

Michael H. Edens

Curriculum Vitae

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Son of W. E. and Tawanda J. W. Edens of Ore City, TX (both deceased)

Husband of Madelyn Gale Verbois Edens of Baton Rouge, LA

Father of Angela M. Edens of NYC, NY and Vicki L. Payne of Tampa, FL

Experience

2020-present	Interim Pastor	First Baptist Church, Wiggins, MS
2015 – 2016	Interim Pastor	First Baptist Church, Folsom, LA
2014 – 2015	Interim Pastor	First Baptist Church, Wiggins, MS
2013 – 2014	Interim Pastor	Hebron Baptist Church, Bush, LA
2009 – 2012	Interim Pastor	Hillcrest Baptist Church, Franklinton, LA
2007 – 2009	Interim Pastor	Old Zion Hill Baptist Church, Tickfaw, LA
2018-present	Distinguished Professor of Theology and Missions	NOBTS
2015—2018	Dean of Graduate Studies	New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary
2007 – 2018	Professor	New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary
2007 – Present	Emeritus (retired) Missionary	International Mission Board, SBC
1981 – 2007	Missionary	International Mission Board, Southern Baptist Convention
1997 – 2007	Strategy Associate – Middle East and Arabian Peninsula	
2004 – 2007	Iraqi Strategist	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Team and Support Leader to a team of up to 25 multi-national staff members• Iraqi Director for a Human Needs NGO, based in Bagdad
2002 – 2003	Director, Overseas Relations Office of Mobilization, IMB	Richmond, VA
1981 – 1997	Discipleship and Leadership Development within Christian community, in Cairo, Egypt	
1993 – 1996	Leadership Development for Arabic-speaking workers across North Africa & Middle East	
1989 – 1990	Facilitated development of outreach and training video series “Christian Apologetic towards Islam,” worked with indigenous and Great Commission Christian team	
1986 – 1991	Mentor for a web of Egyptian house group networks across Cairo, Egypt and Suez Canal cities	
1973 – 1980	Pastor	New Hope Baptist Church, Independence, LA
1970 – 1973	Pastor	Tabernacle Baptist Church, Elkhart, TX
1966 – 1969	Military	United States Navy

Education

1993	Doctor of Philosophy Historical/Theological Studies, Christian Apologetics (Sub area: towards Islam) Dissertation: "An Evangelical Christian Response to Concepts of Humanity Found in Selected Islamic Writings"	New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary
1981 – 1982	Advanced Studies Arabic Language & Culture	American University, Cairo
1976	Masters of Divinity	New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary
1973	Bachelor of Arts	East Texas Baptist University

Teaching and Training Experience

Extended Teaching and Training

2007 – Present	Seminars and classes in Theology and Islamic studies	New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary
2007	Seminar in Impact University	First Baptist Church, Covington, LA
2004 – 2007	Mentor to a multi-national team in restricted Arab Muslim country on outreach and church planting	
2004	Starting & Multiplying Churches – DMin Seminar for Korean Students J Term	Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
1997 – 2000	Strategy Associate, Northern Africa & Middle East <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teaching in Strategy Leader Training and annual Strategy Leader Conferences • Guiding and Supervising Strategy Leaders to develop and implement strategies for the people groups throughout Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, Israel, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, U.A.E., Oman, Yemen. IMB team members numbered over 100. • Creating and Leading Team-Based Training sessions for teams in Chad; Paris, France; and Yemen 	IMB
1993 – 1996	Training tutors and translators for the International Institute of Biblical Studies – Middle East & North Africa Region	IMB
1994 – 1995	Coalition of Christian Colleges and Universities – Cairo Studies Program Islamic Worldview and Outreach to Muslims lectures	
1991 – 1992	Graduate and Teaching Assistant to Dr. Terry Young	NOBTS
1990 – 1991	Cairo Evangelism Project: bi-weekly teaching and mentoring of network leaders of house churches throughout Cairo	

1990	“A Christian Apologetic to Islam” designing and creating video teaching series	
1987	Theology; New Testament; & others	Arab Baptist Theological Seminary
1978 – 1980	Stress Management	Louisiana State Police Academy
1977 – 1978	Theology; Biblical Studies	Seminary Extension Center, Livingston, LA
1973	Evangelism; New Testament	Union Seminary, New Orleans, LA

Lecture and Conference Speaker

- 2016-2019: Facilitator for “Co-Starters,” a small business startup training sponsored by Launch NOLA, in New Orleans LA
- August 2016: Breakout speaker on Muslim Evangelism Tools in *Reaching the Nations coming to North America* Conference Brentwood BC, Brentwood, TN
- July 2016: Teacher “Cross Cultural Church Planting” as Guest Instructor, Odessa Theological Seminary, Odessa, Ukraine
- April 2016: Spoke about tools for Muslim evangelism, at the Greater Huntington Baptist Association, Huntington, VA
- February 2016: “Muslims Need Jesus,” Guest speaker for the Crescent City Church Planting Among Muslims Conference
- January – March 2016: Facilitator for “Co-Starters,” a small business startup training sponsored by Launch NOLA, in New Orleans LA
- September – November 2015: Facilitator for “Co-Starters,” a small business startup training sponsored by Launch NOLA, in New Orleans LA
- June 2015: Teacher “Church Planting in Muslim Context” as Guest Instructor, Odessa Theological Seminary, Odessa, Ukraine
- April 2015: Guest Teacher, “Four Critical Islamic Issues for the Church” at Jacob’s Well Baptist Church, Pass Christian, MS
- February 2015: Guest Speaker at Crescent City Conference on Church Planting Among Muslims in New Orleans and North America
- October – November 2014: teaching Islamic Revival Movements at Jefferson Baptist Church, Baton Rouge, LA
- November – December 2013: teaching The Bible and Doctrine at Jefferson Baptist Church, Baton Rouge, LA
- July 2013: teaching “Is Allah the God of the Bible?” and “What Does Islam Say About Jesus, the Cross, and the Gospel?” as Guest Lecturer at St. Andrew Baptist Church, Panama City, FL
- June 2013: teaching “The Principles of Cultural Adaptation” and “Church Planting in Muslim Context” as Guest Instructor, Odessa Theological Seminary, Odessa, Ukraine

- October – November 2012: teaching Middle Eastern Peoples and Bible End Times at Jefferson Baptist Church, Baton Rouge, LA
- October – December 2011: teaching Systematic Theology at Jefferson Baptist Church, Baton Rouge, LA
- September 2011: teaching at Manado Seminary in Manado, Indonesia
- October – December 2010: teaching Introduction to Biblical Studies at Jefferson Baptist Church, Baton Rouge, LA
- 2007: “Abraham: A Man of Faith Dealing with Conflict” in Fellowship of Abraham, sponsored by Interfaith Communications of New Orleans
- 2007: “Islamic Apologetics” podcast for NAMB Apologetics
- 2004 – 2007: Leadership and Business Practice two-week seminars with Iraqi Government Ministries and Private Business Employees
- 2004 – 2006: Mentor to a Multi-National Multi-Agency Team in Southwest Asia on Muslim outreach and church planting
- January 2004: Starting and Multiplying Churches, DMin Seminar for Korean Students in the J Term at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
- 2003: lecture on Mobilizing the Church, at “Jesus for Muslims” annual conference
- 2003: “Mobilizing to Start Muslim Background Believer (MBB) Churches”, at the NAMB Ethnic Church Planters Conference at Biola University
- 2003: Arab Muslim Worldview lecture given at Save the Children Global Office
- 2002: “Leading in Changing Times,” a series of lectures for Vice Ministers of the Interim Afghan Government as part of the Memphis Afghan Summit
- 1986 – 2007: Various lectures and seminars in multiple universities
- 1997 – 2004: Islamic Worldview and Outreach lectures in various churches