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PERSONAL

Born: March 2, 1983, in New Orleans, LA

Born Again: February 22, 1998

Ordained to Ministry: April 21, 2002

Licensed to Ministry: January 25, 2004

Married: July 22, 2006, to Lauren Husbands

EDUCATION

Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary

Doctor of Philosophy, Applied Theology/International Missiology, May 2025

Dissertation Title: “Martyrs and Riskers: Examining the Definition of Christian Martyrdom and Proposing a New Term to Honor Christians Faithful unto Death for Jesus’s Sake.”

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary

Master of Divinity, May 2009

The University of Southern Mississippi

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, May 2005

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor of Global Missions

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, April 2025 – Present

Research Assistant for the Dean of Doctoral Studies

Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, January 2024 – May 2025

Assistant / Grader for Graduate and Undergraduate Courses

Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, January 2023 – May 2025

Session Moderator

Evangelical Theological Society Annual Meeting, November 2023

MINISTRY AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

Itinerant Preacher

2003 – Present

Equipping Pastor / Co-Pastor

Crosspointe Community Church, Laurel, MS, 2021 – June 2025

Trustee

2 Cities Church, Columbus, GA, March 2020 – Present

Interim Pastor

First Baptist Church, Ellisville, MS, June 2017 – August 2020

Director of Discipleship

Vintage Church, New Orleans, LA, January 2009 – December 2010

Minister to Students

Pine Grove Baptist Church, Ellisville, MS, May 2001 – August 2003

PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC AFFILIATIONS

Member, Evangelical Theological Society

Member, Evangelical Missiological Society

PUBLICATIONS

“Salvation Without Spin: How the Gospel of Christ Subversively Fulfills the Prayer Wheels of Tibetan Buddhism.” *Themelios* 49.1 (2024): 173–90.

“Shock and Awe.” *The Carey Pulpit* 41 (2024): 33–34.

Review of *When Christians Face Persecution: Theological Perspectives from the New Testament*, by Chee-Chiew Lee. *Themelios* 48.2 (2023): 485–87.

Review of *How to Read a Book: Advice for Christian Readers*, by Andrew David Naselli. *Themelios* 49.3 (2024): 759–60.

HONORS AND AWARDS

Southern Miss M-Club Athletic Hall of Fame, 2024

Student Representative from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary,
Conference of Southern Baptist Evangelists, June 2007

2006 Woody Hayes Award, Division I Male Recipient

2004 American Football Coaches Association Good Works Team

Three-Year Letterman, Southern Miss Football, 2003–05; All-American, All-Conference,
Team Captain

Eagle Scout, February 1998

REFERENCES

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