

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 College¹, Dandenong, VIC *[graduated with honors]*
- 1996 **Dip. Theol.** (Theology)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 Apologetics³ (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 & Homiletics⁴ (1992)

MINISTRY EXPERIENCE & CHRISTIAN SERVICE :

- **Riverside Presbyterian Church (EPC) – St. Louis, MO**
Ministry Planter & Executive Director, Sage Christianity (2023 – present)

¹ Harvest Bible College merged with Alphacrusis University College in 2018.

² This was a 4-year diploma, that included biblical languages, essentially an equivalent to an M.Div.

³ Bahnsen Theological Seminary ceased operation around 2006/2007.

⁴ Baptist Theological College of Queensland is now known as Malyon College.

- **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. *Presbyterian* 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. *Presbyterian* 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.