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Lorin Lee Cranford

**Position:**

Professor of Religion

[Department of Religious](#)[Studies and Philosophy](#)[Gardner-Webb University](#)

Boiling Springs, North

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Birth:

November 3, 1941; Perrin, Texas

Wife:

Claire M. Cranford, July 2, 1944

Children:

Carrie Lynn Allen (step-daughter), April 9, 1977

Angie Kelley (step-daughter), June 9, 1970

Brian Kelley (son-in-law), Nov. 4, 1971

Gregory Scott Cranford (son), October 29, 1969

Jennifer Cranford (daughter-in-law), June 26, 1971

Donald Lynn Cranford (son), August 2, 1966

Hallie Cranford (daughter-in-law), February 14, 1972

Christopher Wayne Cranford (son), August 9, 1963

Charis Cranford (daughter-in-law), May 5, 1965

Grandchildren:

Michael Heath Cranford, July 24, 1987

Mary Kathryn Cranford, August 5, 1988

Aaron Foster Cranford, February 4, 1991

Susanna Helen Cranford, March 24, 1992
 Brittany Nicole Cranford, October 18, 1994
 Clayton Douglas Kelly, February 14, 1995
 Preston Reid Cranford, June 26, 1996
 Trevor Ryan Cranford, November 4, 1997
 Taylor Alyce Kelley, January 18, 2000
 Andrew Foster Cranford, January 31, 2000
 Anabeth Lee Cranford, Feb. 13, 2003

Church Membership:

[First Baptist Church](#) of Shelby, North Carolina

Education:

[Wayland Baptist University](#), B.A., 1964
[Southwestern Baptist Seminary](#), M.Div., 1968; Th.D., 1975
[Goethe Institut](#), Zertifikat Deutsch Als Fremdsprache, 1980

Additional Study:

[University of Texas at Arlington](#)
[Abert Ludwigs Universität](#), Freiberg Germany
[Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms Universität](#), Bonn Germany
[Alliance Française](#), Paris, France
[Ruprecht-Karls-Universität](#), Heidelberg Germany

Previous Positions:

Professor of New Testament, School of Theology, [Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary](#), 1974-1997
 Pastor, Springdale Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas, 1968-74
 Pastor, First Baptist Church, Graford, Texas, 1964-68

Publications:

"A New Look at II Corinthians 5:1-10," *Southwestern Journal of Theology*, Spring, 1977.
 "Encountering Heresy: Insight from the Pastoral Epistles," *Southwestern Journal of Theology*, Spring 1980.
Workbook for Elementary Greek, 2 vols (Scripta Publishing), 1980; rev. ed. 1988, 1989
Workbook for New Testament Greek, 2 vols. (Scripta Publishing) 1981, 1982; rev. ed. 1989
A Study Manual of the New Testament, 2 vols. (Scripta Publishing), 1981
 Youth in Discovery: Teacher, Jan.-Mar., 1983 (SBC S.S. Board)
Theologische Auszüge zur Leseübung, 2 vols., ed., (Scripta Publishing) 1984
Galatians Diagramed, (Scripta Publishing) 1984
James Diagramed, (Scripta Publishing) 1984
A Study Guide to the Sermon on the Mount, (Scripta Publishing) 1985, rev. ed. 1988
A Study Manual on the Epistle of James: English Text, (Scripta Publishing) 1987
Laymen's Bible Dictionary (Broadman) articles: "Future Hope," "Judgment Day," "Sanctification," 1986
 "What About Your Faith? An Exposition of James 2," *Southwestern Journal of Theology*, fall 1986
 Translator of German Article: "The Scofield Bible: A Challenge From Fundamentalism," *Southwestern Journal of Theology*, summer 1986
A Study Manual on the Epistle of James: Greek Text, (Scripta Publishing) 1988, rev. ed. 1991
A Study Manual on the Epistle of Paul to the Galatians: English Text, (Scripta Publishing) 1986, rev. ed. 1988
A Study Manual on the Epistle of Paul to the Galatians: Greek Text, (Scripta Publishing) 1988, rev. ed. 1991
A Study Manual on the Parables of Jesus: English Text, (Scripta Publishing) 1988
Mercer Dictionary of the Bible
 (Mercer Univ. Press) articles: "Conflict Story," "Principalities and Powers," "James, the Person,"
 "Cynics," "Trophimus," "Artemis," "Emmaus," "Upper Room," "Tychicus," 1989
Encyclopedia of Early Christianity (Garland Press) article: "Revelation," 1987
Exegeting the New Testament: vol 1, A Seminar Working Model, (Scripta Publishing) 1989, rev. ed. 1991

Exegeting the New Testament: vol 2, Research Updates and Bibliography, (Scripta Publishing) 1991

"Bibliography for the Sermon on the Mount," *Southwestern Journal of Theology*, Fall 1992

"Predigthören - Mit Konsequenzen", *Die Gemeinde*, July 1992

"A Rhetorical Reading of Galatians," *Southwestern Journal of Theology*, Fall 1994

"Inspiration," *Encyclopedia of Early Christianity*, rev ed (Garland Press), 1996

"Gipfel im Leben", *Die Gemeinde*, May 1995

"Modern New Testament Interpretation," chapter seven of *Biblical Hermeneutics*, Broadman Press, 1996, Revised Edition, 2002.

"The Bridge" a non-religious short story published in 1997 on The Short Story Page at

<http://www.jhedge.com/story/author.htm#abc>

"The Lost and Found," *Decision Magazine*, Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, (February, 1998)

The Parables of Jesus, C&L Publications, 2000, (released in CD-ROM form)

Learning Biblical Koine Greek, C&L Publications, Inc., 4th ed., 2002 (released in CD-ROM form).

The Letter of Paul to the Galatians, in

Biblical Insights: An Exegetical and Expository Commentary on the New Testament, C&L Publications, Inc., (in preparation; to be released on CD-ROM and on the internet at

<http://cranfordville.com/Cranfordville/Commentary.html>)

"Throwing your Margaritas to the Pigs. A Rhetorical Reading of Matthew 7,6." *Gemeinschaft der Kirchen und gesellschaftliche Verantwortung: Die Würde des Anderen und das Recht anders zu denken*, Festschrift für Dr.

Erich Geldbach, pp. 351-363. Edited by Lena Lybæk, Konrad Raiser, and Stefanie Schardien. Münster, Deutschland: Lit Verlag, 2004.

"Hebrews," [Review and Expositor](#), 102 no. 2 (Spring 2005), issue editor

Areas of Expertise:

Languages: Greek, Hebrew, German, Latin, French

New Testament studies

Exegetical Theory and Procedure

Computer Applications to Christian Ministry

Memberships:

Society of Biblical Literature

Southwest Region of SBL (NT Program Chairperson, 1995, Vice-President, 1996, President-Elect, 1997)

National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion

Seminar on the Development of Catholic Christianity (Convener, 1991-92, 1992-93)

Southwest Biblical Seminar, (Convener, 1985-86; Co-Convener, 1997-98)

Institute for Biblical Research

Texas Faculty Association

Honors:

Honorary Life Member of Texas Association, P.T.A.

Who's Who Among Colleges and Universities, 1963-64, 1974-75

Who's Who in Religion in America, 1975-78, 1995, 1998

Outstanding Young Men of America, 1977-78

Who's Who in Computers, 1989

Gastdozent at the Theologisches Seminar, Hamburg, Germany, 1983, 1990

Issue Editor for *Southwestern Journal of Theology* for fall 1990 edition on Acts

Issue Co-Editor for *Southwestern Journal of Theology* for fall 1994 edition on Galatians

Gastwissenschaftler (Visiting Scholar) in the Wissenschaftlich-Theologisches Seminar of the University of Heidelberg, 1990-91

Gastdozent (Guest Lecturer) of the Neutestamentlichen Societät at the Wissenschaftlich-Theologisches Seminar of the University of Heidelberg, 1991

Gastdozent (Guest Lecturer) at the Englisch Seminar in the Sociologischen Fakultät of the University of Bonn, 1991

Gastdozent (Guest Lecturer) at the University of Göttingen, 1991

Who's Who in the Southwest, 1995, 1997

Who's Who among American Teachers, 2002

Interim Pastorates:

Arlington Heights Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas, 1974-75, 1977-78

First Baptist Church, Perrin, Texas, 1976-77, 1989-90

First Baptist Church, Argyle, Texas, 1978

Normandale Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas, 1979, 1983, 1994

First Baptist Church, Grandfield, Okla., 1979

First Baptist Church, Bellevue, Texas, 1981

Walnut Creek Baptist Church, Azle, Texas, 1983

First Baptist Church, Iowa Park, Texas, 1986

Grace Baptist Church, Sandhausen, Germany, 1991

Ridgecrest Baptist Church, Haltom City, Texas 1997