



**NEW ORLEANS**  
BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

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**NAME:** Rhonda Harrington Kelley, Ph.D.

**PRESENT POSITION:**

Associate Director, Innovative Evangelism, New Orleans, LA  
Adjunct Professor of Women's Ministry, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary,  
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**BIRTH:** December 13, 1951  
Tuscaloosa, Alabama

**FAMILY:** Husband: Charles S. Kelley, Jr. (Chuck) Th.D.  
President Emeritus and Distinguished Research Professor of Evangelism,  
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary  
Married: June 21, 1974

**CHRISTIAN SERVICE:**

Inspirational Christian Speaker and Writer, presently  
Associate Director, Innovative Evangelism, New Orleans, LA, 1988 – present  
Adjunct Professor of Women's Ministry, New Orleans Baptist Theological  
Seminary, New Orleans, LA, 1985 – present  
President's Wife, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans,  
LA, 1996 – 2019  
Director, Ministry Wife Program, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary,  
New Orleans, LA. 1996 – 2019  
Director, Women's Academic Programs, New Orleans Baptist Theological  
Seminary, 1997 – 2012  
Advisory Member, Women's Ministry, First Baptist New Orleans, 2013 – 2019  
Director, Women's Ministry, First Baptist New Orleans, 1991 – 2012  
Member, Council for Biblical Manhood and Womanhood, 1990 – 2019  
TV/Radio Host, "A Word for Women" broadcast twice weekly on WBSN-FM

and local ACTS network, New Orleans, LA, 1983 – 2005  
Member, Foundation Board of Trustees, First Baptist Church, 1996 – 2000  
Chairman, Deacon Nominating Committee, First Baptist Church, New Orleans, 1995 – 1996  
Chairman, Missions Committee, First Baptist Church, New Orleans, LA, 1991 – 1994  
Director, Girls in Action, First Baptist Church, New Orleans, LA, 1982 – 1997  
Director, Woman's Missionary Union, First Baptist Church, New Orleans, LA, 1980 – 1982

#### **DENOMINATIONAL WORK:**

Executive Committee Member, Southern Baptist Convention Ministers' Wives Luncheon, 2012 – present  
Member, Convention Advancement Advisory Council of the Southern Baptist Convention, 2018 – present  
Chair, Women's Advisory Council of the Southern Baptist Convention, 2016 – 2018  
Leadership Training Consultant Ministry Grid, LifeWay Christian Resources, 2013 – 2014  
Advisory Board Member, Bible Study for Life, LifeWay Christian Resources, 2012 – 2013  
Advisory Board Member, Women's Ministry Network 2009 – present  
President, Southern Baptist Convention, Ministers' Wives, 2009 – 2010  
Advisory Council, Women's Ministry, LifeWay Christian Resources, 1993 – 2016  
Member, Seminary Women's Network, 1991 – 2019  
Member, New Orleans Baptist Seaman's Service Board, 1997 – 2018  
Member, Local ACTS-TV Board, 1994 – 2005  
Chair Nominating Committee, Southern Baptist Convention Ministers' Wives, 2004  
Executive Board, Louisiana Baptist Convention, 1994 – 2000  
Member, SBC Women's Ministry Study Group, 1992 – 1993  
Member, Southern Baptist Convention, Resolutions Committee, 1987 – 1988  
Steering Committee, DaySpring Women's Conference, North American Mission Board, 1988 – 1989  
Vice President, SBC Ministers' Wives Luncheon, 1990

#### **PAST PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:**

Consultant, Ochsner Craniofacial Team, Ochsner Medical Institutions, New Orleans, LA 1993 – 1996  
  
Director, Division of Communicative Disorders, Ochsner Medical Institutions, New Orleans, LA, 1981 – 1993  
Speech and Language Pathologist, Child Development Center, Ochsner Clinic, New Orleans, LA, 1978 – 1993  
Contract Teacher, Department of Special Education, University of New Orleans, 1990 – 1992  
Speech and Language Pathologist, Jefferson Speech and Language Center, Metairie, LA, 1977 – 1978

Speech and Language Pathologist, Children's Hospital, New Orleans, LA,  
1975 – 1977

**EDUCATION:**

Advanced Certificate in Women's Ministry, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, LA, 2001  
Basic Certificate in Women's Ministry, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, LA, 2000  
Ph.D. in Special Education and Speech Pathology, University of New Orleans, New Orleans, LA, 1983  
M.S. in Speech Pathology and Audiology, Baylor University, Waco, TX, 1975  
B. A. in Speech Pathology and Audiology, Baylor University, Waco, TX, 1974  
Graduate of John F. Kennedy High School, New Orleans, LA, 1970

**PUBLICATIONS (Books):**

Managing Editor, *The Daily Devotional Bible for Women*. Nashville, TN: Broadman and Holman, 2019  
Managing Editor, *The CSB Study Bible for Women*. Nashville, TN: Broadman and Holman, 2018  
Co-Author, *The Psalms-Proverbs Devotional for Women Journal*. Nashville, TN: Broadman and Holman, 2018  
Co-Author, *The Psalms-Proverbs Devotional for Women*. Nashville, TN: Broadman and Holman, 2017  
Managing Editor, *The Woman's Study Bible NKJV*. Nashville, TN: Thomas Nelson, revised 2016  
Co-Author, *The Devotional Book for Women Journal*. Nashville, TN: Broadman and Holman, 2016  
Co-Author, *The Devotional Book for Women*. Nashville, TN: Broadman and Holman, 2015  
Managing Editor, *The NKJV Study Bible for Women*. Nashville, TN: Broadman and Holman, 2015  
Author, *Life Lessons from Women of the Bible*. Nashville, TN: LifeWay, 2015  
Author, *Talking is a Gift: Communication Skills for Women*. Nashville, TN: Broadman Holman Academics, 2014  
Managing Editor, *The Study Bible for Women*. Nashville, TN: Broadman and Holman, 2014  
Author, *Divine Discipline: How to Develop and Maintain Self-Control*. Pelican Publishing, revised 2014  
Managing Editor, *Women's Evangelical Commentary: Old Testament*. Nashville, TN: Broadman and Holman, 2011  
Managing Editor, *Women's Evangelical Commentary: New Testament*. Nashville, TN: Broadman and Holman, 2011  
Author, *Joyful Living: A Personal Study of Philippians*. Birmingham, AL: New Hope, revised 2011  
Author, *Personal Discipline: A Bible Study of Self-Control and Perseverance*. Birmingham, AL: New Hope, revised 2011  
Author, *Servant Leadership: A Biblical Study for Becoming a Christlike Leader*. Birmingham, AL: New Hope, revised 2011

Author, *True Contentment: A Biblical Study for Achieving Satisfaction in Life*.  
Birmingham, AL: New Hope, revised 2010  
Author, *Personal Holiness: A Biblical Study for Developing a Holy Lifestyle*.  
Birmingham, AL: New Hope, revised 2010  
Author, *Spiritual Wellness: A Personal Bible Study of Colossians*. Birmingham,  
AL: New Hope, revised 2010  
Co-Author, *Don't Miss the Blessing*. Gretna, LA: Pelican Publishing, 2010  
Author, *Raising Moms: Daughters Loving Their Mothers in the Later Years*.  
Birmingham, AL: New Hope, 2006  
Co-Editor and Contributor, *The New King James Woman's Study Bible*. Thomas  
Nelson Publishing, 1995  
Author, *Divine Discipline: How to Develop and Maintain Self-Control*. Pelican  
Publishing, 1992

### **PUBLICATIONS (Chapters, Articles, etc...)**

Contributor, *SBC Life*, 2014, 2016  
Contributor, *Recovering the Christian Woman's Home*. Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2013  
Contributor, *The Hidden Person of the Heart: Discovering What God Says About and to  
Women Through the Scriptures*. Naples, FL: Books of Hope, 2011  
Contributor, *One Year Women's Devotional*. Colorado Springs: Nav Press, 2011  
Contributor, *Transformed Lives: Taking Women's Ministry to the Next Level*. Nashville,  
TN: LifeWay, 2011  
Contributor, *Women Reaching Women: Beginning and Building a Growing Women's Ministry*.  
Nashville, TN; LifeWay, 2005  
"Dining Etiquette," *Interpersonal Relationship Skills for Ministers*, New  
Orleans, LA: Dinstuhl Printing, 2002  
Contributor, *HeartCall: The Call to Prayer*. Alpharetta, GA: North American Mission  
Board, 1998  
Bible Study Lessons for *Virtue Magazine*, 1996-present  
Guest Editorials for *Louisiana Baptist Message*, 1988-91  
  
Guidance material for Youth Discipleship Training Curriculum, Southern Baptist  
Convention, 1985

### **HONORS AND AFFILIATIONS:**

Recipient of the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary Outstanding Alumni  
Award, 2019  
Recipient of Christian Retailing's Best Devotional/Study Bible Award, 2015  
Recipient of the Mrs. J.M. Dawson Minster's Wife Award, 2005  
Outstanding Young Woman of America, 1989  
Outstanding Senior Woman, Baylor University, Waco, TX, 1974  
President, Kappa Theta Sorority (now Tri Delta), Baylor University, Waco, TX, 1973  
- 1974  
Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities, Baylor University, Waco, TX,  
1973 - 1974  
Vice President, Freshman Baptist Student Union, Baylor University, Waco, TX, 1970  
- 1971  
Miss JFK, John F. Kennedy High School, New Orleans, LA, 1970

**PERSONAL REFERENCES:**

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