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## Paige Patterson profile

Ordained to the ministry at age 16 by First Baptist Church of Beaumont.

- ◆ His father, T.A. Patterson, was executive director of the Baptist General Convention of Texas from 1961 to 1973.
- ◆ He earned the bachelor of arts degree from Hardin-Simmons University, the master of theology degree and doctor of theology degree from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.



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- ◆ Married to Dorothy Kelley Patterson, professor of women's studies at Southeastern Seminary. Mrs. Patterson is the sister of Chuck Kelley, president of New Orleans Seminary.

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- ◆ Paige Patterson has served as pastor of churches in Texas, Louisiana and Arkansas.
- ◆ The Pattersons have traveled in 70 countries and have developed a significant collection of biblical artifacts. Mrs. Patterson's bio sheet reports that she has “met with Pope John Paul in his private apartment in the Vatican; ... had coffee with former Israeli Prime Minister Menachen Begin in his Knesset office; ... (and) been the guest of Yaser Arafat at a midnight banquet in Saddam Hussein's palace guest house in Baghdad.”
- ◆ Patterson served as president of Criswell Center for Biblical Studies (now Criswell College) in Dallas from 1975 to 1992.
- ◆ Patterson gained national prominence when in 1979 he and Paul Pressler launched an orchestrated effort to change the leadership and direction of the Southern Baptist Convention.
- ◆ In 1992, he became president of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

- ◆ In 1998 and again in 1999, the SBC elected Patterson president of the convention.

- ◆ The Pattersons are parents of two adult children, a son, Armour, and his wife, Rachel, who live in Arizona; a daughter, Carmen, and her husband, Mark Howell, who is pastor of First Baptist Church of Little Rock, Ark.

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