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Personal

Married to Kate Finley since October, 2016. Kate is a Financial Advisor for Edward Jones with an office in Allen, TX. She formerly served as the Vice President for Development and Student Services at The Criswell College (2004-2011) and as Vice President of Development for Dallas Summer Musicals (2011-2014). (My first wife, Sherri, died of cancer in 2015.)

- Children: Jeremy (1982), Jared (1985), Melody (1988), Kali (1990)
- Daughter-in-law: Joelle Allen (married to Jared)
- Son-in-law: Justin Geddie (married to Kali); Johnny Navarette (married to Melody)
- Grandchildren: Judah Allen, Lydia Allen, Hudson Allen, Ishmael Allen, Maranatha Allen, Arabelle Navarette, Weston Navarette, Holden Geddie

Education

- Ph.D. in Humanities, University of Texas at Arlington (1987) (Major: Linguistics; Minor: Philosophy)
- M.Div., Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary (1981)
- B.A., Criswell College, Dallas, TX (1978)

Past Employment

- Distinguished Professor of Preaching, George W. Truett Chair of Ministry, Director, Center for Biblical preaching, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. 2001 W. Seminary Dr., Fort Worth, TX (2004-2022). Dean, School of Theology (2004-2016). Dean, School of Preaching (2016-2020).
- Senior Pastor, MacArthur Blvd. Baptist Church, 8001 Mustang, Irving, TX. (2000-2005)
- W.A. Criswell Chair of Expository Preaching, Professor of Preaching, and Director of the Jerry Vines Institute of Biblical Preaching, The Criswell College, Dallas, TX (1998-2004)
- Senior Pastor, Audelia Road Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas (1982-1998)
- Assoc. Pastor/Min. of Youth, Prestonwood Baptist Church, Dallas, TX (1977-1982)

Teaching Experience

- Adjunct Professor of New Testament and Homiletics, The Criswell College (1985-98)
- W. A. Criswell Professor of Preaching, The Criswell College (1998-2004)
- Distinguished Professor of Preaching, SWBTS (2004-2022)

Honors

College:

- Summa Cum Laude graduate
- H. Leo Eddleman Award for outstanding scholastic achievement
- President of the Senior Class

Other:

- Outstanding Young Men of America (1980, 1983)
- Criswell College Outstanding Alumnus of the Year - (1993)
- Criswell College Outstanding Alumnus of the Year - (2002)
- Distinguished Alumnus Award, SWBTS - (2011)

Southern Baptist Convention Service

- Board of Trustees - Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary (1992-2004)
- Vice-Chairman, Board of Trustees - SWBTS (2001-2003)
- Chairman, Board of Trustees - SWBTS (2003-2004)
- Resolutions Committee, Southern Baptist Convention (1989)

Southern Baptists of Texas State Convention Service

- Committee on Order of Business (1999-2003)

Dallas Baptist Association Service

- President, Dallas Baptist Association Pastor's Conference (April-September, 1993)
- Evangelism Committee Chairman (1992-93)
- Parliamentarian, Annual Meeting (1985, 1986)
- Vice-President of Pastor's Conference (1984)
- Christian Life Committee (1985-89)
- Mt. Lebanon Committee (1983-84)

Interim Pastorates

- First Baptist Church, Sunnyvale TX (July 2019-February 2022)
- First Baptist Church, Leonard, TX (July 2016-November 2016)
- First Baptist Church, Irving, TX (Sept. 2015-May 2016)
- Lakeland Baptist Church, Lewisville, TX (April 21, 2013)
- First Baptist Church, West Albuquerque, NM (September-November 2012)
- Inglewood Baptist Church, Grand Prairie, TX (August 2010 - February 2011)
- Woodland Heights Baptist Church, Bedford, TX (February 2009 - July 2009)

- Lakeland Baptist Church, Lewisville, TX (February 2007 - July 2008)
- Galloway Avenue Baptist Church, Mesquite, TX (Spring 2006)
- MacArthur Boulevard Baptist Church, Irving, TX (December 1999 - June 2000)
- Highland Baptist Church, Dallas, TX (February - November 1999)
- First Baptist Church, Shannon, GA (Summer 1976)
- Bush Arbor Baptist Church, Rome, GA (Summer 1975)

Other Ministry Experience & Service

- Led over 500 Revivals, Bible Conferences, Workshops, and Lectures since 1973.
- Conferences and Lectures in Philippines, England, Germany, India, Brazil, Kazakhstan, Israel, Nigeria, Zambia, South Korea, and Cuba.
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- Israel Study Tour, "The Preaching of Jesus," (2008)
- Oxford Study Tour, "History of British Preaching," (2007, 2014, 2016)
- Bonn, Germany, "Principles of Expository Preaching," (2007, 2017)
- Vice Chairman - Advisory Board, Criswell Legacy Project (2002-2004)
- Mission Trips to Lima, Peru; Puebla, Mexico; Mexico City, Mexico (1990-1997)
- Co-Host with Danny Akin of "The Criswell College Presents" on KCBI (90.9 FM) (1988-91)

Preaching Engagements, Conferences, Chapels, and Special Engagements (January 2000-Feb, 2017)

- Chapel Speaker, Truett-McConnell University (February 2017)
- Preacher, Arkansas Baptist State Convention Evangelism Conference (January 2017, 2018)
- Preacher, Louisiana Baptist State Convention Pastor's Conference (November 2016)
- Preaching Conference – Little Rock, AR (April 28, 2014)
- Plenary Speaker – Grace Evangelical Society, SWBTS (April 21, 2014, 2016)
- 10th Anniversary Roast – Dr. Danny Akin, Wake Forest, NC (March 31, 2014)
- Preaching Conference, Southside Baptist, Bowie, TX (March 23, 2014)
- Louisiana Baptist University Campus Revival (March 18-20, 2014)
- FBC Sunnyvale Revival, March 16, 2014
- SWBTS Preaching Workshop (March 3-4, 2014)
- Calvary Hill Baptist Church Bible Conference, Mesquite, TX (February 18-19, 2014)
- FBC Jacksonville Pastor's Conference (January 23, 2014)
- Mims Bible Conference, Conroe, TX (January 8-10, 2014)
- Calvary Baptist Church Revival, Mineral Wells, TX (November 17-20, 2013)
- FBC Naples, FL (November 9-10, 2013)
- Palo Pinto Baptist Association Annual Meeting Sermon (October 20, 2013)
- Preaching Workshop Leader, Burgaw Baptist Church Association Meeting (October 13-14, 2013)
- SWBTS Chapel (October 10, 2013)

- SWBTS Advanced Expository Preaching Workshop (October 7, 2013)
- Liberty University Seminary Lectures (October 1-2, 2013)
- Salvation Conference, Owensboro, KY (September 23-24, 2013)
- Holmes Creek Baptist Church (September 16, 2013)
- Cedarville University Chapel (September 12, 2013)
- Southern Baptist Stewardship Development Assoc., Grapevine, TX (July 23-24, 2013)
- Georgia Baptist Convention Church Music Conference, Conyers, GA (July 19-20, 2013)
- Deacon's Retreat, Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, TN (April 26-27, 2013)
- Evangelism Rally, Southern Baptists of Central Texas, Killeen, TX (April 21, 2013)
- Bible Conference, Calvary Hill Baptist Church, Mesquite, TX (April 8-10, 2013)
- Shorter University Chapel, Rome, GA (April 2, 2013)
- John 3:16 Conference, Atlanta, GA (March 21-22, 2013)
- Annual Deacon/Pastor/Wives Retreat, South Carolina Baptist Convention (March 15-16, 2013)
- Regional Preaching Workshops, South Carolina Baptist Convention (March 11-14, 2013)
- Expository Preaching Workshop, SWBTS (March, 2013)
- Preaching Workshop, Tabernacle Baptist Church, Burleson, TX (February 2013)
- January Bible Study, FBC Decatur, TX (January, 2013)
- Bible Conference, Denman Avenue Baptist Church, Lufkin Texas (January 2013)
- Preaching Workshop, Lufkin, TX (January 2013)
- FBC San Augustine, TX (January 2013)
- Bible Conference, Mims Baptist Church, Conroe, TX (January 2013)
- SBC Calvinism Advisory Team, Nashville, TN (November 2012)
- Preaching Conference, Sulphur Springs, TX (October 2012)
- Indiana Baptist Conference – Convention Sermon and Pastor's Conference (October 2012)
- Senior Conference, Inglewood Baptist Church (October 2012)
- Pittsburgh Baptist Association, Oklahoma (October 2012)
- Advanced Preaching Workshop (October 2012)
- Dispensational Hermeneutics Conference, Plenary Speaker, Houston, TX (October 2012)
- Preaching Workshop, Odessa, TX (September 2012)
- SWBTS Chapel, Fort Worth, TX (September 2012)
- Pastor's Luncheon, North Texas Baptist Association (September 2012)
- Criswell College Chapel, Dallas, TX (September 2012)
- Woodland Hills, Longview, TX (August 2012)
- Bisbee Baptist Church, Arlington, TX (August 2012)
- Hillcrest Baptist Church, Pensacola, FL (July 2012)
- Red River Bible Conference, Paris, TX (July 2012)
- Mobberly Baptist Church, Longview, TX (July 2012)
- Broadview Baptist Church, Abilene, TX (June 2012)
- FBC Jacksonville, FL (June 2012)
- Woodlawn Baptist Church, Installation Service, Baton Rouge, LA (May 2012)

- Arlington Baptist College Annual Conference, Preaching, (May 2012)
- Southview Baptist Church, Houston, TX (May 2012)
- Oates Drive Baptist Church Revival, Garland, TX (April 2012)
- Tony Matthews Anniversary Service, Preaching (March 2012)
- FBC Gainesville, TX (February 2012)
- Grindstone Student Forum, SWBTS, "Text-Driven Preaching" (January 2012)
- Pastors Conference, FBC Jacksonville, FL (February 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012)
- Pastor's Conference, FBC Atlanta, GA (September 2010)
- Conroe Area Bible Conference, Mims Baptist Church, Conroe, TX (January 2007, 2008, 2010, 2011, 2012)
- Bailey Smith Real Evangelism Conference, FBC Indian Trails, NC (March 2008)
- Bailey Smith Real Evangelism Conference, FBC Woodstock, GA (February 2008, 2009)
- Expository Preaching Workshop, SWBTS (February 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012)
- Advanced Expository Preaching Workshop, SWBTS - Fort Worth, TX (October 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011)
- Bible Conference, North Texas Baptist Association, Mesquite, TX (April 21-22, 2012)
- Macland Baptist Church, Powder Springs, GA (April 1, 2012)
- SBTC Foundation Committee, Fort Worth, TX (March, 2012)
- Woods Chapel Baptist Church, Arlington, TX (March 11, 2012)
- FBC Gainesville, TX (Feb. 19, Feb. 26, 2012)
- Denman Avenue Baptist Church, Lufkin, TX (Jan. 23, 2012)
- FBC Keller, TX (Jan. 8, 2012)
- Paper on Hebrews, ETS, San Francisco, CA (November 17, 2011)
- SWBTS Alumni Luncheon Speaker, Atlanta, GA (November 16, 2011)
- Chapel, Truett-McConnell College, GA (November 10, 2011)
- Annual Association Sermon, Mt. Vernon Association (Nov. 6, 2011)
- FBC Mount Vernon, TX (November 6, 2011)
- FBC Woodstock, GA (October 21, 2011)
- Palo Pinto Bapt. Assoc. Annual Meeting Sermon (October 2011)
- FBC Grapevine, TX (October 16, 2011)
- Pleasant Valley South Baptist, Rome, GA (October 8, 2011)
- Jerry Vines Pastor's Conf. - FBC Atlanta (September 22-23, 2011)
- Preaching Workshop, Burgaw Baptist, Wilmington, NC (September, 2011)
- Hebrews Bible Study, Prestonwood Baptist Church, Plano, TX (September - November 2011)
- Campus Revival, Clear Creek Baptist College, Pineville, KY (August 29 - September 1, 2011)
- Preaching Workshop, Calvary Hill Baptist, Mesquite, TX (August 20, 2011)
- Pastor's Conf., Calvary Hill Baptist, Mesquite, TX (August 20, 2011)
- Dauphin Way Baptist, Mobile, AL (August 14, 2011)
- FBC Lindale, TX (August 2011)
- Bellevue Baptist, Memphis, TN (July 31, 2011)
- Red River Pastor's Conference., Paris, TX (July 13-14, 2011)

- E. K. Bailey Preaching Conference Speaker, Dallas, TX (July 2011)
- Westwood Baptist, Palestine, TX (June 12, 2011)
- MacArthur Blvd. Baptist (May 29, 2011)
- Pastoral Leadership Seminar - Concord, NH (May 2011)
- Men's Breakfast, Oates Drive Baptist, Mesquite, TX (May 2011)
- Lone Camp Baptist Church, Mineral Wells, TX (May 2011)
- Men's Breakfast, Oates Drive Baptist Church, Mesquite, TX (May 2011)
- Bible Conference, Emmanuel Baptist Church, Henderson, TX (April 2011)
- Spring Preaching Workshop, SWBTS (March 2011)
- Lusanne Conference on Jewish Evangelism Bible Teacher, St. Louis (March 2011)
- Small Church/Bivocational Pastor Preaching Workshop, Dequincy, LA (March 2011)
- Hillcrest Baptist Church, Cedar Hill, TX (March 2011)
- Power in the Pulpit Preaching Conference (March 2011)
- Revival, First Baptist Church, Estero, FL (February 2011)
- Men's Retreat, Salem Heights Church, Salem, OR (January 2011)
- Chapel, SWBTS (January 2011)
- Santee Baptist Association, SC, Preaching Workshop, S (January 2011)
- Oklahoma Baptist Convention Pastor's Conference, Shawnee, OK (November 2010)
- Alabama State Convention, SWBTS Alumni Luncheon, Birmingham, AL (November 2010)
- Revival, FBC Whitesboro, TX (November 2010)
- FBC Coushatta, LA (November 2010)
- Criswell College 40th Anniversary Celebration, Dallas, TX (October 2010)
- Grayson County Baptist Association Annual Sermon, Sherman, TX (October 2010)
- Revival, Emory Baptist Church, Emory, TX (October 2010)
- Revival, Woods Chapel Baptist Church, Arlington, TX (October 2010)
- Ron Dunn Encourager Conference, MacArthur Blvd. Baptist Church, Irving, TX (Sept. 2010)
- Speaker - Baptist Pastors Conference in Lemgo, Germany (June 2010)
- Kaufmann Van Zandt Baptist Association Pastors/Deacons Annual Banquet (May 2010)
- Ridgeview Baptist Church, Knoxville, TN (May 2010)
- FBC, Jacksonville, FL (April 2010)
- Lausanne Conference on Jewish Evangelism, Atlanta, GA, Bible Teacher (March, 2010)
- Speaker - Jerry Vines Ministry Acts 1:11 Conference, North Metro FBC, Lawrenceville, GA (November 2009)
- Preaching Workshop, Dallas Baptist Association, Lakeside Baptist Church, Dallas, TX (November 2009)
- Dallas Baptist Association Pastors Meeting, Lakeside Baptist Church (November 2009)
- Deacon Retreat, "Servant-Leadership," FBC Whitesboro, TX (November 2009)
- Chapel speaker, Truett-McConnell College, Cleveland, GA (October 2009)
- Paschal Preaching Lectures, Baptist Missionary Association Theological Seminary, Jacksonville, TX (October 2009)
- Barry Preaching Lectures, Clear Creek Baptist Bible College, Cordova, TN (October 2009)

- Speaker, The Criswell College Preaching Conference, Dallas, TX (October 2009)
- Preaching Workshop, SBTC Pastor's Conference, Lubbock, TX (October 2009)
- Pastor's Conference Speaker, SBTC Convention, Lubbock, TX (October 2009)
- Adrian Rogers Preaching Conference, Mid-America Baptist Seminary, Cordova, TN (September 2009)
- Area-wide Preaching Conference, Riverside Baptist Church, Huntsville, TX (September 29, 2009)
- Hebrews Bible Conference, Riverside Baptist Church, Huntsville, TX (September 2009)
- Bible Conference, Salem Heights Church, Salem, OR (July 2009; July 2010)
- Bible Conference, Perdido Bay Baptist Church, Pensacola, FL (July 2009)
- Bible Conference, First Baptist Church, Burkburnett, TX (June 2009)
- Tent Revival, Sandy Creek Baptist Church, Liberty, NC (May 2009)
- Southern Baptist Central TX Association Evangelism Conference, Lakeview Baptist Church, Belton, TX (April 2009)
- Isaiah 53 Conference, Irving Bible Church, Irving, TX (March 2009)
- Crusades for Christ Bible Conference, London, KY (August 2007, 2008)
- Expository Preaching Workshop, Beaumont, TX (July 2008)
- Men's Conference, Shorter Ave. Baptist Church, Rome, GA (August 2008)
- Expository Preach Conference, Indiana State Convention, Indianapolis, IN (November 2007)
- Dogwood Baptist Annual Association Meeting Keynote Speaker, Athens, TX (October 2007)
- Shorter College Chapel, Rome, GA (September 2007)
- Bible Conference, Green Bay, WI (September 2007)
- Bible Conference, FBC Katy, Katy, TX (July 2007)
- SBTC Pastor's/wives Retreat, Grapevine, TX (July 2007)
- EK Bailey Preaching Conference Speaker, Dallas, TX (July 2007, 2008, 2009)
- Honors Day Chapel, Baptist Bible College, Graceville, FL (May 2007)
- Associational Evangelism Conference, Tuscaloosa, AL (March 2007)
- Bible Conference, Palestine, TX (March 2007)
- Preaching Conference, Criswell College (February 2007)
- E3 Ministries Leadership Banquet, Frisco, TX (January 2007)
- Speaker, Baptist Distinctives Conference, SWBTS (September 2006)
- SS Leadership Conference, Whitesburg Baptist, Huntsville, AL (August 2006)
- On Track Bible Conference, Greensboro, NC, (2006)
- Jerry Vines Ministries - Power in the Pulpit Conference, Atlanta, GA (August 2006)
- Ron Dunn Encourager Conference, MacArthur Blvd. Baptist Church (May 2005)
- Missions Conference, First Baptist Church, Bastrop, Texas (April 2005)
- Westwood Baptist Church - Palestine, Texas (April 2005)
- Preach the Word Conf. - San Angelo, Texas (April 2004)
- Sinclair Bible Conf. - Fairview, Texas (April 2004)
- SBC Jewish Fellowship Keynote Speaker - Indianapolis, IN. (June 2004)
- Northcutt Preaching Lectures, SWBTS, "From Exegesis to Exposition" (August 2004)
- Preaching Conference - Harmony Baptist Association - Pittsburg, TX (August 2004)

- Preach the Word Conference - Criswell College (September 2003)
- Ancient Words/ Ever New Pastors Conference - Criswell College (November 2003)
- Pastors Conference - Greenville, TX (November 2003)
- Apollos Conference - Criswell College (September 2002)
- Winter Bible Study - Chicago, IL. (October 2002)
- Colorado Preaching Conference - Aurora, CO (November 2002)
- Preaching Workshop - Forest Heights Baptist Church, Athens, GA (April 2001)
- Preaching Conference - North TX Baptist Assc. - Carrollton, TX (August 2001)
- North Georgia Conference (September 2001)
- Colorado Conference - Aurora, Colo. (October 2001)
- SBTC Evangelism Conf. Speaker - Arlington, TX,(February 2001)
- Encourager Conference - MacArthur Blvd. Baptist Church - Irving, TX (May 2000)
- Preaching Conference - First Baptist Church, Grove, TX (November 2000)
- Apollos Preaching Conference - Criswell College (August 2000)
- Preaching Conf. - Criswell College (January 2000)

Lectures, Conferences, and Papers Delivered

- "Homiletics and Biblical Authority" – Inaugural Lecture for the W.A. Criswell Chair of Expository Preaching, The Criswell College (November 3, 1999)
- "Homiletics and Biblical Authority" – Evangelical Theological Society Regional Meeting, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary (April 8, 2000)
- Symposium on New Testament Studies: A Time for Reappraisal – Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, NC. Paper - "The Authorship of Hebrews: The Case for Luke." (April 6-7, 2000)
- "A Tale of Two Roads: Homiletics and Biblical Authority" – Evangelical Homiletics Society, Orlando, FL (October, 2000)
- H. I. Hester Lectures on Preaching, Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, MO, "A Tale of Two Roads: Homiletics and Biblical Authority," (February 2001)
- "A Tale of Two Roads: Homiletics and Biblical Authority," Regional ETS Meeting (2003)
- Adams Preaching Lectures, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, "Text-Driven Preaching," Wake Forest, NC. (February 2004)
- Northcutt Preaching Lectures, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, TX. "From Exegesis to Exposition." (August 2004)
- Southern Baptists of Texas Pastors/Wives Conference, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, TX (July 2005)
- Premier Designs Annual Conference, Fort Worth, TX. "Welcome and History of Fort Worth," (July 2005)
- Baptist Distinctives Conference, SWBTS, "Dipped for Dead: The Proper Mode of Baptism" (Sept. 2006)
- Northcutt Preaching Lectures, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, TX. "Hebrews as Creative Expository Preaching," (August 2008)
- Baptist Distinctives Conference, SWBTS, Fort Worth, TX, "Autonomy of the Local Church," (September 2008)