

THOMAS "TOM" CALVIN OGBURN

EDUCATION:

GEORGE W. TRUETT THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
Doctor of Ministry Degree Baylor University, Waco, Texas August 2005
SOUTHEASTERN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
Master of Divinity Degree Wake Forest, North Carolina May 1993
CAMPBELL UNIVERSITY
Bachelor of Science Degree Buies Creek, North Carolina May 1992

EXPERIENCE:

January 2005 to Present
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF OKLAHOMA CITY www.fbcokc.org
Senior Pastor
 www.tomsdesk.blogspot.com
 May 1994 to December 2005
COOPERATIVE BAPTIST FELLOWSHIP GLOBAL MISSIONS - Atlanta, GA
Associate Coordinator for Volunteer and Partnership Missions 2000 - 2005
Missionary/Strategy Coordinator for an Unreached People Group - Southeast Asia 1994 - 2000
 February 1990 to May 1994
WESTWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH, Cary, North Carolina
Pastor
 February 1988 to February 1990
GOOD HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH, Morrisville, North Carolina
Associate Pastor/Minister of Youth
 1984 to 1988
PARKWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH, Durham, North Carolina (November 1986 to February 1988) and **CHOCKOYETTE BAPTIST CHURCH, Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina** (June 1984 to June 1985) both provided part-time youth ministry positions that served as positive introductions to ministry.

ORGANIZATIONAL INVOLVEMENT:

Capital Baptist Association
New Work and Mission Strategy Committee 2006 - 2010
Committee Chair 2008 - 2010
Cooperating Baptist Fellowship of Oklahoma
Coordinating Council Member 2007 - 2009
Chair, Missions Committee 2007 - 2009
Baylor School of Social Work
Global Missions Leadership program Advisory Council 2010 - 2011
Oklahoma Baptist University
MBA Program Advisory Board 2012 - Present
AsOneChurch Leadership Team 2013 - Present
 Asonechurch.com
 Serve as a part of the leadership core for a church unity effort in our city.

ACADEMIC AND INSTRUCTIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

GEORGE W. TRUETT SEMINARY, BAYLOR UNIVERSITY
Guest speaker as a part of Doctor of Ministry seminars on the Church and the World (2004, 2006, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2013)
SINGAPORE BIBLE COLLEGE, Singapore
Guest lecturer for Singapore Bible College for the 2009 Missions Week.
 The college has students from 25 nations and 50 distinct people groups from across Asia.
PERSPECTIVES ON THE WORLD CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT
 A twelve week course on world missions
Session lecturer in Perspectives courses offered in: Atlanta, GA, Roswell, GA; San Antonio, TX; Dallas, TX, Richardson, TX; Lewisville, TX; Lubbock, TX; Irving, TX; Oklahoma City, OK; Norman, OK; Edmond, OK; Stillwater, OK; and Shawnee, OK.
 2001 to 2012
NEW BAPTIST COVENANT - Midwest Region Meeting 2009
 Texas Christian Life Commission - lunch panel discussion on the Church and Immigration - Panel participant for Biblical/theological perspective

CONGREGATIONAL ASSISTANCE

- Served as facilitator/consultant for several congregations working through a visioning process.
- Currently serve as mentor/coach for several pastors leading congregations in transition.

COMMENDED
for Ministry



DR. THOMAS (TOM) CALVIN OGBURN

TO OUR
Church family

Just over 9 months ago, you entrusted 9 of us with the awesome privilege, responsibility and opportunity to seek the next senior pastor for First Baptist Knoxville. As we endeavored to fulfill that responsibility, we found ourselves individually and collectively on a spiritual journey. To a person, we felt that God was in this and that the Holy Spirit was truly involved with each of us in the process. That spiritual journey has culminated in our unanimous recommendation that FBC call Tom Ogburn to be its Pastor.

We are and have been throughout the process mindful of you—our church family—and the patience you have shown us, the prayers you have raised for us and the privilege you bestowed on us. We have been both inspired and humbled by your constancy and regular words of affirmation and support.

We ask that you now prayerfully seek God's guidance as you express your convictions in the calling of Tom Ogburn.

PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE

- JULIE BLAKELEY • STEVE BOWMAN
 BOB CALLOWAY • BILL COLEY • DANIEL HEADRICK
 EMILY PLEMMONS • GREG REED • CLIFF SHIRLEY (CHAIRMAN) • SANDY WISENER

TOM MADE BISCUITS AT A BREAKFAST RESTAURANT FOR HIS FIRST JOB, AND BETH SERVED AS A WAITRESS AT A BBQ RESTAURANT.



Meeting at a singles event, they gathered at Krispy Kreme for their first date. This pair immediately shared a connection for good food and fellowship. Today, Tom prefers shrimp (or almost anything that lives in the water), and Beth's favorite is Thai Basil Chicken. Moments of relaxation will likely find Tom listening to *James Taylor*, watching *American Pickers*, or reading. While he can't settle on a favorite author, *The Cost of Discipleship* by Bonhoeffer is his favorite book. For Beth, *The Temptations* is top on her listening choice. *Castle* is her favorite TV show, and Max Lucado is her favorite author. Right now, her favorite book is *Blue Like Jazz*.

Tom enjoys cooking; Beth likes to travel. They have walked together on the Great Wall of China, stared into the Grand Canyon, walked an ancient bazaar in Morocco, listened to Big Ben strike the hour and stood on the Christ the Redeemer statue in Rio. Beth is an expert bargainer in global markets, and Tom has a large accidental elephant collection. Tom's and Beth's shared interests include their passion for football, so every fall they will be rooting together for their favorite team, Baylor. (*Expect some orange to rub off on them soon.*)

ACCORDING TO TOM AND BETH, THEIR GREATEST JOY AND ACCOMPLISHMENT IS THEIR FAMILY.

They deeply love their two children and daughter-in-law. Elizabeth Grace Ogburn, their youngest a sophomore at Baylor, shares her parents' passion for helping others and looks forward to ministry through missions. Aaron, the big brother and married to Grace Elizabeth (*best to use the first names to avoid confusing the sister-in-law Grace Elizabeth with the daughter Elizabeth Grace*), is currently pastor at Spring Creek Baptist Church in Iredell, TX. Aaron and Grace share a missions call. Both are completing their first year at Truett Seminary. Bennie, a terrier/beagle mix rounds out the family.



TO THE CONGREGATION *of First Baptist Knoxville*



God has been at work in this process from the moment it began. God was at work in the Pastor Search Committee as they met with you in small groups to build a pastor profile, as they prayed together, as they poured over resumes and recommendations, and as they truly sought God's will together. Halfway across the country God was at work in my life, softening my heart, opening my eyes and creating a willing spirit to engage with the Pastor Search Committee.

When the search committee first reached out to me, I listened, but told them I would not be a candidate. They contacted me during a period where there were demands pressing on every side, and there were a number of other things going on in the life of the church. I told them "no" but never found a sense of peace about it. As days turned to weeks, and weeks to months, FBC Knoxville continued to be a point of conversation in our household and with those to whom I turn for spiritual counsel. Each time I felt less settled about the "no" I had offered. Someone whose opinion I truly value asked me if I had

said "no" out of habit, or had I prayed about and carefully considered it? I had to confess to my friend that my response may have been born out of bad timing rather than a true searching of God's will for me.

I contacted the Pastor Search Committee. "I do not know where you are in your process, but I would be open to engaging in conversation again. I have not been resolved since I closed our conversation and want to make sure that I am open to what God might be doing." I knew that they had gone on about their task, but I had to make sure that I was faithful in doing what was right in the eyes of God. I soon discovered that the committee had been on its own spiritual journey, and they were now open to a fresh conversation.

On a December day, God brought our two stories together. The Committee invited me to come for a visit to explore what God might be saying to each of us. It is a day that I will never forget. God moved and the Holy Spirit stirred. I believe it was clear to each of us that God was moving us toward one another. It became clear that the needs of the church and my gifting were a match. It became clear that the desires of my heart and the dreams of the church were a match. It became clear that God had bonded us together with a love for one another that was out of the norm for knowing each other face to face for such a short period of time.

MOST IMPORTANTLY, IT BECAME CLEAR THAT GOD WAS CALLING AND LEADING ME. I COME BEFORE YOU WITHOUT HESITATION OR RESERVATION AND SAY THAT I FEEL CALLED AND COMPELLED TO JOIN YOU AT FBC KNOXVILLE AS YOUR NEXT PASTOR. I COME WITH THE BELIEF THAT THE BEST DAYS FOR THIS GREAT CHURCH LIE IN FRONT OF IT. I AM READY AND EAGER TO SERVE AT YOUR SIDE.

Grace and Peace,

Dr. Tom Ogburn

