

## Dr. Mark R. Hensley

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### PERSONAL

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*Born:* March 2, 1961, Columbus, OH

*Family:* Wife – Laura Roberts Hensley, born Colorado Springs, CO

Married August 15, 1981.

- Blair Business College, Colorado Springs, CO – 1979-Secretarial/Business.
- Interests – photography, reading, walking, traveling.
- Active in women’s ministry leadership.

Children – Brian Robert, born August 5, 1986.

Benjamin Vance, born November 29, 1988.

Tyler Dale, born October 23, 1991.

*Interests:* Preaching, teaching, reading, walking, traveling, music, playing piano.

### EDUCATION

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*Hardin Simmons University*

Abilene, Texas. Bachelor of Behavioral Science Degree Religion- 1984

*Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary*

Fort Worth, Texas. Masters Degree in Religious Education-1987

*Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary*

Fort Worth, Texas. Doctoral Degree in Educational Ministry, with an emphasis in Leadership- 2005

### MINISTERIAL EXPERIENCE

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Licensed into the ministry by View Baptist Church, View, Texas, 1982

Ordained into the ministry by Circle Drive Baptist Church, Colorado Springs, Colorado, 1988

*Senior Pastor*

April 2008 – Present

**Hilltop Baptist Church**

Green River, WY

- Provide pastoral leadership through preaching, pastoral care, counseling and administration.
- Supervise the work of church office staff of four.
- Led the church to have two services, worship attendance has increased over 100%.
- Guided the church to provide comprehensive Discipleship training, and currently have three different Discipleship groups meeting weekly.
- Encouraged the church to continue building project for 450 seat auditorium by leading in a “Finishing Strong” financial campaign to pay off new building construction.

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Resume – Ministerial Experience

Hilltop Baptist Church (continued)

- Transitioned the church from committees to a team based ministry strategy and now have twelve ministry teams.
- Led the church to financially support (special love offering) our two mission churches that built new facilities.
- Provided leadership in the area of community wide outreach to advertise Vacation Bible School and sports clinics by participating in an annual parade passing out water bottles and candy.
- Directed in the development of monthly (summer) events to reach the community utilizing the associational trailer featuring cotton candy, snow-cones and popcorn and other outside activities to reach the community through friendship evangelism.
- Led the church being in the top ten in baptisms in the state of Wyoming for 2009 and 2010. The church has also approved a record budgets for 2009-2011.

### *Adjunct Professor of Evangelism & Church Ministries*

September 2010 – Present    **Liberty University Online**    Lynchburg, VA

- Teaching students online from around the world.

### *Adjunct Professor*

2008-2010    **Golden Gate Seminary**    Mill Valley, CA

- Taught Baptist History, Baptist Polity, Old Testament, the book of Genesis, Ministry Foundations and New Testament Theology for diploma students in Southwest Wyoming.

### *Interim Director of Missions*

2007-2008    **Green River & over thrust Associations of Southwest Wyoming**

- Served as Moderator of the Green River Baptist Association.
- Certified as a facilitator for “Building Powerful Ministry Teams” - Next Level Leadership Network - a division of the North American Mission Board.
- Led development of the monthly newsletter to facilitate more communication between churches and ministries.
- Encouraged pastors and churches through personal visitation to their church fields by writing notes of encouragement to pastors and serving as a resource through preaching and teaching.
- Provided council and assistance to a churches going through conflict.

### *Senior Pastor*

2004-2007    **Mountain View Baptist Church**    Lafayette, CO

- Led in the church adding to their membership more than 70 people and baptizing more than 40 new believers.
- Guided the church to set a new record for highest attendance on a Sunday.
- Directed the church to begin home Bible studies and Discipleship programs, which became more personal.
- Led in leadership development and outreach, which both increased and became more intentional.
- Led church in becoming debt free.

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Resume – Ministerial Experience (continued)

*Senior Pastor*

2002-2004

**Southern Hills Baptist Church**

Sioux City, IA

- Led in the church adding to their membership of more than 80 people and baptizing more than 40 new believers.
- Guided the church to begin two worship services to accommodate and accelerate growth, with an average combined worship attendance of more than 300.
- Developed the revamping of the mid-week service which resulted in attendance increasing from 10 to 90.
- Guided the church to purchase an additional seven acres of land for future expansion.
- Helped church to utilize television in order to increase church exposure.
- Led the church Sunday school attendance to increase more than 25% and mission offering amounts were the highest in the church's history.

*Senior Pastor*

1996-2002

**West Greeley Baptist Church**

Greeley, CO

- Led in the church adding to their membership of more than 200 people, baptizing more than 80 new believers and worship attendance more than doubled.
- Directed the church in renovating building and becoming debt free.
- Guided the church to become involved in a clothing and food ministry, helped start a "Cowboy" church in Kersey, Colorado and leading a worship service with a Bible study in the local jails.

*Chaplain*

1999-2002

**Colorado State Patrol**

Greeley, CO

- Worked closely with the officers, ministering to them with encouragement and support.

*Senior Pastor*

1994-1996

**Berryton Baptist Church**

Berryton, KS

- Appointed Home Missionary, New Church Extension Division, North American Mission Board and a mission church of First Southern Baptist Church of Topeka, Kansas.
- Led the church in doubling their membership.
- Guided church in starting new Discipleship programs.
- Directed the church in outreach with outdoor concerts, Vacation Bible School and Christian based Weight loss program.

*Senior Pastor*

1991-1994

**First Southern Baptist Church**

Larned, KS

- Encouraged the church to heal from past difficulties with integrity and leadership.
- Led church in renovating facilities.
- Directed church in starting a Christian Daycare.
- Began and taught a Bible Study in the local prison.

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### DENOMINATIONAL INVOLVEMENT

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#### *Senior Pastor*

1988-1991

**Washington Avenue Baptist Church**

Rocky Ford, CO

- Appointed Home Missionary, New Church Extension Division, North American Mission Board and mission church to First Southern Baptist Church in Pueblo, Colorado.
- Led the church to be the second in the state of Colorado in baptisms among churches with less than 200 members, and seventh in the state without regard to membership size with over 100 professions of faith in Christ.
- Guided the church in renovating facilities.
- Led the church to begin outreach program and revamping of Wednesday night prayer service.

#### *Musical Artist*

1977- Present

- Vocalist
- 2001 Nashville recording artist, my CD "Encouragement."

Church Growth Apprentice, North American Mission Board, 1988-1991  
Committee of Nominations Member, Southern Baptist Convention, 2001-2002  
Evangelism Committee Chairman, Longs Peak Association, Colorado, 1997-2001  
Evangelism Committee, Kansas, 1995-1996 and Colorado -1989-1991  
Executive Board Member, Kansas/Nebraska Convention, 1993-1994  
Moderator, Longs Peak Association, Colorado, 2001-2002  
Preacher/ Place Committee, State of Iowa, 2003-2004  
Revival/Camp Speaker, North Carolina, Kansas, Colorado and Oklahoma.  
World Missions Conference Speaker, North Carolina, Louisiana, Oklahoma and Georgia.  
Certificate of Completion Adrian Rogers Pastor Training Institute -2005  
Certified as a Transitional Interim Pastor -2008  
Preacher/ Place Committee, State of Wyoming, 2008

### PERSONAL STATEMENT

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One Sunday, as I was listening to the sermon by Calvary Baptist Church, (Hendersonville North Carolina), Pastor Buddy Mullinax, I realized my need for salvation. I responded to the invitation and received forgiveness in Jesus Christ. I was a new creation! The following year our family moved to Colorado Springs, Colorado. I became active in a Southern Baptist church and began to grow in the knowledge of our Lord.

While attending a church encampment outside of Colorado Springs, Colorado in the summer of 1980, I experienced an inward stirring, a call to the ministry. Through the years, as experiences came, (youth ministry, leading music in worship services and nursing homes and other opportunities for preaching) I realized a definite and specific call; A call to vocational ministry. I appreciate this opportunity to share my life with you.

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## **REFERENCES**

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