

Dr. Michael A. Smith is a writer, professor, and Christian missions advocate from Greenville, SC. He is known internationally for his work with Faith For These Times Foundation, Inc. and as a lecturer and college professor.

Born on September 26, 1957 in Pickens, SC and attended Pickens High School and then Clemson University, Clemson, SC. From 1981-1992 he taught high school Biology and Chemistry at the Oakwood Christian School, Anderson, SC. In 1985, Dr. Smith traveled to the Philippines for a preaching/teaching tour after organizing International Baptist Missions for Asia, Inc. The name of the organization was changed in 1986 to International Baptist Missionary Fellowship, Inc. The board was among the first to work directly with national Christian missionaries, instead of traditional American missionaries. In 1988 Dr. Smith was a founding director of Worldwide Tentmakers, Inc. which works to place professional Christians in countries closed to traditional missionaries.

In 1988, Dr. Smith became president of Faith Baptist College and Seminary, which originated in Morgantown, KY. The school would eventually have an enrollment of over 1,000 students and was among the first 4-year bible colleges to use online training for Christian pastors and missionaries. He remained as president of Faith until 1985.

In 1988, Dr. Smith became pastor of Cove Creek Baptist Church of Pickens, SC. In 1991 he authored his first book, *Restoring the Fallen: Guidelines to Restoration*, published by New Leaf Press, Inc. In 1995 he was elected president of Salem Baptist Church. He remained pastor until 2003.

Pastoring smaller churches, Dr. Smith also worked for BMW Manufacturing as a technical writer. In 2005, Dr. Smith returned to Clemson University to complete his degree in Psychology and completed his MA in History in 2010. He is currently working on his ninth academic degree (PhD in theology and apologetics at Liberty University).

Since 2010 Dr. Smith has worked as an adjunct professor for several universities. He has at least one book project in process—a history of the rise of Christian fundamentalism in the early decades of the 1900s. He is a regular contributor as an expert on American religious history in various media formats.