

Curriculum Vita

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Education:

Undergraduate:

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

Graduate:

Graduate Course Credit in Secondary Education (15 hours), 2002, Eastern Kentucky University

Graduate Course Credit in Biomedical Sciences (7 hours) 2023, Liberty University

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:

2024 - Present	Professor of Biblical Counseling, Clear Creek Baptist Bible College, Pineville, Ky.
2019 – 2024	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 – 2013 3x, 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:

Member – Association of Biblical Counselors: 2019 - Present
Chapel Speaker – Clear Creek Baptist Bible College
2 Kings 5:1-14 – November 9, 2023
Judges 6:11-15 - January 31, 2023
Luke 24:36-44 - April 8, 2021
Acts 2:22-24 - January 23, 2020
Contributing Author – “The Pastor as Shepherd” in forthcoming, *Preparing to Pastor: A Practical Approach to Pastoral Ministry*: Bible College Press
Contributing Writer – Kentucky Today
“The Word of God Stands Forever”: April 11, 2024
“Freedom in Christ”: July 18, 2023
“Navigating COVID with New Method, Same Message”: July 8, 2021
Teacher: Winter 2022 Bible Study Series: Psalms; Bi-vocational Pastor’s Online Network
Psalms 73-83
Teacher: January 2020 Bible Study Series: Jeremiah – Faithful to the Mission; Bi-vocational Pastor’s Online Network, Jeremiah 42-44
Presenter: CCBBC Alumni Conference
Discipleship for Transformation - July 29, 2024
Personal Well-Being: Encouragement for Faithfulness in Gospel Ministry – July 26, 2022
Speaker: “Fall into Biblical Counseling” – Slaty Point Baptist Church, Morehead, KY:
September 7th – October 16th, 2022.
Speaker – RE:Engage Leadership IQ Summit: Reaching Communities Suffering the Side Effects Of Pandemic, Central Kentucky Network of Baptists, Lexington, KY: 2021
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:

Pulaski County Schools: Special Education Parent Advisory Group: 2024-2025

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.