

## *Dr. Billy Strother*

Dr. Billy Strother resides in Sadieville, KY. From 1989- 1996, DB served as the Chair of the Biblical Studies Division and professor of New Testament and Preaching with the graduate school of Cincinnati Christian University. From 2004-2015, DB served as full-time Professor of Preaching and New Testament at Point University in Atlanta, GA. He currently serves as the preaching minister and Lead Servant of Harmony Christian Church in Georgetown, KY (a growing multi-cultural, multi-generational, and multi-national congregation), and serves as adjunct Professor of Preaching and New Testament in the graduate school of Kentucky Christian University. He has taught adjunct in the past at Lincoln Christian Seminary, TCM International, McAfee School of Theology, and several other colleges and seminaries. Dr. Strother also serves as the Founding Director of CCM (Christian Consulting Ministries), founded to consult with and coach congregational leaders striving to reach their fullest potential.

Dr. Billy has also served as the Interim Preaching Minister with over 20 congregations in the Midwest and South. In addition to preaching and teaching, he specializes in leading seminars about and consulting with plateaued or declining churches which desire to turnaround, in addition to consulting with established churches in how to reach and celebrate church health.

In December of 2007, Dr. Strother, through no fault of his own, was crushed in a collision when trapped between his Harley and an SUV. After enduring 11 surgeries during 18 months in a wheelchair, he recovered to walk again. While wheelchair bound and balancing surgeries, Dr. Strother missed very few classes or Sunday sermons, not because of his heroic efforts, but because of a loving, servant wife who physically cared for and transported him to classes and speaking engagements, and by the help of strength from the Lord. For 18 months, Billy was little more than a talking head in a broken body; but Ms. Carol cared for him, dressed him, cleaned him up, and transported him to every place because she believed in the importance of what he had to say. It is an incredible love story.

In addition to earning the Doctor of Philosophy in Preaching and New Testament from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary (1995), Dr. Strother earned the Master of Divinity from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary (1987), and the Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Studies and Ministry at Cincinnati Christian University (1984). He has pursued post-graduate study at Vanderbilt Divinity School and St. Meinrad's Theological Seminary. In 1978, Dr. Strother additionally earned a diploma in German language.

Since 1989, Dr. Billy, known for his sense of humor and joy, and for genuinely loving on people, has preached, taught, or led workshops for Christ in Youth, the Nationwide Youth Roundup, The National Preaching Summit, Family Camp (Hillsboro, Ohio), the Lake James School of Missions, the North American Christian Convention, and in professional and leadership training gatherings, as well as in colleges and seminaries, in the U.S., Russia, Austria, Germany, Estonia, The Republic of Belarus, Curacao, Mexico, Trinidad, Guyana, the Philippines, the Ukraine, and Zimbabwe. In addition to teaching, he has served as Senior Minister to growing congregations in Kentucky, Ohio, and Indiana.

His favorite pastimes include dates with his wife and best friend, Carol (an adjunct professor of sociology at Georgetown College, KY), and spending time with two young grandsons. DB enjoys reading, writing, fishing, hunting, motorcycles, and muscle cars. Most of all, Dr. Billy just loves the privilege of encouraging volunteer church leaders and mentoring ministers and missionaries; sharing with people how Jesus can heal the broken-hearted and rebuild a shattered life; and sharing with church leaders and members how God can grow them and use them as agents to help their churches reach their maximum potential for Christ.