

MINISTRY SNAPSHOT

Helping people and churches *know, show, and share* the gospel of Jesus.

- 15+ yrs in ministry (10 yrs in the pastorate)
- 3+ yrs in church marketing at Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship (Dr. Tony Evans, Senior Pastor)
- Author of *1X Evangelism*

SPIRITUAL GIFTS & SKILLS

Spiritual Gifts

Teaching/preaching,
administration,
encouragement

Related Skills

Theology, discipleship,
leadership development,
vision casting

KEY MINISTRY EXPERIENCE

Senior Pastor

11/2021 – Present

Cornerstone Baptist Church – Alice, TX

- Oversee the leadership of the church and Alice Christian School
- Lead congregation in their faith, community service, and evangelism

Web Administrator

1/2018 – 11/2021

Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship – Dallas, TX

- Manage & maintain five websites (church, outreach ministry, private schools) and church app
- Review website content and sermon study guides for biblical and grammatical accuracy
- Offer pastoral/doctrinal insight to Ministry Advancement team members

Author/Speaker, Blogger & YouTuber

9/2015 – Present

Self-Employed – Arlington, TX

- Publish Bible study and ministry videos to help people know, show, and share the gospel
- Featured speaker at “Ignite Houston” evangelism conference in 2016

Adjunct Professor of Evangelism

8/2015 – 12/2015

Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary – Fort Worth, TX

Senior Pastor

10/2012 – 5/2014

First Baptist Church – Floral City, FL

- Launched 1X Evangelism pilot program
- Reinstated annual church picnic featuring public baptisms in local lake
- Coordinated multi-denominational community worship services at Thanksgiving and Easter

Pastor

8/2005 – 9/2012

Union Hill Baptist Church – Alvord, TX

- Initiated church health evaluation, improving awareness of church’s previously unknown strengths and areas for improvement
- Introduced monthly missions offering dedicated to support local missionaries along with denominational mission boards

Evangelist 8/2002 – 5/2008
Self-Employed – Texas, Ohio, Kansas

Pastor 5/2004 – 5/2005
Hilltop Baptist Church – Fort Worth, TX

EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
Evangelism 2014

Master of Divinity with Biblical Languages Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
Evangelism and Missions 2007

Bachelor of Science University of Texas at Tyler
Political Science 1998

Associate of Arts Kilgore College
Business Administration 1994

HONORS RECEIVED

W. Fred Swank Evangelism Award
2007 & 2014
Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary,
Fort Worth, TX

MINISTRY LICENSING & ORDINATION

Licensed September 2002
Ordained March 2004
Both by Judson Community Baptist Church,
Longview, TX

PUBLICATIONS

1X Evangelism: A Kingdom Growth Strategy for the Local Church. Mustang, OK: Tate Publishing, 2015;
rev. ed., ebook, John L. Rothra, 2018.

“Progressivism’s Impact on Evangelism: The Confluence of Ideas Between Woodrow Wilson and John R. Mott, and Barack Obama and Jim Wallis.” PhD dissertation, Texas: Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, 2014.

FAMILY

Wife Olivia Rothra (married 1999)
Children Lauren (born 2001)
Lindsay (born 2010)
David (born 2011, special needs)

HOBBIES & INTERESTS

Spending time with family, keeping up with current events, blogging & social media, maintaining websites, playing bass and guitar, and reading.