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**About John Bisagno**

Dr. John R. Bisagno was born on April 5, 1934, in Augusta, Kansas. He is married to Uldine Beck and they have three children: Ginger Dodd, Anthony Bisagno, and Timothy Bisagno. John and Uldine have 8 grandchildren.

John Bisagno is Pastor Emeritus of the 25,000-member First Baptist Church of Houston, Texas. He is the author of 30 books, including the best seller, *The Power of Positive Praying*. He served as the President of the Southern Baptist Pastors Conference and has gained national attention as a dynamic and effective crusade evangelist and Bible teacher. He was the first preacher on the Southern Baptist ACTS Television Network.

He received a Doctor of Divinity degree from his alma mater Oklahoma Baptist University, as well as a Doctor of Letters from Southwest Missouri Baptist University and a Doctor of Divinity degree from Houston Baptist University where a “Chair of Evangelism” is named in his honor.

Dr. Bisagno began his ministry in music evangelism by traveling extensively conducting crusades and winning the lost to Christ. Soon afterward, he was called into the preaching ministry and traveled as an evangelist for 12 more years. In 1965, he was called to the pastorate at First Southern Baptist Church in Del City, Oklahoma. He pastored there until 1970. The First Southern Baptist Church experienced tremendous growth under Dr. Bisagno’s leadership. In February 1970, Dr. Bisagno began his pastorate at First Baptist Church of Houston.

During Dr. Bisagno’s ministry at Houston’s First Baptist Church, the church relocated from downtown, purchased property, and built new facilities. The church gave 250 million dollars; received in excess of 40,000 members, including 15,000 by baptism; started 63 local missions and 3 schools; sent over 800 of its members into full time Christian service, including 101 to the foreign mission field.

Dr. Bisagno has spoken at the Southern Baptist Convention, the World Congress on Evangelism, and every major state convention and state evangelism conference. He has lectured at every Southern Baptist seminary and conducted 37 overseas evangelistic crusades. He currently teaches adjunctively for Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

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**Lecture One**

“*What’s Happened to Our Evangelistic Preaching?*”

John Bisagno  
Tuesday, September 25, 11:00 AM  
Leavell Chapel

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**Lecture Two**

“*What’s Happened to Our Burden for the Lost?*”

John Bisagno  
Wednesday, September 26, 11:00 AM  
in the Leavell Center for Evangelism and Church Health

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**Lecture Three**

“*What’s Happened to Our Personal and Public Gospel Invitations?*”

John Bisagno  
Thursday, September 27, 11:00 AM  
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