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## Personal Data

**Birthdate**--October 25, 1953

**Family**--Married Marsha Bonewell of Rudy, AR, on December 26<sup>th</sup>, 1976. Children: Kyla (April '82), (Kecia, Feb. '84), and Kyle (Aug. '89). All our children now trust Christ as their Savior and serve Him faithfully.

**Licensed and Ordained** by Culleoka Baptist Church, March, 1987.

## Education

**Doctor of Ministry.** Covington Theological Seminary, August, 1990.  
Concentration: Pastoral Studies.

**Master of Arts in Biblical Studies,** Criswell College, Dallas, TX 1989.  
Graduated *Cum Laude*.

**Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Studies,** Criswell College, Dallas, TX 1987.  
Graduated *Summa Cum Laude*.

**Additional Studies:** University of North Texas, PhD work. 2003.  
University of Central AR, Basic coursework, 1971-73

## Ministry Experience and Honors

**Pastor,** Chisholm Baptist Church, Rockwall, TX, December 2007 to present.

**Co-Pastor,** Fellowship Baptist Church, Athens, TX, July 2007 to December 2007. Architect of and instrumental in completing the merger of West Athens and Fellowship Baptist Churches, a combined body of 250 attendees.

**Pastor,** *West Athens Baptist Church,* Athens, TX, June 2003 to June 2007..

**Director of Alumni and Church Relations,** *Criswell College,* November 2002 to July 2005.

**Senior Pastor,** *First Baptist Church,* Tool, TX, May 1994-2002.

**Pastor,** *Culleoka Baptist Church,* Princeton, TX, Jan. 1987-April 1994

**Trustee,** *Lifeway Christian Resources,* 2000 to 2008.

**Chairman of the Board of Directors,** *Southern Baptists of Texas Convention,* 1999-2001.

**Vice-Chairman of the Board of Directors,** *Southern Baptists of Texas Convention,* 1998-1999.

**Representative of Henderson Association,** *Dogwood Trails Baptist Association,* 1996-2002.

**Moderator,** *Henderson Baptist Association,* 1998-2001.

Served on numerous other state and national positions of Southern Baptist life.

## **Conversion and Call**

I was born again June 11, 1964, and remain to this day completely convinced that I repented of my sins and trusted the work of Christ for my salvation. In October of 1984, God called me to the ministry. Since that call, I have seen the Lord open opportunities for me to serve Him in various ways. I believe I am gifted to pastor a local church, but I am at His service for whatever He desires that I do.

## **Doctrinal Statement**

I am thoroughly conservative in my theology, having trained at Criswell College in Dallas, Texas. I am an expository preacher. I accept the 2000 Baptist Faith and Message. However, the Bible is the ultimate and authoritative doctrinal document. I am convinced that we should read only what the Bible says, not adding or ignoring anything to its inspired text.

## **Ministry Philosophy**

*"Feed my sheep", Jesus said.* I have been given a gift—the ability to love people in all their humanity. I love people! I love being used of God to touch their lives. I believe the greatest gift I can give people is the gift of the Word of God. I have a deep commitment to the Word and the instruction of the Word to all who will listen. I am convinced the Word is that food the sheep of Christ need. My ministry is an extension of my family. Unless I live Christ before them, I will fail before others. They are the witness of my testimony.

## **Hobbies and Interests**

I love to play golf, hunt, catch fish, etc., especially when I do these with my son or close friends. I probably should say that my family is my main hobby. I love walking with my wife, listening to my girls, and spending time with my son.

## **References (by permission)**

**Jimmy Draper**, Retired President, Lifeway Christian Resources, 7300 John McCain Rd, Colleyville, TX 76034 (817) 849-1117

**Jim Richards**, Executive Director, Southern Baptists of Texas Convention, P.O. Box 1988, Grapevine, TX 76099-1988, (877) 953-7282

**David Allen**, Dean, School of Theology, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, P.O. Box 22000, Fort Worth, TX 76122 (817) 923-1921

**Mike Smith**, Director of Missions, Dogwood Trails Baptist Association, P.O. Box 949, Jacksonville, TX 75766, (903) 586-5156

**Ed Ethridge**, Director of Missions, North Texas Baptist Association, P.O. Box 1135, Lewisville, TX 75067 (972) 742-8289

**George Rhea**, Retired, President of American Roller, Past Chairman of Deacons, FBC Tool, 9562 CR 158, Kaufman, TX 75142, (972) 932-8773