

Speaker and Staff Information

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Amanda Box is the Connections Minister for Meadowbrook Church of Christ in Jackson, Mississippi. As Connections Minister, she works with ministry leaders, small groups, and new members. Prior to her current position, Amanda served as the Children's Minister for Meadowbrook. Previous career adventures include all things communication. Amanda has consulted with business and industry for over 20 years to equip people with improved communication skills so they are able to do their best work every day. In addition, Amanda served a 10-year tour as a full-time college professor and four years as the public relations professional for a non-profit. Amanda earned her undergraduate degree in communication from Freed-Hardeman University and a master's degree in communication from Mississippi College. Amanda and her husband Chuck of 26 years live in Jackson, Mississippi, with their three children, Trey, Isabelle, and Hazel.



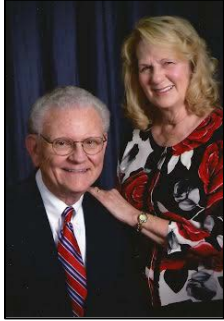
Ken Cukrowski did his undergraduate work in Bible and French at ACU, M.Div. at Yale Divinity School, and doctoral studies in New Testament at Yale University. In 1999, he began teaching at ACU, where he currently serves as Dean of the College of Biblical Studies and teaches courses in Greek and New Testament. In ministry contexts, he has worked as an associate minister, education minister, and youth minister. Ken currently serves as a deacon for the university ministry in his local congregation. He co-authored *God's Holy Fire*, authored *The Mystery of Godliness: Great Themes from 1 Timothy*, and wrote for and co-edited *The Transforming Word*. He and his wife Karen have two daughters, Katie and Krista. In his free time, he enjoys spending time with his family, running, watching movies, and eating dark chocolate.



Alejandro Ezquerra is the Senior Spanish Minister at Bammel Church of Christ in Houston, Texas, where he has served since 2007. Previously, Alejandro worked as the Youth Spanish Minister at Westbury Church of Christ. He earned a bachelor's degree in theology from Baxter and a mass media degree from Houston Baptist University. He is a Beatles fan, enjoys riding his Harley, and loves spending time with his wife and teenager daughters.



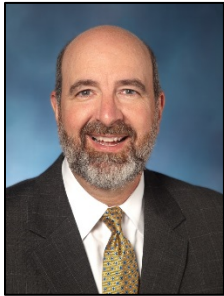
Chris Flanders is an Associate Professor of Missions in the College of Biblical Studies and the Director of the Halbert Institute for Missions at ACU. He is also an associate editor of the journal *Missio Dei* and serves on the *Missio Dei* Foundation board. After completing undergraduate and graduate degrees, Chris spent 11 years in Thailand (Bangkok and Chiang Mai) where he worked with established churches and helped plant several new churches. This passion continues at ACU as he walks alongside students, equipping and mentoring them so they leave more centered in the *missio Dei* and more aware of their unique giftedness that will allow them to fully participate in that mission. He is also passionate about helping congregations engage missionally in local and global contexts. Chris and his wife Cara, a marriage and family therapist, have been married for 23 years. They have two children, Autumn and Ethan (both born in Thailand).



Pam and Royce Money have been married for 51 years. All of those years were spent while one or both were in some form of ministry. Royce was full-time in congregational ministry for fourteen years after leaving ACU in 1967. He later served as an elder for six years. Pam began as an elementary school teacher and then decided to get an additional master's degree in Marriage and Family Counseling. For several years, both Royce and Pam were clinical members of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy. Their ministry together at Abilene Christian University has lasted for 35 years, with Royce being President for 19 years and Pam being a very active First Lady. Pam and Royce have two daughters and five wonderful grandchildren (3 of whom are currently at ACU).



Robert Oglesby has worked with churches for over 35 years, 15 of which were at the Southern Hills Church of Christ in Abilene where he served as the Youth Minister and Staff Administrator. While at Southern Hills, the youth group grew from 30 to 240 students. In 1999, Robert started full-time at ACU where he currently serves as Bible instructor, Director of the Center for Youth and Family Ministry, and Coordinator for the Ministers' Support Network. He was selected as the Teacher of the Year in 2014-15. Robert specializes in youth and family ministry and is passionate about training ministers, consulting with church leaders, and working with churches in crisis.



Carson Reed serves as ACU's Vice President for Church Relations and as Executive Director of the Siburt Institute for Church Ministry. He also directs the Doctor of Ministry program, holds the Frazer Endowed Chair for Church Enrichment, and teaches ministry courses in the Graduate School of Theology. Through the Siburt Institute, Carson does consulting work with congregations and church leaders across the country, and prior to coming to ACU in 2012, he spent 30 years in congregational ministry. His teaching and research centers on leadership, preaching, and issues surrounding faith and culture. He and his wife Vickie have been married for over 30 years and have four grown children. Carson holds a M.Div. from Harding Graduate School of Theology and a D.Min. from ACU.



Peter Steinke is an internationally recognized church consultant. Previously he has served as parish pastor, therapist for clergy, director of a pastoral counseling center, and educator. Peter has written four books, all regularly listed in the top ten sellers. Presently he serves as an adjunct professor at Austin Theological Seminary and Denver Seminary. Peter has received several awards, including the distinguished alumnus award (Concordia College) and the honorary Doctor of Letters (Concordia Seminary). Peter has worked with over 200 congregations in tension and turmoil from eight denominations in 27 states. He resides with his wife Kelly, a visual artist, in Austin, Texas. They have four children and three grandchildren.