

# PREBEN VANG, Ph.D.

## CURRENT ADDRESS

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## PROFESSIONAL INFORMATION

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- **Current Position:** Professor of Christian Scriptures and Director, Doctor of Ministry Program, George W. Truett Theological Seminary
- **Ordained to the ministry:** Bornholm Baptist Church
- **Licensed to the ministry:** Copenhagen's First Baptist Church

## TEACHING AND CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT

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- Director of Doctor of Ministry Program, George W. Truett Theological Seminary. .
- Chaired the Master of Divinity committee at Palm Beach Atlantic University. We successfully developed a Master of Divinity program which is now lauched and on track for full ATS accreditation.
- Expanded and developed the curriculum as chair of the Biblical and Theological Studies department at Palm Beach Atlantic University
- Developed the curriculum necessary for the establishment of a Department of Theology at Ouchita Baptist University which I then chaired.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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- Professor of Christian Scriptures, George W. Truett Theological Seminary
- Department Chair and Professor, Master of Divinity Program, Palm Beach Atlantic University.
- Department Chair and Professor of Biblical and Theological Studies, Palm Beach Atlantic University.
- Department Chair and J.C. & Mae Fuller Professor of Christian Theology, OBU
- Grader, Research Assistant, and occasional lecturer, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
- Lecturer of Missiology, Danish Baptist Theological Seminary

## EDUCATION

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- **Doctor of Philosophy 1994, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary**

Major: New Testament Studies. Minor: Theology.

Dissertation Title:

God's Empowering Presence and the Issue of Holiness: A Relational Interpretation of Paul's Pneumatology

Seminars include:

*New Testament:* New Testament History; New Testament Critical Methodology; The Synoptic Gospels, Pauline Studies.  
UT at Arlington: Greek Linguistics.

*Theology:* Contemporary  
Biblical Theology  
Contemporary Eschatology

*Evangelism:* Effective Church Growth Evangelism in the Contemporary World.

Seminar papers include:

*New Testament History:*

- “The Apostolic Fathers: 2 Clement and Soteriology.”
- “Jewish Life: Religious parties (Pharisees, Sadducees, Essenes).”
- “Piety in 1 Maccabees.”
- “1 Maccabees and Text: Literary Gattung Analysis of 1 Maccabees.”

*New Testament Critical Methodology:*

- “Some Remarks on the Potential of Redaction-Criticism as a Literary and Historical Tool for New Testament Exegesis.”
- “The Role of Miracles in Acts: Acts 5:1-11.”
- “The Role of Parænesis in Early Christian Letters: Hebrews 13:1-19.”
- “The Role of Jesus’ Miracles in Luke’s Gospel: Luke 9:37-43a.”

*The Synoptic Gospels:*

- “Some Remarks on The Evangelists' Use of the Passion Resurrection and Great Commission Narratives: Matthew 26-28, Mark 14-16, Luke 22-24.”
- “Charles Anderson and the ‘Critical Quest of Jesus’.”
- “Some Remarks on the Relationship Between the Historical Jesus and the Christ of Faith.”

*Pauline Studies:*

- “Johannes Munck's ‘Paul and the Salvation of Mankind’.”
- “The Prison Letters.” “Life in the Spirit. An Analysis of Romans 8:1-17.”

*Contemporary Biblical Theology:*

- “Present and Future Aspects of the Synoptic Teaching on the Kingdom of God.”
- “Pauline Anthropology in Light of 2 Cor. 4:7-15.”
- “A Review of Albert Schweitzer’s: ‘Paul and His Interpreters: A Critical History’.”

*Contemporary Eschatology:*

- “A Study into Some Concepts and Presuppositions of Process Theology as a Background For a Later Study on the Eschatology of Schubert M. Ogden.”
- “Some Remarks on the Eschatology of Schubert M. Ogden.”

*Effective Church Growth Evangelism in the Contemporary World:*

- “Power Evangelism.”
- “Revitalization of Plateaued Churches.”

■ **Post Graduate Studies:**

- Univ. of Copenhagen: “Cross Cultural Communication of the Gospel”
- Belgium: Leuven University, Evangelische Theologische Faculteit
- Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary

■ **Military:** Danish Civil Defence (compulsory drafting) – Highest Honors!

■ **Master of Divinity:** Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary

- **Professional Studies:**
  - Wheaton Theology Conferences
  - National and regional meetings of professional societies (SBL, ETS, IBR)
  - Rüsçhlikon Lecture Series by Jürgen Moltmann, “A Theology for the Church and the Kingdom of God in Modern Society”
  - Rüsçhlikon Lecture Series by Eduard Schweizer, “Pneuma in the New Testament.”
  - Rüsçhlikon Lecture Series by Jürgen Moltmann, “The Trinity and the Kingdom of God.”
  - Member of “The Second Century Seminar,” Dallas/Fort Worth
- **Bachelor of Theology:** Danish Baptist Theological Seminary
- **One year of Graduate Engineering Studies:** Danish Technical University (Masters Program)
- **Electronics Engineering Degree**

## **SOME BOOKS AND ARTICLES:**

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### **Books**

- Vang, Preben. *1 Corinthians*. Teach the Text Commentary Series. Edited by Mark L. Strauss and John H. Walton. Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 2014.
- Vang, Preben and Terry G. Carter. *Telling God’s Story: The Biblical Narrative from Beginning to End*. 2nd, New and Revised ed. Nashville: B&H Publishing Group, 2013
- Vang, Preben and Terry G. Carter. *El Relato Divino: La Narrativa Biblica De Principio a Fin*. Nashville: B&H Espanol, 2012.
- Vang, Preben and Terry G. Carter. *Telling God’s Story: The Biblical Narrative from Beginning to End*. Nashville: B&H Publishing Group, 2006.
- Vang, Preben, et. al. *The Story of Israel: A Biblical Theology*. Downers Grove: InterVarsity Press, 2004.
- Vang, Preben. *Når Gud Bliver Væk: Tre Prædikener fra Habakkuks Bog*. København: Menigheds Forlaget, 1996.
- Vang, Preben. *Vished I Den Kristne Tro*. København: Menighedsforlaget, 1995

### **Articles and Projects**

- Vang, Preben. “A Critique of Moral Relativism.” In *World View Study Bible*, edited by David S. Dockery. B&H Publishing Group, 2018
- Vang, Preben. “Forgiveness.” In *The Baker Illustrated Bible Dictionary*, edited by Tremper Longman III, 610-11. Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 2013.
- Vang, Preben. “Incarnation.” In *The Baker Illustrated Bible Dictionary*, edited by Tremper Longman III, 834-36. Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 2013.
- Vang, Preben. “Redemption, Redeemer.” In *The Baker Illustrated Bible Dictionary*, edited by Tremper Longman III, 1402-03. Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 2013.
- Vang, Preben. “Resurrection.” In *The Baker Illustrated Bible Dictionary*, edited by Tremper Longman III, 1415-18. Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 2013.
- Vang, Preben. “Sanctification.” In *The Baker Illustrated Bible Dictionary*, edited by Tremper Longman III, 1477-78. Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 2013.
- Vang, Preben. “Sovereignty of God.” In *The Baker Illustrated Bible Dictionary*, edited by Tremper Longman III, 1565-66. Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 2013.

- Vang, Preben. “Spiritual Gifts.” In *The Baker Illustrated Bible Dictionary*, edited by Tremper Longman III, 1572-74. Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 2013.
- Vang, Preben. “Synoptic Gospels.” In *The Baker Illustrated Bible Dictionary*, edited by Tremper Longman III, 1592-93. Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 2013.
- Vang, Preben. “Temptation.” In *The Baker Illustrated Bible Dictionary*, edited by Tremper Longman III, 1609. Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 2013.
- Vang, Preben. “Temptation of Jesus.” In *The Baker Illustrated Bible Dictionary*, edited by Tremper Longman III, 1609-11. Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 2013.
- Vang, Preben. “John the Baptist.” In *The Baker Illustrated Bible Handbook*, edited by Scott J. Duvall and Daniel J. Hays. Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 2011.
- Vang, Preben. “The Virgin Birth.” In *The Baker Illustrated Bible Handbook*, edited by Scott J. Duvall and Daniel J. Hays. Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 2011.
- Vang, Preben. “Jesus and the Kingdom of God.” In *The Baker Illustrated Bible Handbook*, edited by Scott J. Duvall and Daniel J. Hays. Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 2011.
- Vang, Preben. “Incarnation.” In *The Baker Illustrated Bible Handbook*, edited by Scott J. Duvall and Daniel J. Hays. Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 2011.
- Vang, Preben. “Pentecost.” In *The Baker Illustrated Bible Handbook*, edited by Scott J. Duvall and Daniel J. Hays. Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 2011.
- Contributor to a new DVD Bible teaching project entitled *Deeper Connections* published by Zondervan, 2005
- Vang, Preben. “Sanctification in Thessalonians.” *Southwestern Journal of Theology* 42, no. 1 (1999): 50.
- Bible Studies Series, Arkansas Baptist News Magazine, 2001
- Vang, Preben. “The Eschatology of Schubert Ogden.” *Southwestern Journal of Theology* 36, no. 2 (1994): 28-29.
- Numerous articles through the years in Danish Baptist papers

### **Book Chapters**

- Vang, Preben. “The Church in the Mission of God.” In *Discovering the Mission of God*, edited by Mike Barnett. Downers Grove: InterVarsity Press, 2012.
- Vang, Preben. Theological reader, *Hear the Voice*, edited by David Capes. Nashville: Thomas Nelson, 2012

### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

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- Society of Biblical Literature
- Institute of Biblical Research
- Evangelical Theological Society

### **AMERICAN ACADEMIC HONORS**

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- Who’s Who Among America’s Teachers
- Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges

## **CLASSES AND SEMINARS TAUGHT INCLUDE**

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- Proclaiming the Kingdom (DMin seminar)
- Sharing the Kingdom (DMin seminar taught in NYC)
- Christian Scriptures 4
- Church and the World
- Christian Theology (Systematic Theology)
- New Testament Theology
- Theology of Paul
- Jesus and the Kingdom of God
- Christian Apologetics
- Theology of Worship
- Life and Faith of the Ecumenical Period
- The Gospel of Luke
- Johannine Literature
- Theology of Acts
- Biblical Backgrounds
- Special Studies in 1<sup>st</sup> Century Judaism
- Biblical Studies Trip (Footsteps of Paul)
- Greek 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
- Special Studies in Greek Linguistics
- Missiology
- Hermeneutics (Interpreting the Bible, Exegeting the Bible)
- Old and New Testament Surveys
- Exploring the Bible Narrative
- European Academic Study Trip (variety of places in Europe with Liberal Arts interest).

## **UNIVERSITY AND DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE**

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- Teaching and Learning Technology Committee, Baylor University
- Assessment and Institutional Effectiveness committee, Baylor
- Chair, Doctor of Ministry committee, Baylor
- Steering committee for self-study before ATS site visit, Baylor
- Admissions and Enrollment Management committee, Baylor
- Faculty Supervision, Doctor of Ministry Program, Baylor
- Editorial Review Board, Journal of Family and Community Ministries, Baylor
- Chair, MDiv Planning and Implementation Committee, Palm Beach Atlantic University (PBA)
- Strategic Development Team, PBA
- Quality Enhancement Program Committee, PBA
- Faculty Promotion Committee, PBA
- Faculty Development Committee, PBA
- A number of faculty search committees

- University Committee (faculty senate), Ouachita Baptist University (OBU)
- University Academic Vice President Search Committee, OBU
- Faculty Development Committee, OBU
- Chair, Enrollment Management Committee, OBU
- Chair, University Scholarship Committee, OBU
- University Curriculum Committee, OBU
- Strategic Planning Committee, OBU
- Technology Committee, OBU
- Technology Committee, Pruet School of Christian Studies
- Committee on Scholarship and Research (for accreditation report), OBU
- Academic Enrichment Committee, OBU
- Chair, Danish Baptist Pastor's conference, 1996 to 1997
- Chair, Copenhagen Baptist Association, 1995 to 1997
- Board of Advisors, "Udfordringen," (Christian newspaper & publishing)
- Nomination Committee, Danish Baptist Union, 1995 to 1996
- Chairman or member of numerous committees in Denmark through the years

#### **PASTORAL AND MINISTERIAL EXPERIENCE:**

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**Interim Pastor, First Baptist Church, Sulphur Springs, TX**

**Interim Pastor, First Baptist Church, Nacogdoches TX**

**Founding Pastor, Grace Pointe, Lake Worth, FL**

**Pastor, Sherbrooke Baptist Church, Lake Worth, FL**

**Interim Pastor, Immanuel Baptist Church, El Dorado, AR**

**Pastor, First Baptist Church of Sparkman, AR (Interim)**

**Interim Pastor, Cullendale First Baptist Church, AR**

**Interim Pastor, Little Rock's First Baptist Church, AR**

**Interim Pastor, First Baptist Church of Maumelle, AR**

**Senior Pastor, Copenhagen's First Baptist Church**

*included the Danish mother church, an English speaking International church, a Spanish speaking International church, plus Romanian & Serbo-Croatian speaking churches.*

**Lead Pastor, Roskilde Baptist Church**

*went through a building program and relocation to a new church facility*

**Lead Pastor Bornholm Baptist Church**

*included the mother church plus 5 preaching points (churches) with semi-independent leadership groups.*

- Preaching, various Texas churches
- Preaching and Teaching, Florida churches  
Counselor to the Staff, FBC West Palm Beach, FL  
Preached, Arkansas Baptist State Pastor's Conference  
Preaching and Teaching, Arkansas and Texas Baptist Churches
- Preached the Danish Baptist Union 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Sermon  
Preached the Annual Danish Baptist Union Sermon

Preached revivals throughout the Danish Baptist Union

- Staff, International Evangelism Association, Fort Worth, TX
- Associate to the Pastor, First Baptist Church of Oklahoma City
- Pastoral Intern, Plymouth Park Baptist Church, Irving, TX
- Interim Pastor, Vårst Baptist Church, Denmark
- Director of Youth Work, Copenhagen's First Baptist Church
- Youth Staff, Aarhus Baptist Church, Denmark
- Baptist Boy Scout leader, Aarhus Baptist Church, Denmark

## **CHURCH AND COMMUNITY SERVICE**

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- Teaching and staff development – Florida churches
- Teacher, Annual Pastors' Conferences, Ouachita Baptist University
- Raised funds to buy a Christian Youth Camp in Romania
- Raised funds to build a Christian High School in Resita, Romania
- Inspirational Lecturer, National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion, Dallas
- Bible Teacher, Television series on The Biblical Books
- Lecturer, Copenhagen Church Festival, "*The Multinational Church*" (city wide multi-denominational outreach)
- Academic Lecturer, Danish Baptist Pastors' Conference
- President, Danish Baptist Pastors' Conference
- Preaching and teaching in Romanian Baptist churches and the Romanian Baptist Seminary
- Organized Bible-School and taught New Testament Classes, FBC Copenhagen
- Organized the Danish part of Partnership efforts with SBC churches
- Bible Teacher, Danish Baptist Union Bible Camp
- Staff member of IEA and "Cross-cultural" editor of IEA discipleship material
- Television appearances: Call-In-Talkshows, Bible Discussions, Preaching
- Bible Teacher, Danish Baptist Youth Camp and Young Baptist Winter Camp
- Prepared teams from SBC churches across the nation for cross-cultural evangelism (IMB)

## **REFERENCES:**

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- Upon request