W. Mark Tolbert, D. Min

Education:

Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas 1991

- Doctor of Ministry in Preaching
- Doctoral Project: "Equipping Ministers in Extending Public Evangelistic Invitations"

Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas 1987

- Master of Divinity, Major: The Church and Proclamation

Georgia State University, Atlanta, Georgia 1973
Bachelor of Science, Major: Biology, Minor: Secondary Education

Administration:

Founding Director, The Caskey Center for Church Excellence, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary May, 2014-2022

- *Designed and Implemented Start up*
- *Hired and Supervises all staff*
- *Interviewed and Selected Scholarship Applicants*
- *Planed and Oversaw Annual Budget*
- *Planed and Promoted Annual Conferences*
- *Planed and Implemented Promotion and Recruiting Strategies*
- *Expanded from initial projection of 100 to 295 recipients annually*
- *Expanded from one state to six states for scholarships*

Director, Doctor of Ministry Program, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary January 2007 – May 2014

- *Oversaw over 500 Doctor of Ministry Students*
- *Designed and Implemented Korean Doctor of Ministry Program*
- *Recruited new Students*
- *Interviewed and Recommended Applicants for Admission*

NOBTS Faculty Churchman of the Year 2018
Service on Faculty Affairs Committee, Professional Doctoral Committee

Faculty:

Adjunct Faculty, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary 1999-2007
Taught in the Division of Pastoral Ministry

Associate Professor: New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary 2007-2010
Taught in the Division of Pastoral Ministry: Preaching, Pastoral Ministry, Evangelism, Masters and Doctoral Courses, Supervised Doctoral Students

Professor, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary 2010-present
Occupied the Caskey Chair of Church Excellence
Teaching in the areas of Preaching, Pastoral Ministry, Evangelism, supervising Doctoral students

Adjunct Faculty, Ouachita Baptist University, 2025
Teaching in the Pruett School of Christian Studies

Publications:

Book Chapters

- *"The Public Invitation and Altar Call" in Contending with Calvinism: A Biblical-Theological Critique, B & H Publishers Coming 2022*
- *"Invitations With Integrity" in Engage: Tools for Contemporary Evangelism, Iron Stream Media 2019*
- *"The Pastor's Family in the Small Church" in Small Church, Excellent Ministry, A Guidebook for Pastor's, Wipf & Stock Publishers 2017*
- "*Invitations with Integrity*," from *Mobilizing a Great Commission Church for Harvest*," ed. Thom Johnson, Eugene, OR: Wipf & Stock, Publishers 2013

Presentations:

- *James Berry Preaching Lectures*, Clear Creek Baptist Bible College, January 2023.
- *"Intentional Evangelism*", and "*Evangelism to College Students*" at Transformation: The Missouri Baptist Evangelism Conference, 2018
- "*The Monday Morning Prayer: A Strategy for Evangelism*", Southern Baptist Convention Pastor's Conference, Phoenix, AZ 2017
- "*Best Practices for Smaller Membership Churches*", Amplify:

Billy Graham Center for Evangelism, Wheaton, Illinois 2017

- "*Best Practices for Bi-Vocational Ministers*", Southern Baptist Conservatives of Virginia 2015
- Best Practices for Smaller membership and Bi-vocational Churches, Missouri Baptist Convention, 2019
- "*On-Line Doctor of Ministry*", Association of Doctor of Ministry Educators Annual Meeting 2012

Academic Affiliations

Evangelical Homiletics Society
Association of Southern Baptist Professors of Evangelism
Association of Doctor of Ministry Educators (Journal Editor)
Association of Theological Schools (Accreditation Team Member)

Vocational Ministry Experience:

Interim Pastor, Lake Ouachita Baptist Church, Mount Ida, AR 2025-present
Interim Pastor, Finch Baptist Church, Paragould, AR 2024-25
Interim Pastor, First Baptist Church, Crossett, 2023-24
Interim Pastor, First Baptist Church, Mena, Arkansas, 2023
Interim Pastor, Hebron Baptist Church, Denham Springs, LA 2021-2022
Interim Pastor, Zoar Baptist Church, Baton Rouge, LA 2019-2020
Interim Pastor, Woodland Park Baptist Church, Hammond, LA 2018-19
Interim Pastor, First Baptist Church, Lockport, LA 2016-17
Interim Pastor, First Southern Baptist Church, Pearlington, MS 2015-16
Interim Pastor, Calvary Baptist Church, Slidell, LA 2015
Pastor/Interim, Bedico Baptist Church, Ponchatoula, LA 2011-2014
Interim Pastor, Williams Blvd Baptist Church, Kenner, LA 2009-2010
Interim Pastor, First Baptist Harvester, Saint Charles, MO 2008-2009
Interim Pastor, First Baptist Church, Kenner, LA 2007-2008
Interim Pastor, West St. Charles Baptist Church, Boutte, LA 2007
Pastor, South Side Baptist Church, Pine Bluff, Arkansas 2003 - 2006
Pastor, Central Baptist Church, Decatur, Alabama 1996 - 2003
Pastor, Wynne Baptist Church, Wynne, Arkansas, 1991- 1996
Pastor, South Highland Baptist Church, Little Rock, AR 1987-1991
Pastor, First Baptist Church, Santo, Texas, 1985-1987
Pastor, First Baptist Church, Pocahontas, Arkansas, 1982-1985
Minister of Evangelism, Central Baptist Church, Jonesboro, AR, 1977-1982
Student Minister, Campus Crusade for Christ, 1973-1977

Denominational (SBC) Ministry Service:

Partner and Session Speaker, SBC Pastor's Conference, Phoenix, AZ, 2017, SBC Bivocational/Smaller membership Task Force, 2014-present, Vice-Chair, Trustee, SBC Annuity Board, 1994 – 1996; SBC Tellers Committee, 1991; SWBTS Alumni, AR State President, 1994, Arkansas Committee on Committees 1994-96, LBC Committee on Committees, 2016-2018