

# Longtime Southern Baptist pastor Frank Pollard dies

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SAN FRANCISCO (ABP) — Frank Pollard, a prominent Southern Baptist pastor and seminary president, died Nov. 30 at his home in San Francisco.

Pollard, 74, twice served as pastor of First Baptist Church in Jackson, Miss., for a combined total of 22 years. He was fifth president of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary in Mill Valley, Calif., from 1983 to 1986.

Frank ~~P~~ollard He also was a past president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention and a regular [preacher](#) on the Baptist Hour radio program produced by the SBC Radio & Television Commission.

Pollard, who suffered from Parkinson's disease, had moved with his wife to San Francisco earlier this year.

A memorial service is planned at First Baptist Church in Jackson, but details are incomplete, according to a statement on the church [website](#).

Before moving to Golden Gate Seminary, Pollard was pastor at First Baptist Church in San Antonio, Texas, for six years. He went there at age 39 from Shiloh Terrace Baptist Church in Dallas.

*Time Magazine* once named him one of seven "Outstanding Protestant Preachers in America." The Mississippi Legislature passed a [resolution](#) commending his ministry after his retirement at the end of 2001.

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