

## **Rev. Dr. James D. Rodgers**

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### **Education:**

<u>Postdoctoral Study</u> 2000-2005, 2016	Trinity International University Deerfield, Illinois Concentrated doctoral study in: <i>Turn-Around Churches, Ministry Health &amp; Change, Church Leadership, Writing for Publication, &amp; Advanced subjects of homiletics</i>
<u>Doctor of Ministry</u> May, 2000	Trinity Evangelical Divinity School Deerfield, Illinois
<u>Master of Divinity</u> May, 1991	Grace Theological Seminary—Graduated Cum Laude Winona Lake, Indiana
<u>Bachelor of Env. Design (Architecture)</u> May, 1985	Miami University Oxford, Ohio

### **Professional & Ministry Experience:**

2007-Current: Architectural Pastor, Leadership Consultant, & President of Facility Ministry in Gilberts, IL (Suburban Chicago, IL)  
2017: Interim Pastor of Mt. Prospect Bible Church in Mt. Prospect, Illinois  
2015-Current: Adjunct Faculty in the graduate architectural program at Judson University in Elgin, IL  
2014-2015: Transitional Pastor at NorthBridge Church in Antioch, Illinois For information about ministry at Zion Bible Church & NorthBridge Church please see two articles: “Merge Ahead: Forward Thinking for a Declining Church” in Leadership Journal, Fall, 2014  
<https://www.christianitytoday.com/pastors/2014/fall/what-to-do-when-your-church-is-declining.html>, and  
“Post-Merger Ministry is a Time to Mourn and a Time to Dance, October, 2019  
<https://www.christianitytoday.com/pastors/2019/october-web-exclusives/church-merger-wont-solve-all-of-your-problems.html>.  
2013-2014: Interim Pastor of Zion Bible Church in Zion, Illinois  
2011-Current: Visiting Professor in the DMin program at Grace Theological Seminary in Winona Lake, IN  
I teach the DMin course, “Developing Facilities for Ministry Effectiveness.”  
2007: Interim Pastor work at Grace Bible Church in Cisna Park, IL  
2001-2007: Senior Pastor of Grace Bible Church in Washington, Illinois  
1996-2001: Senior Pastor of Church in the Vale in Gates Mills, Ohio  
1994-1995: Interim Pastor work at Grace Fellowship in Woodstock, IL  
1990-1994: Senior Pastor of Charter Oak Community Church in Churubusco, Indiana  
1988-1990: Youth Pastor at Wawasee Heights Baptist Church in Syracuse, Indiana  
1988: Engineering draftsman for Long & Associates Engineers: Warsaw, Indiana.  
1985-1988: Senior Architect for Lohmann Golf Designs, Golf Course Architect in Marengo, Illinois  
1984-1985: Architectural Draftsman for Kohanski & Associates, Architects, AIA

### **Teaching Experience:**

Current: Teacher at local ministerial association and denominational meetings: Numerous events  
2023: CFX—national facilities conference in Dallas, TX: Four sessions about Facility Stewardship and the processes for church facility planning & construction.  
2021: National Association of Church Facility Managers—National Conference: “How to Develop a Facility Stewardship Game Plan.”  
2018: Illinois & Indiana Association of Christian Schools Conference: Three different seminars on facility stewardship.

2016: Improving Your Church Health Conference: “Renewing Your Facility on a Limited Budget.”  
2015: Graduate Architectural Studio Professor at Judson University—Elgin, IL  
2015: Worship Facilities Conference (Midwest Regional): “Creating Your Building Team then Selecting a Delivery Method.”  
2011: Doctor of Ministry Course for Grace Theological Seminary—Winona Lake, IN: Course title: “Developing Facilities for Ministry Effectiveness.”  
2011: RHMA Pastor’s Conference (National) in Morton, IL: “Church Facility Changes: Avoiding Hazards, Affordable Solutions.”  
2011: Moody Pastor’s Conference (National) in Chicago, IL: Two different seminars on church facility issues.  
2010: Paper Presentation at the Conference of the Evangelical Homiletics Society (International): I’m a member of EHS where I presented the paper for peer review: “The Heart of Worship and Facility Stewardship—Haggai’s preaching theme.”  
2008 & 2009: Workshop seminars for Catalyst Pastor’s Forum (Later became Christ Together): Two different church facility seminars  
1996-2001: Instructor with Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, Illinois (I taught with Moody’s Ohio Regional Site at Willowick, Ohio (Cleveland area regional campus): Pastoral Ministry & Homiletics courses.

### **Ministry Highlights and Memberships:**

I am an active member of the Evangelical Homiletics Society (1999-Present). This body consists of pastors and professors of preaching and pastoral theology.

In May, 1991, I received the Award for Expository Preaching. This is an annual award given by the faculty of Grace Theological Seminary to the highest rated expositor following senior preaching week.

I was ordained by The Church in the Vale, Gates Mills, Ohio on June 7, 1997. Dr. Richard Fairman, one of my professors from seminary, moderated the ordination council.

I was president of the Whitley Area Evangelical Pastor’s Association for two years (1992-1993).

During the summer of 1985, I served our Lord through an evangelistic missions project to Eastern Asia.

### **Personal Information:**

I am happily married with three children (young adults). I enjoy a variety of sports and have coached each of my children on different sports teams. As a former golf course architect, I still enjoy playing golf when I have the time and/or money. In addition to the Bible and ministry related works, I enjoy reading about American history. Family vacations often include notable historical sites.