

Southeastern University Professor Dr Robert Griffith Mentors Next Generation of Ministry Leaders

Virginia-based pastor, author, and academic brings multi-site church experience and nonprofit leadership to theological education.

Manassas, Virginia May 5, 2026 ([IssueWire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - Dr Robert Griffith, also known as Pastor Bob Griffith, serves on the faculty of Southeastern University, where he teaches practical theology and leadership to college age and adult learners pursuing advanced ministry degrees. His academic work draws on direct experience leading churches and nonprofits, connecting classroom instruction with the operational demands his students face in their own organizations.

Some of Dr Griffith's students are working professionals: pastors, nonprofit directors, and organizational leaders who pursue their degrees while managing staff, budgets, and community responsibilities. His teaching pairs research tied to real challenges in their ministry or organization, producing academic work that functions as a strategic tool rather than purely academic exercises.

Before entering higher education, Dr Griffith served as a pastor where he led staff development, congregational care, and missions partnerships. He also served as an executive pastor for a large multi-site church, with responsibilities that included staff development, strategic planning, and oversight of multiple campus operations.

His practical experience outside the classroom includes founding 1Hope Together, a nonprofit that partnered churches with foster care agencies, and authoring *Fostering Jesus*, a guide for churches building foster care ministry infrastructure. He currently serves on the board of Backyard Orphans, continuing his advocacy for vulnerable children.

"My students need a theoretical framework that also includes research that helps them solve a real problem in their church or organization. That's what we build together." said Dr Robert Griffith.

Dr Robert Griffith holds degrees in ministry, leadership, and business. His advocacy for foster care has been recognized in *Outreach Magazine* and on K-LOVE radio, and his efforts have been cited from the floor of the United States Congress.

About Dr Robert Griffith

Dr Robert Griffith is a Virginia-based pastor, professor, and author of *Fostering Jesus*. He serves on the faculty of Southeastern University and on the board of Backyard Orphans. He previously founded 1Hope Together. He has spent over two decades leading large and growing churches. He and his wife were awarded the Virginia parent of the year award in 2022.

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