

William Andrew “Ted” Williams, PhD

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Education

Doctor of Philosophy (Major: Preaching; Minor: Old Testament) August 2011–May 2017

- Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
- Equal amount of coursework for Major and Minor
- Dissertation Title: “Preaching the Satire of a Rogue King: Genre-Sensitive Preaching and the Solomonic Narrative of 1 Kings 10:14–11:13.”

Master of Divinity May 2008–May 2011

- Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
- Completed 6 hours of Greek and 15 hours of Hebrew

Bachelor of Arts (Major: Psychology; Minor: Biblical Languages) August 2004–May 2008

- Louisiana College (Now Louisiana Christian University)
- Magna Cum Laude
- Completed 18 hours of Greek and 9 hours of Hebrew

Academic Experience

Assistant Professor of Expository Preaching August 2023–Present

- New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and Leavell College
- Occupying the JD Grey Chair of Preaching (2024–Present)
- Developed and taught coursework primarily in areas of preaching, pastoral ministry, and Old Testament studies at all levels and in all delivery formats.

Adjunct Professor August 2018–July 2023

- New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and Leavell College
- Developed and taught coursework primarily in areas of Old Testament studies and Biblical Interpretation for online, extension, and prison courses.

Teaching Assistant August 2015–December 2015

- Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
- Old Testament Survey under the direction of Eric A. Mitchell.

Teaching Assistant January 2014–May 2014

- Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
- Revival Practicum under the direction of Steven W. Smith.

Teaching Assistant August 2009–May 2010

- Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
- Hebrew I and Hebrew II under the direction of Eric A. Mitchell.

Graduate Assistant August 2008–March 2010

- Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
- Prepared manuscript for publication, researched materials, managed resources, and transcribed notes for David L. Allen.

Courses Taught or Assisted

<i>Church Level</i>	The Practice of Preaching (Mentoring)
Disciple Making	Psalms and the Wisdom of Ancient Israel (Classroom)
Evangelism	
Hermeneutics	<i>Graduate Level</i>
<i>Certificate Level</i>	Basic Old Testament I (Online)*
Introduction to the Old Testament: The Writings (Classroom)	Biblical Hebrew I (Classroom)*
Old Testament Survey (Classroom)	Biblical Hebrew II (Classroom)*
Preaching (Classroom)	Counseling in Ministry (Flex)
	Introduction to Biblical Hermeneutics (Classroom)
<i>Undergraduate Level</i>	Pastoral Ministry (Flex)
Christian Scriptures (Online/ Classroom)	Proclaiming the Bible (Online)
Critical Thinking (Classroom)	Preaching Epistles (Flex)
Five Books of Moses (Classroom)	Preaching Practicum (Online/ Mentoring)
Hermeneutics (Classroom)	Revival Evangelism Practicum (Classroom)*
Introduction to Apologetics (Classroom)	
Introduction to Preaching (Flex)	<i>Research Doctoral Level</i>
Israel and the Promised Land (Classroom)	Old Testament Exposition (Flex)
Israelite Prophecy (Classroom)	
New Testament Word Studies (Classroom)	*Indicates Teaching Assistant in the course
Old Testament Word Studies (Classroom)	

Presentations & Publications

Books

Preaching Christ from Isaiah. Foundations for Expository Sermons. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, forthcoming 2026–27.

Entries

“Agriculture.” In *The Lexham Theological Wordbook*. Edited by John D. Barry and Doug Mangum. Bellingham, WA: Lexham Press, 2014.

“Pride.” In *The Lexham Theological Wordbook*. Edited by John D. Barry and Doug Mangum. Bellingham, WA: Lexham Press, 2014.

Presentations

“Hebrew Satire: Literary Mirrors to Confront and Correct.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southwest Region of the Evangelical Theological Society. New Orleans, LA, 2 April 2022.

“Ministry Together.” Session co-led with DeeDee Williams at Collegiate Week. Falls Creek, OK, 7 August 2024.

“Practical Theology.” Session Moderated at the Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society. San Antonio, TX, 14 November 2023.

Reviews

- Byasse, John. *Psalms 101–150*. Brazos Theological Commentary on the Bible. *Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society* 62 (2019): 157–59.
- DeRouchie, Jason S. *Delighting in the Old Testament: Through Christ and for Christ*. *Bulletin for Biblical Research* (2025): forthcoming.
- Greidanus, Sidney. *Preaching Christ from Leviticus*. Foundations for Expository Sermons. *Bulletin for Biblical Research* 32 (2022): 202–03.
- Hamilton, Jr., James. *Psalms*. Evangelical Theological Commentary. 2 volumes. *Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society* 65 (2022): 360–62.
- Marlowe, W. Creighton and Charles H. Savelle, Jr. *Psalms: Volume 1: The Wisdom Psalms: A Commentary for Biblical Preaching and Teaching*. Kerux. *Bulletin for Biblical Research* (2024): forthcoming.
- Miles, Veronice. *Embodied Hope: A Homiletical Theology Reflection*. *Journal of the Evangelical Homiletics Society* 23 (2023): 140–41.
- Schreiner, David B. and Lee Compson. *1 & 2 Kings: A Commentary for Biblical Preaching and Teaching*. Kerux. *Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society* 66 (2023): 171–72.
- Vermeulen, Karolien & Elizabeth R. Hayes. *How We Read the Bible: A Guide to Scripture's Style & Meaning*. *Bulletin for Biblical Research* (2024): forthcoming.

Other Writing

- Aided in research and manuscript preparation for Allen, David L. *Hebrews*. New American Commentary, vol. 35. Nashville: B&H, 2010.

Academic Administration Experience

- Associate Dean of the Church Ministries Division* August 2024–Present
- New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary
 - Supervise all academic programs related to Chaplaincy, Christian Education, Christian Leadership, Church Administration, Church Music, Evangelism, Pastoral Ministries, Preaching, Missiology, and Social Work.
- Director of Mentoring Programs* May 2024–Present
- New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary
 - Oversee all aspects related Mentoring Programs.
- Associate Vice President of Auxiliary Services & Operations* February 2023–July 2024
- New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary
 - Oversaw all aspects related to Student Housing, Guest Housing, Cafeteria, Café, Post Office, and all Facilities and Maintenance.
 - Assisted in the execution of special projects.
- Assistant Director of Housing* March 2010–May 2013
- Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
 - Oversaw all aspects primarily related dormitory maintenance and assignment and code compliance between the school and the City of Fort Worth.

Resident Director *August 2006–May 2008*
- Louisiana College (Now Louisiana Christian University)
- Hired and oversaw Resident Assistants, provided biblical counsel to residents, and managed building maintenance.

Provisional Admissions Committee- Student Representative *August 2007–May 2008*
- Louisiana College (Now Louisiana Christian University)
- Reviewed all applicants seeking admission who did not meet standard admission criteria.

Student/ Church Liaison *January 2008–May 2008*
- Louisiana College (Now Louisiana Christian University)
- Scheduled dates for students and faculty to lead worship at area churches and connected students to area churches both in membership and also in service.

Resident Assistant *August 2005–May 2006*
- Louisiana College (Now Louisiana Christian University)
- Planned programs, administered school policy, and provided biblical counsel to 18 residents.

Union Board *August 2004–May 2005*
- Louisiana College (Now Louisiana Christian University)
- Planned, coordinated, and worked on campus events.

Ministry Experience

Itinerant Preacher *February 2023–Present, July 2003–May 2013*
- Churches in AR, CO, LA, OK, TX, and WV

Volunteer Teacher *February 2023–Present, August 2006–May 2011*
- Wrote, studied, and presented Sunday School material at FBC New Orleans (2023–Present).
- Prepared and presented evangelism training material at The Cross Baptist Church, Fort Worth, TX (2009–10) and Louisiana College (Now Louisiana Christian University) (2007–08).
- Wrote, studied, and presented leadership development material for Freshmen at Louisiana College (Now Louisiana Christian University) (2005–08).

Lead Pastor *January 2017–February 2023*
- Galilee Baptist Church, Zachary, LA
- Preached weekly expositional sermons through 21 books of the Bible in addition to portions of 16 others.
- Strengthened and developed intentional small group discipleship model.
- Facilitated the revision of existing Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, and Operating Manual as well as a more efficient and clear budgeting methodology.

Senior Pastor *May 2013–December 2016*
- Bluegrove Baptist Church, Henrietta, TX
- Preached weekly expositional sermons through 16 books of the Bible in addition to portions of 14 others.
- Led the church to write and adopt a Constitution, Bylaws, and Operating Budget for the first time in her 135-year history.

Missions Experience

Volunteer Chaplain- Lane Regional Medical Center *August 2021–February 2023*

- Led the hospital staff weekly in prayer while providing while also providing spiritual care.

Dominican Republic *September 2019–February 2023*

- Taught Old Testament Overview (2019) and Preaching (2022) for local pastors and church leaders through Advance International.
- Directed seminary certificate program for national pastors through Advance International (2021–2023).

Belarus *July 2017–February 2023*

- Assisted in Bible camp outreach alongside a local Belarusian church through Galilee Baptist Church (2017).
- Created long-term partnership with Gethsemane Baptist Church in Bialyničy, Belarus through Galilee Baptist Church (2017–2023).

Disaster Relief *August 2005–February 2023*

- Aided residents effect by natural disasters in physical recovery while also providing spiritual care and evangelistic outreach.

Faith Mission of Wichita Falls, TX *December 2014–November 2017*

- Ministered and cared for residents on special events through Bluegrove Baptist Church.

The Cross Church Plant of Fort Worth, TX *August 2008–March 2010*

- Provided assistance in set-up, outreach, and teaching in an effort to establish a local church in a new growing area.

Mexico *July 2006*

- Assisted a local missionary in having a Bible camp in a mountain village near Guadalajara through Toledo Bend Bible Baptist Church.

Church Membership & Denominational Service

Church Member *January 1993–Present*

- First Baptist New Orleans (2023–Present)
- Galilee Baptist Church, Zachary, LA (2017–23)
- Bluegrove Baptist Church, Bluegrove, TX (2013–17)
- Southcliff Baptist Church, Fort Worth, TX (2010–13)
- The Cross Church, Fort Worth, TX (2008–10)
- Riverview Baptist Church, Alexandria, LA (2005–08)
- Toledo Bend Bible Baptist Church, Anacoco, LA (1993–2005)

Louisiana Baptist Convention *April 2022–December 2023*

- Committee on Nominations (2022–2023)

William Wallace Baptist Association *April 2021–February 2023*

- Moderator (2021–23)
- Interim Vice Moderator (2021)

Baptist Collegiate Ministry Advisory Board *August 2016–February 2023*

- Louisiana State University and A&M College (2021–23)
- Southern University and A&M College (2018–23)

- Midwestern State University (2016–17)

Baptist Collegiate Ministry

June 2006–May 2008

- State Vice President- Louisiana (2007–08)
- State Board Representative- Louisiana (2006–07)

Ministry & Professional Credentials

MinistrySafe Sexual Abuse Awareness Training

June 2022, February 2019

Class B Commercial Driver's License

April 2018

- School Bus, Passenger, & Airbrake Endorsements

Ordination

April 2008

- Riverview Baptist Church, Alexandria, LA

Licensed

May 2004

- Toledo Bend Bible Baptist Church, Anacoco, LA

Professional Memberships

Evangelical Theological Society

2008–Present

Evangelical Homiletics Society

2014–Present

Institute for Biblical Research

2021–Present

Awards & Honors

Ola Farmer Lenaz Grant Recipient

2024

- New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary

Presidential Scholar

2008–2011

- Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary

Dean's List

2004–2008

- Louisiana College (Now Louisiana Christian University)

Zondervan Greek Award

2007

- Louisiana College (Now Louisiana Christian University)

Union Board Freshman of the Year

2005

- Louisiana College (Now Louisiana Christian University)

Personal

Married to "DeeDee" Reading of Van Buren, AR (March 13, 2010)

- Bachelor of Arts from Ouachita Baptist University (2001)
- Masters of Divinity with concentration in Biblical Languages from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary (2012)
- ABD with PhD in Biblical Theology from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary (Projected Completion Date: 2025)

Father of Two Daughters and One Son

- McKenzie Fontaine Williams
- Wyatt Andrew Williams
- Madelyn Paige Williams

Hobbies

- Family Time, Gardening, Hunting, Fishing, Antiquing, Watching Sports (LSU Football and Baseball; Astros), and Enjoying Coffee.