Dr. Mel Blackaby

Mel Blackaby currently serves as Senior Pastor of First Baptist Church of Jonesboro, Georgia. He is a graduate of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary (M.Div. 1991; Ph.D. 1997). It was in the pioneer mission field of Canada that the Lord shaped his life for ministry. He has a deep concern for a world without Christ, as well as a shepherd's heart that longs to see people grow in their walk with God.

Even though he is an author and conference speaker, his first love remains with ministry in the local church. First Baptist Jonesboro is literally impacting the world as it preaches in seven languages every Sunday, is heavily invested in church planting and world missions, as well being committed to reaching and training the next generation of leaders.

Mel and his wife Gina have three children. As a family, they have learned to "enjoy the journey!" So they balance a busy schedule with a love for horses, sports, and travelling.

Published Writings

Experiencing God Together: God's Plan to Touch Your World Broadman & Holman: 2002 ~ Co-authored with Henry Blackaby (This book won the Gold Medallion Award 2003)

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Blackaby Study Bible Thomas Nelson: 2006 A project in collaboration with Henry, Richard, Thomas, and Norman Blackaby

Going the Second Mile: Letting God Take You Beyond Yourself Multnomah Publishers: 2006

Encounters with God: Transforming Your Bible Study Thomas Nelson: 2007 ~ Co-authored with Henry and Norman Blackaby

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