



Jack Schaap

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Chancellor

Teaches Church Education

Pillsbury Baptist Bible College; Hyles-Anderson College, B.S., M.Ed., D.D.; Pastor of First Baptist Church of Hammond, Indiana; Twenty-three years of teaching experience; Youth director for two years; Bus captain for eleven years; Sunday school teacher for twenty-two years.

Pastor Jack Schaap was born into a middle-class working family in Michigan. He grew in a very secure home, where he learned strong family values. He was led to Christ at the age of five by his sister, Kristi, as he sat on the edge of the bathtub.

Through his junior high and high school years he worked side by side with his dad in the field of construction. He learned the value of hard work, and his dad became his hero and best friend. His parents hosted many visiting preachers, and several of them challenged him to pray about going into full-time Christian service. Through a burden to reach a couple of his lost school friends, Brother Schaap surrendered to God's call. He attended a Bible college for one and a half years.

During that time a Hyles-Anderson College graduate became Brother Schaap's home pastor and pointed him to Hyles-Anderson College where he enrolled in January 1977. Through some miraculous experiences, he met and started dating Cindy Hyles about six weeks later. Brother Schaap graduated from college in May of 1978 with his bachelor's degree. He received his master's degree in May of 1979. On June 1, 1979, Jack Schaap and Cindy Hyles were married. Brother Schaap began teaching Bible and English at Hyles-Anderson College that fall. He later became an assistant to the president. Then in the spring of 1996, he became vice president at Hyles-Anderson.

Brother Schaap has traveled extensively across America and has become one of America's foremost preachers. While employed at the college, he was a bus captain for 11 years, starting with one bus route with six riders. It grew to six bus routes with a high day of 300 riders. He was the teacher of the college and career class at First Baptist Church at that time also.

On March 7, 2001, Dr. Jack Schaap became pastor of the great First Baptist Church of Hammond, Indiana. He is perpetuating the ministry of Dr. Jack Hyles for the next generation. The ministries of the First Baptist Church are expanding and growing. A new 7,500 seat auditorium is being built, many of the buildings at the downtown complex are being remodeled, new ministries have been started, and seventeen new adult Sunday school classes have been launched. The college has added a gorgeous new front entrance and reception area; a new science lab has been built; the computer lab has been greatly expanded; several hallways, classrooms, and dormitory areas have been remodeled. The academic department has grown with the addition of Dr. Tom Vogel, one of the outstanding educators in America. The other ministries, such as Hammond Baptist Schools and City Baptist Schools, are building and growing as well.

If Pastor Schaap's life had to be summed up in just one statement, it would be: **Dr. Jack Schaap is a man who has a passion for God.**