

W. Mark Tolbert, D. Min

Education:

Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas 1991

- Doctor of Ministry in Preaching
- Doctoral Project: “Equipping Ministers in Extending Public Evangelistic Invitations”

Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas 1987

- Master of Divinity, Major: The Church and Proclamation

Georgia State University, Atlanta, Georgia 1973

Bachelor of Science, Major: Biology, Minor: Secondary Education

Administration:

Founding Director, The Caskey Center for Church Excellence, New Orleans

Baptist Theological Seminary May, 2014-2022

- *Designed and Implemented Start up*
- *Hired and Supervises all staff*
- *Interviewed and Selected Scholarship Applicants*
- *Planed and Oversaw Annual Budget*
- *Planed and Promoted Annual Conferences*
- *Planed and Implemented Promotion and Recruiting Strategies*
- *Expanded from initial projection of 100 to 295 recipients annually*
- *Expanded from one state to six states for scholarships*

Director, Doctor of Ministry Program, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary

January 2007 – May 2014

- *Oversaw over 500 Doctor of Ministry Students*
- *Designed and Implemented Korean Doctor of Ministry Program*
- *Recruited new Students*
- *Interviewed and Recommended Applicants for Admission*

NOBTS Faculty Churchman of the Year 2018

Service on Faculty Affairs Committee, Professional Doctoral Committee

Faculty:

Adjunct Faculty, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary 1999-2007
Taught in the Division of Pastoral Ministry

Associate Professor: New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary 2007-2010
Taught in the Division of Pastoral Ministry: Preaching, Pastoral Ministry, Evangelism, Masters and Doctoral Courses, Supervised Doctoral Students

Professor, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary 2010-present
Occupied the Caskey Chair of Church Excellence
Teaching in the areas of Preaching, Pastoral Ministry, Evangelism, supervising Doctoral students

Publications:

Book Chapters

- *“The Public Invitation and Altar Call” in Contending with Calvinism: A Biblical-Theological Critique, B & H Publishers* Coming 2022
- *“Invitations With Integrity” in Engage: Tools for Contemporary Evangelism, Iron Stream Media* 2019
- *“The Pastor’s Family in the Small Church” in Small Church, Excellent Ministry, A Guidebook for Pastor’s, Wipf & Stock Publishers* 2017
- *“Invitations with Integrity,” from Mobilizing a Great Commission Church for Harvest,” ed. Thom Johnson, Eugene, OR: Wipf & Stock, Publishers* 2013

Presentations:

- *James Berry Preaching Lectures, Clear Creek Baptist Bible College, January 2023.*
- *“Intentional Evangelism”, and “Evangelism to College Students” at Transformation: The Missouri Baptist Evangelism Conference,* 2018
- *“The Monday Morning Prayer: A Strategy for Evangelism”, Southern Baptist Convention Pastor’s Conference, Phoenix, AZ* 2017
- *“Best Practices for Smaller Membership Churches”, Amplify: Billy Graham Center for Evangelism, Wheaton, Illinois* 2017
- *“Best Practices for Bi-Vocational Ministers”, Southern Baptist Conservatives of Virginia* 2015
- *Best Practices for Smaller membership and Bi-vocational*

Churches, Missouri Baptist Convention, 2019

- “On-Line Doctor of Ministry”, Association of Doctor of Ministry Educators Annual Meeting

2012

Academic Affiliations

Evangelical Homiletics Society

Association of Southern Baptist Professors of Evangelism

Association of Doctor of Ministry Educators (Journal Editor)

Association of Theological Schools (Accreditation Team Member)

Vocational Ministry Experience:

Evangelism and Revitalization Strategist, Arkansas Baptist Convention, 2024

Interim Pastor, First Baptist Church, Crossett, Arkansas, 2023-24

Interim Pastor, First Baptist Church, Mena, Arkansas, 2023

Interim Pastor, Hebron Baptist Church, Denham Springs, LA 2021-2022

Interim Pastor, Zoar Baptist Church, Baton Rouge, LA 2019-2020

Interim Pastor, Woodland Park Baptist Church, Hammond, LA 2018-19

Interim Pastor, First Baptist Church, Lockport, LA 2016-17

Interim Pastor, First Southern Baptist Church, Pearlinton, MS 2015-16

Interim Pastor, Calvary Baptist Church, Slidell, LA 2015

Pastor/Interim, Bedico Baptist Church, Ponchatoula, LA 2011-2014

Interim Pastor, Williams Blvd Baptist Church, Kenner, LA 2009-2010

Interim Pastor, First Baptist Harvester, Saint Charles, MO 2008-2009

Interim Pastor, First Baptist Church, Kenner, LA 2007-2008

Interim Pastor, West St. Charles Baptist Church, Boutte, LA 2007

Pastor, South Side Baptist Church, Pine Bluff, Arkansas 2003 - 2006

Pastor, Central Baptist Church, Decatur, Alabama 1996 - 2003

Pastor, Wynne Baptist Church, Wynne, Arkansas, 1991- 1996

Pastor, South Highland Baptist Church, Little Rock, AR 1987-1991

Pastor, First Baptist Church, Santo, Texas, 1985-1987

Pastor, First Baptist Church, Pocahontas, Arkansas, 1982-1985

Minister of Evangelism, Central Baptist Church, Jonesboro, AR, 1977-1982

Student Minister, Campus Crusade for Christ, 1973-1977

Denominational (SBC) Ministry Service:

Evangelism and Revitalization Strategist, Arkansas Baptist State Convention, 2024-present, Partner and Session Speaker, SBC Pastor's

Conference, Phoenix, AZ, 2017, SBC Bivocational/Smaller membership Task Force, 2014-2022, Vice-Chair, Trustee, SBC Annuity Board, 1994 – 1996; SBC Tellers Committee, 1991; SWBTS Alumni, AR State President, 1994, Arkansas Nominating Committee, 1994-96, LBC Committee on Committees, 2016-2018