

Biographical Sketch – Tom Fogle
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PRE DTS DAYS:

Born May 27, 1946, Charleston, South Carolina
Graduated Lenoir-Rhyne College, Hickory, North Carolina, BA – English Education, 1968

ADVANCED DEGREES: Th.M. Dallas Theological Seminary - 1972

MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS:

1972 – 2016 Cedar Valley Bible Church

I came to Cedar Valley as an intern/youth pastor. My purpose was to learn how Cedar Valley operated, and when an opportunity came for us to go to a church that wanted to operate as we do, we would go there. We were not supposed to stay here permanently. I earned my keep working as youth director and preaching once a month on Sunday evenings. We loved the church and felt at home the first day we came to candidate, but we knew we committed to leaving at the proper time.

In May of 1977, that opportunity came, and we moved to a small town in Iowa fifty miles north of Cedar Rapids. I was the pastor of that church for one year. It was the worst year of my life! I resigned my position in May of 1978 without a ministry to go to. We returned to Cedar Rapids to lick our wounds and figure out where the Lord wanted us next. I put a roof over our heads and food on the table for two and a half months by working at a meat packing plant for three weeks, detasseling corn, painting a house, and doing repair work.

Midway through August of 1978, the elders of the church asked me if I would assume the position of principal of Cedar Valley Christian School. I held that position for two and a half years. Our church experienced a split after one year as principal. Part of the split centered around the man who had been pastor for the first thirteen years of the church. He left. Four of us handled the preaching each month for one and a half years. Then the elders asked me to assume the role of senior pastor. I continued to teach my three English grammar classes during the time I was pastor and continue to teach those three English classes yearly and a Family Living class every other year.

I was senior pastor from 1981-2012. I retired from that position in 2012 and became teaching elder emeritus from 2012-2016. In 2016 I retired fully from the church staff.

I continue to serve as an elder, teach Sunday school, teach and coach elementary and junior high girls' basketball in our Christian school.

VOLUNTEER MINISTRIES:

On Board of Directors of Together Marriage Mentoring for two years.

Do marriage mentoring.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes Huddle coach.

Volunteer assistant coach for Breakthrough Basketball camps.

Teacher for Equipping Youth (promoting abstinence and other powerful choices in public and private schools).

Mission trips: Building a church building in Far East Russia (twice), church ministry in Ukraine.

FAMILY:

Married to Melissa Maynard Fogle from North Carolina since August 10, 1968. Two daughters, both married, with 7 grandchildren, one daughter in Marion, Iowa (adjacent to Cedar Rapids), five grandchildren and the other daughter in Chesterfield, Missouri (near St. Louis), two grandchildren.

HOBBIES AND OTHER INTERESTS:

Sports - I don't play any sport now. My wife and I have completed several marathons. I do work out at a Rec Center or run on a regular basis. I have an Apple Watch, and I try to close all three rings each day (If you own one, you know what the rings mean). As I mentioned above, I coach girls' basketball at our school and attend grandchildren's athletic events: baseball, basketball, soccer, track, cross country, and archery. I also enjoy pulling for the Cowboys, Cubs, and the University of Iowa Hawkeyes.

I do woodworking and enjoy making things for the house and fixing things that break around the house.

I feel greatly blessed to have been able to serve in the same church for all these years. I am teaching children of former students and doing weddings for children of couples I married years ago. I still do weddings and conduct funerals for brethren I've known for many years. When I retired, I wrote letters to Drs. Walvoord, Hendricks, Hoehner, Pentecost, Ryrice, and Mr. Glenn to thank them for preparing me so well for my life's ministry. I could not have been better prepared to study and teach the word. I feel so blessed also to have been led to Dallas Seminary. I'm sure all of our classmates would say the same thing. I, too, feel blessed to have been in the same class with such gifted and mature men, whom the Lord has used greatly since May 5, 1072!