Mark Ryan

**EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY :**

* **2021 D. Min.** (Cultural Apologetics &

Communication), Covenant Theological

Seminary, St. Louis, MO

* **2003 M.Div.** (Interdisciplinary Studies), Trinity Theological Seminary & University of Liverpool,

Newburgh, IN *[graduated with highest distinction]*

* **1999 MATS** (Christianity & Contemporary Culture), Covenant Theological Seminary, St. Louis,

MO *[graduated summa cum laude & received the J. Oliver Buswell Jr., Award in Theology]*

* **1996 BA** (Biblical Studies), Harvest Bible College[[1]](#footnote-1), Dandenong, VIC *[graduated with honors]*
* **1996 Dip. Theol**. (Theology)[[2]](#footnote-2), Presbyterian Theological College, Melbourne, VIC *[received the*

*W. A. Loftus Memorial Prize in Practical Theology, & Gwyneth Loftus Memorial Prize for*

 *graduating students]*

* **1995 Dip. Theol.** (Pastoral Ministry), Australian College of Theology, Sydney, NSW
* **1993 Dip. Miss.** (Missions), Emmaus Bible College, Sydney, NSW *[graduated with honors]*
* **Other Relevant Studies:**
	+ Regent College, Vancouver, BC – Postgraduate studies in Theology and Apologetics (2006)

* + Evangelical Training Association – **2003,** **Graduate Teacher Diploma**
	+ Bahnsen Theological Seminary, Placentia, CA – Postgraduate studies in Presuppositional Apologetics[[3]](#footnote-3) (2000)
	+ L’Abri Fellowship, Southborough, MA – Studies in Theology and Apologetics (1998 & 1999)
	+ Reformed Theological College, Geelong, VIC – Studies in Theological Ethics (1992)
	+ Baptist Theological College of Queensland, Brisbane, QLD – Studies in Old Testament History & Homiletics[[4]](#footnote-4) (1992)

**MINISTRY EXPERIENCE & CHRISTIAN SERVICE :**

* **Riverside Presbyterian Church (EPC) – St. Louis, MO**

Ministry Planter & Executive Director, Sage Christianity (2023 – present)

* **Covenant Theological Seminary – St. Louis, MO**

Adjunct Professor of Religion and Cultures (2023 – present)
Director, Francis A. Schaeffer Institute & Adjunct Professor of Religion and Cultures (2013 – 2023) Adjunct Professor of Theology (2010 – 2013)

* **Missional Training Center – Phoenix, AZ**

Board Member (2022 – present)

Professor of Systematic Theology and Cultural Studies (2020 – present)

* **Ebenezer Trust – Rochester, MN**

Board Member (2022 – present)

Advisory Council Member (2016 – 2021)

* **ReThink 3:15 – St. Louis, MO**

Advisory Council Member & College Camp Speaker (2020 - present)

* **Fellowship of Former Christian Scientists – St. Louis, MO**

Board Member (2019 – present )

Advisor (2014 – 2019)

* **Missouri Presbytery (PCA) – St. Louis, MO**

Teaching Elder (2008 – present)

Credentials Committee Member (2009 – present)

Member (or Chair) of various *ad hoc* committees (2010 – 2022)

* **Crossroads Presbyterian Fellowship (PCA) – Maplewood, MO**

Associate Pastor (2010 – 2013)

Assistant Pastor (2008 – 2010)

* **L’Abri Fellowship – Bowen Island, BC, Canada**

Director, Lecturer, & Tutor (May 2005 – May 2008)

* **L’Abri Fellowship – Southborough, MA**
Staff Worker, Lecturer, & Tutor (April 2001 – April 2005)
* **Igreja Presbiteriana Bethel – Marlboro, MA**

Pastor / Teacher (August 2002 - March 2005)

* **Noble Park Evangelical Baptist Church – Noble Park, VIC, Australia**
Pulpit Supply; Coordinator & Leader, Cambodian Bible Study (2000 – 2001)
* **L’Abri Fellowship – Camden, New South Wales, Australia**
Guest Lecturer and participant in the 2000 National L’Abri Conference (2000 – 2001)
* **Francis A. Schaeffer Institute, Covenant Theological Seminary – St. Louis, MO**
TA to Prof. Jerram Barrs & Coordinator Friday Night Outreach Ministry (1998 – 1999)
* **Biblical Foundations International – Federal Way, WA**

Itinerant Bible Teacher (1997 – 2000)

* **St. Stephen’s Presbyterian Church – Surrey Hills, VIC, Australia**

Youth Worker & Assistant to the Pastor (1995 – 1997)

* **The Bible Union of Australia – Mulgrave, VIC, Australia**

Annual Youth Camp Organizer & Leader (1991 – 1995)

* **Glen Waverley Gospel Chapel – Glen Waverley, VIC, Australia**

Pastoral Assistant (1991 – 1993)

**REPRESENTATIVE ARTICLES, REVIEWS, ETC**

**Articles :**

* “Foreword: In Appreciation of Michael D. Williams,” *Presbyterion*, 49, no. 2 (Fall, 2023): 3-7
* “Foreword: A Tribute to Jerram Barrs,” *The Jerram Barrs Collection: Selected Shorter Writings* (Covenant Seminary, 2022): 5-8.
* “Proclaiming the Gospel in Shifting Times,” *Covenant: The Magazine of Covenant Theological Seminary*, 31 no.1-2 (2018): 28-33.
* “Matthew 18:18 and Binding Satan in Prayer,” *Christian Research Journal* 39, no 1 (2016).
* “Finding Common Ground in a Divisive World: Interview,” *Covenant: The Magazine of Covenant Theological Seminary*, 28 No.2 (2013): 9=13
* “Francis Schaeffer: A Brief Introduction to His Writings,” *Reformation 21*, Issue 15 (Nov. 2006).
* “Apologetics and Failure: Why it May be Good for Us to Lose the Argument,” *Covenant: The Magazine of Covenant Theological Seminary* 20, no. 1 (Spring 2005): 24–26), and 20, no.2 (Summer 2005): 24–26.
* “The Pastoral Theology of John Calvin: Explained in the Institutes and Illustrated by His Life.” *The Burning Bush* 6, no. 1 (Jan. 2000): 32–47.
* “The Crisis of Morality: Euthanasia as a World Trend.” *The Burning Bush*, 4, no. 1 (Jan. 1998): 39–50.

**Reviews**

* “The History of Apologetics: A Biographical and Methodological Introduction,” by Benjamin K. Forrest. *Presbyterion* 46, no. 2 (Fall, 2020): 164-166
* “Learning Evangelism from Jesus,” by Jerram Barrs. *Presbyterion* 36, no. 1 (Spring, 2010): 54-56
* “Francis Schaeffer: A Mind and Heart for God,” edited by Bruce A. Little. *Themelios* 35, no. 1 (April, 2010): 159-161
* “Certainty of Faith: Apologetics in an Uncertain World,” by Richard B. Ramsay. *Presbyterion* 35, no. 1 (Spring, 2009): 63-64
* *Tortured Wonders: Christian Spirituality for People, Not Angels*, by Rodney Clapp. *Presbyterion* 33, no. 2 (Fall 2007): 122–24.
* *Real Sex: The Naked Truth About Chastity*, by Lauren Winner. *Presbyterion* 33, no. 1 (Spring 2007): 63–64.
* *Avoiding Jesus: Answers for Skeptics, Cynics, and the Curious*, by Michael Green. *Presbyterion* 32, no. 1 (Spring 2006): 63–64.
* *Christianity at the Religious Roundtable: Evangelicalism in Conversation with Hinduism, Buddhism, and Islam*, by Timothy C. Tennent. *Presbyterion* 31, no. 1 (Spring 2005): 63–64.
* *The Long Journey Home: A Guide to Your Search for the Meaning of Life*, by Os Guinness. *Lev* (Spring 2005): 7.
* *Humble Apologetics: Defending the Faith Today*, by John G. Stackhouse. *Presbyterion* 30, no. 2 (Fall 2004): 127–28.
* *The Heart of Evangelism*, by Jerram Barrs. *Presbyterion* 30, no. 1 (Spring 2004): 59–60.
* *Still Bored in a Culture of Entertainment: Rediscovering Passion and Wonder*, by Richard Winter. *Presbyterion* 29. no. 1 (Spring 2003): 59–60.
* *The Lord’s Supper: Eternal Word in Broken Bread*, by Robert Letham. *The Reformed Theological Review*, Vol.61., No.2. (August, 2002): 113.
* *Muslims and Christians at the Table: Promoting Biblical Understanding among North American Muslims*, by Bruce A. McDowell and Anees Zaka. *Presbyterion* 27, no. 2 (Fall 2002): 126–27.
* *Five Views on Apologetics*, edited by Steven B. Cowan. *The Reformed Theological Review* 59, no. 2 (August 2000): 92–95.
* *Angels of Light, Powers of Darkness: Thinking Biblically about Angels, Satan, and Principalities*, by Stephen F. Noll. *The Reformed Theological Review* 59, no. 2 (August 2000): 96.
* *Genesis Unbound: A Provocative New Look at the Creation Account*, by John Sailhammer. *The Reformed Theological Review* 59, no. 1 (April 2000): 46–47.
* *Van Til’s Apologetic: Readings and Analysis*, by Greg L. Bahnsen. *The Reformed Theological Review*, 58, no. 1 (April 1999): 56–58.
* *Reasons of the Heart: Recovering Christian Persuasion*, by William Edgar. *The Reformed Theological Review* 56, no. 3 (Sept.–Dec. 1997): 160.
* *Cornelius Van Til: An Analysis of His Thought*, by John M. Frame. The Reformed Theological Review 55, no. 2 (May–Aug. 1996): 102–03.
* *An Introduction to Biblical Hermeneutics: The Search for Meaning*, by W. C. Kaiser and M. Silva. *The Reformed Theological Review* 55, no. 2 (May–Aug. 1996): 101–02.
1. Harvest Bible College merged with Alphacrucis University College in 2018. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. This was a 4-year diploma, that included biblical languages, essentially an equivalent to an M.Div. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Bahnsen Theological Seminary ceased operation around 2006/2007. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. Baptist Theological College of Queensland is now known as Malyon College. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)