

**LEVI W. PRICE, JR.**  
**Professor of Christian Ministries**  
**Director of Pastoral Ministries**  
**George W. Truett Theological Seminary**  
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## **BIOGRAPHY AND PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Born in Gorman, Texas, December 25, 1941. Raised in Pastor's home in several different locations. Graduated from High School in Monahans, Texas, in 1960. Married Luethyl Dawkins, May 28, 1962. Two children: Timothy Levi and Sara Gloria, both married and have children of their own.

## **EDUCATION**

- D.Min.** Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, California, 1976.  
Concentration in Church Administration and Pastoral Counseling.  
Project: In What Ways Does Preaching Affect Basic Attitudes?
- M.Div.** Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, California, 1972.  
Concentration in Scriptures (New Testament and Old Testament) and Theology.
- B.A.** Baylor University, Waco, Texas, 1964.  
Majors in History and English.

## **MILITARY**

- United States Marine Corps.** 1964-1968. Served in Vietnam as a combat engineer. Highest Rank: Captain. Received Battlefield commendation.

## **EDUCATIONAL HONORS**

Recipient of Broadman Award for outstanding student in Biblical studies upon Receiving M.Div. degree from Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary.

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

- 2002-2005 Professor of Christian Ministries,  
George W. Truett Theological Seminary, Baylor University.  
Classes: Life and Work of the Pastor (each semester); Leadership for Ministry (each semester); Church Administration (once a year); Strategic Planning for Churches and Ministries (once a year); Entrepreneurial Leadership (once a year, January I-term); Enabling an Evangelizing Church (every other year).

Director of Pastoral Ministries,  
George W. Truett Theological Seminary, Baylor University  
Facilitator and Director of the Mentoring Program of Truett Seminary  
(each student must do 6-12 hours of work in the field, working under a  
Mentor). In this position, I have written and rewritten the Mentoring  
Handbook.

- 1985-2002     Pastor, First Baptist Church, El Paso, Texas.  
This was a “turnaround” ministry. In 1985, this church averaged 400 in attendance. In 2002, the church average attendance was above 1300. During that time, the church budget grew from \$900,000 to \$2,500,000. Church plant doubled in size (all paid for in less than three years). The key to this turnaround was a “missional” approach to ministry.
- 1979-1985     Pastor, Park Victoria Baptist Church, Milpitas, California.  
This ministry began just after a church split. The church doubled in attendance from under 250 to over 500.
- 1976-1979     Missionary with Foreign Mission Board, Southern Baptist Convention.  
I was appointed to administrate and teach in a Seminary Extension (from the Mexican Baptist Seminary in Lomas Verdes, a suburb of Mexico City). The Seminary Extension was in Merida, Yucatan, Mexico (in the Yucatan peninsula of Mexico). This school trained all the pastors in the Mexican states of Yucatan, Campeche, and Quintana Roo. In addition to being the administrator of the school, I taught Theology, Preaching, and Church Administration. I was offered a job teaching in the Seminary at Lomas Verdes.
- 1974-1976     Pastor, Harvard Terrace Baptist Church, Fresno, California.  
This church grew in attendance from 200 to an average attendance of 363 my last year there.
- 1969-1974     Pastor, Hillcrest Baptist Church, Richmond, California.  
This was a student pastorate. The church grew in attendance from 125 to 205 during that time. The church was also able to refinance a terrible debt load that allowed the church to continue in existence.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

In addition to the teaching experience during my time in Mexico, I also taught as an Adjunct Professor for **Wayland Baptist University, Hardin-Simmons University, and Howard Payne University** during the pastorate at First Baptist Church, El Paso. There was a University Extension Center in El Paso, sponsored, in turn, by each of the above named universities. I taught there the years I lived in El Paso. I taught Old Testament, Preaching, Church Administration, and Pastoral Ministries classes there.

I also served as field supervisor for six D.Min. Students (from Golden Gate and Southwestern Seminaries).

## **DENOMINATIONAL SERVICE**

During the ministry years in California, I served on many committees and task forces. Most notably, I served on the California Baptist Foundation Board and I served the Southern Baptist General Convention of California (now the California Baptist Convention) as Vice President of the Convention two years (1975-1976).

Likewise, during the ministry years in Texas, I served on various committees and task forces. Most notably in Texas, I served on the Executive Board of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, and was vice chairman of that board one and one half years and chair of that board two and one half years. (I was chair of that board when we forged the new relationship with Baylor University, and was the one who presented that motion before the state convention meeting in Waco.) I also served six years on the Administrative Committee of the BGCT, which is a sort of executive committee of the Board (since that board was the largest board in the world).

I have served fourteen years as President of the Paisano Baptist Assembly, which is one of the original cowboy encampments of west Texas (in the Davis Mountains of west Texas, between Alpine and Marfa).

I was a member of the Committee on Boards (California representative) for the Southern Baptist Convention, 1975.

## **EDUCATIONAL SERVICE**

I was a member of the original Board of Advisors of the George W. Truett Seminary, and was the first chair of that board, serving in that capacity for two years.

I was a regent of the Baylor University Board of Regents seven years.

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Throughout the years of ministry, I have been involved in various community services, such as board member of the El Paso Hospice, board member of Prison Ministries Fellowship, working member of the State Bar Grievance Committee twice, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Interdenominational Ministry to Transients, board member of the YMCA, board member of Lighthouse for the Blind, El Paso Rescue Mission, etc.

## **CONFERENCES/WORK WITH CHURCHES**

In the past ten years, I have been involved in more than 30 conferences and advisory situations with churches. These have fallen under the following five areas;

- 1) Deacon Conferences and Retreats: I was a member of the BGCT task force on Deacons and their work and relationship within the churches. I have done twelve of these conferences/retreats.
- 2) Strategic Planning Conferences and Retreats: Since this was an important part of my last two pastorates, I learned and have been a consultant for nine churches as they laid out plans for renewal and rebirth. This is one of the courses I teach at the seminary.
- 3) Conflict Resolution: Out of my experience in Mexico, and because, as Pastor of a large “County Seat” church, I have done conflict resolution with seven churches in full conflict. I am a trained conflict resolution specialist. This is a part of my instruction here in the seminary.
- 4) Working with Pastor Search Committees: I have been involved in workshops, and in personal contact with several churches, working with their Pastor Search processes. One of these situations was with a large church in Waco. I give an outline of what to do, how to do it, and an overview of the dangers that are a natural part of the way Baptists do this.
- 5) I am a trained and licensed Intentional Interim. While at Truett Seminary I have been Interim Pastor several times in various church situations.

## PREACHING

I have had the special privilege of preaching in many churches and camp meetings over the years, both in revivals and special celebrations of one sort or another. I have been the keynote speaker for annual conventions of California, Texas, and New Mexico, as well as the honor of being the keynote speaker for the Mexican Baptist Convention (of Mexico). I have actually preached at the Texas state convention meeting four times, once preaching the “annual message” at a convention in Austin. I have been the Bible teacher and a preacher for the annual WMU meeting.

## PUBLICATIONS

Contributor, **The Family Worship Bible**, copywrite 1991, Holman Bible Publishers.  
*“Marriage and the Christian”.*

Invited to do reviews of Pastoral Ministries books and articles by InterVarsity.

Various articles in the Baptist Standard and the California Southern Baptist (statewide newsletter). Many years ago, a study on the life of Judas Iscariot for Moody Monthly.

The Christian Science Monitor did a cover story and lead article on me (interview included) for my work in strategic planning, in 2002. I also went to their headquarters in Boston and spoke to the workers there.

Baylor Magazine did an interview (2002) on turnaround churches, which got a wide distribution and opened opportunities for service to the churches.