# SWBTS 2017 TEXT-DRIVEN PREACHING CONFERENCE

**School of Preaching**

**PREACHING THE PASTORALS - FIRST TIMOTHY**

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**Background and Legacy:**

CE Autrey: (1904-1993) 63 years of active ministry Jarry Autrey: (1929-2001) 52 years of active ministry

# Philosophy of Ministry/Preaching:

My Journey: Associate Pastor/Youth and Activities – 1976-1981 Senior Pastor: 1981-2004 – Four churches in Texas and Oklahoma

# Styles of Preaching: Topical, Textual, Expositional

Grandfather – Evangelistic Preaching Father – Topical/Expositional

SWBTS School of Preaching – Exposition – Text-Driven Preaching

# The Development of Text-Driven Preaching:

John A. Broadus – *On the Preparation and Delivery of Sermons*

Subject – divisions are derived from the subject independently of the text Textual – divisions are taken from the text

Expository – discourse occupied with the exposition of the text Jerry Vines/Jim Shaddix – *Power in the Pulpit*

An expository sermon “expounds a passage of Scripture, organizes it around a central theme and main divisions which issue forth from the given texts, and then decisively applies its message to the listeners.”

David L. Allen – *Text-Driven Preaching*

“A text-driven sermon is a sermon that develops a text by explaining, illustrating, and applying its meaning. Text-driven preaching stays true to the substance of the text, the structure of the text, and the spirit of the text.”

# The Role of Proper Exegesis:

Exegesis is necessary so that man, through a careful study of the text, can discern the heart of God, the divine author of Scripture and apply that truth uncovered through exegesis to the lives of his hearers.

# My Developing Approach to Exposition from the Early 80’s:

My training at SWBTS – Al Fasol; Jimmie Nelson – 1979-84 Expositional preaching – Chuck Swindoll, John MacArthur Text-Driven preaching – 2005 to the present

# Preparation for Text-Driven Preaching: Preaching First Timothy:

* Read the text daily for 30-45 days
* Divide the text into paragraph form from the original language
* Look for the theme or themes as they surface from the text
* What is the theme of the book?
* What is the Key verse or Key passage of the book
* Outline the book by pericopes – allow the text to dictate the structure
* Develop a homiletical outline for each pericope

# One Approach to Preaching First Timothy:

* Once you have outlined the book and determined the theme and the key passage of the book – Preach an introductory message as an overview of the coming study
* Highlight key doctrinal issues that will be dealt with through the exegesis of the text
	+ An Outline for the Book of First Timothy
		- Salutation of the Book – 1:1-2
			* The writer
			* The reader
		- Body of the Work – 1:3-6:20
			* Concerning heretical teachers – 1:3-20
			* Concerning Church order – Chapter 2
				+ A return to prayer – 2:1-8
				+ Salvation for all – 2:4-7 – The Extent of the Atonement
				+ Women in ministry – 2:9-15
			* Concerning the selection of Church leaders – 3:1-13
				+ Qualifications for servant-leaders- Bishops, Elder, Pastor – 3:1-7
				+ Qualifications for servant-followers – Deacons – 3:8-13

Men

Women or wives?

* + - * Concerning the purpose of the Letter – 3:14-16
				+ The creedal summary of the Gospel message – 3:16
			* Concerning the coming Spiritual decline – 4:1-16
				+ Conscience hypocrisy – 4:1-5
				+ A worthy servant – 4:6-16
			* Concerning ministry to specific segments of the Church – 5:1-6:19
				+ Widows in need and widows indeed – 5:1-16
				+ With regard to Elders – 5:17-25
				+ Order in the market place – 6:1-2
				+ Dealing with false teachers and greed – 6:3-10
				+ Characteristics of the man of God – 6:11-16
				+ A word to the wealthy – 6:17-19
		- A final charge to a son in the faith – 6:20-21

# My Approach to Preaching First Timothy:

1. Summary Message – 1 Tim 3:14-16 – Order in the Church, Glory to the Son
2. 1 Tim 1:1-3 – Introduction and Setting (Acts 16:1-3)
3. 1 Tim 1:3-11 – The Importance of Sound Doctrine
4. 1 Tim 1:12-20 – A Worthy Call and a Clear Conscience
5. 1 Tim 2:1-8 – Men in Prayer and Evangelism
6. 1 Tim 2:9-15 – Women in the Supportive Role of Ministry
7. 1 Tim 3:1-7 – Qualified Leaders – Are Requirements Necessary?
8. 1 Tim 3:8-13 – Qualified Servants – “Likewise”
9. 1 Tim 4:1-5 – Dealing with False Doctrine
10. 1 Tim 4:6-16 – Faithful to the Task
11. 1 Tim 5:1-16 – Establishing Accountability in the Church – Women
12. 1 Tim 5:17-25 – Establishing Accountability (cont.) - Elders
13. 1 Tim 6:1-10;17-19 – Establishing Accountability (cont.) - Members
14. 1 Tim 6:11-16; 20-21 – A Final Charge – Guard the Trust

# Further Practical Aspects to Preaching through First Timothy:

* To reinforce the importance of sound doctrine
* To establish policies concerning specific ministries:
	+ Men’s ministry
	+ Women’s ministry
	+ Widows ministry
* To review and evaluate Church leaders:
	+ Pastors and Staff
	+ Deacons

# Further Areas of Discussion or Dialogue – Q & A: