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Personal Information

Born: March 6, 1978

Salvation/Baptism: May 21/26, 1985

Licensed by FBC Carrollton TX, August 4, 1996

Ordained by FBC Euless TX, March 2, 2005

Wife: Beth Pitman (B.A. Psyc. & Religious Ed.,
DBU 2000; married: Dec. 30, 2000)

Children: Reagan Noel (b. Dec. 15, 2008);
Kennedy Ann (b. June 23, 2011);
Lincoln Roy (b. Nov. 3, 2014)

Education

***Doctor of Philosophy, New Testament**, MBTS, Kansas City MO – *in process (ABD)*

Master of Theology, New Testament/Pedagogy (Teaching) MBTS, KC MO, May '17

Master of Theology, New Testament, SWBTS, Ft. Worth TX, May 2008

Master of Divinity w/ Biblical Languages, SWBTS, Ft. Worth TX, December 2004

Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Studies, Dallas Baptist University, Dallas TX, May 1999

Personal Mission

I have a passionate call to share God's word and lead His people. I believe in reaching the lost with the gospel, and I love leading the body of Christ in faith together; building up His church to glorify God by making healthy followers (reaching, growing, equipping, duplicating) in all the Earth.

Evangelizing: always sharing the Gospel and keeping Jesus central in every message (2Tim 4:5)

Teaching: sharing God's Word faithfully (1Tim 3:2; 4:11, 13; 2Tim 4:2)

Shepherding: lead, protect, care for families & individuals (1Peter 5:1-4; 1Tim 3:2; James 5:14)

Equipping: train and encourage God's people for gospel-centered abundant life (Eph 4:11-13)

Disciple-Making: use a biblical method of multiplication (Matt 28:18-20; 2Tim 2:2)

Leading: qualified, grace-filled, servant, example (1Tim 3:2-7; Titus 1:6-9; 1Peter 5:1-2)

Personal Values

Evangelism: Sharing Jesus with people everywhere and leading others to do the same.

Gospel-centered biblical teaching: messages rooted in scripture and focused on Christ.

Worship: Authentically responding to God in gratitude with all of my heart soul mind and strength.

Relevance: engaging people with good news in their context to draw them closer to Jesus.

Servant leadership: leading by example in serving the church and others as Jesus did.

Stewardship: managing God's resources his way personally as a model for believers.

Integrity: living a life above reproach and intentionally protecting that reputation.

Excellence: reflecting God's majesty by striving to give my best in everything I do.

Great Commission living: a culture of reaching, teaching, and ministering everywhere.

Ministry Experience

Sr. Pastor, Pleasant Heights Baptist Church, Columbia, TN, December 2015-present

- Preach the gospel Sunday AM, Sunday PM, Wednesday PM
- Strategic leader who oversees all the ministries of the church
- Work with key committees, Deacons, Ministry Teams, and staff
- Develop and implement a vision for the church
- Average Worship Attendance: **302** (2015); **316** (2016); **331** (YTD Aug. 2017)

Sr. Pastor, Crossroads Baptist Church, Corpus Christi, TX, December 2012-November 2015

- Preach the Gospel Sunday AM, Sunday PM, Wednesday PM
- Strategic leader who oversees all the ministries of the church
- Develop key committees, Deacons, Ministry Teams, and hire/manage staff
- Develop and implement a vision for the church
- Average Worship Attendance: **40** (2012) – **140** (2015)

Pastor to Adults, First Baptist Church, Maryville, IL, April 2009-December 2012

- Family ministry, discipleship, preaching-teaching
- Oversee Ministries: Discipleship, Assimilation, Growth, Men's & Women's Ministry, Missions
- Provide leadership in matters of reconciliation and assist deacons in protecting the church
- Average Worship Attendance: **1,200** (2009) – **1,400** (2012)

Pastor to Single Adults, First Baptist Church, Euless, TX, March 2003-March 2009

- Pastoral leadership including Sunday morning preaching, discipleship, growth, assimilation
- Oversee all the Single Adult Ministries in the church (college aged up to Sr. Adults)
- During a time of transition at the church, served as the Associate Administrator
- Average Worship Attendance: **2,300**

Minister to Students, First Baptist Church, Cleburne, TX, March 2000-June 2001

- Coordinated youth Bible studies and developed a worship band
- Organized and executed annual youth camp/summer trip to the Texas Gulf Coast
- Led church-wide Discipleship Training
- Average Worship Attendance: **400**

References

Dr. James T. Draper, President Emeritus: LifeWay; Former President: Southern Baptist Convention
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Dr. Don Cass, Director of Evangelism, *Retired*, for the state of Texas
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