

DR. RONNIE W. FLOYD
President and CEO, Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention

Dr. Ronnie Floyd was elected as president and CEO of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention on April 2, 2019.

Floyd's proudest accomplishments stem from his personal life. He and his wife, Jeana, have been married for 42 years. They have two sons, Josh and Nick. Josh is married to Kate, and they have three sons, Peyton, Parker, and Jack. Nick is married to Meredith, and they have a son, Beckham, and three daughters, Reese, Norah and Maya Faith. Josh is the head football coach at Hewitt-Trussville High School in Trussville, Alabama. Nick is senior pastor of Cross Church in Northwest Arkansas.

Floyd has deep experience in Southern Baptist leadership, having served two terms as SBC president (2014–2015 and 2015–2016), as chairman of the Great Commission Task Force of the Southern Baptist Convention (2009–2010), and on the SBC Executive Committee (1988–1998).

As a member of the Executive Committee, Floyd was on the Committee's presidential search committee (1991–1992), the Program and Structure Study Committee of the SBC (1993–1995), and was chairman of the board (1995–1997). During this time, he was also elected as president of the SBC Pastors' Conference (1997).

He also served as general editor of LifeWay Christian Resources' *Bible Studies for Life* curriculum (2013–2017); chief mobilization strategist with the North American Mission Board (2012–2015); and was on the board of trustees, GuideStone Financial Resources (2001–2009).

Floyd was pastor of five churches over a span of 43 years, the last 32 of which were as Senior Pastor of Cross Church, a multi-campus church in Northwest Arkansas (1986–2019). His experience, wisdom, and passion for God make him a powerful proclaimer of God's Word and inspiring leader. He has spoken at numerous SBC Pastors' Conferences, state evangelism conferences, and state conventions and has pledged to lead the Executive Committee "with a pastor's heart."

Floyd's ministry as a local church pastor was one of commitment to evangelism, discipleship, prayer, and the advancement of the Gospel to America and around the world. He has also been a leader in advancing racial unity in America and championing spiritual awakening across the nation.

In 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.

In 2017 Dr. Floyd was named the president of the National Day of Prayer Task Force, a position he held for two years. The National Day of Prayer Task Force mobilizes unified public prayer for America throughout the year, leading to the National Day of Prayer observance which is held annually on the first Thursday of May. Dr. Floyd continued serving

as Senior Pastor at Cross Church while in this role. He was on the Family Research Council board of directors from 2016–2019, serving until he resigned to accept his position with the SBC Executive Committee.

During Floyd's 32-year ministry in Northwest Arkansas, the church baptized more than 25,500 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 expanded to three campuses in Northwest Arkansas—Springdale, Rogers, and Fayetteville—and a campus in Neosho, Missouri, by the time Floyd accepted his current position.

In 2011, Cross Church opened the Compassion Center, a ministry that helps with physical needs and teaches life skills. In 2017, the church opened Hope for the City, which feeds the homeless, ministers to those in need, and advances a ministry to children in the immediate region of its campus location in Fayetteville.

The church committed itself to planting churches regionally, nationally, and internationally and launched Shiloh Christian School, with more than one thousand students from preK4 through 12th grade; and Cross Church School of Ministry, a one-year residential ministry experience where students can earn college or seminary credit through academic partnerships with numerous Christian colleges, universities, and seminaries. The school of ministry prepares leaders for life, ministry, and gospel advancement globally and has more than 140 graduates who have moved into full-time ministry.

Upon completion of his ministry as senior pastor at Cross Church, Floyd was named pastor emeritus by the church.

Floyd received three degrees from two Southern Baptists institutions: his bachelor's degree from Howard Payne University and his master's and doctoral degrees from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Floyd has authored over 20 books including *The Power of Prayer and Fasting*; *10 Things Every Minister Needs to Know*; *Our Last Great Hope: Awakening the Great Commission*; *FORWARD: 7 Distinguishing Marks for Future Leaders*; *Living Fit: Make Your Life Count by Pursuing a Healthy You*; and his most recent book, *How to Pray, Developing an Intimate Relationship with God*, Revised and Expanded 20th Anniversary Edition released in 2019.

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*. He also spoke for several National Gatherings for Prayer and Fasting with Dr. Bill Bright in the 1990s.

He 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.