

**RESUME**  
**RON MARRS, Ph.D.**  
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**BIOGRAPHY IN A PARAGRAPH**

Ron Marrs is presently a Professor of Youth and Pastoral Ministry at Western Seminary. Ron is the leader of the Portland Youth Workers Network. He served at Westwood Baptist Church, a Converge church, for 24.5 years primarily as the youth pastor and then as executive/worship pastor. He has been married to Becky for 42 years, has three children, two daughters-in law, three grandsons, and one granddaughter. He has served as an elder at Hinson Baptist Church. He completed doctoral research in which he interviewed 27 people about their rookie youth pastor experiences along with 25 of their supervisors.

**PERSONAL DATA**

Birth date: August 23, 1950

Marital Status: Married since 9-22-77

Wife: Becky

Children: Kate Registered nurse living in Portland, OR  
Jonathan Married to Carissa, living in Portland, OR  
David Married to Hannah, living in Portland, OR

Grandchildren: Micah, Asher, Charlie, and Amelie

Present Employment: Western Seminary

School address: 5511 S.E. Hawthorn Blvd., Portland, OR, 97215

School phone: 503-517-1887

**EDUCATION**

University of Oregon, B.A. in Mathematics, 1972

Western Conservative Baptist Seminary, Master of Divinity, 1977

Western Conservative Baptist Seminary, Master of Theology, 1980

Talbot School of Theology: Ph.D. in Educational Studies, 2012

**EMPLOYMENT**

Mathematician (Computer Programmer) for Bonneville Power Administration

Summer, 1969

Summer, 1970

Summer, 1971

June, 1972 - May, 1973

**PUBLIC SPEAKING EXPERIENCE**

Seminars at conferences for training youth leaders

Youth retreats

Public school classroom

Preaching in local churches

**RECENT YOUTH MINISTRY SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS**

Prepare the Way Youth Conference

Teen Leadership Conference

## **PUBLICATIONS**

“Stop Abusing Stats”, *Youthworker Journal* Article, March/April, 2008

“How I lasted 21 years in youth ministry at the same church”, *Youthworker Journal* Article, September/October, 2000.

## **CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT**

"Learning to Love", a course of study for 7th and 8th grade students related to sexuality issues

"What do teenagers need: A Course of Study for Parents", developed as Masters of Theology Thesis

## **MINISTRY EXPERIENCE**

Interim Executive Pastor, Hinson Church, Jan, 2009 – August, 2010

Director of TruthQuest Training, Western Seminary, 2003-2008

Pastor of Worship, Pastoral Care and Discipleship duties, Westwood Baptist Church  
May, 2003 – March, 2003

Youth Pastor of Worship, Missions, and Executive duties, Westwood Baptist Church  
August, 1999 – May, 2002

Youth Pastor, September 1978 – August, 1999, Westwood Baptist Church

High school youth pastor, Evangel Baptist Church  
July, 1973 - May, 1977

Speaker and singer for high school church groups and groups such as Campus Life, Young Life, Campus  
Crusade for Christ, Firs Chalet Snow Camps, speaker and camp pastor for junior high youth at Lake  
Retreat Camp.

Conservative Baptist Association of Oregon College Cabinet (President, Advisor)

Conservative Baptist Association of Oregon High School Cabinet (Advisor)

Campus Life Associate Staff, Grant High School, Portland, Ore.,  
3 years

Campus Life Club Director, 1977-78, Grant High School

Teaching Assistant for Mr. Loren Fischer, Western Conservative Baptist Seminary, 1976-77

Teaching Fellow for Mr. Loren Fischer, WCBS, 1977-78

Family Camp Program Director, Pine Cove Conference Center, Tyler, Texas, Summers of 1977 and 1978

Pastoral Advisor, Conference Youth Fellowship of the Columbia Baptist Conference, 1982-85

Columbia Youth Fellowship Spring Youth Rally Chairman, 1983, 1986

Youth Mission Team to Mexico, Summer, 1986

Youth Mission Team to San Francisco, Summer, 1987

Youth Mission Team to Mexico, Summer, 1989, 1992, 1993, 1995, 1996, 1998, 1999

Rallies Commission Chairman, Columbia Baptist Conference Youth Fellowship, 1988 to 1999

Seminar leader, youth division, Northwest Christian Educators Conference, 2005, 2006, 2007

NW Ministry Conference Workshop Presenter, 2012-2019

## **INTERESTS**

Reading

Music (play guitar and lead worship)

Sports (avid Sports Illustrated reader, love to watch sports and read about them)