

Baptist deaths in 2009

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Paschall

[Dan Goodman](#), 40, a professor at Gardner-Webb University's M. Christopher White School of Divinity, unexpectedly Jan. 13.

[Oscar Romo](#), 79, a pioneer in starting ethnic Southern Baptist churches, Jan. 16 from complications related to Parkinson's disease.

[Millard Fuller](#), 74, founder of Habitat for Humanity International, Feb. 3 after a brief illness.

[Tom Corts](#), 67, former Samford University president, Feb. 4 of an apparent heart attack.

[Philip Wise](#), 60, a prominent pastor and leader in moderate Baptist life who helped pave the way for the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship's becoming a member of the Baptist World Alliance, March 30, less than a year after being diagnosed with cancer.

[William Reynolds](#), 88, long-time Southern Baptist musician and author of popular hymns including "Share His Love" and "People to People," March 28.

[Rodney Bowling](#), 46, pastor of Grace Point Baptist Church in Somerville, Ala., found dead inside his church April 7 of an apparent heart attack.

[Franklin Paschall](#), 86, former SBC president and longtime pastor of First Baptist Church in Nashville, Tenn., April 10 at his home.



Lim

[Lilian Lim](#), 50, first female president of a consortium of Baptist seminaries in Asia, June 25 in Singapore.

[Ernest Mosley](#), 81, executive vice president of the SBC Executive Committee from 1987 until his retirement in 1998, July 8 after a year-long battle with cancer.

[Robert Broome](#), 66, a founder of the Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America, July 11 after a long battle with cancer.

[Douglas Lee](#), 66, former president of historically Baptist Stetson University in Florida, Aug. 25 from post-surgical complications.

[Ana D'Amico](#), 73, retired CBF field worker and wife of David D'Amico, Aug. 25 at her home in Louisville, Ky., following a lengthy battle with breast cancer.

[Edwin Tuller](#), 95, former American Baptist Churches USA general secretary, who shepherded American Baptists through the Civil Rights Movement in the 1950s and 1960s, Aug. 25 in Pittsburgh.

[Nilson Fanini](#), 77, a Brazilian pastor and evangelist who served as president of the Baptist World Alliance from 1995 to 2000, Sept. 19 of complications following a stroke.

[David Treadway](#), 42, a well-liked pastor active in North Carolina Baptist life, Sept. 27 in an apparent suicide.

[Charles Wellborn](#), 86, retired Florida State University professor and former "Baptist Hour" radio preacher, Oct. 1, at his home in Georgetown, Ky.

[Jeff Zurheide](#), who served as pastor of an historic Southern Baptist church, First Baptist Church in Oklahoma City, before moving to a historic American Baptist church, First Baptist Church in New London, N.H., Oct. 28, after a six-year battle with cancer.

[Raymond Coppenger](#), 100, longtime philosophy at Ouchita Baptist University, Nov. 24 following a bout with pneumonia.