

Arthur Gene (Bo) Rice, Ph.D.

Education

- New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, LA* 2012
- Doctor of Philosophy in Preaching with Minor in Evangelism
 - Dissertation: *A Critical Examination of Charles Haddon Spurgeon's Theory and Practice of Sermon Illustrations*
 - GPA 4.0
- New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, LA* 2008
- Masters of Theology
 - GPA 4.0
- New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, LA* 2005
- Masters of Divinity with Specialization in Expository Preaching
 - GPA 4.0
- Auburn University, Auburn, AL* 2001
- Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy

Administrative Experience

- Dean of Graduate Studies, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary* August 2018 – June 2024
- Serve on the President's Cabinet
 - Hire and conduct evaluations of faculty
 - Oversee/manage the budget for the Graduate Program
 - Lead the Graduate Dean's Council
 - Lead the graduate faculty to work together to improve curriculum and implement new initiatives
 - Oversee the schedule for all graduate courses
 - Oversee the Entrust Mentoring Program
 - Selected to serve on the Presidential Search Committee for NOBTS
 - Develop ongoing partnerships with Schools of Ministry and the North American Mission Board
- Associate Dean of Supervised Ministry and Mentoring Programs, NOBTS* January 2015 – July 2018
- Oversee the Entrust Mentoring Program of NOBTS
 - Serve on the Graduate Dean's Council and the Academic Leadership/Curriculum Committee
 - Curriculum Coordinator and Advisor to the M.Div. Mentoring Specialization

Teaching Experience

- Ministry-based Associate Professor, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary* June 2024 – Present
- Teach in the areas of preaching, evangelism, mentoring, church revitalization, pastoral ministry
- Associate Professor, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary* August 2019 – June 2024
- Teach in the areas of preaching, evangelism, mentoring, church revitalization, pastoral ministry
 - Professional Doctoral Committee Member and Faculty Chair
 - Research Doctoral Committee Member and Faculty Chair

Assistant Professor, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary January 2015 – July 2019

- Teach in the areas of preaching, evangelism, mentoring, church revitalization, pastoral ministry
- Professional Doctoral Committee Member and Faculty Chair
- Research Doctoral Committee Member and Faculty Chair

Adjunct Professor, University of Mobile, Mobile, AL August 2013 – May 2014

- Teach The Mission and Message of Jesus—a thorough study of the Gospels

Publications and Forthcoming Works

Book Chapters

- “John Piper, Desiring God, and the Young-Restless-and-Reformed” in *History of Evangelism in North America*. Kregel 2021
- “Leading People to Jesus” in *Engage: Tools for Contemporary Evangelism*. Iron Stream Media 2019
- “Sermon Preparation in the Small Church” in *Small Church, Excellent Ministry: A Guidebook for Pastors*. Wipf & Stock Publishers 2017

Journal Articles

- “The ‘Bible Evangelism’ of William Wistar Hamilton” in *Journal for Baptist Theology & Ministry* (vol. 14.2), 3-10. Fall 2017
- Book Review. “A Vision for Preaching: Understanding the Heart of Pastoral Ministry,” by Abraham Kuruvilla. In *Journal for Baptist Theology & Ministry* (vol. 14.1), 131-33. Spring 2017

Conference Presentations

- NAMB Plenary Speaker. “Nehemiah: A Study of Leadership for Chaplaincy.” 2017
SBC Chaplain Professional Development Training for NAMB. Santa Ana, CA, February 20-22; Louisville, KY, April 24-26; Dallas, TX, Sept. 11-13; Germany, October 7-13.
- LifeWay National Collegiate Week. “Where there is God’s Will, There is My Way!” 2017
Mega-Breakout. “Who? Me?...A Priest? (How to Preach/Teach/Share the Bible).”
Breakout. “Mentoring to be a Man of God.” Breakout. Collegiate Week. Glorietta. August 5-9.
- “Reaching Your Campus for Christ.” University of West Florida BCM, Pensacola, FL, Sept.30 2016

Academic Affiliations

Evangelical Homiletics Society
Evangelical Theological Society
Southern Baptist Professors of Evangelism Fellowship

Vocational Ministry Experience

First Baptist Church, Brandon, MS Feb 2024-Present

- Senior Pastor/Elder
- Implementation of God’s Vision for the Church
- Pastoral Duties (counseling, visitation, administration, etc.)
- Offered guidance to Deacon Body
- Oversight of staff

Interim and Supply Ministry

- Interim at Bedico Baptist Church, Ponchatoula, LA Sep, 2023-Jan, 2024
- Interim at Union Baptist Church, Picayune, MS Apr, 2022-Feb, 2023
- Interim at First Baptist Pearl River, LA Mar, 2021-Oct, 2021

- Co-Interim at First Baptist Church of New Orleans, LA Nov 2019-Dec2020
- Interim at First Baptist Church of Picayune, MS July 2018-Sep 2019
- Interim at Parkview Baptist Church, Metairie, LA Feb-Sept 2017
- Interim at Westside Baptist Church, Ponchatoula, LA Aug 2015-June 2016
- Supply/Interim Preacher at First Baptist Church, Brandon, FL Nov-Dec 2015
- Frequent Supply Preaching

First Baptist Church, Loxley, AL Nov 2007-Dec 2014

- Senior Pastor
- Implementation of God's Vision for the Church
- Pastoral Duties (counseling, visitation, administration, etc.)
- Offered guidance to Deacon Body
- Oversight of staff and committees of the Church
- Officiated weddings and funerals
- Offered guidance and direction to FBC Loxley Childcare director and committee
- Active in Baldwin Baptist Association
- Planning and leading of mission trips to Haiti, Guatemala, and Honduras
- Pastoral oversight and counseling for the church's food pantry

Baldwin County Sheriff's Office, Baldwin County, AL Mar 2012-Dec 2014

- Chaplain
- Certified Chaplain for International Police & Fire Chaplain Association
- Completed training for Chaplain I and Critical Incident Stress Management and Debriefing (CISM)
- Completed training through Department of Defense (Navy) in Post-traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)
- Conducted CISM debriefings with deputies after in-the-line of duty death and injury of fellow deputies
- Participated in frequent ride-alongs with patrol squads
- Conducted private counseling sessions with deputies and employees of the department
- Wrote devotions for the department
- Supported and enhanced the spiritual well-being among the employees of the Baldwin County Sheriff's Office and the citizens of Baldwin County

First Baptist Church, Greensburg, LA Aug 2004-Nov 2007

- Senior Pastor
- Implementation of God's Vision for the Church
- Pastoral Duties (counseling, visitation, administration, etc.)
- Offered guidance to Deacon Body
- Launched Deacon Visitation Program
- Oversight of staff and committees of the Church
- Officiated weddings and funerals
- Organized a Disaster Relief team
- Vice-Moderator and Evangelism Committee of Two Rivers Association
- Planned and led mission trip to Guatemala
- Planned and preached Associational Senior Adult Revivals

Preaching and Teaching – various churches, schools, and retreats throughout Louisiana, Alabama, Mississippi, Florida, Georgia, and Tennessee 2000-Present