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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; D.Min., Erskine Seminary; MPA, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; M.Div., Knox Seminary; *postgraduate certification in higher education teaching*, Harvard University) is an American Presbyterian minister (PCA), author, composer, and educator. Dr. Milton is the founder and President of *Faith for Living, Inc.*, a North Carolina religious non-profit and 501(c)(3) that seeks to advance the Gospel and serve churches and other nonprofits through communication, discipleship, and education. Dr. Milton is the Distinguished Professor of Missions and Evangelism at Erskine Theological Seminary (SC). The Kennedy Family and Ciral Ridge Ministries appointed Milton as the first president of the D. James Kennedy Institute of Reformed Leadership in 2013. His pastoral ministry and scholarship have also led to professorships at Belhaven University (MS), Lancaster Bible College, Capital Graduate School and Seminary, and Reformed Theological Seminary. Milton is a board certified chaplain and a board certified pastoral counselor. Retired from pastoral ministry after contracting a human virus in Africa, and maintaining credentials at Tennessee Valley Presbytery (PCA), he continues to practice pastoral counseling and consulting to individuals, churches, government, and non governmental organizations (NGOs).

As an educator, Dr. Milton retired as the Provost and James Ragsdale Chair at Erskine Theological Seminary. Michael A. Milton is the retired 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.

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 (ARP) in Weddington (suburban Charlotte), North Carolina. 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 from military service with the award of 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 is the State's highest public service award. The Governor of NC conferred the award in 2018. Milton's final assignment in the Army was 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.

In addition to his career resume, 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 Foreign Language Institute (Monterey, CA), and the Command and General Staff College (Fort Leavenworth, KS). 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 serves in academia with the rank of full professor, tenured, 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), and published as a monograph, *From Flanders Fields to the Moviegoer: Philosophical Foundations for a Transcendent Ethic* (Wipf and Stock, 2019).

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

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

“Thank God for Dr. Michael Milton...”

David Limbaugh, NY
Times best selling
author, constitutional
attorney

Culture. The book was endorsed by Michael Reagan, David Limbaugh, Paul Kengor, and other leading cultural observers, including Ben Shapiro. Milton has been featured on numerous national radio, television, print and online media outlets. Milton is a “public theologian” as he is called upon to provide Biblical and Christian responses to the front page issues of our day. 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 and subjectmatter expert for Salem Media Group's *Crosswalk*, *Crosswalk Devotional*, *Christianity.com*, *Bible Study Tools*, *Logos Bible software*, *Preaching journal*, *Servants of Grace*, *Gospel Coalition*, *Third Millennium Ministries*, and *Preaching.com*. He has been contributor to several major projects, including Yale University's *The Jonathan Edwards Encyclopedia* (Eerdmans, 2017). His recent book, *Foundations, of Moral Government* (Fortress Book Service, 2019) is an abridged and annotated version of Samuel 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 L.A. and Nashville music publishers. A hymn-writer, Milton's works are registered for church use with CCLI. Mike and Mae Milton reside in the mountains of Western North Carolina. Their son, John Michael Milton, with his father, co-authored a chapter in *Surviving the Fish Bowl: Letters to Pastors' Kids* (Reformation Heritage, 2020). Their eight 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 Mike Milton put it, "What God Starts, God Completes."

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