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### EDUCATION

**Ph.D. in Theology.** Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, 1989.

- Major field: Systematic Theology.

**M.Div. in Theology.** Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, 1983.

**B.A. in Religion,** Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, Oklahoma, 1978.

### MINISTRY EXPERIENCE

Chaplain & Bereavement Coordinator, Hospice of Rural Texas, Bowie, Texas, 2004-present.

Serve patients and families as they face a terminal diagnosis providing spiritual care and encouragement. Provide bereavement ministry to families following the death of a patient. Also provide spiritual care and counseling to staff members as needed. While serving in this position part-time I have received over 50 hours of Hospice training through events hosted by the Texas & New Mexico Hospice Organization and other Hospice Organizations.

Senior Pastor, Silver Lakes Community Church, Bowie, Texas, 2003-present.

Organized this congregation to focus on segment of Bowie that is unchurched; emphasizing relationship building, contemporary worship, and discipleship. Current website: [www.silverlakeschurch.com](http://www.silverlakeschurch.com)

Adjunct Professor, Wayland Baptist University, Wichita Falls Campus, Wichita Falls, Texas, 2004-2009.

Participant, Michael Gott International Evangelism Mission Team.

Yalta, Ukraine- February 2011  
Chernivtsi, Ukraine- May 2009  
Kiev, Ukraine- February 2007

Senior Pastor, First Baptist Church, Bowie, Texas, 1996-2003.

Senior Pastor, Lone Star Baptist Church, Lone Star, Texas, 1989-1995.

## **RELATED LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE**

Reorganized Bowie Area Ministerial Alliance in 2010. Coordinated volunteer service of Ministers at the Bowie Mission for purpose of prayer support and counseling for clients.

Board member, Montague County FEMA Fund Distribution, 2006-present.

Board member, Harvest Baptist Association, Decatur, Texas, 2003-2007.  
Served on various Ministry Task Teams during this time of service.

Board member, Executive Board of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, 1998-2000, 2001-2003.

Chairman of the Board, North Central Baptist Area, Decatur, Texas, 2001-2002.

Development Committee, North Texas Conference Center, Denton, Texas, 1998-2003.

Chairman of the Board, Lakeview Baptist Assembly, Lone Star, Texas, 1994-1995.  
Also served on Policy and Personnel Committee (1992-1993); Long Range Planning Committee (1989-1990).

Board member, Harmony-Pittsburg Association, Pittsburg, Texas.  
Nominating Committee (1994-1995); Chairman of Personnel Committee (1992-1993);  
Budget and Finance Committee (1990-1993); Church Literature Director (1989-1990).

## **REFERENCES**

(Available upon Request)

My education, experience and training have prepared me to serve as a Hospice Chaplain. In over twenty years of ministry in the local church I have served with hundreds of families during their times of loss, providing support, counseling, performing funeral services and helping them cope with their grief. In my service as a Hospice Chaplain I have received specialized training related to serving as a Chaplain and as a Bereavement Coordinator. I have also served on numerous boards and worked with service organizations which have enhanced my leadership skills and interpersonal relationships. I am always eager to learn and to expand my understanding of serving those who are facing the challenges of end of life issues. My current position as Chaplain and Bereavement Coordinator of Hospice of Rural Texas is a part-time assignment and I am ready to transition to a full-time position.