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5-3-1942 Born in Grass Valley, (Northern) California, but moved shortly and was raised in Riverside, CA.

1942-60 Raised by Christian parents who were active in the church and modeled the Christian life to me, their son, and two daughters. I accepted the Lord's salvation around age 7.

1952-60 Regularly accompanied and worked with my dad on his concrete constructions sites. Became interested in electronics and got my first radio amateur (HAM) license at age 14.

1958 Met my future wife, JoAnn Tillman, at a Bible Memory Association camp in California. My mother was her counselor, she became best friends with my sister, and the rest is history.

1960 Attended California State at Cal Poly majoring in electronics.

1961 Was convinced by my parents friend, Dr. Gary (Bill) Bryan that I should attend Dallas Theological Seminary, so I dropped out of Cal Poly and enrolled at Biola University, majoring in History.

1964 Married JoAnn Tillman. Took one year leave from Biola, and returned and finished in 1966

1967-72 Attended DTS, majoring in OT studies. Graduated with a ThM. During 1968-69 we took a year off from DTS, had our first son, and returned the next year. (We now have 3 kids, and 9 grandkids.)

1972-73 Was invited to join the SETECA faculty in Guatemala, and made preparations to go to and minister in Central America, including a 2 month missions exploration with Practical Missionary Training.

1973-74 Studied Spanish in Costa Rica, hoping to learn it well enough to teach Hebrew in Spanish at SETECA. But that dream was never realized as my Spanish was never good enough.

1974-84 Taught a few courses at SETECA, and their evening Bible Institute. Administered the seminary's theological education by extension program, conscripting professors and pastors to write various studies, editing, printing, marketing, teaching and assigning teachers for them. Revived and ran the seminary's print shop, and administered their audio visual department. (Also got tricked into build a complicated, heavy duty concrete driveway for the seminary.)

During my time there I saw the dawning of the "personal computers" and their huge potential and presented a proposal to acquire them. After a lot of consideration on their part SETECA let me raise the money, purchase, assemble, transport and train people to use the computers for my/our TEE program, SETECA'S administration, SETECA'S book store, and the mission's radio station, TGNA.

1984-2022 Returned to the States. Worked as the computer administrator for a large church in Carrollton, TX. Worked for a company that raised money for churches like Prestonwood, and First Baptist of Dallas. Currently working in financial services helping the "little guy" become financially independent. Attending Watermark Community Church, in Dallas.