

## BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

**NAME:** Dr. Steve Hale

**EDUCATION:** Murray State University  
BS major - Journalism

Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary  
Master of Divinity

Luther Rice Seminary  
Doctor of Ministry

**FAMILY:** Wife – Debbie.  
Daughter & son-in-law: Melody & Donald Schmidt  
Son: Joshua

**MINISTERIAL SERVICE:** Saved at age 14, Murray, Kentucky  
Licensed to Preach: First Baptist Church  
Murray, KY  
Ordained: First Southern Baptist Church  
Evansville, IN

**FIELD EXPERIENCE:** Has been in vocational evangelism since January, 1980.  
Serves as Staff Evangelist of First Baptist, Woodstock, GA.  
Invited to participate on the program of the North American Conference of Itinerate Evangelists, 1994.  
Spoke at the Southern Baptist Convention's Pastors Conference, 1996.  
Conducted Southwestern Theological Seminary's Campus Revival – Fall, 1999.  
President – Conference of Georgia Baptist Evangelists – 2003  
Published first book, *Truth Decay*, in 2006.  
Featured Speaker at Johnny Hunt's Men's Conferences FBC Woodstock, GA – 2008 – present  
2009 One of two SBC Featured Evangelists in NAMB's Soul-Winning Commitment Day Emphases.  
2012, published second book, *MANswers*.

## DR. STEVE HALE'S BIOGRAPHICAL SUMMARY

From the back roads of rural America to the nation's concrete metropolitan jungles, since 1979 Dr. Steve Hale has been recognized as one of Southern Baptist's most effective evangelists. Growing up in western Kentucky, Dr. Hale graduated from Murray State University with a degree in journalism and completed his Master's of Divinity at Southwestern Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas. After spending 13 years in Evansville, Indiana as the state's only resident Southern Baptist evangelist, Dr. Johnny Hunt invited Steve to re-locate and base his ministry out of the dynamic First Baptist Church of Woodstock, Georgia. Since 1992, Dr. Hale has served as a Staff Evangelist of this 15,000-member congregation. Dr. Hunt said, "Steve has been used mightily here at First Baptist Woodstock in preaching to our people and seeing such a marvelous harvest."

Throughout his ministry, Dr. Hale has been invited to preach on the program of state evangelism conferences and the Southern Baptist Pastor's Conference. In 2013, Dr. Hale was chosen as one of eight evangelists (including Franklin and Will Graham) to work alongside the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association and the Southern Baptist Convention in strategizing area-wide crusades in cities across the nation. Steve will be preaching at the first of his BGEA crusades in the spring of 2014 in Huntsville, Alabama.

In 2007, Dr. Hale wrote and published his first book, *Truth Decay*, which has received outstanding reviews. Dr. Ed Hindson, Vice-Chancellor of Liberty University commented, "*Truth Decay* is one of the best books that I have ever read. If you have one book to read in the coming year, this should be the one." Dr. Gerald Harris, editor of the *Christian Index*, observed that "*Truth Decay* is one of the most profound, yet disturbing books, that I have read in recent years." Dr. Johnny Hunt simply stated, "This is a MUST-read." Dr. Hale has been invited to preach the signature message of *Truth Decay* in the pulpit of First Baptist Woodstock and also was a featured speaker at their annual men's conference in 2009 in which over 10,000 were in attendance.

Having served as national president for the Conference of Southern Baptist Evangelists, Dr. Hale's deep concern is for reaching a culture in which 75% of adults deny the existence of absolute truth and for seeing the Church in America restored to its first love, Jesus Christ. A major emphasis of Dr. Hale's ministry is also in speaking to tens of thousands of students each year in school assemblies. His popular "*Be a Winner*" presentation has gained the accolades of school administrators throughout the nation.

Since many of America's social and moral concerns are traced back to fatherless homes, an important facet of Dr. Hale's ministry in recent years has been conducting men's conferences. Dr. Hale claims that "Men are called to be leaders, leaders in our homes, our churches, and our communities. We have abdicated our role as leaders and have been rendered powerless by our compromising moral standards. Pornography and sexual affairs have assaulted our homes and the culture has inundated men with a convincing value system that appeals to the flesh. Thus, we have a generation of young fathers and husbands who are operating on an agenda that God never initiated nor sanctioned, but the result is an unprecedented moral freefall that is leaving carnage strewn across the landscape of this nation. Millions of families are in deep pain and it is most often traced to men who have embraced misplaced priorities."