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Education:

Undergraduate:

Bachelor of Arts in Ministry, emphasis in Pastoral Care, 1993, Clear Creek Baptist Bible College.

Masters:

Master of Divinity, 2000, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Doctoral:

Doctor of Education, Christian Education and Leadership, 2007, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Dissertation Title: "The Teaching of Appalachian Cultural Values in Appalachian Bible Colleges."

Doctor of Philosophy, Leadership and Church Ministries, 2010, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. (Converted previous Ed.D to Ph.D. via additional coursework and writing project.)

Other Graduate & Post-Graduate Research:

Nine hours post-graduate advanced study in Christian Education and Leadership, 2003, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Professional Experience:

2014-present	Professor of Church Ministry, Clear Creek Baptist Bible College, Pineville, Ky.
2020-present	Accreditation Liaison, Clear Creek Baptist Bible College, Pineville, Ky.
2014-2023	Dean of Academic Affairs, Clear Creek Baptist Bible College, Pineville, Ky.
2020	Secured level change to Level III school with SACSCOC and ABHE, Clear Creek Baptist Bible College, Pineville, Ky.
2020	Built and implemented Competency Based Master of Arts program, Clear Creek Baptist Bible College, Pineville, Ky.
2009-present	Professor of Divinity, Church Ministries, Liberty University, Lynchburg, VA.
2022-present	Subject Matter Expert, Church Ministry, Liberty University, Lynchburg, VA.
2020-present	D. Min. Faculty Reader, Liberty University, Lynchburg, VA.
2007-2014	Dean of Institutional Advancement, Clear Creek Baptist Bible College, Pineville, Ky.
2003-2007	Director of College Relations, Clear Creek Baptist Bible College, Pineville, Ky.

Publications:

Books and Monographs:

“A.S. Petrey” in *Twentieth Century Kentucky Baptist Bibliographies*, ed. Bill Whittaker. Nashville: Fields Publishing, 2012.

“Ben Baird” in *Twentieth Century Kentucky Baptist Bibliographies*, ed. Bill Whittaker. Nashville: Fields Publishing, 2012.

“Earl Clark” in *Twentieth Century Kentucky Baptist Bibliographies, Vol. II*, ed. Bill Whittaker. Nashville: Fields Publishing, 2016.

Peer Reviewed Articles:

The teaching of indigenous cultural values in Bible colleges. Association for Biblical Higher Education Journal, January 2009.

Is it time to throw the lectern away? A new look at an old teaching tool. Association for Biblical Higher Education Journal, February 2011.

The erosion of funeral customs and its impact on ministry. Ministry International Journal for Pastors, May 2011.

Popular Articles:

Gospel warriors face spiritual darkness. Western Recorder (Kentucky Baptist Convention Publication), June 25, 2009.

Professional Reports:

Self-studies for reaffirmations with two accrediting agencies:

Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, 2015 decennial reaffirmation, 2020 Fifth Year Interim Report, Clear Creek.

Association for Biblical Higher Education, 2017 decennial reaffirmation, Clear Creek.

Paper Presentations:

Meeting the challenge of Calvinism: Questions to ask prospective pastors. October 2008. A paper presented at "The Challenges of Calvinism" conference, Clear Creek Baptist Bible College.

Development of a Competency-based Degree Program. July 9, 2020. Dr. Sulfridge, Eric Greene, and David Dowell presented to LAMP (Learning Asset Management Project). LAMP is a consortium of educational institutions from 16 states and Canada.

Leveling the Ground: Presenting New Ideas to Old Accrediting Agencies. Presented at CBExchange, annual international conference on competency-based education. Presented November 10, 2020.

Professional Memberships:

Evangelical Theological Society.

Society of Professors in Christian Education.

Field Experience:

Association for Biblical Higher Education (ABHE), Accreditation On-Site Evaluation Teams in 10 states and Canada.

Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS-COC), Accreditation On-Site Evaluation Team, New Orleans, LA.

Travel:

Canada – Member of accreditation reaffirmation team to Providence University, Otterburne, Manitoba, March 24-27, 2015.

Ireland – Family genealogy study, Dublin, June, 2016. Visited Cliffs of Moher, King John's Castle, Wicklow Mountains, Glendalough and Kilkenny.

Canada – Attended conference on competency based theological education, Vancouver, British Columbia, Nov. 5-6, 2018.

Europe – Personal education and edification, June, 2019.

England: London, Windsor, Stonehenge, Lacock and Bath.

France: Paris, visited Eiffel Tower, Seine River cruise, Notre Dame Cathedral, Louvre Museum, Arc de Triomphe, etc.

USA – 42 of the 50 United States; cities including Washington, Phoenix, New Orleans, San Francisco, Atlanta, Memphis, Nashville, Indianapolis, El Paso, Oklahoma City, Las Vegas, Tucson, Los Angeles, Cape Cod, Chicago, San Antonio, Boston, Dallas, Philadelphia, St. Louis; sites including Freedom Arch, Grand Canyon, Mount Rushmore, Niagara Falls, Statue of Liberty, Alcatraz, Golden Gate Bridge, Hoover Dam, Smithsonian Museum.

Courses Taught:

College Level Courses

Old Testament I, Clear Creek
Old Testament III, Clear Creek
Intro to Bi-Vocational Ministry, Clear Creek
Clinical pastoral Training, Clear Creek
Appalachian Ministry, Clear Creek
New Testament IV, Clear Creek
Systematic Theology II, Clear Creek
Internship, Clear Creek
Baptist Doctrine, Clear Creek

Masters Level Courses

Research and Writing, Clear Creek
Intro to Discipleship, Rawlings School of Divinity, Liberty University
Ministry of Teaching, Rawlings School, Liberty
Christian Leadership, Rawlings School, Liberty
Transition to Ministry, Rawlings School, Liberty
Research, Writing, and Ministry, Rawlings School, Liberty
Biblical Foundations of Christian Ministry, Rawlings School, Liberty
Team Leadership and Conflict Resolution, Rawlings School, Liberty
Family Discipleship, Rawlings School, Liberty
Leading the Healthy, Growing, Multiplying Church, Rawlings School, Liberty
Biblical Foundations of Christian Leadership, Rawlings School, Liberty

Doctoral Level Courses

Marks of a Biblical Church, Rawlings School, Liberty
Thesis Research and Writing, Part II, Rawlings School, Liberty

Church / Ministry Experience

Pastor, First Baptist Church, Cumberland Gap, TN, 2018-present.

Interim Pastor, Silver Leaf Baptist Church, Rose Hill, VA, 2016-2017.

Interim Pastor, Dionne Baptist Church, Cumberland, KY, 2015-2016.

Interim Pastor, Gap Creek Baptist Church, Cumberland Gap, TN, 2014.

Senior Pastor, Southside Baptist Church, Middlesboro, KY, 1998-2014.

Moderator, Bell Association of Baptists, 1999-2000 & 2002-2003.

Executive Board, Kentucky Baptist Convention, October, 2001-2003.

Pastor, Little Mulberry Baptist Church, Sneedville, TN, 1987-98.

Board of Directors, Cooperative Christian Ministries, Bell County, KY, 1998-2003.

Vice President, Cooperative Christian Ministries, Bell County, KY, 2001-2003.

Chaplain, Appalachian Regional Hospital, Middlesboro, KY, 1998-2003.

Area coordinator, Tennessee Baptist Convention Associational Consulting Team, 1997-1998.

Secretary, Claiborne County Ministerial Association, 1994-1998.

Board of Directors, CEASE Shelter for Victims of Spousal Abuse, Morristown, TN, 1995-1996.

Local Board of Advisors, CEASE Shelter for Victims of Spousal Abuse, Tazewell, TN, 1994-1996.

Moderator, Cumberland Gap Association of Baptists, 1992-1994.

Ordained to the Ministry of the Gospel by the Cedar Grove Baptist Church, Tazewell, TN, 1987.

Teacher, Senior Adult Sunday School, Cedar Grove Bapt. Church, 1985-1987.

Selected References

Academic:

Dr. Larry Purcell
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Professional Endorsement

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(10/28/2019 email, Dr. Claudia Dempsey, Chair of Online Operations, Rawlings School of Divinity, Liberty University)