

# ADAM L. HUGHES

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First Baptist Church, Bolivar, MO

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## PERSONAL INFORMATION

Birthday

4.14.79

Family

Married to former Holly DeBusk of Pine Bluff, AR. Holly is a graduate of Ouachita Baptist University. She currently is a first-grade teacher in the Bolivar School District, serves in the Children's Ministry of our church, and has a passion for the discipleship of teenage girls.

Holly and Adam have four children: Ashlyn, Kenlee, Alex, and Kate.

Ordained

South Side Baptist Church of Pine Bluff, AR 1998

## EDUCATION

Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary 2013

Ph.D., School of Theology (Major: Expository Preaching; Minor: New Testament)

Dissertation "An Intentional Philosophy of Preaching: An Examination of the Relationship between William Perkins's Homiletic Method and Doctrine of Revelation"

Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary 2006

Master of Divinity with Biblical Languages

University of Arkansas at Little Rock 2001

Bachelor of Arts, Speech Communication

## TEACHING AND ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Associate Professor of Expository Preaching (Ministry-Based)

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary

June 2022-Present

Member, Board of Trustees

Southwest Baptist University

Elected to a One-Year Term, October 2024

Member, President's Community Connections Council

Southwest Baptist University

Spring 2024-Present

Associate Dean, Division of Church Ministry  
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary  
August 2020-June 2022

Director, Adrian Rogers Center for Expository Preaching  
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary  
September 2017-June 2022

Director, Mentoring Programs in Pastoral Ministries  
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary  
July 2016-June 2022

Assistant Professor of Expository Preaching  
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary  
July 2016- April 2022  
Granted Tenure and Rank Promotion to Associate Professor in April 2022  
Occupied the J. D. Grey Chair of Preaching for the 2021-22 Academic Year

Dean of the Chapel  
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary  
July 2016-August 2020

Interim and Acting Division Chairman, Pastoral Ministries Division  
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary  
January 2019-July 2019

Co-Author, Kern Foundation Grant  
A Proposal for a half a million dollar grant to allow 18 to 21 year old students complete a  
B.A. and MDiv in 5 years in preparation for pastoral ministry in the United States.  
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary  
November 2018

Visiting Professor, "A Theology of Expository Preaching,"  
Logos College of Theology  
Trivandrum, Kerala, India  
June 2018

Adjunct Professor, Expository Preaching and Biblical Hermeneutics  
Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Little Rock Extension Center  
Various Semesters from the 2008/09 to the 2011/12 Academic Years

Recruiter and Admissions Consultant, Office of Admissions  
Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary  
Spring 2007-Spring 2009

## **COURSES TAUGHT**

### Undergraduate Courses

- Introduction to Preaching
- Preaching Lab
- Preaching from Psalms

### Graduate Masters Courses

- Introduction to Expository Preaching
- Advanced Expository Preaching
- Proclaiming the Bible
- Preaching Practicum
- Contemporary Bible Exposition
- Preaching from the Epistles
- Preaching Poetic and Wisdom Literature
- Preaching from the Prophets
- Pulpit Apologetics
- Baptist College Partnership (BCP) Preaching Seminar
- Biblical Hermeneutics
- Church Leadership and Administration
- Worship Leadership
- Supervised Ministry 2
- Mentoring in Gospel Ministry
- Interpersonal Relationship Skills
- Spiritual Formations 1

### Graduate Doctoral Courses

- Apologetic Preaching
- Expository Preaching from the OT (Genesis 1-11)
- Contemporary Issues in Biblical Exposition (Reading Colloquium)
- Homiletical Developments (Reading Colloquium)
- Elements of Style in Contemporary Bible Exposition
- Patristic and Reformation Preaching

## **CHURCH MINISTRY**

Senior Pastor, First Baptist Church, Bolivar, MO, July 2022-Present

Pastor of leading partner church with Southwest Baptist University. Helped reestablished relationship with current President and Administration for the purpose engaging and building the local community and integrating students into the local church for discipleship and ministry. Church has experienced significant growth (58 percent) mainly among young families and college students in my tenure.

Interim Pastor, First Baptist Church, Mandeville, LA, January 2022-June 2022

Interim Pastor, Spring Creek Baptist Church, Kentwood, LA, June 2020-June 2021

Interim and Bi-vocational Pastor, Red Bluff Baptist Church, Folsom, LA, December 2017-March 2020

Senior Pastor, First Baptist Church West Albuquerque, Albuquerque, NM 2013-2016

Senior Pastor, West Baptist Church, Batesville, AR 2011-2013

Senior Pastor, RidgeCrest Baptist Church, Abilene, TX 2009-2011

Was the lead planter of this new church plant. Casted the vision of a comprehensive evangelism strategy for the newly developing southwest portion of the city, organized, trained leaders, and launched ministries as an outgrowth of that vision, involved weekly in personal evangelism and discipleship, etc.

Senior Pastor, First Baptist Church, Chico, TX 2005-2008

Senior Pastor, Rock Creek Road Baptist Church, Mineral Wells, TX 2004-2005

Served as the bi-vocational pastor of the church

Senior Pastor, Greenlee Baptist Church, Pine Bluff, AR 2000-2003

### **MISSION TRIPS AND OTHER MINISTRY**

Led First Baptist Church, Bolivar, MO to establish a partnership with Muslim Unreached People Group in South Asia, January 2024-Present

Mission Trip, San Salvador, El Salvador, June 2024

Multiple Teaching, Preaching, and Evangelism Trips to South Asia, June 2018-Present

Mission and Vision Trip, Chinandega, Nicaragua, September 2012

Summer Worship Speaker and Project Coordinator, World Changers (NAMB), in Arkansas, Mississippi, and Texas 2002-2008

Vision Trip, Seattle, WA, Spring 2003

Mission Trip, Seattle, WA, Summer 2002

### **PREACHING ENGAGEMENTS, CONFERENCES, CHAPELS, AND SPECIAL ENGAGEMENTS**

- Southwest Baptist University Chapel, Bolivar, MO, November 6, 2024
- Panel Member, Question and Answer Session for Parents of Prospective Students at “Bearcat Days”, Southwest Baptist University, Bolivar, MO, October 26, 2024
- Co-Host with Charlie Ray III, *Pastor to Pastor* Podcast at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, LA, Fall 2020-Spring 2022
- Southwest Baptist University Chapel, Bolivar, MO, Fall 2021
- Breakout Session Leader, “Great Commission Proclamation: How Matthew 28 Should Influence Preaching,” E4 Preaching Conference. First Baptist Church Pineville. Pineville, LA, September 8, 2020

- Guest, *Conversations that Matter* with Byron Tyler and Cary Vaughn, Love Worth Finding, Memphis, TN, August 4, 2020
- Breakout Session Leader, “The Role of the Audience in Apologetic Preaching,” Defend the Faith, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, LA, January 6-10, 2020
- Breakout Session Leader, “The Role of the Text in Apologetic Preaching,” Defend the Faith, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, LA, January 6-10, 2020
- Bible Study Leader, Israel Pilgrimage. For First Baptist Church, Millington, TN. December 27, 2019-January 4, 2020.
- Breakout Session Leader, “The Soul of the Evangelistic Expository Sermon: Integrating Evangelism and Exposition in Your Preaching,” E4 Preaching Conference. First Baptist Church Pineville, LA, September 24, 2019
- Guest, “How Adrian Rogers Led,” *Answering the Call* Podcast at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, LA, May 2, 2019
- Breakout Session Leader, “Being a Generation that Influences Generations,” Senior Fest. New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. New Orleans, LA, April 5, 2019
- Plenary Session Speaker, “The Life, Ministry, and Preaching of William Perkins,” Mardi Gras Outreach. Declaring the Truth Ministries. New Orleans, LA, March 4-5, 2019
- Trinity Baptist College Chapel, Jacksonville, Fl., February 22, 2019
- Breakout Session Leader, “Spiritual Warfare and Your Family,” Winning Spiritual Warfare Men’s Conference. First Baptist Church Mandeville. Mandeville, LA, February 8–9, 2019
- Guest, “*Preaching Magazine* Interview” with Michael Duduit, Evangelical Homiletics Society at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, LA, October, 2018
- Annual Sermons, Clear Creek Baptist Association Annual Meeting. Mulberry First Baptist Church. Mulberry, AR, October 16, 2018
- Speaker, “Preaching Biblical Narratives.” Preaching Pre-Conference, Clear Creek Baptist Association. Mulberry First Baptist Church. Mulberry, AR, October 16, 2018
- Speaker, “How to Go from Text to Sermon.” Preaching Pre-Conference, Clear Creek Baptist Association. Mulberry First Baptist Church. Mulberry, AR, October 15, 2018
- Speaker, *Foundations*. Fall Youth Retreat, First Baptist Covington. Amite, LA, October 5-6, 2018
- Main Session Leader, “Self-Serve: Discovering, Understanding, and Applying God’s Word for Yourself.” *Foundations*. Fall Youth Retreat, First Baptist Covington. Amite, LA, October 5-6, 2018
- Breakout Session Leader, “How to Get the Text Right in Your Preaching,” E4 Preaching Conference. First Baptist Church Pineville. Pineville, LA, September 11, 2018
- Breakout Session Leader, “Being a Man That Leaves a Spiritual Legacy at Home,” Charge Men’s Conference. First Baptist Church Mandeville. Mandeville, LA, April 27–28, 2018
- Speaker, Joint DNOW Weekend: First Baptist Folsom. Folsom, LA, February 16-17, 2018

- Co-Host, “Empowering the Pulpit: Engaging the Culture” Preaching Conference: New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, LA, January 29–31, 2018
- Breakout Session Leader, “The Role of The Text in Doctrinal Preaching,” “Empowering the Pulpit: Engaging the Culture” Preaching Conference: New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, LA, January 29–31, 2018
- Breakout Session Leader, “The Role of The Text in Apologetic Preaching,” Defend the Faith, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, LA, January 8–12, 2018
- Breakout Session Leader, “The Role of Audience Analysis in Apologetic Preaching,” Defend the Faith, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, LA, January 8–12, 2018
- Instructor, Preview Weekend Class, “Text-Driven Preaching,” New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, LA, October 26–27, 2017
- Guest Panelist, Community Outreach Event, First Baptist Church, Picayune, MS, July 25, 2017
- Instructor, Preview Weekend Class, “Text-Driven Preaching,” New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, LA, March 23–25, 2017
- Guest, “Preaching Interview: Adam Hughes,” *Preaching Source* Podcast, School of Preaching at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, TX, February 14, 2017
- Breakout Session Leader, Southwestern SBC Pastors’ Conference Colloquium, Fort Worth, TX, February 6–7, 2017
- Instructor, Preview Weekend class, “Text-Driven Preaching,” New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, LA, October 27–28, 2016.
- Convention Sermon, Baptist Convention of New Mexico, Ruidoso, NM, October 2015
- Associational Sermon, Central Baptist Association, Albuquerque, NM, October 2014
- Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary Chapel, April 2014

### **ELECTED AND APPOINTED POSITIONS**

- Member, Research Doctorate Admission Committee, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, Fall 2017-June 2022
- Member, Graduate Dean’s Council, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, Fall 2020-June 2022
- Member, Curriculum Committee, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, Fall 2020-June 2022
- Member, Academic Oversight Committee, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, Fall 2020-June 2022
- Member, MDiv Revision Taskforce, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, 2020-2021
- Co-Chair, Chapel and Lecture Committee, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, Fall 2016–July 2020
- Member, Committee for the Research Doctorate Degrees, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, 2017/18-2019/20 Academic Year
- Chairman, Resolutions Committee of the Baptist Convention of New Mexico, 2014
- Discipleship and Family Ministries Director, Harmony Baptist Association, Pine Bluff, AR, 2003

## HONORS AND AWARDS

### Seminary

- C. W. Brister Pastoral Ministry Award for outstanding academic achievement, 2006
- LifeWay Pastoral Leadership Award, 2006

### College

- Magna Cum Laude graduate
- Graduation Ceremony Student Marshall, chosen by Speech Communication Faculty
- Member of Lambda Pi Eta, Speech National Honor Society
- Member of Phi Kappa Phi, National Honor Society

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Evangelical Theological Society

Evangelical Homiletics Society

## PUBLICATIONS

“Expository Preaching with Biblical Contexts on the Horizon: Hebrews as a Sermonic Model, In *Southeastern Theological Review* 13, no. 2. (Fall 2022): 45–64. Available online at [https://www.sebts.edu/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/STR-Issue-13.2.4-Hughes\\_Ben-Merkle.pdf](https://www.sebts.edu/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/STR-Issue-13.2.4-Hughes_Ben-Merkle.pdf).

*Together We Lead: Integrating Church Leadership and Administration for Ministry Success*. Co-Author with Jody Dean. Birmingham, AL: New Hope Publishers, 2021.

“Preaching Helps with Ephesians: Themes of Ephesians.” *Preaching Source Blog*, March 6, 2020. <http://preachingsource.com/blog/the-themes-of-ephesians/>

“The Soul of the Evangelistic Expository Sermon: From Broadus and Criswell to Rogers and Kelley.” In *Engage: Tools for Contemporary Evangelism*. Edited by Wm. Craig Price. Birmingham, AL: NOBTS Press, 2019.

“My Top 3 Tips for Preaching Old Testament Prophecy.” *Geaux Therefore Blog*, April 22, 2019. <https://www.nobts.edu/geauxtherefore/articles/2019/Top-3-Tips-Preaching-Old-Testament-Prophecy.html>.

“The Role of Academic Theology in the Life of the Pastor.” *Preaching Source Blog*, March 15, 2019. <http://preachingsource.com/blog/the-role-of-academic-theology-in-the-life-of-the-pastor/>.

Book Review. Ronnie W. Rogers, *The Vulgarization of Christ’s Church: Combating Progressivism’s Damning Influence upon Christian Thinking and Preaching*, In *Journal for Baptist Theology and Ministry* 15, no. 1. (2018): 157–59. Available online at [http://baptistcenter.net/journals/JBTM\\_15-1\\_Spring\\_2018.pdf](http://baptistcenter.net/journals/JBTM_15-1_Spring_2018.pdf).

“Integrating Discipleship and Ministry Leadership in Your Preaching.” In *Together We Equip: Integrating Discipleship and Ministry Leadership for Holistic Spiritual Formation*, 77–91. Edited by Jody Dean and Hal Stewart. Bloomington: Westbow Press, 2018.

“Leadership in the Small Church.” In *Small Church, Excellent Ministry: A Guidebook for Pastors*, 83–97. Edited by Jeffrey Farmer. Eugene: Wipf and Stock, 2017.

“Great Commission Preaching: How Matthew 28 Should Influence Preaching.” *Theological Matters Blog*, August 1, 2017. <https://theologicalmatters.com/2017/08/01/great-commission-preaching-how-matthew-28-should-influence-preaching/>

“Preaching Christ: What Jesus Said about the Kingdom of God.” *Preaching Source Blog*, February 17, 2017. <http://preachingsource.com/blog/preaching-christ-the-kingdom-of-god/>.

Dissertation Abstract. “An Intentional Philosophy of Preaching: An Examination of the Relationship between William Perkins’s Homiletic Method and Doctrine of Revelation.” *Southwestern Journal of Theology*, vol. 56.2 (Spring 2014), 304.

“An Intentional Philosophy of Preaching: An Examination of the Relationship between William Perkins’s Homiletic Method and Doctrine of Revelation.” Ph.D. diss., Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, 2013.

Book Review. Michael Pasquarello III, *Christian Preaching: A Trinitarian Theology of Proclamation* (Grand Rapids: Baker Academics, 2006), In *Southwestern Journal of Theology*, vol. 50.1 (Fall 2007), 123–24.

## **RESEARCH INTEREST**

- Leadership and Pastoral Leadership in Smaller Membership Churches
- Text-Driven Preaching
- History of Preaching
- Theology/Philosophy of Preaching
- The Integration of Expository and Evangelistic Preaching
- Pauline Interpretation