

Biographical Information
DR. DAVID W. KING

Born: May 3, 1925, in Buchanan, Michigan; grew up in Livingston, New Jersey

Education: Received the Bachelor of Arts degree from Howard Payne College (now University), Brownwood, Texas, 1952, and the Bachelor of Divinity and Doctor of Theology degrees from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas in 1953 and 1962 (major in New Testament, minor in Old Testament and second minor in Missions). Granted honorary Doctor of Divinity degree by Howard Payne University in August of 1988.

Married: Claudie Maxine Steele (born in Winkler, Texas) in Olivet Baptist Church, Honolulu, Hawaii, May 12, 1946.

Children: Three grown children: two sons, one daughter

Pre-missionary experience:

Pastor of First Baptist Church, Keller, Texas, October 1955 to October 1959 while a graduate student at Southwestern seminary. Had previously pastored at Angus and Star, Texas, 1947-1955, while a student at Howard Payne College. Served in the U.S. Air Force during World War II September 1943 to June 1946. Worked at Hanovia Chemical and Manufacturing Co. one year after graduation from West Orange high school, N.J., 1942-43, before serving in the air force.

Missionary experience:

Appointed in July of 1959. Language study, Beirut, Lebanon, 1960-62. Dean of Students and Teacher of biblical interpretation and N.T. Greek, Arab Baptist Theological Seminary, 1962-1989. In the course of this work co-translated (with a native speaker of Arabic) a grammar of the Greek New Testament, one third of a Greek-Arabic lexicon, and a New Testament survey textbook and other materials for New Testament studies in the Arabic language. Also wrote some and supervised the translation of other materials in Arabic for church leadership training extension courses (TEE), a branch of the work of the seminary. This work continued even during the period of civil war in Lebanon, 1975 until 1987 when all Americans were ordered out of the country by the U.S. government. Then moved to Cyprus with other SBC missionaries where the seminary continued to train students for the next two years before moving back to Lebanon where it is now operated totally by Middle Easterners under the direction of an international board of directors.

Served as first director of the Baptist Recording studio, Beirut, 1967-1969.

Served 1978-1982 as founding pastor of the Mansouriyeh Baptist Church which meets in the seminary chapel.

In 1981 was asked to be the first director/coordinator of the Middle East Baptist Evangelism Ministry which was responsible for efforts in evangelism, discipling and church development (largely by use of correspondence courses in Arabic) in countries of the Arab World where there were no resident Southern Baptist missionaries and no organized national Baptist conventions. Continued that ministry until returning to the U.S.A. for final furlough and retirement in March of 1989. Officially retired from active service with the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention November 1, 1989.

During furlough in the spring of 1965 served as adjunct professor of religion/Bible at Wayland Baptist University, Plainview, Texas, and during another leave in 1982-83 as adjunct professor of missions and Bible and missionary in residence at East Texas Baptist College (now University) in Marshall, Texas.

Post-missionary experience:

Served as interim pastor, Central Hunterdon Baptist Church, Flemington, New Jersey, January, 1990-June 1991.

East Texas Baptist University: 1991-92 school year, missionary in residence. Fall, 1991 -- January, 1996, adjunct professor of Bible, Department of Religion.

1995 to present have written several series of lessons for senior adults in the Life and Work Series "Ventures" and "Pathways" published by LifeWay Christian Resources.

Fall of 1996 adjunct professor of missions at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary extension center in Shreveport, LA.

First Baptist Church, Marshall: Ordained deacon; have served as teacher in Singles, College and Adult Departments of Sunday School; member of Senior adult choir; served on several church committees and ministry teams and as interim pastor September 2004 through January 2005 and again in 2012.

For several summers in the 1990s and in November, 2001, 2002, & 2003 was involved in leadership training for worshipping house groups (churches) in Northern Africa using Arabic as the language of instruction.

Do supply preaching and teaching as requested and lead seminars or presentations on Islam, or Prayer, or Interpretation of "The Sermon on the Mount," or "The nature and content of the Bible," or interpretation of various books of the Bible as requested.