

Scott M Preissler, PhD and Family

Dr. Preissler serves as the Executive Director of the National Center for Stewardship & Generosity and the State Missionary For Stewardship at the Georgia Baptist Mission Board. Dr. Preissler served as the 1st and founding Professor and Chair of Stewardship in American higher education, founding the graduate level program at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas. The Stewardship Chair was the first full professorship and endowed faculty chair of Stewardship in the world. His experience includes corporate management, and academic leadership at 3 universities.

Since 1992, Dr. Preissler has built the "Kingdom Generosity Collection": the largest repository and preservation collection of stewardship art back through time, and reference library in the world. The Collection is a living / learning experiential exhibit housing the largest stewardship library, artifact collection, and stewardship-related art repository in the world. Christian leaders and scholars regularly use it as a research facility. Over 5,300 items are included in the collection, expanding each year. The Collection is truly a national theological treasure for teaching future generations about steward leadership. In addition to biblical stewardship & generosity topics, Dr. Preissler is a frequent speaker nationally and internationally in the field of religious nonprofit leadership issues in America.

Scott served as President of the Christian Stewardship Association (CSA), the leading affiliate of the National Association of Evangelicals (NAE). Dr. Preissler began his service to CSA as Vice President of Education in 1996 and was promoted through the ranks up to President serving through 2004. In his years as CEO, his team was blessed by God to raise the largest non-dues support and grant funds in the association's history.

Scott's leadership experience includes raising major donor & foundation gifts as well as grants and estate gifts. Between 1993 and 1999, his service to overseas missions training schools, advanced nationals being educated at 30+ overseas seminaries & evangelical theological education centers. He eventually served the central board of directors.

Dr. Preissler earned his PhD degree from The Union Institute and University, accomplishing the first doctoral research on theological stewardship literature studies. His work founded the first comprehensive literature base for the growing field of Steward Leadership Studies. He also earned a Master of Science in Higher Education, and a Master of Arts in Philanthropic and Nonprofit Studies, both from Indiana University. In 1995, he was honored as the very 1st graduate of the prestigious Center On Philanthropy at Indiana University.

Dr. Preissler submits to licensure and is an evangelical, ordained minister through the annual review and covenant of the Evangelical Church Alliance (E.C.A.), in existence since 1878. He appreciates his opportunity to serve actively on the Board of Directors of The Timothy Plan, the world's largest Christian mutual fund group screened for values.

Married since 1984, Scott and Andrea are blessed with 2 adult children, Stephen James & Allison Joy Preissler. Dr. Preissler enjoys traveling with his family. Scott recently completed hiking the last 12 beautiful, mountainous miles of the seacoast destination trail of Lewis & Clark in Oregon with his family and friends.