms and attendance for the Kingdom of God
- Created an outreach committee to organize and participate in church-wide evangelistic efforts
- Built solid relationships with the RABC staff in efforts to unify the church
- Created and placed a seminary tuition account within the RABC budget in an effort to support the education of future pastors and ministers
- In a six year span led five RABC students and college graduates to enroll into seminary and pursue theological study and future ministry
- Led and coordinated a church wide effort to become a host church in the ministry of *the Family Promise of Ouachita Parish*; a ministry designed to keep the family unit together in the event of job and home loss
- Led RABC in a church wide effort to purchase and install big screens in the sanctuary to enhance the Sunday worship services and aid in the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry
- Led as pastor/teacher a series of continuing education services on Sunday and Wednesday evenings in areas such as, but not limited to: *Two Gates, Two Trees, and Two Houses: Pairing up to Make a Point about Character Formation (Matt. 7:13-29)*; *Lost Sheep, Lost Coins, and Lost Sons: Three Parables Pointing to one Savior and His Work (Luke 15:1-13)*; *WWJT-What Would Jesus Think? Godly Thinking that Leads to Godly Living (Phil. 2:1-11)*; *A History of the Bible: An Investigation into Manuscript Study*
- In addition to participation through the *Cooperative Program* and SBC missions, we actively supported numerous fundraisers for an annual mission trip through *Extreme Missionary Adventures (XMA)* to Nicaragua. The trips were designed to foster evangelistic efforts to reach the lost
- In a six year span led RABC from a church struggling to retire a \$75,000.00 debt and overspending their budgets by approximately \$50,000.00 annually, to a church that today is debt free, and has a healthy savings account in the bank

- As a result of this financial turnaround in the last twelve months RABC has been able to pay for several major building maintenance projects with cash that included but was not limited to:
 - * New roof installation for both the sanctuary and the children's building
 - * Re-plumbed the hot water piping to the kitchen for sanitary purposes
 - * Bought 14 passenger church bus for travel purpose

Adjunct Instructor of New Testament

Louisiana College, Pineville, Louisiana, *August 2010 – December 2010*

- Taught an *Introduction to the New Testament* course that introduced the student to the New Testament books of the Bible and information pertaining but not limited to authorship, dating, literary features, interpretation, and historical background

Itinerant Ministry

Pulpit Supply, *October 2005 – September 2007*

- Preached a variety of services throughout north Louisiana and Arkansas while completing the Ph.D. following the devastation of *Hurricane Katrina*

Pastor

Lakeview Baptist Church, New Orleans, Louisiana, *April 2002 - October 2005*

- Created with my wife, Melinda, a Wednesday night dinner to increase both attendance and fellowship within the church. As a result, Wednesday night attendance went from nine to about forty each week
- Led as pastor/teacher continuing education services on Sunday evenings on studies such as, but not limited to; *How to Debunk the DaVinci Code*; *Colossians: A Study of How to Get Heaven Into Us*; *A Study in Judges: A look at Samson, the Nazarene*; *A History of the Bible: How God's Word Has Traveled Through Time*; *A Study in Jonah: Consequences of Disobedience, etc.*, and other studies in scripture
- Coordinated educational seminars with a seminary professor and leading apologetic on evangelistic equipping programs such as, *How to Witness to Mormons*; *How to Witness to the Jehovah Witness*; *What is the Occult?*
- Resigned the church following the devastation of *Hurricane Katrina* in 2005

Philosophy of Ministry

- To shepherd and love the congregation through preaching and teaching the Holy Scriptures in a manner that is both doctrinally sound and easy for people to understand and apply to their lives in a meaningful way.

Statement of Call

- For the past several decades studies on the internal workings of the evangelical church have reflected a movement away from solid theological teaching from the pulpit. Too often, sound biblical preaching has been replaced with prosperity sermons, business models, and self-help remedies that have produced a generation of believers that have become progressively ignorant of the Bible and Christian doctrines. God's call upon my life has been to preach and teach the books of the Bible and to grow and mature His people for His greater glory. My years as a pastor combined with my ministry experience as a New Testament professor have given me the ability to prepare sermons that captivate the audience from start to finish, and ground the church in solid theological doctrine.

References

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