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“Dr. Michael Milton is a pastor, theologian, Gospel singer song-writer and one of the most gifted preachers of the Gospel in our nation today.”

**Franklin Graham,
Samaritan's Purse**

BIOGRAPHY

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DR. MICHAEL A. MILTON (PhD., University of Wales; MPA, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; M.Div., Knox Seminary) is a Presbyterian minister (PCA, ARP). He is the founder and President of *Faith for Living, Inc.*, a North Carolina religious non-profit and 501(c)(3) that seeks to serve the common good and advance the Gospel through communication, discipleship, and education. Dr. Milton is the James Ragsdale Professor of Missions and Evangelism at Erskine Theological Seminary (SC). He was named president of the D. James Kennedy Institute in 2013. His pastoral ministry and scholarship have also led to current professorships at Belhaven University (MS), Lancaster Bible College, Capital Graduate School and Seminary, and Reformed Theological Seminary (NC). Milton is a board certified chaplain and a board certified pastoral counselor (ACCC, SCA). He has four units of Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) and is a certified CPE Supervisor.

As an educator, Dr. Milton retired as the fourth Chancellor and Chief Executive Officer of Reformed Theological Seminary (RTS), the third president of the RTS Charlotte campus, interim president of RTS Orlando, and held the James M. Baird Jr. Chair of Pastoral Theology at RTS. He also served as the interim president of Knox Theological Seminary. Dr. Milton has been a board member of Knox Theological Seminary and has served on numerous committees and as representative to regional and national accrediting agencies.

Milton was the 12th Senior Pastor since 1840 of the historic First Presbyterian Church of Chattanooga, TN. He planted Redeemer Presbyterian Church in Overland Park, Kansas, and founded a Christian academy there as well. He founded a second congregation, Kirk O' the Isles (PCA), near Savannah Georgia; and a third, Trinity Chapel Charlotte in Weddington, NC (suburban Charlotte). Milton has served as a top secret Navy linguist, a manager for two

“Mike Milton thinks like a scholar, but writes like a pastor. He takes subtle issues and, without dumbing them down, explains them in easy-to-understand terms. That is a wonderful gift to the Church.”

Joel Belz, Publisher, World Magazine

Dr. Michael Milton is one of the church's most outstanding and committed Christian leaders. He is a man of scholarship, intellect, and insight deeply devoted to the church of the Lord Jesus Christ. I am thankful for his contributions to evangelical thought and the life of our churches. We should all be thankful that his writings are available to evangelical Christians today.”

**Dr. Albert Mohler,
President, Southern Baptist
Theological Seminary**

Fortune 50 companies, and was commissioned a U.S. Army Reserve Chaplain. Chaplain (Colonel) Michael A. Milton retired with the Legion of Merit after thirty-two years of federal service. Dr. Milton was honored by his State of North Carolina with "The Order of the Long-leaf Pine." Nominated by Senator Richard Burr (R-NC), the Order of the Long-leaf Pine is the State's highest public service award. The Order was conferred by the Governor in 2018. His final assignment was as Command Chaplain of America's reserve military intelligence forces. He also served as Senior Editor of the U.S. Army Chaplain Corps Journal (2013-2015). The Chief of Chaplains of the U.S. Army inducted Chaplain Milton into the inaugural class of the *College of Military Preachers* in 2008. Chaplain (Colonel) Milton served as the "subject matter expert" and senior Army Reserve faculty member in preaching, liturgy, and pastoral care at the U.S. Army Chaplain School.

Milton is an alumnus of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (Master of Public Administration, School of Government), MidAmerica Nazarene University (BA), Knox Theological Seminary (MDIV), and the University of Wales (PhD). Dr. Milton is also a graduate of the Defense Language Institute, Command and General Staff College. He was awarded several prizes for his academic work, including the annual *Knox Prize in Preaching*, the *Knox Prize in Systematic Theology*, and MidAmerica Nazarene University's annual *Leadership Award*. He has served with the rank of full professor, teaching courses in both masters and doctoral level programs at several institutions. He has lectured from Emmanuel College, Cambridge, to Monterrey, Mexico and Madras, India, and served on doctoral examination committees at numerous institutions around the world. In 2018, Dr. Milton was selected to research, write, and present an academic, peer-reviewed paper on ethics education for the US and British military. The paper was subsequently included in a major new text by National Defense University Press, *A Primer on Military Ethics* (2019).

A renowned author, Milton has penned over thirty books, including *Silent No More: Why the Church Must Speak Biblically to State and*

“Milton’s deep faith is communicated in a way that is neither preachy nor clichéd. His religious imagery and lyrics touch one’s soul deeply...”

Dr. Matthew Alexander,
Professor of Family
Medicine, UNC School of
Medicine

Culture. The book was endorsed by Michael Reagan, David Limbaugh, Paul Kengor, and other leading cultural observers. Milton has been featured on numerous national radio, television, print and online media outlets. His commentaries on faith and culture have been published nationally and internationally by numerous online and print publications. In addition to his popular writing, Milton has published numerous peer-reviewed academic articles appearing in leading journals such as the *Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society* and the *Army Chaplain Corps Journal*. He is a regular contributor to Salem Media Group's *Crosswalk*, *Preaching journal*, *Servants of Grace*, *Gospel Coalition*, and *Third Millennium Ministries*. He has been contributor to several major projects, including Yale University's *The Jonathan Edwards Encyclopedia* (Eerdmans, 2017). His latest book, *Foundations of Moral Government* (Tanglewood, 2019) is a new abridged and annotated version of Rutherford's *Lex, Rex*.

A prolific singer/songwriter, performer and recording artist, Milton has released five albums. Noted arts critic, Robert Ham, writing for ChristianityToday.com, called Milton's compositions, "emotionally moving and musically opulent." Published as "Michael Anthony Milton," he has placed compositions with both Los Angeles and Nashville music publishers. A hymn-writer, Milton's works are registered for church use with CCLI.

“Thank God for Dr. Michael Milton...”

David Limbaugh, NY
Times best selling
author, constitutional
attorney

Dr. Milton, a direct descendant of founders in Jamestown (Thomas Milton, 1570-1640; his son, Richard), is a board member of the North Carolina section of the Sons of the Revolution. Milton is also a member of the John Donne Society, the John Milton Society of the USA, the Evangelical Theological Society, the Society for Biblical Literature, and the American Association of Church History.

Mike and Mae Milton reside in North Carolina with their son, John Michael Milton. Their seven adult children and their families are now settled throughout the East Coast and the Southeast. Milton's life verse is from Philippians 1:6:

"Being confident of this, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it unto the day of Jesus Christ." Or, as Milton puts it in the title of his autobiography, "What God starts, God Completes."

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