
BIOGRAPHY

DR. RONNIE W. FLOYD
Senior Pastor, Cross Church

- Born:** Ronnie W. Floyd, November 11, 1955, Gonzales, Texas
- Married:** Jeana Floyd on December 31, 1976
- Children:** Josh and wife, Kate: Head Football Coach, Hewitt-Trussville High School, Trussville, Alabama
Nick and wife, Meredith: Lead Staff Pastor & Teaching Pastor, Cross Church
- Grandchildren:** Josh & Kate's Children: Peyton, Parker, & Jack
Nick & Meredith's Children: Reese, Beckham, Norah, & Maya

Education:

- *Doctor of Ministry*, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, 1983; *Dissertation Title: Implementing A Theology of Stewardship That Will Build A Biblical Attitude of Giving In The Local Southern Baptist Church*
- *Master of Divinity*, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, 1980
- *Bachelor of Science*, Howard Payne University, 1978
- *Honorary Doctorate in Sacred Theology*, Southwest Baptist University, 1990
- *Distinguished Alumni Award*, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, 2004

Books: *Many of the books authored:*

- *Reconnecting*, Broadman & Holman Publishers, 1993
- *Storming Hell's Gates*, (video series), Broadman & Holman, 1994
- *Choices*, Broadman & Holman, 1994
- *The Meaning of a Man*, Broadman & Holman, 1996
- *God's Gateway to Supernatural Power*, A Resource, Testimony, and Practical Guide on Prayer and Fasting, LifeWay Christian Resources, 1996
- *The Power of Prayer and Fasting*, Broadman & Holman, 1997
- *How To Pray*, Word Publishing, May, 1999
- *Life On Fire*, Word Publishing, October, 2000
- *Family Life Illustrated Series, Summer, 2004*
- *Finding The Favor of God*, New Leaf Press, 2005
- *10 Things Every Minister Needs to Know*, New Leaf Press, September 2006
- *The Power of Prayer and Fasting*, revised & expanded, Broadman & Holman, 2009
- *Our Last Great Hope: Awakening the Great Commission*, Thomas Nelson, 2011
- *Forward: 7 Distinguishing Marks for Future Leaders*, Broadman & Holman, 2015
- *Living Fit: Navigating Your Way to A Healthy You*, Broadman & Holman, June 2018
- *How to Pray, Developing an Intimate Relationship with God*, Revised and Expanded 20th Anniversary Edition, Thomas Nelson, April, 2019

Offices Held in the Southern Baptist Convention and Beyond:

- President, National Day of Prayer Task Force, 2017 - Present
- President, Southern Baptist Convention, 2014 - 2016
- Board of Directors, Family Research Council, Washington, DC, 2017 - Present
- Chief Mobilization Strategist, North American Mission Board, 2012 - 2015
- General Editor, LifeWay Resources, Bible Studies for Life, 2013 - 2017
- Chairman, Great Commission Resurgence Task Force, June 2009 - June 2010
- Chief Mobilization Strategist, North American Mission Board, 2012 - 2014
- Board of Trustees, Liberty University, 2002 – 2009
- Board of Trustees, GuideStone Financial Resources, June, 2001 - June, 2009
- Pastors' Conference President, Arkansas Baptist State Convention, 1989
- Executive Board, Arkansas Baptist State Convention
- Board of Trustees, Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, 1988 - 1998
- Executive Committee Officer, Southern Baptist Convention
- SBC Liaison Committee of the Executive Committee with the Baptist General Convention of Virginia
- Search Committee for the President-CEO of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, 1991 - 1992
- Program and Structure Study Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, 1993-1995
- President, Pastors' Conference, Southern Baptist Convention, 1997
- Chairman, Executive Committee, Southern Baptist Convention, 1995 - 1997

Places of Ministry:

- First Baptist Church – Cherokee, Texas (1976-1978)
- First Baptist Church – Milford, Texas (1978-1981)
- First Baptist Church – Palacios, Texas (1981-1984)
- First Baptist Church – Nederland, Texas (1984-1986)
- Cross Church (1986-Present)

Dr. Floyd's ministry as a local church pastor has been one of commitment to evangelism, discipleship, and the advancement of the Gospel to America and around the world. In Dr. Floyd's 32+ years of ministry in Northwest Arkansas, the church has baptized over 18,000 people. In 2001, First Baptist Church of Springdale became a multi-campus ministry with the beginning of The Church at Pinnacle Hills. In 2010, the church changed its name to Cross Church and now has three campuses in Northwest Arkansas: Springdale, Rogers, Fayetteville; and a campus in Neosho, Missouri. Thousands gather in eleven Sunday worship venues weekly. While meeting at various local sites and four campuses, the church is committed to planting churches regionally, nationally, and internationally. Dr. Floyd also serves as the host/leader/speaker of *The Summit* businesspersons' luncheon of Northwest Arkansas, equipping an estimated 400-700 businesspersons weekly.

Shiloh Christian School is a ministry of Cross Church. Shiloh Christian is fully accredited by the North Central Association, Arkansas Nonpublic School Accrediting Agency, and the Association of Christian Schools International. Shiloh serves over 1,100 students from PreK4 - 12th grade from all over Northwest Arkansas.

In September of 2011, Dr. Floyd led the church to advance compassion in a new way and serve the needs of the Northwest Arkansas region by opening the Compassion Center. This ministry helps with physical needs and teaches life skills. Additionally, in 2017, the church opened Heart for the City, which feeds the homeless, ministers to those in need, and advances a ministry to children in the immediate region of its location in Fayetteville.

In 2013, the Cross Church School of Ministry was founded by Dr. Floyd. The Cross Church School of Ministry is a one-year residential ministry experience that prepares leaders for life, ministry, and gospel advancement globally. These students can earn collegiate or seminary level hours due to the multiple academic partnerships the school has with Christian colleges, universities, and seminaries. To the glory of God, by July 20, 2019 we will have seen over 140 students graduate and launch into full-time ministry. Of these graduates, several are now employed by our church.

Dr. Floyd has had the opportunity to speak to countless thousands within the Southern Baptist Convention. He has spoken at Southern Baptist Convention Pastors' Conferences, state evangelism conferences and state conventions. He preached the Southern Baptist Convention Sermon in New Orleans in 1996 and as President, preached the Southern Baptist Convention Presidential Address in June 2015 and June 2016.

In addition, Dr. Floyd spoke at Promise Keepers rallies from 1997-2001 and in 1997, he preached to an estimated 1.3 million men in Washington, DC at the Promise Keepers *Stand in the Gap Rally*. In the 1990s, he also spoke for several National Gatherings for Prayer and Fasting with Dr. Bill Bright. Dr. Floyd has been on the front lines of forwarding racial unity in America. In November 2015, he and Dr. Jerry Young, President of the National Baptist Convention, led the National Conversation on Racial Unity in Jackson, Mississippi. This led to a feature story in the Sunday edition of *The New York Times* and to many other opportunities to forward racial unity in America.

Dr. Floyd has appeared on CNN, Fox News, CBN News, and other major networks. He has also interviewed on *Focus on the Family*, Dr. James Dobson's *Family Talk*, *Family Life Today* with Dennis Rainey, *James Robison's Life Today*, Trinity Broadcasting Network, DayStar and other media outlets regionally and nationally. He has interviewed with major news publications, including *The New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *Washington Times*, and others.