

Curriculum Vita
John G. Ditty
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Education:

Undergraduate:

Bachelor of Theology, 1983, Clear Creek Baptist Bible College

Masters:

Master of Divinity, 1988, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary

Doctoral:

Doctor of Ministry, 1993, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
Dissertation/Project Title: "A Program to Train Preachers to Use the Historical Books of
Historical Books of the Old Testament in Contemporary Proclamation"

Other Graduate & Post-Graduate Research (selected):

Sabbatical leave(s):

2016-2017 – activities and publications below.

Other Post-doctoral Course Work:

Hebrew/Language Study/Dr. Ronald Giese, Liberty University, 2011.

Professional Experience:

- 1990-present Professor of Old Testament Studies, Clear Creek Baptist Bible College, Pineville, Kentucky. In 2012 was promoted to Robert O. Fitts Chair of Old Testament Studies
- Worked to get the required Old Testament and New Testament courses to each be divided into eight courses, one offered every semester during the students four years.
 - Taught all the Old Testament course along Biblical Backgrounds as well as various Old Testament electives: Hebrew, Old Testament Theology, Seeing Jesus in the Old Testament, Psalms, Genesis, The Era of the Kings (Samuel, Kings and Chronicles), Numbers, and 39 Weeks to Malachi.
 - Taught Sermon Preparation and Sermon Delivery, Church History, and Evangelism; along with electives in preaching: Planned Program of Preaching and Using Samuel, Kings and Chronicles in Contemporary Preaching which was based on my DMin project of the same name.
 - Taught a New Testament elective over Romans and will teach New Testament 6 which covers Galatians, 1-2 Thessalonians, 1-2 Timothy and Titus, and New Testament 8 that covers Hebrews and Revelation.
- 2023-24 Chair, Bible/Theology Division – Clear Creek Baptist Bible College. Have served 10+ times over the 34 years in the BTh Division
- 2014-present Adjunct Online Professor, North Greenville University, Tigerville, South Carolina
- Undergraduate courses developed and taught: Old Testament Survey; Old Testament: The Writings; Old Test Exegesis: Joshua and Judges.

- Other undergraduate course taught: Old Testament Survey – Pentateuch; Portfolio Development; Senior Seminar; Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew; The History of Israel.
 - Graduate courses developed and taught: Old Testament Survey – Former and Latter Prophets; Old Testament Survey – Major and Minor Prophets; Old Testament: Wisdom and Writings; Old Testament Survey: Genesis-Malachi (built a new course which included 24 30-minute videos).
- 1993 Adjunct Professor of Old Testament, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, Clear Creek Baptist Bible College Campus.
- 1989 Visiting Professor, Clear Creek Baptist Bible College, Pineville, Kentucky. Taught two summer school sessions: Session 1: Samuel, Kings and Chronicles, Session 2: Psalms

Publications:

Books and Monographs:

39 Weeks to Malachi: A Survey of the Old Testament by Dr. John Ditty.

- This was my sabbatical activity. Includes 400-page text book, teacher's guide, student workbook, PowerPoints and Audio/PowerPoints. Emphasis is connecting the book of the Old Testament to Christ and the Gospels; and focused on contemporary application. This is a 41-week study targeting small groups and church use. It has been used as an elective at Clear Creek Baptist Bible College and selected portions at North Greenville University. This study has been used in five different churches.

Bedboat – A Summer Adventure. Children's novella bedtime story. Seeking publication.

- The 31 chapters of the book are designed to be read to the child each night for one month. Each chapter ends with interactive questions and topic for prayer based on the chapter.

Popular Articles:

- 2006-2016 Harlan Daily Enterprise, Harlan, Kentucky.
- Weekly Bible Study, 500 Bible studies. Series: Gospel of John (1 year), Gospel of Luke (25 weeks), Revelation (30 weeks), The Parables (15 weeks), Epistle of James (20 weeks), Psalms (25 weeks), Philippians, Hosea (12 weeks), Life of Abraham (10 weeks); Sermon on the Mount (15 weeks), Lesson from the Minor Prophets (12 weeks), Isaiah: Messianic passages (10 weeks), seasonal: Thanksgiving, Christmas (Advent), Easter (Passion Week), Mother's and Father's Day, Independence Day, many miscellaneous lessons based on Bible chapters like 1 Corinthians 13, Genesis 1-10, and Matthew 28/Acts 1.
- 2011-2016 Middlesboro Daily News, Middlesboro, Kentucky. Weekly Bible Study, Syndicated from Harlan Daily Enterprise.
- 2014-2016 McCreary County Voice, Whitley City, Kentucky. Weekly Bible Study, Syndicated from Harlan Daily Enterprise.
- 1991-2008 *The Cornerstone*, Harlan Baptist Church, Harlan, Kentucky.
- A weekly newsletter, 800+ devotionals.

Field Experience:

- 2013 Israel, Tel-Gezer, archeological dig, 3 weeks.
- 1989 Visiting Professor, Clear Creek Baptist Bible College, Pineville, Kentucky. Taught two summer school sessions: Session 1: Samuel, Kings and Chronicles, Session 2: Psalms
- 1994 Grenada, through IMB, Led two Bible Conferences – The Kings of Israel, one week in missionaries' home with Christian professionals from the island and one week for the Baptist

- churches on the island, meeting at St. George's Baptist Church in St. George's, the capital city. 2 weeks.
- 1998 Novgorod, Russia 1998, Clear Creek sponsored a pastors' school for Novgorod Evangelical Church. I taught church history and Genesis, traveled preached each Sunday, 3 Weeks.
- 1999 Novgorod, Russia, Clear Creek, taught Church History and Isaiah, and traveled to preach each Sunday, 3 weeks.
- 2000 Archangel, Russia, Clear Creek. I taught in Church History and Hosea, and preached each Sunday, 3 weeks.
- 2001 Novgorod, Russia, Clear Creek, I taught Church History, Psalms, began Systematic Theology waiting for next teacher to be able to come. I was there with my 13-year old daughter Casey, when 9/11 attack happened. We were able to get home five days after the attack.
- 2002 Belarus, Minsk through Clear Creek: mission trip with students. Did VBS and taught a one class on the Bible to a group of Bible club at a local university. We also had the school doctor and health teacher, Dr. Joanne Corum, and a student, on the trip who did some basic medical work and instruction, 8-day trip.
- 2004 Piketon, Ohio, Calvary Baptist Church, January Bible Study, Deuteronomy, 3 days.
- 2010 Billings, Montana, Yellowstone Baptist College, taught the Minor Prophets, 3 weeks.
- 2010 Harrogate, Tennessee, DNow Weekend, taught study over Daniel 1-6, 5 lessons.
- 2010 Rock Castle County, Kentucky, Associational training for Winter Bible Study, Deuteronomy
- 2012 Northern Thailand, First Baptist Church, Whitley City. Traveled with evangelist Dr. Jerry Burgess, I taught Hermeneutics to Karen evangelists in three villages, 10 days.
- 2016 Rose Hill, Virginia, First Baptist Church, taught 39 Weeks to Malachi over several Sunday evenings.
- 2016 Artemis, Kentucky, Camp Immanuel, camp pastor for middle school camp, taught a lesson in the morning and preached in each evening, 5 day.
- 2016 Man-O-War Cay, Bahamas New Life Bible Church. Preaching and Bible Study. 1 Week
- 2017 Artemis, Kentucky, Camp Immanuel, camp pastor for high school, taught a lesson in the morning and preached in each evening, 5 day.
- 2021 Harrogate, Tennessee, Winter Bible Study over Psalms. 3 days.
- 2022 Rock Castle County, Kentucky, Associational training for Winter Bible Study, Psalms, 1 evening.
- 2022 Hillsboro, Ohio, Northview Baptist Church, taught The Prophecies Daniel, 3 days.
- 2022 Harrogate, Tennessee, taught The Prophecies Daniel, 3 days.
- 2024 Breakout Session at Defend 2024, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. "God and Genocide...Really" – A biblical view of why God calling for the supposed genocide in conquest in Joshua and King Saul against the Amalekites in 1 Kings 15, was not genocide but judgment.
- 2024 Hillsboro, Ohio, Northview Baptist Church. A three-day study of Genesis 1-11.
- 2024 Rock Spring BC Revival, Rock Creek NC, April 27-May 1
- 2024 Mission Trip to Prince of Wales Island, Alaska. Groups in Coffman Cove and Whale Pass, July 12-19.
- 2024 "Empowering the Church Conference," an association pastor conference in Abington, VA. Taught a session on "The Pastor as a Disciple" and "Five Essential Spiritual Disciplines for the Pastor." October 28-29.
- 2024 West Virginia Baptist Convention. Represented the college at the convention. November 7-8.

Travel / Tours Guided:

2017, 2019, 2022, 2023 Israel. Co-host pilgrimages with Dr. Roy Lucas. While there we share the opportunity to share at sites that are especially significant to our respective Bible disciplines. My

contributions also include co-planning and co-hosting pre-trip Zoom meetings with group, preparing a daily devotional guide with a devotion and reading plan for the sights visited each day in county, and helping to manage the group when in country.

1995 South Africa –, my family visited my parents who were IMB missionaries. Traveled through the entire country from Johannesburg to Cape Town. Visited Soweto and Alexandria Townships and the Ciskei (a tribal homeland). We spent two days inside Kruger Park National Park, a wildlife preserve that was pure National Geographic Africa. I got to preach one Sunday in a village in the Ciskei. The trip took place just after Nelson Mandela was elected president of the country. 21 days in country, 17 of the days in a SUV.

1979 Israel, my first visit to the Holy Land was a student at Clear Creek Baptist School.

Courses Taught:

Undergraduate, Biblical Studies, Clear Creek

Old Testament 1: Genesis-Leviticus.

An introduction to the Old Testament through a study of the background and theology of the Old Testament. This course is divided into two parts: an introduction to the Old Testament through a study of the background and theology of the Old Testament followed by a study of the history and theology of Genesis through Leviticus with an emphasis on life application. Two hours.

Old Testament 2: From the Wilderness to the Kingdom

A study of the background and theology of Israel from the book of Numbers through the days of Samuel with an emphasis on life application. Included in this study is an overview of Deuteronomy. Two hours.

Old Testament 3: The Kingdom of Israel, Part One

A study of the background and theology of the Kingdom of Israel from the beginning of the monarchy with Saul through the fall of the Northern Kingdom with an emphasis on life application. Two hours

Old Testament 4: The Kingdom of Israel, Part Two

A study of the background and theology of the Kingdom of Israel from the fall of the Northern Kingdom through the post-exilic period of Ezra, Nehemiah and Esther with an emphasis on life application. Two hours

Old Testament 5: The Prophets, Part One

A study of Isaiah and his contemporaries among the Minor Prophets. The study will examine the background and theology of the prophets with an emphasis on life application. Two hours

Old Testament 6: The Prophets, Part Two

A study of Isaiah and his contemporaries among the Minor Prophets. The study will examine the background and theology of the prophets with an emphasis on life application. Two hours

Old Testament 7: The Prophets, Part Three

A study of the prophets of the exilic and post-exilic periods. The study will examine the background and theology of the prophets with an emphasis on life application. Two hours.

Old Testament 8: The Writings and Wisdom Literature

A study of the background and theology of the books of Job through Song of Solomon with an emphasis on life application. Two hours.

From Genesis to Malachi: An Old Testament Survey

This study is more than a simple survey of the Old Testament. In the forty-one lessons of this course, the student will be introduced to the background, theme, major movement and lessons that make up each book of the Old Testament. Each book will also be connected to the New Testament in general and in particular to Christ, the Gospels and the contemporary believer. Three hours.

Biblical Language Intensive, Hebrew I

A study of the fundamentals of O.T. (Masoretic) Hebrew, with special attention given to the basic ability to translate selected sentences from Hebrew to English. Primary consideration is given to grammar, vocabulary, and to the quall stem of the regular verbs. Two hours.

Biblical Language Intensive, Hebrew II (have taught Direct Studies for Hebrew III-V)

A continuation of EPAS 2218, with special attention given to basic translation of select portions of the book of Genesis. Two hours.

Genesis

A study of the creation, fall, early history of mankind, and the early beginnings of Israel. Two hours.

Isaiah

A view of Isaiah's call, subsequent ministry, and his message for today. Two hours

Psalms

This course is designed to study God's message through Israel's book of worship. Two hours.

Jeremiah and Lamentations

An in-depth course examining the historical context and exegetical study of Jeremiah and Lamentations. The course will pay close attention to both interpretation and contemporary application. Two hours.

Romans

A systematic study of the theology and ethics of Paul. Two Hours.

Biblical Archaeology I

This course is taught in a seminar format with an overview of the principles, purpose, tools, history, various archaeological periods as well as practical disciplines of biblical archaeology. Two hours

Seeing Christ in the Old Testament

This study will deal with seeing Christ in the Old Testament in eternity past, in the Hebrew names for God, in the typology of the Biblical characters found there in, and seeing Christ in eternity future. Two hours.

Ezekiel

An exegetical look into the book emphasizing background material as well as an in-depth look at the message of the book and its contemporary application. Two hours.

New Testament 6: Galatians, 1-2 Thessalonians & the Pastoral Epistles: 1st - 2 and Timothy and Titus

A study of Galatians and 1-2 Thessalonians and the Pastoral Epistles dealing with their background, contents, purpose, and interpretation with an emphasis on life application. Two hours

New Testament 8: Hebrews and Revelation

A study of Hebrews and Revelation dealing with their background, contents, purpose, and interpretation with an emphasis on life application. Two hours.

Baptist Doctrine

A study of the key Baptist doctrines, approached not from textbook theology, but from a pastoral perspective. Included are the distinctive Baptist beliefs on the authority and inerrancy of the Bible, the priesthood of all believers, and the eternal security of the believer. Three hours.

The Feasts of Israel

A study of the seven special feast days contained in Israel's worship of Jehovah. This course will examine, in detail, these feasts of festivals and their contemporary application. Two hours.

Study Tour of Israel

An on-site study of the geographical, historical, cultural, and archeological background of the Old and New Testaments, as well as modern current events in the land of Israel. Two hours.

Church History

A survey study of Christianity from the Early Church through the Reformation with the latter portion of the study being devoted to Baptist History into the present day. Three hours.

Course taught that are no longer offered:

Knowing God

A study of the means and need for knowing God. Two hours.

Short-text Expository Preaching

This course is intended to help the student in the preparation and delivery of a sermon by giving the student and opportunity to prepare and preach a sermon based in a short passage of Scripture. Two hours.

Baptist History

A course designed to help the student learn the founding and growth of Baptists. Two Hours.

Experiencing God: Knowing and Doing the Will of God

A 12-week discipleship study designed to help the student experience God in everyday activities and to know the direction (will) God is leading them in in their walk with God. Non-Credit.

Undergraduate, Clear Creek, Ministry

Senior Seminar

The senior seminar is a required seminar designed to help the graduating student pull together knowledge and expertise gained while at Clear Creek in preparation for post-graduation ministry. Senior Seminar requires the completion of a portfolio for each graduating senior. The portfolio will include five written pieces and two or three oral pieces. The five written pieces are: written statement of call from the admissions application, a formal term paper from English Composition, the book report from Internship I, the position paper from Senior Seminar, and a resume (includes a statement of ministry philosophy) prepared for Senior Seminar. The two to three oral pieces are taken from: a speech from Public Speaking in Ministry, sermon or teaching lecture done for Sermon Delivery or Bible Teaching Lab and a short six-minute presentation prepared for Senior Seminar. One hour

Church History

Survey of the history of Christianity from the Early Church through the Reformation with the latter portion of the course being devoted to Baptist history. Three hours.

Evangelism

A study of the principles and methods of evangelism for today's Christian leader including special emphasis on personal soul winning and building an evangelistic church. Practical training is required. Three hours.

Sermon Preparation

An introduction to the nature of preaching and the preparation of sermons. The course will emphasize the preparation of expository sermons. Three hours.

Sermon Delivery

An introduction to expository sermon delivery. Each student will preach in class in order to gain poise, confidence, and proficiency. Two hours.

Introduction to Ministry (changed to Transition to Ministry)

An examination of the character of the minister, identification and incorporation of servant-leadership skills, working in the local church, and guiding the local church into cooperative relationships. Attention will also be given to building and maintaining healthy relationships in ministry with special emphasis given to working as a part of a ministry team in a local church or other ministry setting. Three hours.

Planned Program for Preaching

This course is designed to help the student understand the rationale and methods for implementing a long-term plan for preaching and also how to plan for special services such as the Lord's supper, baptisms, weddings, funerals, and special calendar events. Two hours.

Mission Practicum 1 and 2

An individual field experience in missions under the guidance of a professor. The practicum will be carried out in such settings as: summer missions, BSU missions, school sponsored mission trips, volunteer work through the North American Mission Board or the International Mission Board, etc. Two hours.

Undergraduate, Biblical Studies, North Greenville University

Old Testament Survey

A study of the Old Testament in its historical setting; provides a review of the history, literature, and institutions found in the Old Testament. Three hours.

Old Testament Exegesis: Joshua and Judges.

A study of the biblical books of Joshua and Judges; provides a review of the background, content, interpretation, application, and theology of these books.

Old Testament Survey: The Writings

Focusing on Job, Psalm, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes and The Song of Songs, this course will study the poetry and wisdom literature of the Old Testament and Apocrypha. Special attention will be given to Hebrew poetry, the theology of the Psalms, and the worldview behind the Wisdom Literature.

The History of Israel

A study of the history of Israel during the period of the Old Testament; provides a review of historiography, difficult issues, and focuses on major people and historical events. Three hours.

Undergraduate, Online, Christian Ministry, North Greenville University

Portfolio Development

This course is designed to help students look at prior experience in ministry, their gifting and passions, as well as how both of these play into future pursuits of ministry. This course will be

both introspective and prospective as students will seek to build a portfolio, resume, and vision for their lives and ministries. Three hours.

Senior Seminar

Taken by the student, majoring in Christian Studies, who has attained senior status (90+ hours). The course is a critical study of selected topics of special interest on the current religious scene and seeks to enable students to integrate the results of their previous studies, culminating in a written thesis. Three Hours.

Old Testament Survey

A survey of the Old Testament that covers the major divisions of the Old Testament: Law, Historical, Writings, and Prophets. Three hours.

Masters, Biblical Studies, Clear Creek

Biblical Exegesis

The student will demonstrate competence at the graduate level in biblical exegesis through understanding and applying proper biblical hermeneutics.

Masters, Biblical Studies, North Greenville University

Old Testament Survey

An introductory study of the content and background of the Old Testament, including the research tools and methods for understanding and applying its message. The course covers exegetical issues involved in studying the Old Testament including historical, linguistic, and cultural backgrounds, as well as the nature of the Old Testament composition, text, canonization, and higher criticism. The course introduces books of the Old Testament by groups and individual texts and instructs students in understanding the original context of the message as well as applying the message for today. Three hours.

The Pentateuch and the Former Prophets

This study focuses on how the books that make up the Pentateuch and Former Prophets tell the story of the coming of Messiah. In examining these books, the main focus is discovering how God's prepared for the coming of His son Jesus the Messiah. It examines the theology and stories that present and represent that event and the need for the incarnation, crucifixion and resurrection. Three hours.

Old Testament Survey: The Major and Minor Prophets

This course is a study of the major eras of Old Testament prophets, including an overview of the four major and twelve minor prophets. There is an emphasis of the influence the words of the prophets had in the New Testament era, especially the days of the Gospels. Three hours.

Church / Ministry Experience

2021-present Pump Springs Baptist Church, Harrogate, Tennessee, Senior Pastor. Bi-vocational.

2010-2018 First Baptist Church, Whitley City, Kentucky, Senior Pastor. Bi-vocational

1991-2008 Harlan Baptist Church, Harlan, Kentucky, Senior Pastor. Bi-vocational.

1985-1990 Levita Baptist Church, Gatesville, Texas, Pastor. Bi-vocational

1980-1981 Old Flat Lick Baptist Church, Flat Lick, Kentucky, Youth and Music Leader.

Over these years I have preached approximately 4500 sermons, not counting special studies and revival services in each church and other various churches.

Ordained to the Ministry of the Gospel by the Levita Baptist Church, Gatesville, Texas, 1986.

Church and College Mission Trips

- 1978 Matamoros, Mexico, Gambrel St. Baptist, church mission, worked remodeling an orphanage. 3 days.
- 1995 Minsk, Belarus, Clear Creek mission, medical team with Dr. Corum (Clear Creek's college clinic doctor) and Bonnie Young (helper). I led other students in VBS in the church and taught two evenings in a local university's religion club. 1 week, spring break.
- 1995 West Fargo, North Dakota, 1995, Living Hope Baptist Church met in a local high school, youth mission from Harlan Baptist Church, aided in church plant, daily children's camp, preached evening revival, 1 week.
- 2009 West Fargo, North Dakota, College Mission, help after Red River flooding, 1 week.
- 2000 Middleport, Ohio, Hope Baptist Church, youth mission from Harlan Baptist Church, VBS, 1 week.
- 2002 Gatesville, Texas, Levita Baptist Church, youth mission from Harlan Baptist Church, VBS, church painting, preached in the evening services. 1 Week
- 2003 Geneva, New York, Harlan Baptist Church mission, Vacation Bible School and church cleanup, 1 week.
- 2005 Picketon, Ohio, Calvary Baptist Church, youth mission from Harlan Baptist Church, backyard Bible clubs.
- 2007 Logan, Ohio, First Baptist Church, youth mission from Harlan Baptist Church, sports camp and worked on individual homes of elderly church members, 1 week.
- 2012 Northern Thailand, First Baptist Church, Whitley City. Traveled with evangelist Dr. Jerry Burgess taught Hermeneutics to evangelists in three villages over 10 days.
- 2005 Coffman Cove, Alaska, Coffman Cove Community Church, student mission from Clear Creek, VBS, church maintenance, and I taught an adult study in the evenings, 1 week.
- 2005 Ocean Springs, Mississippi. Hurricane Katrina clean-up. Mission from Harlan Baptist Church. 1 week.
- 2007 Coffman Cove/Throne Bay, Alaska – 2007, Coffman Cove Community Church and Thorne Bay Baptist Church coordinated two mission teams (Harlan Baptist Church and Clear Creek Baptist Bible College) 1 week.
- 2008 Coffman Cove, Alaska - VBS, Men's and Ladies' Conferences, I mostly floated to help with children and/or nursery during the conferences in Coffman Cove and encouraged and mentored the pastor; Thorne Bay held youth activities in the evening, canvased the community and work remodeling the church, 1 week.
- 2009 New Orleans, Louisiana. Operation Noah, rebuilding after Katrina. A mission trip of Clear Creek Baptist Bible College. 1 week.
- 2009 Coffman Cove, Alaska, Coffman Cove Community Church, youth mission from Harlan Baptist Church, VBS and Men's and Ladies' Conferences, community work, 1 week.
- 2010 Coffman Cove, Alaska, Coffman Cove Community Church, church mission from Pump Springs Baptist Church and Clear Creek. Worked on church (painting inside and out), worked on new parsonage being built (put on roof, subflooring and built woodshed). As well as painting and subflooring, I led a Bible study each evening. 1 week
- 2015 Coffman Cove, Alaska, Coffman Cove Community Church, youth mission from Whitley City FBC. Bible Camp, community projects, and I taught an evening adult Bible study, 1 week.
- 2017 Logan, Ohio, First Baptist Church, youth mission from Pump Springs Baptist Church, backyard Bible clubs, canvassing community, and home maintenance for pastor, 1 week.

Selected References: <5>

<Administrator(s), College & Seminary Professors, Mentors, Pastor (include their professor rank, titles, PhD, School, address, phone, email)>

