

Tara Baker Dew

Personal

Born in Boynton Beach, FL (September 1980)
Saved at a Billy Graham Crusade (February 1986)
Called into Christian ministry (July 1997)
Married to James Kenneth Dew, Jr. (December 2000)
Became a mother to first set of twins, Nathan and Natalie (April 2007)
Welcomed a second set of twins, Samuel and Samantha (February 2010)

Education

Doctorate of Education

Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary (December 2018)
Overall G.P.A.: 4.0
Dissertation: *“Survive or Thrive? A Survey of the Preparedness of Southern Baptist Pastors’ Wives for Ministry”*

Masters of Education: Teaching and Learning, Elementary Education

Liberty University (August 2012)
Overall G.P.A.: 4.0

Bachelor of Arts in Communication (Concentration: Human Communication)

Meredith College (May 2003)
Mathematics Minor
K-6 Teaching Licensure
Overall G.P.A.: 4.0

High School Diploma

Wake Forest-Rolesville High School (June 1999)
Overall G.P.A.: 4.0

Teaching Experience

Director & Instructor: Thrive—A Ministry Wives Certificate Program

Leavell College @ NOBTS, New Orleans, LA

Teaches:

“Essentials for Ministry Wives”
“Foundational Principles for Interpersonal Relationships”
“Theology of Biblical Womanhood”

Adjunct Professor (2019-present)

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, LA

Teaches:

“Biblical Womanhood”
“Teaching and Writing for Women”
“Foundations in Women’s Leadership”
“Women in Teaching and Writing Ministry”
“Special Topics in Women’s Ministry Leadership”

Teacher: Kindergarten-12th grade (2012-present)

Abiding Hope Classical Academy, Wake Forest, NC

Women’s Internship Director and Teacher (2016-2019)

Open Door Baptist Church, Wake Forest, NC

Women's Discipleship Class Teacher (2015-2019)
Open Door Baptist Church, Wake Forest, NC

Biblical Women's Institute Teacher (2015-2019)
"Hospitality & Organization"
"Practical Advice for the Minister's Wife"
Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, NC

AWANA T&T Teacher (2013-2019)
Open Door Baptist Church, Wake Forest, NC

Women's Bible Study Teacher (2004-2012)
Stony Hill Baptist Church, Wake Forest, NC

AWANA Cubbies Director and Teacher (2004- 2012)
Stony Hill Baptist Church, Wake Forest, NC

2nd Grade Teacher (2003-2007)
Franklin Academy, Wake Forest, NC

Women's Bible Study Teacher (2001-2003)
Richland Creek Community Church, Wake Forest, NC

Student Teacher~ 5th Grade (Spring 2003)
Brooks Museums Magnet Elementary School, Raleigh, NC

Tutor (1996-2002)

Leadership Experience

President's Wife (2019-present)
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, LA

Director of Thrive: A Ministry Wives Certificate Program (2020-present)
Leavell College, New Orleans, LA

Co-Leader of "Prepare Her" Women's Initiatives (2020-present)
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary & Leavell College

Women's Internship Co-Director (2016-2019)
Open Door Baptist Church, Wake Forest, NC

Southeastern Women's Club President (2015-2017)
Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, NC

Southeastern Women's Club Prayer Coordinator (2013-2015)
Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, NC

Women's Ministry Director (2004-2012)
Stony Hill Baptist Church, Wake Forest, NC

AWANA Cubbies Director (2004- 2012)
Stony Hill Baptist Church, Wake Forest, NC

President ~ Fellowship of Christian Athletes (1997-1999)
Wake Forest- Rolesville High School, Wake Forest, NC

Popular Speaking

Women's Retreats and Conferences

Speaker at various retreats and conferences throughout the United States. Some topics include:

- "Abide" (John 15)
- "A Better View" (2 Cor. 4:17-20)
- "Blessed: a Study through the Beatitudes" (Matthew 5)
- "Dwell" (a study of the presence of God from Genesis to Revelation)
- "Forget Not: A Command to Remember who God is" (Psalm 103)
- "Kept" (Psalm 121)
- "Loving God with your Hearts and Minds" (Deut. 6)
- "Misses on Mission" (Matthew 28)
- "Through Him who Loved Us" (a study of Romans 8)
- "True Faith" (a study of James)

Pastors' Wives Conventions & Retreats

Speaker at retreats geared for ministry wives. Breakout and main sessions have included:

- "Contagious Joy" (John 15:1-8)
- "Come to Me" (Matthew 11:28-30)
- "Gather Together" (Hebrews 10: 19-25)
- "God is your Keeper" (Psalm 121)
- "Intentionality: Marriage, Family and Ministry"
- "Pursuing Peace: Christ's Ambassadors in a Fallen World" (2 Corinthians 5:17-6:10)

Women's Events

Speaker at various one-night events for women. Some topics include:

- "Biblical Friendship"
- "Living a Purposeful Life"
- "Treasuring Christ"
- "Peacemaking Women"
- "Hospitality 101"

MOPS and other "Mom Groups"

Speaker at several local church MOPS groups. Some popular topics include "Discipling your Children," "Joy in Motherhood", "Keeping your Spouse First", "Patience in Motherhood" and "Making your Home a Place of Beauty and Peace."

Preschool Conferences/Teacher Trainings

Speaker at various Preschool Teacher conferences and trainings in North Carolina. Topics include "Loving and Learning Your Students" as well as "Art Ideas for the Preschool Classroom."

Ministry Experience

President's Wife (2019-present)

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, LA

Dean's Wife (2012-2019)

College at Southeastern, Wake Forest, NC

Assistant Care Group Leader (2013-2019)
Open Door Baptist Church, Wake Forest, NC

Mentor for Seminary & College Girls (2013-2019)
Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, NC

Pastor's Wife (2004-2012)
Stony Hill Baptist Church, Wake Forest, NC

Women's Ministry Planning Team Member (2002-2003)
Richland Creek Community Church, Wake Forest, NC

Sunday School Hospitality Coordinator (2000-2004)
Richland Creek Community Church, Wake Forest, NC

Interim Pastor's Wife (1999-2000)
New Hope Baptist Church, Fayetteville, NC

Publications

Book: Overflowing Joy (2024)
Published by B&H Publishers, Nashville, TN

Monthly Articles in HomeLife Magazine (2024-2025)
"Twice Blessed" is a monthly column in Lifeway's HomeLife Magazine about parenting lessons from two sets of twins, Nashville, TN

Article in Mature Living Magazine (2024)
"Secret to a Life of Overflowing Joy" in Lifeway's Mature Living Magazine Nashville, TN

Chapter in Edited Book (2021)
"Relationship with the Lord" in The Whole Woman: Ministering to her Heart, Soul, Mind, and Strength (edited by Kristin Kellen and Julia Higgins), B&H Publishers, Nashville, TN

Chapter in Edited Book (2020)
"Nourishing Healthy Relationships in a Minister's Home" in People Matter: Insights into Ministry Relationships (edited by Jeanine Bozeman, Loretta Rivers, and Argile Smith)

Journal article, co-written with Dr. Emily Dean (spring 2020)
"The Strategic Importance of Women's Ministry Programs in Seminaries and other Christian Institutions of Higher Education"
in the Spring 2020 Vol.17, no. 1 of the Journal for Baptist Theology and Ministry: "Southern Baptists and Women in Ministry: Contemporary Perspectives" (edited by Nathan Finn and Amy Whitfield)

Article in SBC Life (winter 2019)
"Discipleship: A Command for All Believers"

Blogs/Book Reviews (2013-2016)
"Hospitality: A Choice or a Command" (Women Around Southeastern blog, 2019)
"5 Ways to Be a Disciple-Making Woman" (Pillar Network Blog, 2016)
"Tara's Ten Tips to Get Organized" (Women's Life Blog, 2015)
"Favorite Christmas Books" (Walking Worthy Blog, 2014)
"Summer Reads: Becoming More than a Good Bible Study Girl"

Devotional Article (2011)

"Neither Do I Condemn You!" (Week 40, Day 5) in The Hidden Person of the Heart: Discovering What God Says About and To Women Through the Scriptures (edited by Janet Wicker)

Activities & Honors

Meredith College's Academic Excellence Award (2002-2003)

North Carolina Teaching Fellow (1999-2003)

Planning Committee Representative

Meredith College Honor's Student (1999-2003)

Lambda Pi Eta: Communication Honor Society (2001-2003)

President (2002-2003)

Vice President (2001-2002)

Pi Mu Epsilon: Mathematics Honor Society (2000-2003)

Kappa Nu Sigma and *Alpha Lambda Delta* Honor's Societies (2000-2003)

Dean's List (1999-2003)