

Biography

RALPH F. SPEAS

Personal

Born December 5, 1940 in Templeton, Pennsylvania to the parents of Howard L. Speas, the pastor of a Wesleyan Methodist Church, and Leona L. Speas in the basement of the church that also served as the parsonage.

Married to (Janet) Rosene Snavelly on July 4, 1964 following her graduation at Houghton College, Houghton New York where she majored in Christian education.

Son, Jonathan Alan, born May 4, 1967, now residing in Elgin, Oklahoma.

Daughter, Cynthia Michelle, born June 3, 1969, now residing in Raytown, Missouri with her husband and three children where Sean, her husband, pastors Southview Baptist Church.

Daughter, Krista Rene, born December 11, 1977, and died July 23, 1994 in a car accident.

Interests include fishing, hunting, woodworking, carpentry, gardening and lawn work. In 1980, as a family project, he constructed a log Swiss chalet outside Owasso, Oklahoma.

Education

Diploma from Youngsville High School, Youngsville, Pennsylvania, 1958.

Bachelor of Science degree from Houghton College, Houghton New York, 1962.

Master of Divinity degree from Luther Rice Seminary, Atlanta/Lithonia, Georgia, with a major in Theology, 1996

Doctor of Divinity honorary degree from Immanuel Baptist Theological Seminary, Atlanta (Sharpsburg), Georgia, 1996

Full Time Church Related Ministry

Interim Pastor, Ringwood Wesleyan Church, Ringwood Oklahoma, 1961.

Pastor, Ashwood Wesleyan Church, Lyndonville, New York, 1962-1969.

Ordained into the Gospel Ministry by the Wesleyan Church.

Pastor, Rosewood Wesleyan Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma, 1969-1974.

Executive Director, Family Enrichment Foundation, Tulsa, Oklahoma, 1974-1976. Ordained again into the Gospel Ministry at Eastwood Baptist.

Minister of Bible Education, Eastwood Baptist Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma, 1976-1982.

Associate Pastor, Eastwood Baptist Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma, 1982-1984.

Associate Pastor, Applewood Baptist Church, Wheatridge, Colorado, 1984-1986.

Church Administrator, First Southern Baptist Church, Del City, Oklahoma, 1986-1988.

Minister of Education, First Southern Baptist Church, Del City, Oklahoma, 1988-1991.

Associate Pastor, First Southern Baptist Church, Del City, Oklahoma, 1991-1996.

Associate Pastor/Minister of Education, First Southern Baptist Church, Del City, Oklahoma, 1996-2003.

Interim Minister of Education, First Southern Baptist Church, Del City, Oklahoma, 2005-2007.

President, Meridian University of Biblical Training, First Southern Baptist Church, Del City, Oklahoma, 2003-present.

Radio and Television

Host, Evening Vespers, weekly thirty minute program on **radio**, WJSL, Houghton, New York. 1961-1962.

Host, Moments of Meditation, daily five minute program on **television**, KTUL, Tulsa, Oklahoma, 1970-1974.

Co-host, Let Me Talk to That Preacher, weekly ninety minute talk show on **radio** with co-hosts, Tom Elliff, Ruffin Snow, and C.B. Hogue, KCFO and KAKC, Tulsa, Oklahoma, 1979-1983.

Co-host, Sunday Night Talk, a weekly ninety minute talk show on **radio** with co-host Tom Elliff, Denver, Colorado, 1984-1985.

Announcer, Living in the Word, a daily thirty minute program featuring Tom Elliff on **radio**, KQCV, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 1991-1995.

Announcer, Living in the Word, a weekly thirty minute program featuring Tom Elliff on **television**, KSBI, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 1991-1994.

Ministry Related Overseas Trips and Tours

Tour Member, trip to Switzerland for a Bible Conference and Israel for a week long Bible Study tour, 1976.

Tour Host, trip to Switzerland and Israel for a week long Bible Study tour, 1979.

Tour Host, trip to Israel for a week long Bible Study tour, 1981.

Evangelist, mission trip to Bulawayo, Zimbabwe for a week of meetings, 1982.

Consultant and Speaker, one-week mission trip to Johannesburg and White River, South Africa for the Foreign Mission Board as a consultant on Sunday School and speaker to the south Africa church planters, 1982.

Consultant and Speaker, one-week trip to Limuru, Kenya for the Foreign Mission Board as a consultant on Sunday School and speaker to the east Africa church planters, 1982.

Speaker and Trainer, two-week missions partnership trip to several locations in Tanzania, 1985.

Trip Organizer and Leader, one-week missions partnership trip to Seoul, Korea, 1988.

Team Member and Speaker, two-week missions partnership trip to Fuchou, Xiamen, Nanjing, Shanghai, Jinan, and Beijing, China, 1992.

Team Leader and Speaker, two-week missions partnership trip to St. Lucia, West Indies, 1996.

Team Leader and Speaker, two-week mission trip to Phnom Penh and Siem Reap, Cambodia, 1998.

Team Member and Speaker, one-week mission trip to Amsterdam, Netherlands language groups, March 2003.

Team Member and Speaker, one-week mission trip to Imphal, Manipur, India, February 2005.

Team Leader and Teacher, two-week mission trip to Imphal, Manipur, India, October 2005.

Team Leader and Teacher, two-week mission trip to Imphal, Manipur, India, October 2006.

Team Member, two-week mission research trip to Delhi, India, Calcutta, India, and Dharan, Nepal, February 2007.

Ministry Related Projects

Founded and directed Family Enrichment Foundation in Tulsa, Oklahoma, offering marriage counseling and presenting week long family life seminars, 1973-1976.

Authored and published the book, *How to Deal with How You Feel*, Broadman Press, Nashville, Tennessee, 1980.

Authored and published the learning module for the book, *Praying for Others*, Thomas D. Elliff, for the Church Training Division of the Sunday School Board.

Authored and designed the Sunday school enrolment campaign, “*One Hundred ‘One’derful Days*” with the goal of enrolling 1,100 in Sunday school in 100 days. The program enrolled 1,400 at First Southern Baptist Church, Del City, Oklahoma, 1991.

Authored and printed youth and adult Sunday School lessons for teachers and the pupil lesson leaflets to accompany each lesson for Deuteronomy, II Kings, Micah, Psalms, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Amos, Jonah, Hosea, Habakkuk, Mark, John, Romans, II Corinthians, Ephesians, Philippians, and Philemon.

Authored a syllabus for the counselor training course, *Competent to Counsel*, and taught the course multiple times using the texts written by Dr. Jay Adams.

As partial fulfillment in meeting requirements toward the M. Div. degree, **wrote** a syllabus for *Competent to Counsel*, a three-hour course, Introduction to Biblical Counseling, CO 520-A, for Luther Rice Seminary.

Contributed pages 23-26 to *Secrets of Sunday School Success for Ministers of Education*, Joe Haynes, Convention Press, Nashville, Tennessee, 1992.

Contributed to *Leadership* magazine in the Leadership Forum interview section on the subject, “Request to Remarry: Catch 22,” Volume IV, Number 3.

Contributed to *Growing Churches* magazine the article “Prayer: A Powerful Agent for Growth,” Volume VII, Number 4, Summer 1997.

Contributed on a weekly basis, a column entitled “Family Talk,” for the *Baptist Messenger*, the state paper for the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma.

Edited *The Family*, a monthly magazine published by First Southern Baptist Church of Del City, Oklahoma.

Founded Meridian University of Biblical Training, October 2003. a school designed to train church leaders and laity for Christian service.

Developed and Maintaining School of Practical Ministries in Imphal, Manipur, India to train nationals for church leadership and missions, 2005- present.