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Personal

Date of Birth	January 18, 1952
Married	Nancy J. Meeks (1974)
Children	Three adult children
Health	excellent

Education

PhD	Bowling Green State University Interpersonal and Public Communication	1982
MDiv	Asbury Theological Seminary Pastoral Ministries	1980
BS	General Motors Institute Industrial Administration	1975

Administrative Experience

Vennard College President	1992-1995
Toccoa Falls College Director of School of Communication	1989-1992
General Motors Corporation Project Engineer, Line Supervisor	1970-1977

Pastoral Experience

Van Buren, North Indiana United Methodist Church	2000-2011
Amboy, North Indiana United Methodist Church	1996-2000
New Liberty, North Georgia United Methodist Church	1988-1992
West Independence, West Ohio United Methodist Church	1986-1988
Benton Ridge Charge, West Ohio United Methodist Church	1982-1986
Cygnets-Jerry City Charge, West Ohio United Methodist Church	1980-1982
Highland-Kings Mountain Kentucky United Methodist Church	1978-1980

Teaching Experience

Indiana Wesleyan University	Lecturer in Communication	2011-present
Indiana Wesleyan University	Visiting Professor	2006-2011
Indiana Wesleyan University	Adjunct Associate Professor	1996-2006
Taylor University	Adjunct	1996-2005
Indiana Wesleyan University	APS Faculty	1996-1999
Vennard College	Associate Professor	1992-1995
Toccoa Falls College	Assistant Professor	1988-1992
Winebrenner Theological Seminary	Adjunct	1987
Marion College	Adjunct	1984
Bowling Green State University	Teaching Assistant	1981-1982

Affiliations

Christianity and Communication Studies Network since 2014.

Attend College Wesleyan Church, Marion, Indiana, 2012-present.

Full Member and Elder of the North Indiana Conference of the United Methodist Church since 2000, with retired status since 2011.

Full member and Elder of the West Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church from 1984 until 2000.

Service

Principium Review Panel – Indiana Wesleyan University	2012
Marion District Lay Speakers School Instructor	2008-2010
Marion District Board of Ordained Ministry	2001-2010
Kids Hope Volunteer Van Buren Elementary School	2003-2011
“Foundations for Living” Radio Broadcast Preacher	2003-2011
Grant County YMCA Board of Directors	1997-2002
Grant County YMCA Treasurer	2000-2002
Grant County YMCA Secretary	1999
Christian Holiness Association Board of Administration	1993-1996
World Gospel Mission Board of Directors	1993-1995
Accrediting Association of Bible Colleges Visiting Teams Chair	1994-1995
Chaplain of the Day- Georgia House of Representatives	1992
Chair Findlay District Council on Ministries	1986-1987

Lectures

Listening Lab: A brief lecture on the importance of listening for new Student orientation Indiana Wesleyan University, fall 2014.

Over-Comers Leadership Summit: A series of lectures for the local church delivered in a variety of denominations and settings since January 2014.

Over-Comers Conferences: A series of lectures for the local church delivered in a variety of denominations and settings since the summer of 2012.

Neff, Blake J. "Sibling Rivalry or Redemptive Concern: Five Christian Perspectives of Jewish Salvation," Principium Faculty Lecture Series. Marion, Indiana: Indiana Wesleyan University John Wesley Honors College, Sept 19, 2011.

Publications

Books

Batson, Ted & Neff, Blake J. (2013). *Business Ethics: Sunday Ethics-Monday World* (2nd ed.). Marion, IN: Triangle.

Neff, Blake J. & Turcott, Scott D. (2009). *A Brief Guide to Extemporaneous Public Speaking*. Marion, IN: Triangle.

Batson, Ted & Neff, Blake J. (2007). *Business Ethics: Sunday Ethics-Monday World*. Marion, IN: Triangle.

Neff, Blake J. (2007). *Proclamation: A Christian Guide to Public Speaking*. Eugene, OR: Wipf and Stock Publishers.

Neff, Blake J. (2006). *A Pastor's Guide to Interpersonal Communication: The Other Six Days*. Binghamton, NY: Haworth Press.

Neff, Blake J. and Donald Ratcliff (Eds.). (1995). *Handbook of Family Religious Education*. Birmingham, AL: Religious Education Press

Ratcliff, Donald and Neff, Blake J. (1993). *The Complete Handbook of Religious Education Volunteers*. Birmingham, AL: Religious Education Press.

Book Chapters

Neff, Blake J. (1995). Family communication. In Blake J. Neff and Donald Ratcliff (Eds.), *Handbook of Family Communication* (pp.137-163). Birmingham, AL: Religious Education Press.

Neff, Blake J. (1995). The diverse traditional family. In Blake J. Neff & Donald Ratcliff (Eds.), *Handbook of Family Communication* (pp 115-136). Birmingham, AL: Religious Education Press.

Neff, Blake J. (1992). Lifestyle content and the family. In Donald Ratcliff (Ed.), *Handbook of Children's Religious Education*. Birmingham, AL: Religious Education Press.

Neff, Blake J. (1991). Communication and relationships. In Donald Ratcliff (Ed.), *Handbook of Youth Ministry*. Birmingham, AL: Religious Education Press.

Non Refereed Book-Length Publications

Neff, Blake J. (2014). *Beginning Again: Ten Weeks to Dynamic Discipleship*. Charleston, SC: createspace.com.

Neff, Blake J. (2013). *Joseph's Way: Overcoming the Obstacles to Changing Your World*. Charleston, SC: createspace.com.

Neff, Blake J. (2013). *Over-Comers Conference Participant's Guide*. Charleston, SC: createspace.com.

Neff, Blake J. (2013). *Terri's Gift*. Charleston, SC: createspace.com.

Neff, Blake J. (2012). *Saturday Night Specials: 101 Sermon Starters for the Busy Pastor*. Charleston, SC: createspace.com.

Neff, Blake J. ed. (1995). *Equipping To Serve*. University Park, IA: Vennard College.

Articles

Neff, Blake. (in press). Strategies for Outstanding Listening. In Donald H. Alban, Jr. Editor. Speech Communication: A Redemptive Introduction 3rd edition. Dubuque, IA: Kendall Hunt.

Neff, Blake. (2013). Preachers, Politicians and People of Character: A Rationale for the Centrality of a Public-Speaking Course in the Core Curriculum. *Journal of the Association for Communication Administration*, 32:1, 44-51.

Neff, Blake. (2013, January 25). Reconsider Roe. *Marion Chronicle/Tribune*.

Neff, Blake. (2007, March 11). Jesus Didn't Decompose: He Arose" *Marion Chronicle/Tribune*.

Neff, Blake J. (2007). A Parent's Thanksgiving. *Call to Prayer*, 88:5.

Neff, Blake J. (1997). Untitled Devotions *Light From the Word*. Indianapolis, IN: Wesleyan Publishing House, summer.

Neff, Blake J. (1993). Preaching holiness: A personal experience. *Holiness Digest*, Fall.

Neff, Blake J. (1992). Lifestyle content and the Christian college professor. *AABC Newsletter*, April.

Neff, Blake J. (1992). The measure of a leader. In Georgia House of Representatives Office of the Clerk (Ed). *Devotions and Prayers by Chaplains*. Atlanta, GA.

Neff, Blake J. (1991). The Ministry of Listening. *Toccoa Falls College Magazine*, Spring.

Neff, Blake J. (1990). Helping children solo. *The Wesleyan Advocate*, Summer.

Neff, Blake J. (1989). So you want to have a revival. *Challenge to Evangelism Today*, Summer.

Neff, Blake J. (1988). Family time values. *Toccoa Falls College Magazine*, Fall.

Neff, Blake J. (1986). A modern-day Sardis. *Call to Prayer*, May.

Reviews

Neff, Blake J. (1995). Review of Jon Tal Murphree's Responsible Evangelism. *The Challenge* 1(2): February.

Neff, Blake J. (1992). A Review of George Barna's What Americans Believe: An Annual Survey of Values and Religious Views in the United States. *The Scribe* 3(4), February.

Dissertation

Neff, Blake J. (1982). "John Wesley and John Fletcher on Entire Sanctification: A Metaphoric Cluster Analysis." Unpublished PhD dissertation. Bowling Green, OH: Bowling Green State University.