

Biographical for Dr. Randy Smith

FAMILY

Wife; Lynn (married 55 years)
Children: Three adult sons, Todd, Lance, Rob (Seven grand-children)
Born: Tyler, Texas - April 17, 1947

EDUCATION

Tyler Junior College, Tyler Texas, 1966
Bob Jones University, Greenville S.C., 1967
Graduate of Theology Degree, Baptist Bible College, Springfield, Mo., 1970
Bachelor of Science General Studies, Liberty University, Lynchburg, Va. 1986
Master of Arts degree in Religious Studies, Emphasis in Youth & Family Ministries,
Liberty Baptist Theological Seminary, 1998
Honorary Doctorate of Divinity from Lexington Baptist College, 1998
Doctor of Missiology, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, 2012.
Honorary Doctorate of Divinity from Nigerian Baptist Theological Seminary



MINISTRY

Call to Ministry

Called to ministry in 1966 while living in Tyler, Texas, and while attending Tyler Junior College, majoring in nuclear engineering. After finishing training, started first full time ministry position in January 1970.

Youth Pastor:

Calvary Church, Grand Rapids, MI.

10 years (1990-2000)

Firestone Road Baptist Church	Thomas Road Baptist Church	Calvary Church
North Canton, Ohio	Lynchburg, Virginia	Grand Rapids, Michigan
13 years (1970-1982)	9 years (1982-1990)	10 years (1990-2000)

***Two-Time recipient of the Liberty University Center for Youth Ministry Alumni of the Year Award (1998 & 2013).**

Youth Ministry International: (Youth Mission Agency)

Founder and President (1990 – 2023 : Retired January 2023)

*Randy has personally ministered to teens in over 42 foreign countries and trained National youth workers in 17 countries. T
The Mission statement of the organization is “to evangelize and disciple the world’s youth through the local church by ‘training the trainers’ of indigenous youth leaders.”

*The ministry has conducted formal theological training programs in 15 countries. YMI trainers and trainees have also conducted informal youth ministry training in 22 additional countries in Asia, Africa, Latin America, Eurasia, and Europe.

*The ministry supports national and international trainers, currently operating in Africa, Eurasia, Latin America, and Southeast and Central Asia, India, Western and Eastern Europe.

*The ministry has trained more than 46,000 national youth leaders and volunteers and as of 2023 YMI has more than 4000 students enrolled in its formal training programs (diploma, bachelor’s and master’s degree) in 15 countries in partnership with multiple schools. More than 2500 have graduated from these academic programs. Currently, more than 1 million young people are being ministered to weekly by YMI-trained youth leaders and more than 700,000 youth have become Christ followers.

Great Commission Youth Ministry – Founder/President & CEO

Leadership Training and Consulting Org. (Launched April, 2023)

Provide Youth Ministry Leadership Training and consulting for churches and institution of higher learning in the U.S.A. and internationally.

Mission Statement: “Equip church Youth Leaders to evangelize and disciple the world’s youth through the Gospel of Jesus Christ, guided by the Word of God in the power of the Holy Spirit.”

Global Youth Coalition: Cofounded the Global Youth Coalition made up of 6 national training organizations.

www.trainingyouthleaders.org

Seminary and College Professor: Randy has taught local church youth ministry philosophy and programming at Cornerstone University, Grand Rapids Baptist Seminary, and Grace Bible College in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Has also taught Youth and Missions courses at Lexington Baptist College, Lexington Kentucky and Boyce College, and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, KY., where he served 12 years as the Associate Director of the International Center for Youth Ministry, and associate professor of Missions and Youth Ministry, teaching missions, evangelism, and youth ministry. Randy has taught youth ministry at the undergraduate and graduate level for over 40 years. Randy has taught Youth Ministry courses as an adjunct professor in more than 18 seminaries globally.

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