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I was born on April 1, 1947 in Los Angeles, CA. I graduated from California State University, Long Beach, B.A. in philosophy, in 1968. I started at DTS in the fall of 1968. I dropped out for four years after the fall semester of 1970. During this time, I served in the U.S. Coast Guard Reserves. I met my wonderful wife on January 5, 1974 and married her on March 23, 1974 (you can do the math!). We returned to Dallas in January 1975 so that I could finish my three remaining semesters. I graduated in 1976 (Th.M. in Bible exposition).

In February 1977 I began pastoring Lake Gregory Community Church in Crestline, CA, a small resort community in the mountains above San Bernardino. God graciously allowed us to remain there for 15 years. Since I love college students, I had always desired to be a pastor near a university. In May 1992, I began pastoring Flagstaff Christian Fellowship, a Baptist church near Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, AZ. I served there for almost 27 years until I retired on January 1, 2019. We remain in the church as members, serving as opportunities arise. I was enjoying preaching in different churches around the country and in South Korea before the pandemic hit. Hopefully the Lord will open up more of those opportunities in the future if life ever returns to semi-normal.

I enjoy writing and have had articles published in many different publications. My sermon manuscripts and audio sermons from 1992-2018 are on the church website through SermonAudio.com, on Bible.org, and Precept-Austin. In my retirement I've been working on putting my sermons into paperback and Kindle versions on Amazon.com.

The Lord blessed us with three wonderful children who are all following the Lord and married to Christian mates. Our oldest daughter, Christa and her family, live in Chino Valley, Arizona, and have ten children (at last count)! Our second daughter, Joy, is an artist. They live in Southeast Asia with their two daughters, where they serve with a mission organization. Their focus is on a large Muslim people group in central Asia. Our son, Daniel, is a mechanical engineer at W. L. Gore, Inc. here in Flagstaff. He and his wife have two sons. They attend our church.

Marla and I enjoy God's beautiful outdoors through hiking the many trails around Flagstaff, Sedona, the Grand Canyon, Colorado, and everywhere else we can. On various ministry trips, we have been blessed to hike in Nepal, China, South Korea, Thailand, the Swiss Alps, and Eastern Europe.