

**James T. Draper Jr.**  
**President Emeritus**  
**LifeWay Christian Resources**

**Birth** - Oct. 10, 1935; parents, James T. and Lois Keeling Draper (deceased)

**Education**

- diploma, Milby High School, Houston, Texas, 1953
- bachelor of arts degree, Baylor University, Waco, Texas, 1957
- bachelor of divinity degree, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, 1961
- master of divinity degree, Southwestern Seminary, 1973
- doctor of divinity degree, Howard Payne University, Brownwood, Texas, 1974
- doctor of humanities degree, Dallas Baptist University, Dallas, Texas, 1982
- doctor of divinity degree, Campbell University, Buies Creek, N.C., 1983
- doctor of divinity degree, California Baptist University, Riverside, Calif., 2003

**Marriage** - Carol Ann Floyd of Lake Jackson, Texas, on July 14, 1956

**Children and Family**

- James Randall Draper, Colleyville, Texas; wife Elizabeth; two sons, Kyle and Kevin
- Bailey Ray Draper, Keller, Texas; wife Kim; two sons, Jon Thomas and James Michael
- Terri Jean Wilkinson, Rockwall, Texas; husband, Mike; one son, Wes; one daughter, Leigh Ann

**Previous Positions**

- president and CEO, LifeWay Christian Resources, 1991 - 2006
- pastor, First Baptist Church of Euless, Texas, 1975-91
- associate pastor, First Baptist Church of Dallas, Texas, 1973-75
- pastor, First Southern Baptist Church of Del City, Okla., 1970-73
- pastor, Red Bridge Baptist Church of Kansas City, Mo., 1965-70
- pastor, University Park Baptist Church of San Antonio, Texas, 1962-65
- pastor, Temple Baptist Church of Tyler, Texas, 1961-62
- pastor, Iredell Baptist Church of Iredell, Texas, 1959-61
- pastor, Steep Hollow Baptist Church of Bryan, Texas, 1956-58

## Denominational Activities

- chairman of board of trustees of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, 1990-91; trustee 1984-91
- president of Southern Baptist Convention, 1982-84
- trustee of Baylor University, 1974-83
- trustee of Guidestone (formerly Southern Baptist Annuity Board) 1974-82
- president of Southern Baptist Convention Pastors Conference, 1979-80
- executive board and numerous committees of Baptist General Convention of Texas
- vice president and president of executive board of Tarrant Baptist Association
- served on numerous committees of Tarrant Baptist Association and other associations
- trustee of Southwest Baptist University, Bolivar, Mo. In 1980's
- trustee of California Baptist University 2005-

## Books

- "The Church Christ Approves"
- "Say, Neighbor, Your House Is on Fire"
- "Foundations of Biblical Faith"
- "Amos: The Conscience of a Nation"
- "The Unveiling"
- "If the Foundations Be Destroyed"
- "Authority: The Critical Issue for Southern Baptists"
- "Authority: The Critical Issue for the Body of Christ" (Revision)
- "Hebrews: The Life That Pleases God"
- "Proverbs: The Secret of Beautiful Living"
- "Titus: Patterns for Church Living"
- "I and II Thessalonians: The Hope of a Waiting Church"
- "Jonah: Living in Rebellion"
- "Philippians: The Believer's Joy in Christ"
- "Ecclesiastes: Life Without God"
- "James: Faith and Works in Balance"
- "Colossians: A Portrait of Christ"
- "Basic Bible Sermons on Psalms for Daily Living"
- "Trusting Thy Word"
- "O Desafio da Palavra"
- "Bridges to the Future"
- "Where Real Worship Begins"
- "Every Christian a Minister"
- "The Church Anticipating the Kingdom Appearing, Studies from I & II Timothy"
- "Preaching with Passion"
- "We Believe"
- "LifeWay Legacy"

## Missions Involvement

Draper has traveled to 36 countries around the world, leading in evangelistic services and activities and other types of conferences and meetings with missionaries and nationals. He organized and led the Kenyan

Coast Crusade in 1990 with 536 volunteers from 16 states and 81 churches. Over 60,000 professions of faith were made during that crusade. He is now retired and living with his wife in Colleyville, TX, and remains active preaching and leading conferences and mentoring younger pastors.