

Personal Information

Tom was born in 1942 in Ontario, Oregon. In 1953, he accepted Jesus Christ as Savior and was baptized. He grew in his faith in the small church that grew out of a revival in the rural American Sunday School Union.

In 1963, Tom married Sandra Van Blaricom. Their two daughters were born in 1966 and 1968. After a long battle with cancer Sandy died in 1976. In 1977, Tom married Diane Powell, a former TEAM missionary.

Over the course of his life Tom thus dealt personally with the grief of terminal illness and the death of a spouse. He also experienced the struggles of single parenthood and then the transition to remarriage and a blended family.

Through marriage to Diane, Tom learned to understand some of the pain of childhood trauma as well as the struggles and issues involved in the healing process. Those experiences and others gave Tom a deep compassion toward people who are suffering deep emotional pain.

Educational Credentials

Multnomah School of the Bible
Diploma 1963

Cascade College
B.A. 1965

Dallas Theological Seminary
Th.M. 1969

Dallas Theological Seminary
Ph.D. 1995

Vision for Ministry

Tom believed that God's infallible Word provides the absolute foundation for all Christian faith and experience. In his teaching and prayer ministry he endeavored to apply its truths and principles to the real issues and struggles of life. While Tom had had extensive experience with those hurt by darkness, he strongly desired to keep the focus on Christ, who is LORD OF LORDS and KING OF KINGS.

Tom viewed prayer ministry/counseling as part of the sanctification process of believers who are hampered by the emotional and spiritual consequences of traumatic experiences in their lives. The aim of prayer ministry is to discover truth that sets one free from the lies creating emotional bondage to one's past, overcome connections to darkness, restore wholeness to dissociated minds, forgive one's perpetrators, and develop one's personal gifts for the benefit of the Body of Christ and the furtherance of the Kingdom of God.

Tom believed in the spiritual authority of the local church. Therefore, although **Restoration in Christ Ministries** is an independent, 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation, it retains a healthy accountability to the local church where Diane, the new president of RCM, attends.

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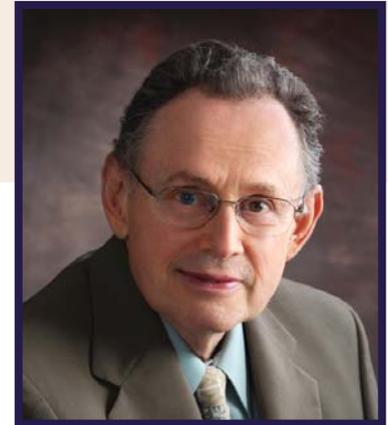
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Our Founder



Tom R. Hawkins, Ph.D.
(1942 - 2010)

Restoration in Christ Ministries

Ministry Experience

As a pastor for twenty-five years, Tom Hawkins acquired a wide breadth of experience ministering to people in a variety of churches—large, small, rural, urban, suburban, blue collar and white collar. After **graduating from Dallas Theological Seminary** in 1969, Tom became Pastor of Faith Bible Church in Robins, Iowa, where he further developed his teaching and discipleship skills. As the people of this church began to respond to his **sensitive and compassionate spirit** and seek his counsel, he began developing a Biblical approach for pastoral counseling.

In 1973, Tom accepted an invitation to become Pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church in Kingsford, Michigan, one of the larger churches in the community. Once again Tom was often sought out for counseling by both members of his church and other pastors in the area. In 1977, following the death of his wife, Sandra, Tom resigned this pastorate and moved back to Dallas to begin doctoral studies at Dallas Theological Seminary.

While in Dallas, Tom married Diane Powell and became pastor of Prairie Creek Baptist Church, a blue-collar church in a declining area of the metroplex. As a result of his ministry there, this church became much more involved in missions. Through his wife's search for inner healing, Tom also became increasingly **aware of the importance of dealing with emotions in a healthy way**, which further strengthened the effectiveness of his counseling and pastoral care.

In 1981, Tom was invited to become the first pastor of Rowlett Bible Church, located in one of

Dallas' bedroom communities. This fledgling church, composed mostly of seminary students and beginning, self-employed businessmen, allowed Tom to try new ideas and to gain a better understanding of healthy personal and organizational relationships. With his and Diane's growing **experience in dealing with personal issues affecting spiritual growth**, this congregation developed an unusual openness and vulnerability to one another, characterized by a deep sense of caring and close spiritual bonds. Tom resigned from this church in 1986 but left behind lasting relationships.

Tom then served as Interim Pastor at Grace Evangelical Free Church in Allen, Texas. This short-term agreement grew into a five-year involvement (1986-1991) that saw good growth, much healing, and the development of a significant counseling ministry. During this time **Tom learned much about childhood sexual abuse, dissociation, Multiple Personality Disorder (MPD),* and Ritual Abuse (RA) from the personal experience of his wife and other individuals God brought into his life.**

In the process, Tom began to recognize the need for **using spiritual principles in the healing process of wounded people that were often not a part of the traditional counseling process.** He also became burdened for the significant number of abuse survivors who could not afford professional counseling from the mental health community. As a result, his counseling load gradually increased to the extent that, with the church's blessing, Tom moved into a full-time, self-employed, pastoral counseling role.

During this time, **Tom also worked for eighteen months on a Christian, in-patient, Dissociative**

Disorders Unit. Here Tom had the opportunity to interact with a full spectrum of mental health professionals. He also led spirituality groups and functioned as the unofficial chaplain.

After this experience he accepted an associate pastorate in Altoona, Pennsylvania, while continuing to work with sexual and ritual abuse survivors. In 1994, with the church's blessing, he resigned and established Restoration in Christ Ministries as a 501(c)(3), non-profit organization dedicated to the healing of dissociated abuse survivors.

While Tom had no formal psychological training and claimed no mental health credentials, he diligently sought to understand the generally-accepted psychological treatment issues as well as the dynamics of psychological conflict and mind-control programming, which is unique to DID/RA. He learned much from earlier pioneers in the field as well as within his own marriage.

Together, Tom and Diane conducted training seminars around the country and abroad to teach therapists, prayer ministers, pastors, and support people how to understand and bring healing to the severely abused. They also produced a significant amount of training materials that now encircle the globe. In addition, Tom served as a consultant who was in great demand by professionals, pastoral counselors, and prayer ministers across the nation and abroad.

**In 1994, the terminology was changed to Dissociative Identity Disorder (DID).*

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God used many experiences of Tom's life to give him a deep, personal understanding of many psychological and spiritual issues involved in the recovery process of sexual and ritual abuse survivors.

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