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BIRTH:
September 13, 1949 – Waycross, Georgia

CONVERSION:
October 1970 – Jacksonville Florida

FAMILY:
Wife: Sandra, Children: Paula, Larry Jr., Rob; Grandchildren: 9

LICENSED TO PREACH:
May 1971

ORDAINTION:
May 1975

MILITARY SERVICE:
23 Years Active Duty (Retired 2002)

EDUCATION:
Bachelor of Arts Degree – William Carey College
Master's Degree – New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary
Military Science Degree - Command General Staff College
Army Chaplain Resource Management School

PASTORAL EXPERIENCE:
Silver Springs Baptist Church – Osyka, MS.
Main Street Baptist Church – Bogalusa, LA.
FBC D'Iberville – North Biloxi, MS.
Northside Baptist Church – Ponce de Leon, FL.
Hopeful Baptist Church – Lake City, FL.
Shady Grove Baptist Church – Bonifay, FL.

PASTORAL EXPERIENCE (CON'T):
Newton Baptist Church – Newton, AL.
Berea Baptist Church – Lake City, FL.
Elim Baptist Church – Fort White, FL.

DENOMINATIONAL SERVICE:
Director of Outreach – Holmes County Association
Vice Moderator – Beulah Association
Baptist Student Director – Lake City Jr. College
Military Chaplain – North American Mission Board

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BIOGRAPHICAL SHEET

Larry was born September 13, 1949, the middle child of seven children to J. Ward and Thelma Sweat on a small farm in southeastern Georgia. Later, the farm was sold and the family moved to Jacksonville, Florida. There, living on the west side of the city, he attended Paxon Jr. and Senior High School. He finished High School by taking the GED in the Army and later received a High School Equivalency Diploma.

Larry married his high school sweetheart, Sandra Ray, on October 6, 1967. God blest them with three wonderful children, Paula, Larry Jr., and Rob. All have committed their lives to the Lord Jesus and are serving Him. Paula works for the Florida School for Deaf and Blind, and works in her church's deaf ministry. Larry is a bi-vocational Pastor and teaches in the Holmes County School System. Rob is in the military and is a lay preacher. Last, but not least, are the nine grandchildren, Stephanie, Tiffany, Laura, Baylee, Mollie, Clara, Rylee, Robbie and Courtney.

Larry was inducted into the United States Army in 1967. After returning from his second tour in Vietnam, he became a Christian and surrendered to full time ministry. At the end of 6 years of service, he left the military to pursue theological training. And while earning a Bachelor Degree from William Carey College and the Master's Degree from New Orleans Theological Seminary, he served churches in Mississippi, Louisiana, and Florida.

After graduating from Seminary and while serving as Pastor of Hopeful Baptist Church in Lake City, Florida, he entered the Military Chaplaincy. At that time Larry and Sandra were commissioned as Home Missionaries serving as part of the Military Division of the North American Mission Board. During their time in the Chaplaincy, they worked with state missions,

pioneer missions (Washington State), and foreign missions in Korea.

Larry ended his time in the Army as a supervisory Chaplain, overseeing the work of multiple staffs, coordinated the overall ministries of the installation and provided professional development for subordinate chaplains and their assistants. He was selected to attend the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College and is a graduate of the Army Chaplaincy Resource Management School. Larry retired from the Army Chaplaincy in November of 2002 and accepted a call to Newton Baptist church, followed by a call to Berea Baptist Church in Lake City Florida and Elim Baptist Church Fort White Florida were he served until November 2023.

Doctrinal Statement

Theologically, I am a conservative and endorse the Baptist Faith and Message. The following doctrinal statement highlights the core functional doctrines I practice, preach and teach.

(1) There is only one God manifested in the triune godhead, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Mark 12:29-30

(2) There is only one Mediator between God and man, the Lord Jesus Christ who came to save all that would receive Him. I Tim.2:5

(3) Man by nature is a sinner and can only be redeemed through the atoning work of Christ. Man is saved by God's grace and not of any works. Ro.3:23, 6:23, Eph.2:8-9

(4) The Bible is the infallible, inerrant Word of God and is my only authority for faith and practice and is given for doctrine, reproof, correction, and instruction. II Tim.3:16

(5) The Church is Christ's earthly body. To be part of His Church one must repent of their sins, ask for forgiveness of their sins, and surrender themselves to Christ as Savoir and Lord. The Church's mission is local and worldwide evangelism followed by developing those brought to Christ into mature believers. This mission is accomplished through Christians' faithful stewardship of their time, gifts, talents, and resources. The two ordinances of the Church are Baptism and the Lord's Supper. Matt.16:18, 28:19-20, Acts 1:8, 2:37-38, 41-47.

(6) The Rapture of the Church begins before the Great Tribulation as recorded in the book of Revelation. I Thes.4:13-18, II Thes.2:1-12.

(7) The Return of Christ comes at the end of the Great Tribulation to reign on earth for a 1000 years, followed by the Devil being cast into hell, followed by the Great White Throne judgment for the lost. Rev.1:4-8, 4:1-11, 19:11-20.

(8) The Eternal Punishment of hell for all those who reject Christ. Rev.19:11-20.

(9) The Eternal Reward for all those who have received Christ. John 14:1-6, Rev.21-22.