Dr. Jon K. Duncan

Born in Edmond, Oklahoma Jon was raised in Oklahoma City. He professed faith in Christ at age 9 and was baptized at the Lakewood Baptist Church in Bethany. He later surrendered to ministry while attending Falls Creek as a high school Junior where he was captain of his school's track team. Later he attended the University of Oklahoma as a music major. Prior to his senior year, he married his college "sweetheart" Mary. After graduation, the Duncan's began ministry at the Calvary Baptist Church in Enid where he served from 1978-1981. While there, he attained the master's degree in education. Following his three years in Enid, he was called to serve at FBC Nicoma Park. He served for 11 years and while there completed his Master of Music degree from SWBTS graduating with honors. During this time Jon and Mary celebrated the births of two daughters Raechel and Jessica. In 1991, he was called to serve as Associate in Church Music with the BGCO. In addition to directing the Oklahoma Baptist Symphony, he led the All State program, music festivals, associational training events and assisted with programming at Falls Creek. During his time, he completed his doctoral studies in theology and earned his DMin degree from Northern Baptist Seminary in 2001. In 2002, Duncan was called to serve as Director of Music and Worship for the Georgia Baptist Convention. During his 19 years of service, he has served as conductor of two premier choral groups—The Sons of Jubal and Jubalheirs. They have presented concerts and led mission endeavors in the US and several countries (including Russia, Moldova, England, Wales, China, and North Korea). During his tenure in Georgia, he also served as chair of the theology committee for the Baptist Hymnal 2008, President of the Southern Baptist Church Music Conference, and adjunct professor for New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, Truett McConnell University, Shorter University, and most recently, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. His experiences in denominational service included assisting churches in transition, mediation, resume services, staff alignment, biblical worship training, and coaching. He recently retired from service in Georgia to devote energies as the new Senior Professor of Worship and Church Music at SWBTS. He will also supervise the DMin program in Worship. Throughout denominational service, Duncan has served in an interim capacity in over 40 churches in Oklahoma and Georgia. Jon and Mary now reside in the OKC metro close to family. He is author of "Discovering Biblical Worship" which is a conference that has been taught in 8 states and 4 countries. At the time of his commitment to vocational ministry, he wrote in his bible a statement by Baker James Cauthen (former director of the IMB): "No one has the right to go to heaven alone." This statement is best realized when God's people gather to worship and depart from the encounter equipped and inspired to share the Gospel. True worship is authenticated by outward service to Christ.