

## **VITA**

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### **EDUCATION:**

Doctor of Philosophy in Educational Ministries, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, 2001  
Master of Arts in Religious Education, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, 1987  
Bachelor of Science in Industrial Distribution, Texas A&M University, 1982

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE:**

Associate Professor of Religion, East Texas Baptist University, June 2020 - present  
Assistant Professor of Christian Ministry, East Texas Baptist University, July 2017 – May 2020  
Adjunct Professor, Graduate School of Ministry, Dallas Baptist University, 2014 – 2017  
Adjunct Professor, Master of Arts in Youth Ministry, Howard Payne University, 2008 – 2017  
Visiting Instructor, Youth Ministry, Dallas Theological Seminary, 2012  
Visiting Instructor, Youth Ministry Institute, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, 2011  
Visiting Instructor, Youth Ministry, Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, 2008  
Assistant Professor of Christian Studies, Howard Payne University, 1999 – 2002  
Teaching Fellow, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, January – May 2000

### **OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE:**

Publisher, BaptistWay Press, 2012 – June 2017  
Baptist General Convention of Texas, Dallas, TX

Associate Minister to Students (Interim), 2012  
Forest Hills Baptist Church, Nashville, TN

Minister to Students (Interim), 2009  
Forest Hills Baptist Church, Nashville, TN

Director, LifeWay Students, 2005 – 2011  
LifeWay Christian Resources, Nashville, TN

Managing Director, Student Ministry Publishing, 2003 - 2005  
LifeWay Christian Resources, Nashville, TN

Editor-in-Chief, Student Ministry Publishing, 2002 – 2003  
LifeWay Christian Resources, Nashville, TN

Minister to Students (Part-Time), 2000 – 2002  
First Baptist Church, Early, TX

Minister to Youth/Family Life, 1996 – 1999  
First Baptist Church, Irving, TX

Minister to Students, 1989 – 1996  
Kingwood First Baptist Church, Kingwood, TX

Minister of Youth and Activities, 1987 – 1989  
First Baptist Church, Bolivar, TN

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT EXPERIENCES:**

The State of Pastors: Leading in Complexity Seminar, Dallas, TX, 2017

Ministry Safe Training®, Dallas, TX, 2017

Protestant Church-Owned Publisher’s Association, Chicago, IL, 2016

True Course Personal Development, Dallas, TX, 2013

Completed Belmont University’s “Mini-MBA”, Nashville, TN, 2010

Completed the following training courses: Improving the Customer Experience, Managing Transitions, Solutions Development Process, Voice of the Customer, Thunderbolt Thinking, Leading High Performing Teams, Leading Change, Retaining Talent, Developing Others, Developing an Environment of Trust, LifeWay Christian Resources, Nashville, TN, 2004 – 2011

Association of Youth Ministry Educators, (various cities across the United States), 2000 – 2011, 2017-present

**PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS:**

Book

Jeff Pratt and Scott Stevens (2010). *Are You Developing Students or Your Student Ministry?*, Lifeway Press.

Chapters in Books

*Youth/Collegiate Christian Education: 12 Essentials for Effective Church Ministry to Students and Their Families*. 2015, edited by Bernie Spooner, contributor of the following chapter: “Reach and Attract Youth/Collegiate Students and Their Families.”

*Basic Student Ministry in the Kingdom-Focused Church*. 2003, LifeWay Press, compiled by Dwayne C. Ulmer, contributor of the following chapter: “Worship.”

## Magazines and Devotionals

Founding editor of *Leading Student Ministry* magazine (LifeWay Christian Resources), 2003-2005. Wrote editor's column and trends article for each edition of this periodical.

Regular contributor of devotions to *Essential Connection (ec)* – a student devotional from LifeWay Christian Resources.

*Open Windows* – an adult devotional for LifeWay Christian Resources, 2018-present

## Curriculum

Baptistway Press: *Connect 360: All the Bible for All of Life*, 2012-2017

LifeWay Christian Resources: *Lifetrak* Youth Bible Study, 2001 - 2003

Baptist General Convention of Texas: Youth Bible Study, 2000

LifeWay Christian Resources: *Straightrak* Youth Bible Study, 1999

## Dissertation

Researched and wrote: *A Study of the Relationship Between Faith Maturity and Job Satisfaction Among Full-Time Youth Ministers Serving the Six Hundred Largest Churches in the State of Texas*, 2001.

## **OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:**

### Professional Organizations

- Association of Youth Ministry Educators

### Conference Leading

- Have led training conferences in youth ministry across the United States.

Alabama State Board of Missions

Alaska Baptist Convention

Arizona Baptist Convention

Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma

Baptist General Convention of Texas

California Baptist Convention

Centrifuge Camps (Glorieta, NM; Panama City Beach, FL; North Greenville University, SC; Ridgecrest, NC)

Christian Writers Conference, East Texas Baptist University, 2014

Georgia Baptist Convention

Kenyan Baptist Convention

Louisiana Baptist Convention

Minnesota/Wisconsin Baptist Convention

Northwest Baptist Convention

Pennsylvania/South Jersey Convention

Super Summer, Dean of the Leadership Forum (BGCT)

Southeast Conclave

Tennessee Baptist Convention

Utah/Idaho Baptist Convention

## Youth Ministry Conclave (BGCT)

### Professional/Church/Community Leadership

- Mission Coordinator for BOUNCE (Student Disaster Recovery) in cities across Texas, 2014 – present
- Judge at State Speaker's Tournament, Baptist General Convention of Texas, 2017
- Adult ABF Teacher, The Heights Baptist Church, Richardson, TX, 2014 – 2017
- Youth Bible Study Teacher, Forest Hills Baptist Church, Nashville, TN, 2003 – 2011
- Project Coordinator for World Changers (Student Missions) in cities across the United States, 1994 – 2005