

Walter Guillaume

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Goal

| Executive Minister |

The focus of my ministry and gifts is to be a “second chair” to the senior pastor and help him to implement and accomplish the mission and vision of his church.

Experience

Walter A. Guillaume, Jr., became the Executive Pastor of the First Baptist Church in Dallas, Texas, in 2007. Then within the next seven years—along with the Pastor, Dr. Robert Jeffress—he led the staff and leadership through a renewal and revitalization of the entire church. This included the supervision of the design and building of a beautiful new campus in the heart of downtown Dallas—including a new Worship Center, Education space, and a Communication and Media Center. In addition, he and his team raised \$135 million to pay for the project. What is more amazing is that even during the renewal and revitalization of the church, attendance grew in Worship and in Sunday School attendance. His last responsibility before leaving the staff of First Baptist Dallas was the completion of the Mission 1:8 initiative in which the church members committed to give \$46 million over 2 years for the church budget, special projects, and debt retirement. The church is currently on track to give more than \$50 million. However in 2014, Guillaume started the transition of stepping down as Executive Pastor of First Baptist Dallas. Making the transition as easy as possible, he identified the 2 men who would take his place—effectively making the way for First Baptist Dallas never to miss a beat with his departure.

Before Guillaume went to First Baptist Dallas, he served 8.5 years at the First Baptist Church in Wichita Falls, Texas. That is when he met Dr. Robert Jeffress. Together they were successful in growing Worship and Sunday School attendance every year. Guillaume also led a team that designed and built a new wonderful Worship Center. He and his team were even responsible for raising over \$16 million—which was 4 times the church’s annual budget—to pay the costs for the Worship Center.

Prior to coming to Wichita Falls, Guillaume served 11 years at Shandon Baptist Church in Columbia, South Carolina. Partnering with Dr. Dick Lincoln, the pastor, he supervised a successful "total relocation," which included building a

brand new campus with great Worship and Education space. Within the first three years in the church's new location, the attendance grew in excess of 33% in both the Worship and Sunday School areas.

While serving several other churches, Guillaume was a part of the METRO organizations for the Ministers of Education and Executive Pastors. He also served as the President of MEGA, Minister of Education Growth Association, which represents some of the top growing churches in the United States. He has also served as a success conference speaker for church growth conferences in Texas, South Carolina and Kansas.

Education

| **Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary** |

- Master of Religious Education
- Master of Divinity

Personal

He is married to his wife Martha and they have a married son, David—making them proud grandparents of two wonderful children.