

## VITA

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### PERSONAL

Born: Huntsville, Alabama  
Parents: Jimmy D. (deceased) and Vicki. L. Dean  
Married: Emily White Dean  
Children: Lydia Grace Dean and James Robert Dean

### EDUCATION

Ph. D., New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, 2013  
Th.M., New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, 2010  
M.S., Mississippi College, 2020  
M.Div., New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, 2006  
B.A., Leavell College of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, 2003

### DISSERTATION

“An Investigation into the Relationship Between Arthur Flake’s Formula for Sunday School Enlargement Efficiency and Sunday School Growth Among Selected Churches.”

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, 2010  
Adjunct Faculty, Leavell College, 2010-12  
Instructor in Christian Education, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, 2012-2013  
Assistant Professor of Christian Education, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, 2013-2018  
Associate Professor of Christian Education, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, 2018-present  
Tenure granted beginning fall 2018.

### HIGHER EDUCATION ADMINISTRATION EXPERIENCE

Faculty Coordinator/Supervisor for Media Services at Leavell College & NOBTS 2014-present  
Director for Christian Education Mentoring Program at NOBTS 2014-present  
Regional Associate Dean for LA/MS Extension Centers at Leavell College & NOBTS 2016-present  
Senior Regional Associate Dean for Extension Centers at Leavell College & NOBTS 2017-present  
Director for the Center of Discipleship and Ministry Leadership at NOBTS 2018-present  
Director for Prison Programs at Leavell College & NOBTS 2020 present

### MINISTERIAL EXPERIENCE

License: 7 March, 1999, First Baptist Church, Vinemont, Alabama  
Ordination: 23 July, 2006, First Baptist Church, Rainsville, Alabama  
Director for Children and Youth, First Baptist Church, Vinemont, Alabama, 1999  
Director of Children’s Ministries, New Georgia Baptist Church, Villa Rica, Georgia, 2000  
Ministry Partner, Scott Dawson Evangelistic Association, Birmingham, Alabama, 2001  
Minister to Children and Youth, Jerusalem Baptist Church, Hammond, Louisiana, 2003-04  
Minister of Education and Students, First Baptist Church, Rainsville, Alabama, 2006-09  
Minister to Students, First Baptist Church, McComb, Mississippi, 2009-12  
Interim Senior Associate Pastor, First Baptist Church Gulfport, Mississippi, 2013-2014

Capital Campaign Consultant, First Baptist Church Gulfport, Mississippi, 2017-2018  
Consultant, First Baptist Church Picayune, Mississippi, 2019  
Interim Senior Associate Pastor, First Baptist Church Picayune, Mississippi, 2020-present

## OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### *ASSOCIATION AND DENOMINATION: YOUTH AND CAMPUS MINISTRY*

Youth Ministry Coordinator for East Cullman Baptist Association, 1999  
Associate Campus Minister, Wallace State Community College, Fall 1998-99  
Offices of Development and Communications at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, 2005  
Media Director at First Baptist New Orleans, 2005 *Spring through Katrina*  
Youth Ministry Coordinator, Dekalb Baptist Association, 2007-09  
Association VBS training staff, Dekalb Baptist Association, 2007-09  
Campus Minister, Northeast Community College, 2008-09  
Youth Ministry Coordinator, Pike Baptist Association, 2010-12

## PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

Member, Baptist Association of Christian Educators, 2012-present  
Chairman of the Board, 2020-21  
Member, North American Association of Christian Education, 2012-present  
Member, Mississippi Baptist Christian Educators Fellowship, 2014-present  
Alabama Baptist Religious Educators Association, 2007-09

## PUBLICATIONS

Dean, Jody with Allen Jackson. *Protect: A Youth Workers Guide to Navigating Risk*. Birmingham, AL. YM360, 2019.

Dean, Jody and Hal Stewart, eds. *Together We Equip: Integrating Discipleship and Ministry Leadership for Holistic Spiritual Formation*. Bloomington, IN. Westbow Press, 2018.

Dean, Jody. *D6 Family Ministry Journal* Vol.3. "Fatherless." Nashville, TN. Randall House, 2018.

Chapter Contributor: "Church Administration" for *Small Church, Excellent Ministry*. Eugene: OR. Wipf and Stock, 2017

*Mentoring: Good Enough for Jesus, Good Enough for Us*, Part 7 in a series for Pastors.com, Winter 2014.

Contributing writer for Lifeway Curriculums: 2015 to the present.

## COURSES TAUGHT

### Undergraduate Courses

CEUS1101 Introduction to Christian Education  
THUS1110 Baptist Doctrine  
PMUS1159 Discipling Church Members  
BIUS1110 Introduction to Old Testament Study  
CMCM3374-01 SPECIAL EVENT: CATALYST

### Graduate Masters Courses

DISC5260 Discipleship Strategies  
DISC5170 Spiritual Formation 1  
DISC5171 Spiritual Formation 2  
CEAD6250 Adult Ministry in Theory and Practice  
CEAD6370 Strategic Church Development through Sunday School  
CEAD6356 Leading in Adult Ministry  
CEAL6392 Work of the Minister of Education

CEAM6308 Risk Management in Christian Ministry  
CEAM6314 Leading Team Based Ministry  
CEAM6317 Church Business Administration  
CEAM6320 Church Leadership and Administration  
CEEF6310 Teaching the Bible

Graduate Masters Courses Developed for Online Learning

CEAD6355 Family Life Education  
CEAD6356 Leading in Adult Ministry  
CEAM6308 Risk Management in Christian Ministry  
CEAM6320 Church Leadership and Administration  
DISC5371 Disciple Making through Small Group Ministry

Graduate Doctoral Courses

CESE8301 Transitioning to a Vision Driven Church  
CEAM8303 Building and Managing and Effective Organization  
CEAM8306 Risk Management and Church Policy  
CEAL9400 Higher Education Leadership  
CEAM9401 Strategic Leadership in Christian Education  
CEAM9402 Principles of Administration  
CEAM9403 Building and Managing an Effective Organization  
CEAM9404 Issues in Risk Management

## CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

*A selection of some presentations and conferences while on faculty.*

Lamar Baptist Association Pastors Conference “Church Administration”

Ridgecrest on the River Conference Leader with Louisiana Baptist Convention

*Session 1: Using Social Media in Reaching Adults*

*Session 2: Making Disciples through Adult Sunday School*

*Session 3: How to Diversify Sunday School and Small Group for Intergenerational Ministry*

Ridgecrest in CENLA Conference Leader

*Session 1: Using Social Media in Reaching Adults*

*Session 2: Making Disciples through Adult Sunday School*

*Session 3: How to Diversify Sunday School and Small Group for Intergenerational Ministry*

Total Church Life Conference Leader

*Session 1: Social Media and Teaching among Adolescents*

*Session 2: Teaching Creatively to Reach All (Adolescents)*

Collegiate Week 2014-2018

*Sessions: Mentoring, CRAM/Time Management, Fatherless*

Xcelerate Conference Fall 2015

*Session: Mentoring to Make Disciples*

BETA Conference with LifeWay 2015, Ministry Facilitator

Baptist Association of Christian Educators 2017, Presenter

Senior Fest 2017, Presenter

Baptist Association of Christian Educators 2019, Presenter

Senior Fest 2019, Presenter

*Also conducted consultations and training events in churches 2012-present on topics related to my research focus areas and ministry experience.*

## RESEARCH FOCUS

Risk Management

Church Administration

Leading and Organizing age-group ministry for Discipleship in the local church