

## Biographies of Authors Cited in the Bibliography

These biographies pertain to an entire study of Psalms. It was built based on the bibliography of selected Psalms studied during the Summer of 2012 at Living Savior Lutheran Church.

### Paul the Apostle

From Paul himself we know that he was born at Tarsus in Cilicia (Acts 21:39), of a father who was a Roman citizen (Acts 22:26-28; cf. 16:37), of a family in which piety was hereditary (2 Timothy 1:3) and which was much attached to Pharisaic traditions and observances (Philippians 3:5-6). As he belonged to the tribe of Benjamin he was given at the time of his circumcision the name of Saul, which must have been common in that tribe in memory of the first king of the Jews (Philippians 3:5). As a Roman citizen he also bore the Latin name of Paul. It was quite usual for the Jews of that time to have two names, one Hebrew, the other Latin or Greek, between which there was often a certain assonance and which were joined together exactly in the manner made use of by Luke (Acts 13:9). It was natural that in inaugurating his apostolate among the Gentiles Paul should have adopted his Roman name, especially as the name Saul had a ludicrous meaning in Greek. Young Saul learned how to make tents (Acts 18:3) or rather to make the mohair of which tents were made. He was still very young when sent to Jerusalem to receive his education at the school of Gamaliel (Acts 22:3). Possibly some of his family resided in the holy city; later there is mention of the presence of one of his sisters whose son saved his life (Acts 23:16). From that time it is absolutely impossible to follow him until he takes an active part in the martyrdom of Stephen (Acts 7:58-60; 22:20). His journeys and adventures may be found in Acts.

### Augustine of Hippo

Augustine of Hippo (354-430) was born on 13 November, 354 at Tagaste, now Souk-Ahras, about 60 miles from Bona (ancient Hippo-Regius), which was at that time a small free city of proconsular Numidia which had recently been converted from Donatism. Although eminently respectable, his family was not rich, and his father, Patricius, one of the curiales of the city, was still a pagan. However, the admirable virtues that made Monica the ideal of Christian mothers at length brought her husband the grace of baptism and of a holy death, about the year 371. He lost his faith and later converted back to Christianity. At forty-two, became a bishop and occupied the See of Hippo for thirty-four years. He understood well how to combine the exercise of his pastoral duties with the austerities of the religious life, and although he left his order, his episcopal residence became a monastery where he lived a community life with his clergy, who bound themselves to observe religious poverty. The episcopal house of Hippo became a veritable nursery which supplied the founders of the monasteries that were soon spread all over Africa and the bishops who occupied the neighboring sees. Augustine earned the title of patriarch of the religious, and renovator of the clerical, life in Africa.

### Martin Luther

Martin Luther was born on November 10, 1483 in Eisleben in the Holy Roman Empire - in what is today southern Germany. He was the second son born to Hans and Margarete (Lindemann) Luther. He later entered the Augustinian Monastery at Erfurt. In 1513, he began his first lectures on the Psalms. In these lectures, Luther's critique of the theological world around him began to take shape. Later, in lectures on Paul's Epistle to the Romans (in 1515/16) his critique became more noticeable. It was during these lectures that Luther finally found the assurance that had evaded him for years. The discovery that changed Luther's life ultimately changed the course of church history and the history of Europe. He had discovered (or recovered) the doctrine of justification by grace alone.

### John Calvin

Jean Calvin (born Jehan Cauvin, 10 July 1509 - 27 May 1564) was an influential French theologian and pastor during the Protestant Reformation. He was a principal figure in the development of the system of Christian theology later called Calvinism. Originally trained as a humanist lawyer, he broke from the Roman Catholic Church around 1530. After religious tensions provoked a violent uprising against Protestants in France, Calvin fled to Basel, Switzerland, where he published the first edition of his seminal work *The Institutes of the Christian Religion* in 1536. Calvin's writing and preachings provided the seeds for the branch of theology that bears his name. The Reformed

and Presbyterian churches, which look to Calvin as a chief expositor of their beliefs, have spread throughout the world.

## **Matthew Henry**

Matthew Henry (18 October 1662 – 22 June 1714) was an English commentator on the Bible and Presbyterian minister. He was born at Broad Oak, a farmhouse on the borders of Flintshire and Shropshire. His father, Philip Henry, had just been ejected under the Act of Uniformity 1662. Unlike most of his fellow-sufferers, Philip possessed some private means, and was thus able to give his son a good education. Matthew went first to a school at Islington, and then to Gray's Inn. He soon gave up his legal studies for theology, and in 1687 became minister of a Presbyterian congregation at Chester. He moved again in 1712 to Mare Street, Hackney. Two years later (22 June 1714), he died suddenly of apoplexy at the Queen's Aid House (41 High Street) in Nantwich while on a journey from Chester to London.

## **Charles H. Spurgeon**

Charles Haddon (C.H.) Spurgeon (19 June 1834 – 31 January 1892) was a British Particular Baptist preacher. Spurgeon remains highly influential among Christians of different denominations, among whom he is known as the "Prince of Preachers". He was a strong figure in the Reformed Baptist tradition, defending the Church in agreement with the 1689 London Baptist Confession of Faith understanding, and opposing the liberal and pragmatic theological tendencies in the Church of his day.

## **John Nicholas Lenker**

John Nicholas Lenker - (November 28, 1858–May 16, 1929). B. Sunbury, Pennsylvania; educ. Wittenberg Coll. and Hamma Divinity School, Springfield, Ohio, and Leipzig, Ger.; ordained 1880; pastor Grand Island, Nebraska, 1882–86; with Bd. of Christian Extension of Gen. Syn. 1886–94; prof. Trin. Sem. of the United Dan. Ev. Luth. Ch. in Am. (see Danish Lutherans in America, 5), Blair, Nebraska, 1900–04; settled in Minneapolis, Minnesota, 1904, and served as pastor and miss. in and near the city; founded Luther Press. Founded and ed. Northern Review; other works include Lutherans in All Lands; Lutherans in All Lands, Supplement; Die Lutherische Kirche der Welt; tr. of M. Luther's works into Eng.

## **Dietrich Bonhoeffer**

Dietrich Bonhoeffer (4 February 1906 - 9 April 1945) was a theologian, martyr, a spiritual writer, a musician, a pastor, and an author of poetry and fiction. The integrity of his Christian faith and life, and the international appeal of his writings, have received broad recognition and admiration, all of which has led to a consensus that he is one of the theologians of his time whose theological reflections might lead future generations of Christians into creating a new more spiritual and responsible millennium. Dietrich Bonhoeffer was a German theologian famous for his stand against Adolf Hitler and the Nazi party. His beliefs and convictions ultimately cost him his life in a Nazi concentration camp. Dietrich Bonhoeffer was one of the most famous theologians and martyrs of the 20th century.

## **C. S. Lewis**

Clive Staples Lewis (1898–1963) was born in Belfast, Ireland, on November 29, 1898, to Albert J. Lewis and Florence Augusta Hamilton Lewis. On May 20, 1925, Lewis was appointed Fellow and Tutor in English Literature at Oxford University, where he served for twenty-nine years until 1954. During his time at Oxford, Lewis went from being an atheist to being one of the most influential Christian writers of the 20th century. 1931 was the year of Lewis's conversion to Christianity. He became a member of the Church of England. Lewis cited his friendship with J. R. R. Tolkien, as well as the writings of the converted G. K. Chesterton, as influencing his conversion.

## **Rabbi Benjamin J. Segal**

Rabbi Benjamin J. Segal is an author and lecturer, living in Jerusalem, past president both of Melitz, the Centers for Jewish and Zionist Education, and the Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies. His books include *The Song of Songs: A Woman in Love and Returning: The Land of Israel as Focus in Jewish History*, and he has published articles in the fields of Bible, Zionism, education, et al. He has taught in a wide range of venues, from informal education to university courses, and frequently lectures in America, Canada and England. He and his family made aliyah [immigration to Israel] in 1973.

## **David Malick**

Biography not on Internet. Many articles about the Bible by this Christian author.

## **Frank Derek Kidner**

Frank Derek Kidner (1913-2008) was an Old Testament scholar and ordained minister in the Church of England. He was the author of several commentaries in the Tyndale Old Testament Commentaries series, perhaps most notably, his commentary on the Psalms. He retired in 1978 and died at age 95 in Histon, England (a small village near Cambridge) in 2008.

## **R. Dean Anderson Jr.**

Biography not on Internet. Many theological articles by this Christian author.

## **Daniel Akin**

Daniel Akin, born January 2, 1957, Atlanta, Georgia, is President, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

## **Rev. Angus Stewart**

Rev. Angus Stewart graduated from the Protestant Reformed Seminary in Grandville, MI in June of 2001. He was installed as first pastor of the Covenant Protestant Reformed Church of Ballymena, Northern Ireland later that same year. He currently labors there in preaching the Word each Sabbath Day.

## **Dr. Joel R. Beeke**

Dr. Joel R. Beeke serves as President and Professor of Systematic Theology and Homiletics, as well as Academic Dean for students from the Heritage Reformed Congregations. He is currently a pastor of the Heritage Reformed Congregation in Grand Rapids, Michigan, a position he has held for 20 years. He has been in the ministry for 28 years.

## **Ethelbert William Bullinger**

Ethelbert William Bullinger (December 15, 1837 – June 6, 1913) was an Anglican clergyman, Biblical scholar, and ultradispensationalist theologian.