

Dr. Larry Dyer

A Brief History

Growing up in a gospel-preaching church, I heard the gospel at the age of five and trusted Jesus Christ as my Savior and was baptized in 1956. Subsequently our family joined Southern View Chapel in Springfield, Illinois where my parents served in various leadership and ministry roles as I grew up.

While attending college I had a crisis of faith experience at age 19 and dedicated my life to serve the Lord Jesus. Following that, the Lord opened Bible study teaching and youth ministry opportunities through the Baptist Student Union.

Feeling the call to prepare for ministry I was accepted at Dallas Theological Seminary and graduated in 1977. We served a 2 ½ year term at a church plant in Wisconsin, then 6 ½ years as Pastor of Grace Bible Church in Washington, Illinois. During those years through a visionary internship program the Lord made it possible to plant two new branch churches: The Morton Bible Church in Morton, Illinois was founded with Rev. Mike Boyle as its pastor and later, Calvary Community Chapel came into being under the ministry of Dr. Daniel Green.

In 1985 I was called to become Sr. Pastor-Teacher of Chapel of the Lake, Lake St. Louis, where I served from 1985 to 2007. There I lead other staff, and was responsible for preaching, teaching, counseling, administration and direction of the elders' pastoral ministry. The Lord allowed me to conduct a weekly teaching radio program on KSIV, St. Louis, MO and KWRE in Warrenton, MO. (2001-2007). I authored "Baptism: The Believer's First Obedience," Kregel Press, 2000 as a handbook for new believers to prepare themselves for baptism. Eight years ago, in cooperation with Grace Community Chapel of St. Peters, God allowed the Chapel to help to launch WestPlex Community Church under the able ministry of Pastor Jim Kane.

Over the past decade I have had the privilege of teaching Bible College courses for:

- Big Sky Bible Institute in Montana; Week-long modules in Eschatology
- Calvary Bible College; Systematic Theology, Dispensationalism, the Book of Acts, the Life of Christ, and Methods of Bible Study.
- Brookes Bible Institute: The Book of Daniel and Systematic Theology.

I received a doctoral degree from Covenant Theological Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri in 1994 and hold a Th.M. from Dallas Theological Seminary, Dallas, Texas and received a bachelor's degree from Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Illinois.

I have been married to Donna Dyer since 1974 and our three adult children are all married and we are blessed with two grandchildren. Donna is a music

education teacher in the Wentzville School District, and uses her gifts and talents in piano and organ music ministry.

I feel especially blessed to have been able to travel and study in the Holy Land. Hobbies include being a Revolutionary War Re-enactor and a student of Archeology and Ancient History.

As of April 1, 2009 I was called to be the Preaching Pastor of WestPlex Community Church in Foristell, MO where I share the ministry with co-pastor Rev. Dave Howe.