

ERIC “Gunny” HARTMAN

Gunny@Gunny93.com



PERSONAL

Family – I have been married to Mary Ellen since 1993 and am the father of four children.

Conversion Experience – I came from an unchurched family, but began reading the Bible during the summer after high school in order to argue with my Jehovah’s Witness uncle. Reading it during my first semester in college, I saw my sinfulness in light of God’s majestic holiness. I came to faith as I understood who Christ was and what His death, burial, and resurrection meant for me.

Ordination – May 11, 1997, at First Baptist Church, Murphy, TX (Southern Baptist)

Personal Vision & Strengths – My passion is *impacting lives to the glory of God*, which I see occurring through the Great Commission of making disciples, a process whereby I can employ my spiritual gifts of expository preaching, teaching, and shepherding.

EDUCATION

University of Texas at Arlington, Arlington, TX

Ph.D., Rhetoric (in progress; coursework completed)

Dissertation Interest: Aristotle’s Artistic Proofs in Preaching

Oxford University, Oxford, England

M.St., History of Doctrine: Reformation Theology (1999)

Thesis: John Owen on the Redeemed, Unglorified State

Dallas Theological Seminary, Dallas, TX

Th.M., Pastoral Leadership (1998)

Thesis: “Seeking” in the Evangelism of Jonathan Edwards

Texas A&M University, College Station, TX

M.S., Educational Administration (1995)

Internships completed in offices of Vice President for Student Affairs and the Center for Drug Prevention and Education

Texas A&M University, College Station, TX

B.A., Speech Communication (1993)

Minor: Psychology

EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE

- 07/06 - Present **Providence Church, Plano, TX**
Founding Pastor
 Lead the church through expository preaching and teaching, through oversight of ministries (including 3 phase discipleship program), through mentoring leaders and seminarians, and through pastoral care
- 08/04 - Present **Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, TX**
Adjunct Professor, Theological Studies Department
 Teach introductory, advanced & lab expository preaching classes on homiletical theory and practice, evaluating graduate students' preaching
- 01/00 - 07/06 **First Baptist Church, Murphy, TX**
Senior Pastor
 Led the church by preaching and teaching, in worship, and in various other ministry areas; supervised 3 part-time pastoral staff; developed, implemented, and oversaw 3 phase discipleship program; and guided the church through production and adoption of by-laws, from single to multi-staff, and through a land purchase in addition to common pastoral duties
- 01/02 - 12/05 **Dallas Theological Seminary, Dallas, TX**
Adjunct Professor, Pastoral Ministries Department
 Teach introductory preaching classes on homiletical theory and delivery, supervised teaching assistants, and evaluate graduate students through two rounds of sermons
- 08/00 - 05/03 **Dallas Theological Seminary, Dallas, TX**
Adjunct Professor, Historical Theology Department
 Taught overview Church History graduate courses on Ancient Period through the Enlightenment and another on Christianity in the Modern Era, with special emphasis on North American Christianity
- 03/00 - 12/01 **The Heights Baptist Church, Richardson, TX**
Preacher, College & Career Singles Group
 Preached weekly during evening worship service for singles as part of the church's ministry to the "Generation X" 18-30 group
- 05/97 - 09/98 **First Baptist Church, Murphy, TX**
Associate Pastor
 Preached & coordinated Sunday evening worship services, taught an adult Sunday school class, instituted & led Saturday morning men's prayer & all-night prayer meetings, performed weddings and funerals, and preached & conducted morning worship services in pastor's absence
- 01/98 - 05/98 **Dallas Theological Seminary, Dallas, TX**
Teaching Assistant, Pastoral Ministries Department
 Instructed and evaluated seminary graduate students regarding sermon preparation and delivery in introductory preaching class

EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE (continued)

- 09/94 - 07/95 **Texas A&M University**, College Station, TX
Graduate Assistant, Student Financial Aid
 Counseled students regarding finances and student aid programs, made presentations, and placed students in work study programs
- 01/94 - 08/94 **Blinn College**, Bryan, TX
Director, Students Activities Center
 Organized the events of the activities center, supervised seven student workers, and maintained the functions of the facility
- 09/93 - 05/94 **Still Creek Christian School**, Bryan, TX
Teacher, Junior High
 Taught Mathematics and Science at a Christian boys home
- 10/92 - 08/93 **Texas A&M University**, College Station, TX
Student Worker, Dean of Faculties Office
 Made copies, ran errands, compiled materials, and answered the phone in this university office

MINISTRY EXPERIENCE

- 8/06 - Present **Lone Star Founders Fraternal**, Plano, TX
 Founded and oversee fraternal organization of Reformed & Baptist pastors and seminary students which meets monthly for the purposes of instruction, fellowship, and overall professional development
- 05/02 - 05/03 **Wylie Ministerial Alliance**, Wylie, TX
 Served as the Vice-President of this interdenominational Christian group of local ministers committed to impacting the local area for Jesus Christ
- 12/02 **First Baptist Church of Murphy**, Eisleben, Germany
 Organized and led this mission trip as part of a church planting effort in the birth and death place of the Reformer Martin Luther which entailed preaching, evangelism, and Bible study
- 10/01 **Global Missions Fellowship**, Magdeburg, Germany
 Preached, evangelized, and led prayer walks as we assisted IMB missionaries in starting house churches in the former East Germany
- 03/99 - 10/99 **Moore Theological College**, Oxford, England
 Taught Bible college courses in OT Wisdom Literature, Christology, Apologetics, and Reformation Church History at an extension site for this Australian based evangelical institution
- 02/99 - 10/99 **St. Ebbe's Church**, Oxford, England
 Preached & taught college students and singles on various occasions

MINISTRY EXPERIENCE (continued)

- 05/98 - 06/98 **HOMSA Lanka & Hokmah Bible Ministries**, Sri Lanka
 Taught the book of James at one pastors' conference and on cults at another, preached in 3 different churches on Sunday mornings, and conducted individual and mass outdoor evangelism
- 11/96 - 05/97 **First Baptist Church**, Murphy, TX
 Preached during Sunday morning and evening services, taught Wednesday evening Bible studies, and performed pre-marital counseling
- 09/96 - 05/98 **Dallas Theological Seminary**, Dallas, TX
 Led a weekly spiritual formation group of students and their wives and a prayer/accountability group with the husbands (The Center for Christian Leadership has designed this course to enhance students' spiritual lives & strengthen their marriages in preparation for ministry.)
- 03/97 **Texas A&M University**, College Station, TX
 Preached in courtyard to approximately 500 students after a dramatic re-enactment of the crucifixion as part of "Resurrection Week"
- 07/95 - 01/96 **Central Baptist Church**, Plano, TX
 Preached during Sunday evening services, taught adult Sunday school class, and performed weekly door to door evangelism
- 05/93 - 06/95 **Grace Bible Church**, College Station, TX
 Taught 5th & 6th grade Sunday school with my wife
- 09/91 - 05/93 **Texas A&M University**, College Station, TX
 Led cadets in Bible studies, discipleship groups, and in community outreach activities as a ROTC Company and Brigade chaplain
- 09/90 - 05/91 **Campus Crusade for Christ**, College Station, TX
 Led a "Discovery" discipleship group for collegiate new Christians

HONORS & AWARDS

- ▶ Jesse L. Easterwood Scholarship at Texas A&M University (1989)
- ▶ AMVETS Scholarship (1989)
- ▶ Outstanding sophomore Cadet of R.O.T.C. Company (1991)
- ▶ Kappa Delta Pi Education Honor Society (1993-95)
- ▶ Civilian Service Citation from Bryan, TX Police Department (1994)
- ▶ Nominated for "Graduate Assistant of the Year" Award at Texas A&M University (1995)
- ▶ The National Dean's List (1997-98)
- ▶ Graduate Pulpit Parish Fellowship to do post-graduate study overseas (1998)
- ▶ Graduated (Th.M.) with honors from Dallas Theological Seminary in three years (1998)

PRESENTATIONS

- ▶ “The Holiness of God and His People” presented at the 3rd Annual Fellowship of Reformed Churches’ conference: “The Character of God in Everyday Life,” 11/2007, Fort Worth, TX
- ▶ “Leading the Way or Dragging Their Feet: The Problem of Segregation in Christian Churches” at the 6th International Conference on Diversity in Organisations, Communities, and Nations, 06/2006, New Orleans, LA
- ▶ “Landmines of Ministry” at the Fellowship of Reformation and Pastoral Studies, 08/2005, Mansfield, TX
- ▶ “Argumentation in Preaching” presented at a breakout session at Expository Preaching Workshop at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, 03/2005, Fort Worth, TX
- ▶ “A Concern for Discipleship and Growth” presented at the Acts 20:28 Fellowship, 03/2005, McKinney, TX
- ▶ “Expository Preaching” presented at the Acts 20:28 Fellowship, 10/2004, McKinney, TX
- ▶ “The Biblical Sublime” presented at the Rhetoric Society of America conference, 05/2004, Austin, TX
- ▶ “Watch Yourself and the Flock” presented at the Collin Baptist Association Pastors Luncheon, 02/2000, McKinney, TX

TRAINING

- ▶ Trained in & able to conduct Christian PREP (Prevention and Relationship Enhancement Program) marital enrichment program
- ▶ Certified to administer the Taylor-Johnson Temperament Analysis Test (T-JTA)
- ▶ 2 years of Army ROTC training

INTERESTS & MEMBERSHIPS

- ▶ Church History
- ▶ Founders Ministries
- ▶ Avid Sports fan (e.g., St. Louis Cardinals, Dallas Cowboys, Dallas Stars, and L.A. Lakers)
- ▶ Riding my Harley-Davidson
- ▶ Membership in Rhetoric Society of America, Religious Communication Association & Evangelical Homiletics Society

PUBLICATIONS

- ▶ Contributing author, Wood, Nancy V. *Perspectives on Argument* (5th edition), Upper Saddle River, NJ: Prentice Hall, 2006.

REFERENCES

Preaching tapes and references available upon request.