

Dr. Rick Scarborough



Founder and President of Vision America

Dr. Scarborough graduated in 1978 from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and earned a Doctor of Ministry Degree from Louisiana Baptist Theological Seminary, in 1996. He holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Houston Baptist University, with a double major in Political Science and Speech.

Dr. Scarborough and Tommye, his wife, have two grown children, Misty and Richard, and one daughter in Heaven, Kathryn who finished her assignment here in 2004 at 25 years of age. Misty is married to Daniel Allmond; they have two children, Micah and Alexis. Richard is married to Anny; they have twins, Richard Wayne III and Kaylee Anne.

From 1990 to June 2002, Dr. Scarborough was the Senior Pastor of First Baptist Church of Pearland located on the southeast side of the Houston Metroplex. During his twelve year ministry there, the church baptized over 2,000 people and relocated to a beautiful new 27-acre campus and facilities in March 2001; featuring Eagle Heights Christian Academy with faculty and student population of over 300 and Trinity Oaks Retirement Center with housing for 85 independent and assisted living units. Before coming to FBC Pearland, Dr. Scarborough was a full-time Evangelist, preaching more than 500 revival crusades across America. He has also preached missionary crusades in Panama, Brazil and three times in India. As a member of the Board of Trustees for the International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention from 1992 until 2000, Dr. Scarborough traveled extensively throughout Europe representing the IMB.

Previous Pastorates include: Retta Baptist Church, Burleson, Texas; First Baptist Church, Maypearl, Texas (During Seminary); Interim Pastor: Harvest Point Baptist Church, Nacogdoches, Texas

In 1992, Dr. Scarborough gained national recognition when he exposed the contents of a disturbing assembly program at the local high school. Under the auspices of an "AIDS Presentation," a young lady, sponsored by the AIDS Foundation of Houston, candidly discussed every sex act imaginable expressing the opinion (presented as fact) that "safe sex" was attainable by using condoms. Dr. Scarborough recorded the assembly and then made transcripts available to his congregation the following Sunday morning. The resulting furor that erupted caught the eye of the national media.

Dr. Scarborough mobilized his congregation during the following months to make significant changes in Pearland. Members began running for public office, as well as volunteering for various organizations beyond traditional "Christian ministry" seeking to become "salt and light" in their community. National Public Radio produced a two-part feature on Dr. Scarborough during which he was dubbed, "The Rising Star of the Religious Right".

In 1996 he published the widely acclaimed 252-page book appropriately entitled, *Enough is Enough; a Call to Christian Involvement*. In 2008 he published an update edition of *Enough is Enough*. Other published works include, *Mixing Church and State God's Way and It All Depends on What Is...Is*. In 2007 he published *Liberalism Kills Kids* and contributed two chapters to *Judicial Tyranny*, along with such noted authors as James Dobson, former US Attorney General Edwin Meece, and Alabama Supreme Court Chief Justice Roy Moore.

In 1998, he founded Vision America, an organization whose mission is to "inform and mobilize Pastors and their congregations to become salt and light, becoming pro-active in restoring Judeo-Christian values in America." The advisory board of Vision America includes notable Christian leaders such as Don Wildmon and Dr. Tim LaHaye.

On May 9, 2005, the Washington Post carried a front page story in the Sunday addition on the effective work that Dr. Scarborough and the Judeo-Christian Council is accomplishing in their efforts to confront judicial tyranny and mobilize pastors.

Dr. Scarborough's work has been featured in numerous articles and publications around the nation. A partial listing includes the New York Times, Washington Post, Kansas City Star, Dallas Morning News, Houston Chronicle, Boston Globe and the Congressional Quarterly.

Dr. Scarborough has appeared on Larry King Live, Fox News, CBS Evening News and numerous other television and radio programs. The work of Vision America has been featured in several documentaries and specials such as CNN's award winning special *God's Warriors* and the HBO documentary, *Friends of God*.

Dr. Scarborough and Vision America have also been featured on Focus on the Family with Dr. James Dobson three times.

Dr. Scarborough regularly speaks in churches, rallies, and political conventions. Scheduling information and availability can be obtained by calling (866)522-5582 or by visiting <http://www.visionamerica.us>.