

# R. G. HUFF



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## CURRENTLY:

Adjunct Professor – College of Fine Arts  
Dallas Baptist University

Artistic Director for Waxahachie’s Old Fashioned  
Singing Project [www.WaxaOFS.com](http://www.WaxaOFS.com)

## HOMETOWN:

Pigeon Forge, TN  
Birth Date: October 21, 1949

## EDUCATION:

BA 1971 - Carson Newman College - Jefferson City, Tennessee  
Masters of Music 1977 - Southwestern Seminary - Fort Worth, Texas  
Fifteen hours toward uncompleted doctorate

## HEALTH:

Good

## CAREER EXPERIENCE:

Minister of Worship and Discipleship – University Baptist Church – Chapel Hill, NC  
(position from which I retired)

Minister of Music and Worship - Colonial Presbyterian Church - Kansas City, MO

Minister of Music - University Hills Baptist Church - Denver, CO

Minister of Music - First Baptist Church - Waxahachie, Texas

## WEBSITE CREATOR/MAINTAINER:

[www.WorshipRx.com](http://www.WorshipRx.com) (A Prescription for Traditional Worship That Worx!)

With 40 years in my music-leading career, I have at many times taken on responsibilities outside my ministry focus/job description. I sought out my most-recent ministry position because I wanted to ‘branch out’ beyond my areas of expertise and to find a place where I could flesh out some of my gifts of teaching and administration. In this process, I have come to truly enjoy the employment of my creative juices in my work with adults, especially the promotional aspects.

I have tried to keep pace with technology, with experience in most typical office Microsoft programs (Word, Publisher, Excel), as well as PowerPoint. I have also worked extensively with Microsoft FrontPage and Expressions web-page design programs and am fairly proficient with Finale.

The word my references will use to describe me is “creative.” I think that is my strongest suit in everything I do.

I have strong gifts of teaching and administration -- which have been applied well to my work with choirs over the years. In recent days I have realized that my teaching gifts translate well beyond the choir room.

In addition to my work in the local church, I have served on several committees, boards and planning groups for fairly large events. I am also a well-published writer of articles, music, and poems/texts.

Within my church career, my extended responsibilities have often included administration and ministry outside my assigned area. I have performed a wide range of pastoral duties including preaching, performing weddings, officiating at funerals, baptisms, communion, etc.

I have extensive experience as a conference/workshop leader and banquet/event humorist. My public speaking is well-researched, well-prepared, comfortably presented, and attempts to get at the simple truth of the idea at hand. You would probably categorize my teaching as more “folksy” than “cerebral,” but I try to give the listeners a new angle on the subject matter and its truth. If you talk to any of my references, they will mention my sense of humor and my creativity of presentation, both of which I’ve been able to apply to my leadership.

I am an exhorter/encourager. I enjoy being with people of all ages. The senior adults tend to appreciate my genuine interest in them; I’ve found in my current situation (literally across the street from the University of North Carolina) that the college students respond to that same authenticity... as do the people our own age. Carlita and I are truly “people persons.” Having the gift of kindness has served us both very well in the local church.

I have a strong work ethic and enjoy applying my creativity to various aspects of my work. Although I am a traditionalist, I don’t subscribe to doing things the way they’ve always been done. The buzz-phrases “thinking outside the box” and “paradigm shift” were a part of my approach long before I heard them.

While I am 64 years old, I don’t think of myself as a member of AARP – even though I am! *The person in this mirror is not as old as he appears.* I still have a lot of energy and want to engage that energy in non-musical leadership at the end of my ministry.

## FAMILY:

I grew up in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, and went to high school with Dolly Parton – my only claim to fame! Both my parents are now deceased. As an only child, I now only have aunts, uncles and cousins in east Tennessee.

I was single until August 1, 1992, when at the age of 42 I married Carlita. She is a long-time friend and was a member of the church in Waxahachie, Texas, where I served for seven and a half years; for most of that time she had been one of the secretaries at the church.

Carlita is a legal assistant, currently in the legal department of the Baylor Health Care System in Dallas

Two adult sons from Carlita's previous marriage: Dustin lives and works in here in Midlothian, TX. Clint is a graduate of Tarleton State University (TX) and is a vice-president at Citizen's National Bank in Midlothian, TX. He and his wife Sherry (high school home economics teacher) have two sons, Kyle (12) and Carson (9).

## REFERENCES:

Eileen Mitchell Wright - Former church member [334/213-0376]

Brian Ford – Fellow staff member at former church [573/256-2945]

Randall Bradley – Baylor University [405-878-2309]

A. L. (Pete) and JoAnn Butler - [816/741-9273]

David Lane – Graduate School Roommate/ friend [704/717-9482]