

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Rev. Dr. Peter B. Barnes

Peter was born and raised in Atlanta, Georgia. He attended the University of Georgia and graduated in 1975 with a BAJ degree in Cinematography. After working at TV station WTBS in Atlanta for a year, he attended Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary and graduated with a Master of Divinity degree in 1980. In 1989 he earned a Doctor of Ministry degree at Fuller Theological Seminary. His dissertation was in the area of Spiritual Formation and Discipleship, especially as it relates to college students. It was while attending Gordon-Conwell that he met his late wife, Lorie. She received a Master of Arts degree in Religious Education in 1978. They were married in September 1978 while Peter was serving a year's internship at First Presbyterian Church in Rome, Georgia, between his second and third years of seminary.

Peter has three sons: Nate, a professional musician who is married to Holly, and they have Peter's first two grandchildren, Lleyton and Campbell; Jason, who works in finance and owns and operates a small local and regional moving company in Idaho and is married to Whitney, and they have three children, Millie, Lucy, and Beckham; and David, who works as the COO of a record label and lives in Los Angeles. Prior to her death in 2016, Lorie has worked as a freelance writer and curriculum specialist for several international Christian nonprofit organizations that work with and advocate for children in poverty around the world, including Compassion International and Samaritan's Purse. In 2020, Peter remarried, to Cyndy who lost her husband five months after Lorie died, and between them they have six sons and nine grandchildren.

After graduating from seminary, Peter served for as the Assistant Minister at Fairlington Presbyterian Church in Alexandria, Virginia. In the fall of 1983 he was called to Highland Park Presbyterian Church in Dallas, Texas, as Minister to College Students and later as the Head of Department of Evangelism and Outreach, which included work in the area of international missions. In the summer of 1992 he was called to be the Senior Pastor at First Presbyterian Church in Boulder, Colorado, where he served for almost 17 years. In 2009, he was called to be the Senior Pastor at Westlake Hills Presbyterian Church in Austin, Texas, and in the fall of 2012, he was called to be the Senior Pastor at First Presbyterian Church in Winston-Salem. After 41 years as a pastor, Peter retired at the end of 2021.

Peter is the author of *The Missional Church: Restoring a Vision for the Mission of God Through the Local Church in the 21st Century*, and he is a contributing author of *Quicknotes Bible Commentary Series: Vol. 10 Acts-2 Corinthians, A Passion for the Gospel*, and *Leadership Devotions*. In addition, he wrote a children's book entitled *The Magical Adventures of Freddie the Fan*. Peter's hobbies include all sports (especially basketball, tennis, and cycling), hiking, skiing, music, and he enjoys quiet dinners with his wife, good conversations, and hanging out with his sons and grandchildren.

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Curriculum Vitae

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WORK HISTORY:

1/22 – present Retired Presbyterian Pastor, now doing pulpit supply on occasion and serving on boards

11/12 – 12/21 First Presbyterian Church – Winston-Salem, NC
Senior Pastor (retired at the end of 2021)

2/09 – 10/12 Westlake Hills Presbyterian Church – Austin, TX
Senior Pastor

8/92 – 1/09 First Presbyterian Church - Boulder, CO
Senior Pastor

9/83 - 8/92 Highland Park Presbyterian Church - Dallas, TX
Associate Pastor

9/80 - 9/83 Fairlington Presbyterian Church - Alexandria, VA
Assistant Pastor

7/78 - 8/79 First Presbyterian Church - Rome, GA
Seminary Intern

6/76 - 8/76 North Avenue Presbyterian Church - Atlanta, GA
& 6/77-8/77 Interim Youth Director

8/75 - 8/76 WTBS Television Station - Atlanta, GA
On Air Director

Ecclesiastical Status: Evangelical Covenant Order of Presbyterians (ECO)
Ordained: October 5, 1980
Now Member of: Presbytery of North Carolina

FORMAL EDUCATION:

1/85 - 6/89	Fuller Theological Seminary	Pasadena, CA	D.Min.
9/76 - 5/80	Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary	South Hamilton, MA	M.Div.
9/71 - 8/75	University of Georgia	Athens, GA	BAJ

Books and Publications:

Dissertation on *College Ministry and the Local Church: A History, Theology, and Model of College Ministry through the Local Church*. 1989

Contributing Author to *Leadership Meditations*. Tyndale House Publishers. 2001

Contributing Author to *A Passion for the Gospel*. Geneva Press. 2001

The Missional Church: Restoring a Vision for the Mission of God through the Local Church in the 21st Century. First Press. 2004

Contributing Author to *Quicknotes Bible Commentary Series: Vol. 10 Acts-2 Corinthians*. Barbour Publishing, Inc. 2008.

Contributing Author to *Proclaiming the Great Ends of the Church*, ed. Joseph D. Small, Westminster Press. 2010

"The Call of the Reformation" in *Theology Matters*, Vol. 23, No. 4, Fall 2017.

"Finding Joying on the Journey of Grief" in *Theology Matters*, Vol. 24, No. 2, Spring 2018.

Personal:

Formerly married to Lorie Wallace Barnes (1978), deceased 2016. Now married to Cyndy Hardwick Barnes (2020). Between the two of us we have seven children and nine grandchildren.

My three children: Nathan, married to Holly; Jason, married to Whitney, and David
My grandchildren: Lleyton and Campbell, son and daughter to Nathan and Holly; Millie, Lucy, and Beckham, daughters and son to Jason and Whitney. David is not married yet.

Hobbies:

I'm a great sports enthusiast, and I love sports of all kinds, including basketball, tennis, cycling, and running. I'm also a lover of good music, good food, and good conversation; I enjoy quiet dinners with my wife and friends; and I love to hang out with my children and grandchildren.