

Our Baptist Story:

Understanding Southern Baptists Today

Presenter: Dr. Donnie Wiltshire

July 8, 2017 at Brentwood Baptist Church in Brentwood, Tennessee.

Part 1 – 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Part II – 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Total of 1.0 GS CEUs

Description:

The course will focus on Baptist History and polity with a major focus on that part of Baptists that are called Southern Baptists. We will study Baptist history, theology, denominational life, and the Baptist system of self-governance. Finally, we will see how knowing these things can impact an interpreter who works in a Baptist church environment.

Objectives:

Students will:

- 1) learn an overview of Baptist history and theology.
- 2) be able to explain how Baptist work as a denomination.
- 3) be able to describe how Baptist churches function.
- 4) discuss with the teacher how interpreters fit into the life of a Baptist church.

About the Presenter:

Donnie Wiltshire is the Special Ministries Consultant for the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. He began in this position in June of 1999. He came to North Carolina from Memphis, Tennessee where he was the pastor of the Deaf Congregation and Minister to Senior Adults at the First Baptist Church of Memphis. Prior to the Memphis ministry he pastored in New Orleans, Louisiana and served churches as Minister with the Deaf in Fort Worth, Brownwood, and Corpus Christi, Texas. Texas is his home state.

Donnie has a Bachelor of Arts degree from Howard Payne University in Brownwood, Texas, a Master of Divinity degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth Texas, and a Doctor of Theology degree from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary in New Orleans, Louisiana. He has served on the adjunct faculty of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary in New Orleans, Louisiana; Southern Seminary of Louisville, Kentucky; Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, California; and Gardner-Webb University of Boiling Springs, North Carolina. He has written and edited several books including: "In That Day, A History of Southern Baptist Deaf Work," "The Southern Baptist Conference of the Deaf, A Celebration of Fifty Years," and "Memories, The Life of J. W. Gardner."

Donnie resides in Cary, North Carolina, where he lives with his wife, Irma. Irma is a pre-school teacher at Salem Baptist Church in Cary, North Carolina. Donnie and Irma have three children. Kyle, their oldest, works for LifeWay Christian Resources in Nashville, Tennessee, and Wendy, their oldest daughter, serves with the International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. Gena, their youngest daughter, teaches High School chorus at West Columbus High School in Cerra Gordo, North Carolina. Donnie and Irma have five grandchildren.

