

# Speaker Bio's



**PASTOR DAVID “DL” LOVAN** started pastoring a little country church called Westside in 1987 with eight members. Today, Westside Family Life Center is a church home to more than 300 people in the small rural community where David grew up and invested his life. His walk with God is a lifelong journey that was interrupted through the loss of his mother, but he rededicated his life and gave his heart fully to the Lord December 19, 1982. David has been teacher, pastor, and mentor to many through his leadership classes, sermons, and his dedication to and love for the people of the Ozarks area. He is an avid outdoorsman and raises beef cattle on the family farm while serving as Senior Pastor. These interests keep him closely connected with the people he serves. His great love for the Lord Jesus is reflected in his love for his beautiful wife, Marsha and their children, Mandy and Jeff, along with their spouses and his grandchildren who bring much joy to his daily life. At any given time, you can find David sharing faith and

scripture to encourage others as his passion for the Lord is contagious.

**VIC PORTER** was born again at age 20 and began a pursuit of the Word of God after being introduced to the power of the Holy Spirit. He went on to pastor and start five churches in Arkansas, Missouri, and Texas. He is the author of the book “Borrowed Offenses.” In 2003 he began a Bible study with inmates at the Ozark Correctional Center in Fordland, MO. Out of this Bible study “The Institute of Self-Worth®, A Curriculum for Life was developed (a Bible school on DVD.) This curriculum is now in over 4500 locations in all 50 states and 120 countries. Thousands of offenders have been born again. He has also developed The Institute of Self-Worth® Volume II, My Cup Runs Over and Grace for Addictions curriculum. The goal of these outreaches is to establish the principles of grace and faith in the hearts of believers in prison and around the world by showing each individual that self-worth is based in our identity in Christ and our God given value and worth come through accepting what Jesus has done and not through our own performance. Vic and his wife Robin have been married 46 years and have three children and three grandchildren. They currently make their home in Missouri. Vic Porter Ministries is a non-profit ministry supported by donations from ministry partners with a heart for reaching those who have been forgotten.





**Dave Roever**, eight months into his tour of duty in Vietnam, was burned beyond recognition when a phosphorous grenade he was poised to throw exploded in his hand. The ordeal left him hospitalized for fourteen months, where he underwent numerous major surgeries. His survival and life are miraculous.

Today, with his humorous style, Dave is enthusiastically received both nationally and internationally as a public speaker. He is a gifted communicator and speaks in a variety of settings including public schools, military installations, business, men's and youth conventions, etc. Dave is a frequent guest on national television talk

shows. He established compassionate, ongoing missions work in Vietnam and is involved in other nations.

Dave Roever is founder, chairman, and president of two non-profit corporations: Roever Evangelistic Association (REA) and Roever Educational Assistance Programs (REAP) based in Fort Worth, Texas. Dave and his wife, Brenda, are co-founders of Eagles Summit Ranch near Westcliffe, Colorado, and San Antonio, Texas where Dave, Brenda, and team train wounded warriors, others from the U.S. military, and talented young leaders in areas of specific focus such as public speaking, and marital and emotional recovery after devastating injury, helping them to fulfill their destinies.

**Dr. Don Hamby** has served as Pastor of Family Life Church of Dora since 2007. His father, Fred Hamby, pioneered the church as Dora Assembly of God in 1957 and served as Pastor for fifty years. Don served in various lay positions in the church while working 42 years in the field of education. This is his only pastorate.

Don has been married to his wife Carolyn for forty-nine years and they have three adult children and two grandchildren. All their children are involved in the work of the church.





**Michael “Mike” Hawkins** is founder and President of Gospel Flight Ministries International which is currently based out of Broken Arrow Oklahoma.

He was Trained and ordained as a minister through Rhema Bible Training College, from which he graduated in 1985. He also graduated from Victory World Mission Training Center in the same year.

Mike is a requested speaker in churches, revival meetings, seminars Bible schools and conferences both nationally and internationally.

**Dr. Kevin Whisman** is a native of southwest Missouri.

Graduating from Missouri Southern State University in 1995, he pursued graduate school and earned his Doctor of Psychology in 1999 from Forest Institute of Professional Psychology in Springfield, Missouri. Dr. Whisman established his first private practice in Joplin, Missouri in 2001 and now serves as the CEO of Joplin Psychological Associates. Since its inception, JPA has served numerous individuals, families, and agencies throughout the four-state area. Dr. Whisman’s current practice primarily focuses on psychotherapy for individuals, marriages, and families. He continues to conduct psychological evaluations with adults and children. In addition to his work with JPA, Dr. Whisman has helped develop Victory for Life, a Christ-centered counseling and life development center. He has been an adjunct faculty member at Missouri Southern State University and is currently an adjunct faculty member at Ozark Christian College. His professional interests include Christ-centered counseling, clinical psychology, sport psychology, sexual addiction, and emotionally focused therapy. He is a member of Christ’s Church of Oronogo and has taught several adult classes within the church. Personally, Dr. Whisman enjoys spending time with his family, outdoor activities, woodworking, attending sporting events, and the Kansas City Royals.



**Dennis Walton** has been the Senior Pastor at CrossWay Fellowship Church for 12 years, since planting the church in 2007. He has been in ministry a total of 23 years in which he served the Lord as a pastor, youth pastor, and evangelist. He has been married for 23 years to his wife Tina. They have Two children, Kelsey and Brady.



**Chip Sanders** is husband to Rebekah, father of five awesome kids (and one amazing daughter-in-law), a volunteer fire fighter, community organizer and pastor! He has been the pastor of First Assembly of God in Iberia, Missouri for more than 7 years. A fourth-generation minister, Chip brings more than 20 years of experience as a lead pastor in small rural communities. Passionate about the potential of rural churches Chip and his wife Rebekah founded The Well Rural Resource as a model for rural churches to reimagine the ways they can serve their communities. Chip is passionate about serving pastors and the local church.