ERIC "Gunny" HARTMAN

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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/Elder
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 - 05/07 **Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary,** Fort Worth, TX
Adjunct Professor, Theological Studies Department
Taught 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 - 02/10 **Lone Star Founders Fraternal,** Plano, TX
Founded and oversaw fraternal organization of Reformed & Baptist church leaders and seminary students, which met monthly for 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

- Elected to City of Murphy's Charter Commission, which proposed the city's first adopted home rule charter (2003)
- Graduated (Th.M.) with honors from Dallas Theological Seminary in three years (1998)
- The National Dean's List (1997-98)
- Graduate Pulpit Parish Fellowship to do post-graduate study overseas (1998)
- Nominated for "Graduate Assistant of the Year" Award at Texas A&M University (1995)
- Civilian Service Citation from Bryan, TX Police Department (1994)
- Kappa Delta Pi Education Honor Society (1993-95)
- Outstanding sophomore Cadet of R.O.T.C. Company (1991)
- Jesse L. Easterwood Scholarship at Texas A&M University (1989)
- AMVETS Scholarship (1989)

PRESENTATIONS

- "Aristotle's Artistic Proofs in Persuasive Preaching" presented at the Pulpit Work Pastors Conference, 01/2012, Terrell, TX
- "Decision Making & God's Will" presented at the Acts 20:28 Fellowship, 08/2011, McKinney, TX
- "5 Solas of Reformation" presented at the Acts 20:28 Fellowship, 06/2010, McKinney, TX
- "Preaching to Glorify God through Changed Lives" presented at the Acts 20:28 Fellowship, 03/2010, McKinney, TX
- "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" presented at the 6th International Conference on Diversity in Organisations, Communities, and Nations, 06/2006, New Orleans, LA
- "Landmines of Ministry" presented 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 annual conference, 05/2004, Austin, TX
- "Watch Yourself & 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

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.