

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Personal

Birthdate: June 12, 1958
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Education

Ph.D. Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, 1996
M.Div. Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, 1989
B.M. Westminster Choir College, Princeton, New Jersey, 1988

Ministry

Pastor, Fourth Plain Baptist Church, Vancouver, Washington, 2012-2013
Dean of Students, GGBTS, 1993-1998
Interim Pastor, Novato Korean Baptist Church, Novato, California, 1996
Pastor, Fairfield Korean Baptist Church, Suisun City, California, 1991-1993
Youth Pastor, Concord Korean Baptist Church, Martinez, California, 1987-1991
Choir Director/Youth Minister, Berendo Street (Los Angeles Korean) Baptist Church, Los Angeles, California, 1983-1987
Various revivals, retreats, Bible studies throughout the Northwest, California, Florida and Hawaii

Teaching

Professor of Old Testament Studies, Golden Gate Seminary, 1997 to present
Associate Director, Doctor of Ministry Program, GGBTS, August 1, 2005-July 31, 2015
Adjunct Professor, Golden Gate Seminary, 1991-1996
Adjunct Professor, Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, Lombard, Illinois, 1995
Instructor, 2002 Summer Institute for Case Teaching offered by the Association for Case Teaching. San Francisco, California, June 28-July 3
Overseas Teaching: Intensive courses in Spiritual Formation and Old Testament in Korea, Russia, Moldova, Georgia Republic Ukraine, Venezuela, Cambodia and the Philippines

Courses Taught

Case Study Approach to the Old Testament
Biblical Hermeneutics
The Doctrine of Creation (a week-long backpacking trip in High Sierras)
Ecclesiastes
Exodus
The Eighth Century Prophets
The Former Prophets
Foundations for Ministry I and II
Hebrew Exegesis: Ruth, Amos, Jonah, Psalms
Introduction to Evangelism
Introduction to Old Testament Hebrew
Job
Old Testament Introduction
Old Testament Spirituality
Old Testament Theology (Th. M. seminar)
Proverbs
Psalms
Spiritual Formation (D. Min. seminar)
Spiritual Formation (Masters)
Spirituality of the Psalms
Wisdom Literature (Th. M. seminar)

Publications

- “The Prayer of Jabez: From an Answered Prayer to a Best Seller—What Really Happened?” in *Journal for Case Teaching*, volume 12, 2001, 90-99.
- “Blind Ambition: The Case of Jephthah and His Sacrifice” in *Journal for Case Teaching*, volume 14, 2003, 51-58.
- “Sitting with Job: The Book of Job as a Manual for Theological Reflection on Uncontrollable, Inexplicable Events in Life” Published in *The Baptist News*, a Korean language monthly newspaper for Baptists in Korea and North America in a 6 monthly columns (January-June, 2011).
- “The Divine Human Interplay of Grace in the Book of Ruth,” in *Grace Applied* by Mark Bradley, David Johnson, Mike Kuykendall and Kon Yang. Mill Valley: Golden Gate Seminary Publishing, 2015.
- “From Fear to the Fear of the Lord: A Study on the Motif of Fear in Exodus” in *Journal for Baptist Theology & Ministry*, Fall 2018 issue (Volume 15, Number 2), 19-29.
- “Do You Know What Time It Is? (Ecclesiastes 3:1-15)” *Baptist*, volume 152, May-June, 2018, 34-41.

- “The Lord Is My Shepherd (Psalm 23)” *Baptist*, volume 153, July-August, 2018, 36-44.
- “The Case of Jephthah—A Blind Ambition (Judges 11)” *Baptist*, volume 154, September-October, 2018, 32-44.
- “A Blessed Life (Psalm 1)” *Baptist*, volume 155, November-December, 2018, 36-45.
- “Be Ever Hearing, but Never Understanding (Isaiah 6)” *Baptist*, volume 156, January-February, 2019, 24-38.
- “Triumphant Faith (Genesis 22:1-19)” *Baptists*, volume 157, March-April, 2019, 18-31.
- “From Fear to the Fear of the Lord (Exodus 14:1-31)” *Baptists*, volume 158, May-June, 2019, 29-43.
- “Greed and Prophecy (Numbers 11:1-35)” *Baptists*, volume 159, July-August, 2019, 28-42.
- “Yahweh Alone (Deuteronomy 6:1-9)” *Baptists*, volume 160, September-October, 2019, 31-40.
- “Eat This Word (Ezekiel 2:28-3:3)” *Baptist*, volume 162, January-February, 2020, 91-96.
- “What the Lord Desires (Micah 6:1-8)” *Baptists*, volume 163, March-April, 2020, 78-83.
- “Overcoming Pandemic through Trust (Habakkuk 1-3)” *Baptists*, volume 164, May-June, 2020, 86-92.
- “A Truth Driven Life (Jer. 26:1-24)” *Baptists*, volume 165, July-August, 2020, 90-96.
- “To Act justly, to Love Faithfulness, and to Walk humbly with Your God (Micah 6:1-8)” *Baptists*, volume 166, September-October, 85-92.
- “You Thought I Was just like You (Psalm 50:1-23)” *Baptists*, volume 167, November-December, 87-93.

July 31, 2020. A writing project (expository notes) completed and submitted to Lifeway Publisher on “Psalms the Character of God,” 2022 January Bible Study with the following chapter breakdown:

- Ch. 1: Introduction
- Ch. 2: God Reveals His Character through His Son (Pss. 22, 23, and 24)
- Ch. 3: God’s Compassion and Forgiveness Experienced (Pss. 32 and 51)
- Ch. 4: God Can Be Trusted Even in Dark Times (Pss. 42 and 43: Psalms of Deliverance)
- Ch. 5: God’s Goodness Is Seen in His Justice and Mercy (Pss. 73–83: Psalms of Asaph)
- Ch. 6: God’s Presence Offered to All Who Turn to Him (Pss. 84–88: Psalms of the Sons of Korah)
- Ch. 7: God’s Character and Salvation Calls for Our Praise (Pss. 113–118: Hallel Psalms)

Ch. 8: God Offers Hope to His People (Pss. 120–134: Psalms of Ascents)

Presentations

Served as an instructor at the 2002 Case Teaching Summer Institutes, June 28-July 3. Presented and led the participants in a self-written case, “Blind Ambition: The Case of Jephthah and His Sacrifice.”

Presented a lecture on “Korean Christianity.” NW Baptist Historical Society Annual Meeting, Vancouver, WA, April 12, 2003.

Delivered Academic Convocation Address titled, “Transformative Engagement with the Text of Jonah: A Study in Biblical Spirituality,” March 10, 2004.

Co-Presenter with Patricia Jane Yang, “Korean Christian Music,” at Baptist Historical Society Annual Meeting in Vancouver, WA, May 28, 2004.

Led workshops and plenary address titled “Sitting with Job: The Book of Job as a Manual for Theological Reflection on Uncontrollable, Inexplicable Events in Life” at the National Bible Conference hosted by the National Baptist Convention in Fairfield, California, March 8-10, 2011.

Lectured on the topic, “The Meaning of *hesed* in the Old Testament: Case Studies on Ruth and Jonah” to the participants of “Bridging Leadership Seminar” on April 22, 2014.

Presented a paper titled, “The Divine-Human interplay of Grace in the Book of Ruth,” at the NWBC Pastors’ Conference in Salem, OR, on November 10, 2014 and participated in the panel discussion along with three other professors from the PNW Campus.

Delivered a lecture titled, “From Information to Transformation: Pursuing Spiritual Growth through Living out the Truth” at the Korean Baptist Missions Summit (Gateway Seminary, February 21, 2017). A reporter from Christianity Daily (Mr. Joon Hyung Kim) who was at the lecture wrote an article on it titled, “I Want to Be an Open Book to Someone”—
<http://kr.christianitydaily.com/articles/90884/20170222/%EB%82%9C-%EB%88%84%EA%B5%B0%EA%B0%80%EC%9D%98-%EC%98%A4%ED%94%88%EB%B6%81%EC%9D%B4%EA%B3%A0-%EC%8B%B6%EB%8B%A4.htm>.

Presented a paper titled, “From Fear to the Fear of the Lord: A Study on the Motif of Fear in Exodus” at the ETS Far-West Regional Meeting on April 13, 2018 at Grand Canyon University in Phoenix, AZ.

Presented a paper titled, “To Know and to Serve: A Study on the Interplay of Two Hebrew Roots *yd*’ and *bd*” at the ETS Far-West Regional Meeting on March 29, 2019 at California Baptist University.

Presented a lecture titled “Out of Bondage: Reading the Book of Exodus for Personal Transformation” on October 17, 2019 at Gateway Seminary for the library’s Theological Library Month event.

Led a breakout session, “Transformative Engagement with the Psalms” for “Proclaim: A Biblical Teaching Conference” hosted by Gateway Seminary on January 25, 2020.

Future Research and Writing Projects

An E-book is being published with the title, *Scripture and Transformation: Exploring Old Testament Spirituality* in fall 2021. A well-known academic publisher in Korea, Kyobo Munko is slated to do the publication.

I am currently working on a book project titled “The Unspoken Assumption of a Contract with God: Using the Book of Job as a Manual for Theological and Spiritual Reflections.”

References

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