

Curriculum Vita

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**Education:**

Undergraduate:

*Bachelor of Arts: Secondary Science Education, 1997, University of Kentucky*

Masters:

*Masters of Divinity: Christian Ministry, 2009, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary*

Doctoral:

*Doctor of Ministry: Biblical Counseling, 2015, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary*  
Dissertation/Project Title: "Equipping Adults at Beacon Hill Baptist Church of Somerset, Kentucky for Gospel Ministry to Children" accessible at  
<https://repository.sbts.edu/handle/10392/5029>

**Professional Experience:**

2019 – present Associate Professor of Biblical Counseling, Clear Creek Baptist Bible College, Pineville, Ky.  
2002 – 2007 Science Department Chair, Boyle County High School, Danville, Ky.

**Short Term Missions Field Experience:**

2009 – 2013x, 2-week mission trips to Santarem, Brazil and Amazon River Basin

**Courses Taught:**

College Level Courses – General Education

General Science, Clear Creek Baptist Bible College (Fall 2019)

An introductory course designed to acquaint the student with the disciplines of physics, chemistry, astronomy, earth science and biology.

General Science Lab, Clear Creek Baptist Bible College (Fall 2019)

An introductory course designed to allow students to experience hands-on scientific discovery in a laboratory environment.

General Psychology, Clear Creek Baptist Bible College (2019 – Present)

A study of human behavior, personality, and personal adjustment in order for the student to have a basic understanding of people.

College Level Courses – Biblical Counseling Degree Program

Biblical Counseling Theology, Clear Creek Baptist Bible College (2020 – Present)

A study of the theological framework that supports and directs a biblical approach to counseling.

Biblical Counseling Methodology, Clear Creek Baptist Bible College (2020 – Present)

A study of the various methods and approaches to the task of counseling with an emphasis on biblical and practical application.

Biblical Counseling & Spiritual Warfare, Clear Creek Baptist Bible College (2020 – Present)

A study of the biblical theology and counseling methodology that focuses on distinguishing and preparing for unique aspects and views of spiritual warfare in counseling ministry.

Biblical Counseling & Forgiveness, Clear Creek Baptist Bible College (2020 – Present)

A biblical counseling model focused on forgiveness, shame, and guilt. The course identifies what forgiveness is and is not. It utilizes a brief counseling paradigm in applying forgiveness in personal relationships.

Biblical Counseling & Pastoral Counseling, Clear Creek Baptist Bible College (2021 – Present)

Preparation in counseling approaches of the common tasks of pastoral care – grief, sickness, marriage, communication & conflict, weddings, funerals, baptisms, evangelism and discipleship.

Biblical Counseling & Vocational Ministry, Clear Creek Baptist Bible College (2023 – Present)

This course is a study in counseling ministry as a supporting vocation including topics of: establishing a congregational and community ministry, legal, ethical and financial considerations, career ministry opportunities, and certification/continuing education strategies and resources.

Family Topics in Biblical Counseling, Clear Creek Baptist Bible College (2023 – Present)

This course is an overview of the Biblical counseling approaches to topics common to marriage, family life, and children.

Advanced Topics in Biblical Counseling, Clear Creek Baptist Bible College (Present)

Biblical approaches to the most common intrapersonal counseling topics including: addiction, depression, suicide, sexual sin, anxiety, grief and physical illness.

Biblical Counseling Practicum, Clear Creek Baptist Bible College (Present)

In-depth case study reviews, current literature reviews and scenario modeling for the practice and development of counseling skills.

Ministerial Counseling, Clear Creek Baptist Bible College (2020 – 2021)

A study of the minister's role as counselor in the church and community.

#### Masters Level Courses

MINI 503 Biblical Counseling Competency, Clear Creek Baptist Bible College (2020 – Present)

An overview competency in the graduate program with introduction and emphases on the theology and methodology of biblical counsel commonly anticipated to the task of gospel ministry in a variety of settings and ministry roles.

#### **Church / Ministry Experience:**

Director/Operator, Life Tree Christian Counseling Clinic, Pineville, KY: 2019 - Present

Senior Pastor, Beacon Hill Baptist Church, Somerset, KY: 2013 – 2019  
Senior Pastor, Woodstock Baptist Church, Somerset, KY: 2009 – 2013  
Senior Pastor, Bradfordsville Baptist Church, Bradfordsville, KY: 2005 – 2009  
Associate Pastor, Hillcrest Baptist Church, Lexington, KY: 2002 – 2005  
Ordained to Gospel Ministry, First Baptist Church, Danville, KY: 2002  
Deacon, First Baptist Church, Danville, KY: 1999 – 2002

**More Examples:**

Speaker – KBC Director of Missions Annual Meeting – “Can We Talk About the Minister’s Mental Health?”, Lexington, KY: 2019  
Speaker – KBC Pastor’s Revitalization Conference – “Revitalization Pastors Lead in Evangelism” – London, KY: 2017  
SBC Convention Credentials Committee, Baltimore, MD: 2014  
Moderator, Pulaski Baptist Association, Somerset, KY: 2013 – 2014  
KBC Mission Board Representative: 2012-2013  
Camp Pastor, Laurel Lake Baptist Camp for Pulaski Baptist Association: 2007 – 2012  
Vice-Moderator, Central Kentucky Association of Baptists, Lebanon, KY: 2007 – 2008  
Revival Service Preacher, various in KY, TN & FL: 2002 – 2009

**Other Community Service Experience:**

Commonwealth of Kentucky Governor’s Appointee: 2017 - 2018  
Commonwealth Council on Developmental Disabilities  
Kentucky Advisory Council on Autism

Northern Elementary School Site Based Decision Making Council: 2009 – 2014

Pulaski County Board of Education Facilities Planning Committee: 2012 - 2014

Pulaski County Schools Superintendent’s Parent Advisory Committee: 2012 - 2014

**Selected References:**

Dr. Charlie Goodman, *teaching colleague & current President*, Clear Creek Baptist Bible College, Pineville, KY, (606) 337-3196.

Dr. Roy Lucas, *current supervising Dean of Academics*, Clear Creek Baptist Bible College, Pineville, KY, (606) 337-3196.

Dr. J. Timothy Mathis, *Ordaining Pastor*, Senior Pastor of First Baptist Church of Danville, KY, (859) 236-2276.

Dr. Stuart Scott, *Doctoral Studies Supervisor*, Graduate Instructor in Biblical Counseling, BJU Seminary, Greenville, SC, (864) 241-1657.

Dr. Jay Sulfridge, *former supervising Dean of Academics*, Clear Creek Baptist Bible College, Pineville, KY, (606) 337-3196.