

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF MINISTRY

1973-2023

“ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER NOW THAT HIS
DAY IS DRAWING NEAR”

- HEBREWS 10:25

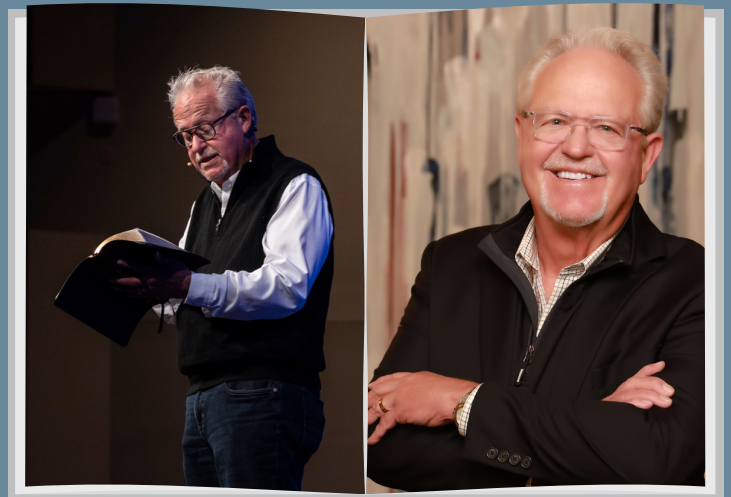


WHERE IT ALL BEGAN...

Columbus Avenue Baptist Church
Waco, TX - 1973

STILL SPREADING JOY

50 Years Later...



HOWEVER I CAN... FOR AS LONG AS I CAN... AND WHEREVER I AM...

I will take the JOYFUL message of JESUS to this weary and troubled world. Always, with the HOPE of HIM, our Savior and our anchor of strength, it is my hearts desire to serve HIM faithfully until the end.”

-Dennis Swanberg 2023

Through THE YEARS

1977
CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
GARLAND, TX
1977-1979
GAMBRELL STREET BAPTIST CHURCH
FORT WORTH, TX



1979-1983
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
ROGERS, TX

1983-1987
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
SAGINAW, TX



1987-1991
SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH
HOT SPRINGS, AR

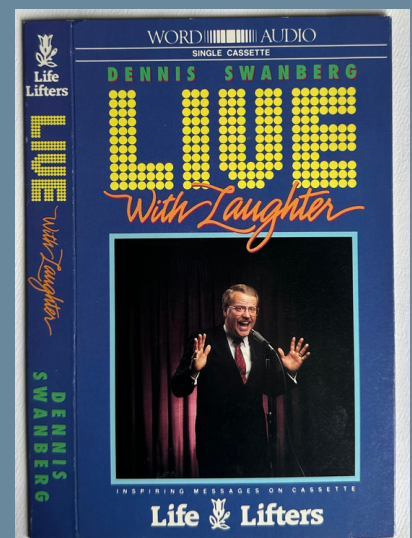
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1991-1995
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
WEST MONROE, LA

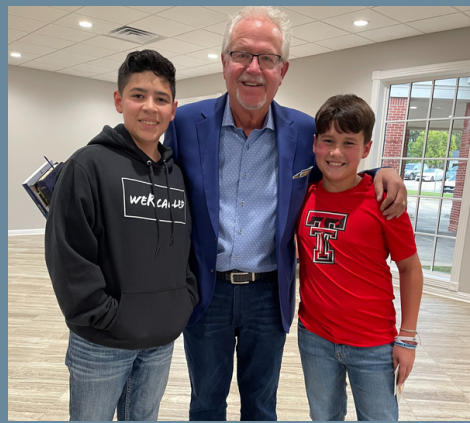


1995-present
SWANBERG MINISTRIES
A MINISTRY OF ENCOURAGEMENT

1973 doesn't seem that long ago, yet here we are, **50 years later** and what a journey it has been! From youth pastor, to associate pastor, to senior pastor, to stepping out on faith to encouraging everyone wherever God sent me, I have felt God's hand probing me onward and the prayers of each of you underneath me, sustaining me, and giving me strength to continue even in these days when the bones creak and the muscles sometimes ache. But, would I not go, when it's still my life's calling? It is still my **GREATEST JOY** to see someone come to Christ for forgiveness and salvation through Jesus. Oh, how our world needs Jesus today! If, in my different and unique style of sharing the gospel of Jesus, I can help others find their way to a life worth living because of what Jesus has done for them, I will **JOYFULLY** "go into all the world and share the gospel".



But be sure to fear the LORD and serve him faithfully with all your heart; consider what great things HE has done for you.
I Samuel 12:24 (NIV)



THEN I HEARD THE VOICE OF THE LORD
SAYING, "WHOM SHALL I SEND? AND
WHO WILL GO FOR US?"
AND I SAID, "HERE AM I. SEND ME!"
ISAIAH 6:8

A LETTER FROM DR. SWANBERG

Dear Friends and Supporters,

How grateful I am to each of you for believing and encouraging me in what I do. On March 15th, 1971, when God reached down and changed my heart, little did I know God's plan for me. . .that HE would be faithful to walk with me every step for all these years. Stepping out in faith in 1995 wasn't the "conventional thing to do". Many had doubts and so did I! But, what God lays on our hearts, that desire and passion for the lost, fills our soul and never leaves us. We are called to just "trust and obey" above everything else. I have to admit I was scared and had days filled with doubts and fears. But it was those who stood with me, encouraged me and believed in me that kept me going. The 50 years have gone by fast. . .the last 29 "on the road" even faster! It just seems like yesterday, but oh, what unspeakable JOY it has been. I could not begin to tell you how very much your love and support has pushed us onward through these years of service to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. I do get tired, even more so now that I've reached that "milestone" year marker (but of course, don't we all)! But, I am so blessed to have a wonderful partner in ministry who believes in what I do and is a constant source of strength each and every day. Lauree and I both believe that the best days are still ahead. There is so much work to be done for our Lord! Our families, our children, our country, our churches, and our leaders. They all need to be encouraged to "run the race" and "don't quit!" Will you continue to stand with me through your prayers, love and financial support? You may never know the impact your gifts have upon so many. Looking ahead, I am ready to start year "#51" of ministry and service by packing a suitcase and hopping on a plane once again to share the JOY OF JESUS to the world. Thank you for helping me do just that again in 2024!



May the spirit of this Christmas season shine upon you. Through the generosity of people like you we are able to uplift and encourage a lost and dying world.

Thank you!

DURING THIS TIME OF THE YEAR IF YOU FEEL LED TO SUPPORT OUR MINISTRY, YOU MAY DO SO BY MAKING YOUR TAX-DEDUCTIBLE DONATION BY CHECK OR THROUGH OUR WEBSITE (VIA PAYPAL)