

# James H. Hallford, Jr.

## **Personal**

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**Date of Birth:** December 9, 1958

**Wife:** Angela Skiles Hallford, married on April 11, 1987

**Children:** Lee Andrew Hallford (Drew), born July 24, 1990  
Jessica Elise Hallford, born April 14, 1998

## **Ministry Purpose**

My heart is to serve Jesus Christ and His body, the church. I am organizationally gifted and love to see God's people unleashed with their **Spiritual gifts, Heart motivations, Abilities, Personality, and Experiences.** I have extensive experience in church growth as an associate pastor. I am committed to building balanced, purpose-driven leadership to help God's church become healthy and fruitful.

## **Education**

**1998 - Present**                      **Southern Seminary**                      **Louisville, KY**

- Billy Graham School of Evangelism and Church Growth
- Pursuing Doctor of Ministry Degree
- Graduation Date - Unknown (project phase)

**1983 - 1986**                      **Southwestern Seminary**                      **Ft. Worth, TX**

- Master of Divinity Degree

**1977 - 1982**                      **Dallas Baptist College**                      **Dallas, TX**

- Bachelor of Arts in Religion
- Twice awarded "Top Ministry Student" (highest GPA in department)

## **Experience**

**2005 – Present**                      **Grace Baptist Church, Arlington, TX**

### **Senior Pastor**

- Pastoral functions: preaching weekly, teaching, ordinances, funerals, visitation, weddings, administration
- Formation of church's current vision strategy
- Restructuring of the church's current financial system
- Purchase of property and relocate to its new location
- Renaming from Woodland West to Grace Baptist Church

**1995 - 2005**                      **First Baptist Church**                      **Haines City, FL**

### **Associate / Executive Pastor**

- Pastoral functions: preaching, weddings, funerals, ordinances
- Sunday School: developed three sessions, seven age groups
- Preschool, Adult, and General Sunday School Director
- Coordinated two Ridge Baptist Association ministry conferences
- Led the *University of Equipping* discipleship program
- Co-led formation of purpose-driven, discipleship strategy
- Leadership roles in three building programs, one relocation, and

## **Experience**

**(Continued)**

church name change

- Building and grounds operations (70,000 square feet, 17 ½ acres)
- Executive leader, 2003 Vision Task Force (long range planning)
- Executive leader, 2004 Deacon Reconstitution Leadership Group

**Pastoral Administrator - Christian Schools**

- NorthRidge Christian Preschool and extended care programs:
  - 1996 to 2004, expanding from 60 to 155 students
- NorthRidge Christian Academy
  - 1998 formation: beginning enrollment of sixteen K4 and K5
  - 1999 to 2003 expansion: K5 through 8th grade

**1987 - 1995**

**First Baptist Church**

**Haines City, FL**

**Associate Pastor in Youth and Evangelism**

- **Youth Ministry:** Sunday School, Wednesday Youth ALIVE program, Sunday night equipping, summer mission trips / multi-church projects
- **Children's Ministry:** formation of Children's Worship, bus outreach, summer recreation
- **Evangelism Ministry:** Witness Training, revivals, weekly visitation, and service-evangelism events (Random Acts of Kindness)
- **Adult & Support Ministry:** church relocation (1990), Discipled and led in the hiring of the current student ministries pastor, led out in the church's Vision 2000, long range strategy plan (completed in 1996)

**1983 - 1986**

**First Baptist Church**

**Carrollton, TX**

**Multifamily Housing Missions Director**

- Outreach Bible studies: apartments, condominiums, mobile homes
- Initiated the startup of Sandy Lake Road Mission
- Directed *Evangelism Explosion* training for youth ministry

**Other  
Training /  
Experiences**

**Life-shaping training focuses:**

- Southern Baptist FAITH Evangelism
- *Becoming A Contagious Christian*, evangelism training
- *Building A Church of Small Groups*, small group life training
- *How To Develop Your Quiet Time*, spiritual growth groups
- Saddleback Community Church, Purpose-Driven training
- Willow Creek Association conferences
- Ridgecrest and Glorieta Sunday School and youth conferences

**Life-shaping leadership participation:**

- Leading a task force in rewriting church Constitution and By-laws
- Coordinating a marriage seminar
- Developed three Creation-Science emphases
- Joint leadership in major evangelism events: Bailey Smith revival, *Eternity*, The Power Team, and SCAREMARE: House of Death
- Technical and production coordinator in theatrical lighting and staging for many large events