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## FAMILY BACKGROUND

Married Angela (Angie) G. Smith; August 22, 1981

Children Joshua (b.1984); Hannah (b.1987)

## EDUCATIONAL HISTORY

2003	<b>Ph.D.</b> , New Testament Interpretation Durham University • Durham, England
1996	<b>M.Div.</b> , Asbury Theological Seminary • Wilmore, KY Graduated <i>Honors</i> ; 3.84 GPA      Member of <i>Theta Phi</i> Honor Society
1989	<b>M.A., Biblical Literature</b> , (Old Testament), Asbury Theological Seminary Graduated <i>Honors</i> ; 3.80 GPA      Member of <i>Theta Phi</i> Honor Society
1987	<b>B.A., Bible</b> , Asbury College • Wilmore, KY Graduated <i>Honors</i> ; 3.97 GPA
1985-1986	Bible & Theology Classes, Ohio Christian University • Circleville, OH <i>Honors</i> ; 3.86 GPA
1977	<b>Associates Degree; Business Data Processing</b> , Columbus State Community College • Columbus, Ohio Graduated <i>Honors</i> : 3.60 GPA

## RELEVANT GRADUATE COURSE WORK

<b>M.A. Old Testament</b>	Language Classes in Hebrew, Classical and Koine Greek. Biblical classes: Pentateuch, Exodus, Historical Books, Psalms and Wisdom Literature, Ezekiel, Minor Prophets. Theology classes: OT Theology, Myth & History of OT, Judaism. <i>Old Testament Thesis Topic</i> : Theological purpose of recurring phrase, "That You May Know that I Am Yahweh" in the Books of Exodus and Ezekiel.
<b>M.Div.</b>	Language classes in New Testament Greek and Theological German. Biblical classes: Mark, John, Romans/Galatians, General Epistles, Hebrews, and Textual Criticism. Theology classes: NT Theology, Wesleyan Theology, Theology of John Calvin

## TEACHING-ADMINISTRATION HISTORY

2017-Present	Associate Professor; Indiana Wesleyan University
2015-2017	Dean, Wesley Seminary at Indiana Wesleyan University
2010-2015	VP for Academic Affairs and Academic Dean – Kingswood University
2009-2010	<i>Associate Dean</i> , School of Theology and Ministry – Indiana Wesleyan University
2005-2009	<i>Chair</i> , Division of Religion and Philosophy – Indiana Wesleyan University
2005-2009	<i>Associate Professor</i> ; Biblical Studies

**2000-2005** *Assistant Professor*, Biblical Studies  
 Classes Taught:  
 2000-2001 NT Survey, OT Survey, Beginning Greek, Synoptic Gospels.  
 2001-2002 NT Survey, Intermediate Greek, Johannine Literature, Inductive Bible Study (IBS).  
 2002-2003 NT Survey, OT Survey, Beginning Greek, Synoptic Gospels, Acts of the Apostles.  
*Graduate Class*: Gospel of Mark.  
 2003-2004 NT Survey, OT Survey, Beginning Greek, Intermediate Greek, Johannine Literature, Apocalyptic Literature.  
*Graduate Class*: Gospel of John.  
 2004-2005 NT Survey, OT Survey, Beginning Greek, IBS, Acts of the Apostles, Synoptic Gospels, Pastoral Epistles.  
 2006-2007 NT Survey, OT Survey, Beginning Greek, Intermediate Greek, IBS, Johannine Literature, Apocalyptic Literature.  
 2007-2008 NT Survey, OT Survey, Beginning Greek, Intermediate Greek, IBS, Synoptic Gospels, Pastoral Epistles.  
 2008-2009 OT Survey, Acts of the Apostles Intermediate Greek, IBS.  
 2009-2010 IBS, Johannine Literature, Pastoral Epistles

**2003-2008** *Affiliate Professor* • Asbury Theological Seminary  
 Classes Taught: Acts of the Apostles (2004, 2005, 2006, 2008). These classes were taught via FirstClass and Moodle (Asbury’s Distance learning delivery systems.)

**2000-2003** *Adjunct Professor* • Asbury Theological Seminary • Wilmore, KY  
 Classes Taught: Gospel of Matthew (2000, 2001 [2x’s]), 2002 [2 x’s], 2003).

**2008** *Adjunct Professor* • Wesley Biblical Seminary • Jackson MS  
 Class Taught: Luke-Acts. This class was a hybrid, half taught via Angel (WBS distance learning delivery system), and half taught on-site.

**1993-1994** *Instructor* • Moody Bible Institute, Extension School • Cleveland, Ohio  
 Classes Taught: The Doctrine of Angels and Satan; The Epistle of Galatians; The Holy Spirit in the New Testament

**1990-1991** *Graduate Assistant* • *Assistant* Asbury Theological Seminary  
**(also 1995-1997)** Classes: Historical Books, Epistle of Hebrews, General Epistles

All relevant class material can be found at my Web site [www.ProfDaveSmith.com](http://www.ProfDaveSmith.com)

## CHURCH EXPERIENCE

### Pastoral Experience

**2018-2019** *Assistant Pastor* • College Wesleyan Church, Marion, IN  
**1989-1994** *Senior Pastor* • Mayfield Heights Free Methodist Church, Mayfield Heights, OH  
**1987** *Senior Pastor* • Richmond Church of Christ in Christian, Richmond, KY

### Pastoral Credentials

- 2015 •Transfer ordination credentials to Crossroads District, Wesleyan Church
- 2010 •Transfer ordination credentials to Atlantic District, Wesleyan Church
- 2007 •Transfer ordination credentials to Indiana North District, Wesleyan Church
- 1993 •Ordained as an Elder in the Ohio Conference of the Free Methodist Church
- 1991 •Ordained as a Deacon in the Ohio Conference of the Free Methodist Church
- 1986 •Ordained as a Minister in the Churches of Christ in Christian Union

### Local Church Membership-Service

- 2010-2015 **Kings Valley Wesleyan Church**, Saint John, New Brunswick
- 2001-2010 (2015-Present) **College Wesleyan Church**, Marion IN
  - Initial Coordinator of Ministry Development Program (2 Resident Pastors, 3 Interns)
  - Adult Sunday School Teacher, LBA member, pulpit supply
- 1987-1989, 1995-98 **Wilmore Free Methodist Church**
  - Adult Sunday School Teacher, Member, Board of Finance
- 1981-1986 **Stygler Road Church of Christ in Christian Union**
  - Adult Sunday School Teacher, Official Board Member

### Denominational Service - Professional Organizations

- 2009-Present • Board of Directors (Vice-President): [Circle of Hope, International](#)  
Church-based Community development organization connected serving hundreds of orphans in rural Malawi with holistic care (food, health care, education).
- 2011-2015 • Board of Directors: [Atlantic Society for Biblical Equality](#)  
Pro-Women in Ministry organization based in Atlantic Canada, founded on the model of Christians for Biblical Equality.
- 2012-2015 **District Board of Ministerial Development** – Atlantic District
- 2016-Present **District Board of Ministerial Development** – Chairperson, Crossroads District

## WORK EXPERIENCE

- 1984-1985 **Nationwide Insurance Company** • One Nationwide Plaza, Columbus, Ohio  
*Division Supervisor, Data Base Administration*
  - Supervised 6 subordinates and related personnel responsibilities, 350K annual budget, division responsibilities involved maintaining on-line processing system for entire Nationwide network, and serving as liaison between Nationwide and IBM on division matters.
- 1981-1984 *Senior Systems Specialist*
  - Coordinator for installation and maintenance of software security for Nationwide Companies
- 1979-1981 *Systems Analyst*
  - Design and maintain software for Nationwide Credit Union and Heritage Securities (subsidiary investment company)
- 1978-1979 *Senior Computer Programmer*
  - Maintain computer programs and assign work to other programmers
- 1977-1978 *Computer Programmer*
  - Maintain computer programs

## WRITING PROJECTS

Ph.D. Dissertation: ***Can We Hear What They Heard?: The Effect of Orality upon a Markan Reading-Event.*** •Thesis argument: Since essentially all texts in the first century were read aloud, modern hermeneutical methodologies, which are based upon “print-oriented-visual” principles, may be introducing epistemological and media anachronisms into the understanding of the Markan text. Therefore, this thesis focuses upon Mark from an oral perspective, in an attempt to recover the oral-aural effect that the Second Gospel had upon a listening audience in the first century. *Dissertation Examination Committee:* Dr. James D. G. Dunn (Internal Examiner, University of Durham and Dr. Richard Bauckham (External Examiner, University of St. Andrews, Scotland).

***Mark: A Commentary for Bible Students*** (Wesleyan Bible Commentary), Wesleyan Publishing House, 2007.

### **On-line site for my Class material.**

With the ease of millennial students accessing the internet, I found it essential to develop an internet site through which I could distribute materials to them instantly. Moreover, since I also want to be able to disseminate my work to the larger Kingdom See [www.ProfDaveSmith.com](http://www.ProfDaveSmith.com).

**Slavery (in the Old Testament)** – Article for Global Wesleyan Dictionary of Biblical Theology for Beacon Hill Press (forthcoming, 2019).

**Commentary on Mark** – Wesley One Volume Commentary, ed. Joel Green and Ken Collins for Abingdon Press (forthcoming, 2019)

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (SELECTED OPPORTUNITIES)

### **Graduate Student Theological Seminar (GSTS), Free Methodist/Wesleyan Churches, 1997**

*“Christology by Irony: The Markan Jesus Revealed within the Rhetoric of Irony.”*

•Employing a narrative-critical methodology, this paper argues that the use of irony allows for the revelation of distinctive aspects of the Markan message which otherwise would be left unheard by the reader.

### **Honors College Lecture, Indiana Wesleyan University**

•*Can We Hear What They Heard?: The Effect of Orality upon a Markan Reading-Event and It's Potential for Third World Ministry:* Presentation to IWU Honors College regarding the findings of my dissertation, October 29, 2003.

### **World Gospel Mission's International Celebration of Nations June 2005**

•Bible teacher for the event.

### **Wilmore Camp Meeting July 2006**

•Bible Teacher for Wilmore Holiness Camp meeting in Wilmore, KY.

### **Chambers Wesleyan Camp (Central New York district) July 2007 & July 2008**

•Bible Teacher.

### **Labish Community Church (ECNA) August 2007 and May 2008**

•Bible Teacher.

### **World Gospel Mission's Missionary Forum Dec 2007**

•Co-speaker (with Dr. Steve DeNeff and Dr. Chris Bounds) for all furloughed missionaries.

### **Multnomah Holiness Camp (Portland, OR) July 2009**

•Camp Evangelist.

### **Chambers Wesleyan Camp (Central New York district) July 2012**

•Camp Evangelist.

### **Florida District Camp July 2013**

•Camp Evangelist.

### **West Michigan DBMD February 2014**

•Presentation on “Celebrating the Call.”

### **Central Canada District Family Camp July 2014**

•Camp Evangelist.

### **Asbury University January 2015**

•Holiness Emphasis Week – *Holiness Housed in Story – Practical Holiness from the Gospel of Mark.*

### **Chambers Wesleyan Camp (Central New York District) July 2015**

•Camp Evangelist

### **Beulah Camp July 2016**

•Camp Evangelist

### **Atlantic District Teaching Fall 2013-Spring 2015**

•I have developed a class, “Bible Study for the Rest of Us” taught 15 times over the course of last 2 years in local churches. The course offering is for 6-8 hours on Sat and then Sunday morning preaching

### **Association of Theological Schools (ATS) Biennial Meeting June 2016.**

•Presentation Title: *Residency and Spiritual Formation (Challenges and Opportunities)*. Question: Is it possible to effectively education and spiritual form student without ever bringing them to campus?

### **True^North Ministry – 2015-Present**

•Disciple-making in the Wesleyan Tradition. All materials can be found at [www.ProfDaveSmith.com](http://www.ProfDaveSmith.com) This discipleship program has been shared in scores of local churches and ministry events, both domestically and internationally in the last 5 years.

## CROSS-CULTURAL TEACHING OPPORTUNITIES

### Free Methodist Bible School, Malawi Africa Summer 2004

•Teaching month long module to Malawi national pastors. Classes taught: Synoptic Gospels and Inductive Bible Study.

### Honduras January 2006

•Addressing the Honduran pastors at the Annual Conference of the Honduran Holiness Church (*Iglesia Evangélica de Santidad en Honduras*) representing 200 churches with a combined membership of roughly 25,000 people.

### American Indian Field/Arizona May 2006

•Leading a retreat for World Gospel Mission Missionaries.

### Malawi Africa Summer 2008

•Two-week module to Malawi pastors and laypeople. This is designed in coordination with Circle of Hope International and their orphan trust program. Classes taught: Bible Study; Basic Theology; Christian Ethics. Several preaching opportunities.

### Sabbatical Spring 2009

•*South Africa*. Taught the national Wesleyan Superintendents of Swaziland, South Africa, and Zimbabwe for 7 days at a district leaders meeting. In addition, there were multiple preaching opportunities.

•*Swaziland*. Taught 14 days at Emmanuel Wesleyan Bible College. One week was their Fall Summit and I spoke twice a day. The second week was a formal class on the Gospel of Mark.

•*Mozambique*. Taught for 3 weeks (four hours a day) at the Wesleyan Bible College in Xa-Xai. Twenty-five pastors and spouses. Taught two classes. Overall during Sabbatical, I spoke or taught 51 times.

### Malawi Africa Summer 2012

•Three-week long module to Malawi pastors. This is designed in coordination with Circle of Hope International and their orphan trust program. Classes taught: Gospel of Mark and Gospel of John. Several preaching opportunities, including the Ordination Service for 5 new ministers.

## PROFESSIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS

Rev. Dr. Wayne Schmidt  
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