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Gerry E. Breshears, Ph.D.
Professor of Theology
Western Seminary
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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy (Systematic Theology) - Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, CA, 1984.
Dissertation: "Faith and General Revelation in the Tradition and Theology of G. C. Berkouwer."

Master of Divinity - Denver Seminary, Denver, CO, *cum laude*; 1975.

Bachelor of Science (Mathematics and Education) - University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM; 1968.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Professor of Theology; Chairman, Division of Biblical and Theological Studies, Western Seminary,
Portland, OR; 1980 to present

Part Time Faculty in Theology, Biola College, La Mirada, CA; 1979 to 1980

Mathematics Teacher, Faith Academy, Manila, Philippines; 1969 to 1972

Mathematics Teacher, Jefferson County Public Schools, CO; 1968 to 1969

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Machinist, Meister Engineering, Pasadena, CA; 1978 to 1980

Machinist-Foreman, Lanmar Co., Pasadena, CA; 1975 to 1978

Bookkeeper-Machinist, C & C Manufacturing, Denver, CO; 1972 to 1975

Mission Associate, Conservative Baptist Foreign Mission Society, Philippines, 1969 to 1972

VISITING FACULTY & LECTURESHIPS

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| 2002 to 2009 | Visiting Professor, Odessa Theological Seminary, Odessa, Ukraine |
| 2002, 2004, 2006 | Visiting Professor, Arab Baptist Theological Seminary, Beirut, Lebanon |
| 2008 | Visiting Professor, Biblical Leadership Training Center, Krasnodar, Russia |
| 2000, 2007 | Visiting Professor, International School of Theology, Quezon City, Philippines |
| 1997, 2003, 2005 | Visiting Professor, Biblical Theological Seminary, Wroclaw, Poland |
| 1995, 1998, 2005 | Visiting Professor, Montana Bible College |
| 1999, 2002, 2004 | Visiting Professor, Taiwan Baptist Seminary, Hsilo, Taiwan |
| 1999, 2002 | Visiting Professor, Tyndale Theological Seminary, Amsterdam, Netherlands |
| 1997 | Visiting Professor, Chung Tai Seminary, Taiching, Taiwan |
| 1987 | Visiting Professor, Northwest Seminary, Vancouver, Canada |
| 1986, 1988 | Visiting Professor, Denver Seminary, Denver, CO |
| 1984 to 2002 | Faculty, Ecola Bible College, Cannon Beach, OR |
| 1996 | Staley Lectureship Cedarville College, Cedarville, OH |
| 1984, 1990, 1993 | Staley Lectureship, Multnomah School of the Bible, Portland, OR |
| 1982, 1984 | Lectureship, Western Evangelical Seminary, Portland, OR |
| 1994, 1996 | International Center for Biblical Counseling, Sioux City, IA |

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Doctrine: What Every Christian Should Believe, with Mark Driscoll, Crossway, 2010

"Spiritual Abuse" in *Shepherding a Woman's Heart*, Edited Bev Hislop, Moody, 2010

Vintage Church, with Mark Driscoll, Crossway, 2009

Death by Love, with Mark Driscoll, Crossway, 2008

Vintage Jesus, with Mark Driscoll, Crossway, 2008

"Ecology," *Evangelical Dictionary of Missions*, Baker, 2000

"Learning to Distinguish Between Degrees of Certainty," in *Lessons in Leadership*, Kregel, 1999

"Friends Who Tell Me the Truth," *Decision Magazine*, August, 1996

"When It's a Sin to Forgive," *Grace Vine*, May-June, 1995

"The Walk to Freedom," *Interest*, June 1994.

"The Body of Christ: Prophet, Priest or King?" *Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society*, January, 1994.

"Truth Decay in the Church," *Tabletalk Magazine*, Spring, 1993

"The Healing Power of Prayer," *Plumbline*, Summer, 1990.

"How Biblical Is Healing?" *Multnomah Communicator*, May, 1990.

"Miraculous Church Growth: Assessing Power Theology," *WCBS Communicator*, Fall and Winter, 1987; Spring, 1988

"The Word as Spiritual Seed," in *Celebrating the Word*. Multnomah Press, 1987

"Human Freedom and Integration," in *Christian Freedom: Essays in Honor of Vernon Grounds*. University Press, 1986.

Review of J. Moltmann, *God in Creation* in *Journal of Psychology and Theology*, 14:4 (1986) 340-341.

Review of G. Lindbeck, *The Nature of Doctrine* in *Journal of Psychology & Theology*, 13:2 (1985) 153.

"Anthropological Integration: A Theological Response," *Journal of Psychology & Theology*, 11:2 (1983): 127-132.

"Authority of Scripture and the Unity of Revelation," (with R. Larzelere), *Journal of Psychology & Theology*, 9:4 (1981): 312-317

ORGANIZATIONAL OFFICES

Evangelical Theological Society, National President, 1993
Evangelical Theological Society, National Executive Committee, 1991- 2000, 2007 to present
Northwest Evangelical Theological Society, Secretary-Treasurer, 1985 to present
Board Member, Pregnancy Resource Centers of Portland, 2008-present
Board Member, Interact Ministries, 2001-present
Steering Committee, Evangelical-Catholic Dialogue, 2005-present
Advisory Board, North Portland Bible College, Portland, 1990-2000
Contributing Editor, *Journal of Psychology and Theology*, 1986-2000
Board Member, Sunnyside Counseling Center, Portland, OR, 1991-1999
Dispensational Study Group, First Convener; Secretary-Treasurer, 1986-1991

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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Ordained 1983, Conservative Baptist Association

Marital & Family Status:

Married to Sherry, 1968
2 Sons, 1 Daughter

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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Gerry was born in Albuquerque, New Mexico to Christian parents. He spent his boyhood years on a farm in the Ozarks of Missouri. While there, he and his family attended the church his grandfather pastored for many years as a farmer-pastor. Gerry received Jesus Christ as his personal savior at age 8 and was baptized shortly after that. One of his first acts following that was to lead one of his friends to Jesus Christ. He moved back to Albuquerque to begin seventh grade and remained there through his bachelor's program in mathematics and education at the University of New Mexico. He married Sherry at the end of his senior year in university. During his high school and college years he had a four year period where he rejected Christianity for intellectual reasons. Through the ministry of a new pastor in his church, he reexamined Christianity and recommitted himself to being a disciple of Jesus Christ. After teaching mathematics for a year in a suburb of Denver, he and his family went to the Philippines to teach at Faith Academy, the largest school for missionary children in the world. During the three years serving as a Mission Associate with Conservative Baptist Foreign Mission Society (now WorldVenture), he not only taught math to missionary kids, but also became deeply involved in helping start Calvary Baptist Church. He returned to the United States for formal training for ministry. He did his seminary work at Denver Seminary and his doctoral work at Fuller Seminary. He came to Western Seminary in 1980.

Being a faculty member at Western takes him well beyond classroom teaching. He spends many hours each week meeting with students individually and in small groups to discuss theology as it impacts life as a Christian, to talk about career directions, family and church life, and a myriad of other topics. Gerry has also given time to several significant administrative roles at Western. He initiated the Master of Arts in Exegetical Theology program and chaired the seminary's Curriculum Revision Committee. He currently chairs the Division of Biblical and Theological Studies and the Academic Policies Committee.

Beyond the campus Gerry is an elder and a member of the preaching team at Grace Community Church of Gresham. He served as president of the Evangelical Theological Society in 1993 and continues to serve on the national and regional executive committees of that organization. He served as a founding member of the steering committee of a national study group on dispensational theology. In addition to teaching and lecturing at a number of colleges and seminaries around the world, he preaches or teaches in many churches and conferences and is a frequent guest on various radio and TV programs.

His passion is to bring theology to life. That has led him to a lot of consulting with churches and pastors across the country and around the world. He has focused attention on helping individuals and churches wrestling with the how to think about ministry from a theological basis. He has long term interests in the relation of theology and science, creation vs. evolution.

His wife, Sherry, is a computer network communications professional. They have two sons, Donn and David, and a daughter, Cyndee. They enjoy making their home a center of hospitality and ministry to all sorts of people. Gerry's hobbies include computers, travel, hiking and reading.