

## ***Ascent Faculty Bio's***

### **Dr. Ann M. Black**

Dr. Black received her Ph.D. in Organizational Leadership in 2018 from Ascent Bible and Leadership College, Masters in Theology from Tyndale Theological Seminary in 2014; Bachelor in Christian Education from Tyndale Theological Seminary in 2010; Associate in Criminal Justice from Tarrant Count College in 1993, and has studied independent Leadership, Curriculum Development, Family Ministry, Bible and Theology courses at Tennessee Bible College and S.F. Theological Seminary, as well as Early Childhood Education courses through continuing education at Texas A&M.

She is the Life Development Pastor at Barefoot Church where she leads teams in leadership development at the church level as well as the Ascent Education schools. She founded Barefoot Church School of Ministry in 2014. BCSM was renamed to Ascent Bible and Leadership College in 2017. She currently holds the positions of the ABLC Administrator, Ascent Christian Academy Superintendent, and oversees Kids World Academy. She also instructs various courses at ABLC.

She and her husband, Kelly, have three children, three grandchildren, and two Labrador Retrievers.

### **Dr. Cindy Byler**

Dr. Byler received her Ph.D. in Clinical Christian Psychology from Cornerstone University in 2007; DPC and MPC in Pastoral Counseling from Chesapeake Bible Seminary in 2005; Certified Behavioral Analyst from the Institute for Motivational Living/People Keys in 2013; Marriage and Family Therapy Graduate Program from Whit Fraser Institute in 2009; Mediation Training from American Association of Christian Counselors in 2008; Counseling/Prepare Enrich Program Training from Life Innovations in 2006.

She is also a Board Certified Master Life Coach with the Board of Christian Life Coaching American Association of Christian Counselors. She is a Certified Behavioral Life Coach with the Institute for Motivational Living.

She joined ABLC in August of 2016 where she currently instructs Bible and Leadership courses. She and her husband, Tim, have four amazing (almost grown) children and also serve as Lead Pastors for Connection Church in Hinesville, Georgia. They have the distinct honor of serving the military community, both active duty and veterans. She also works as a therapist, counseling couples and families, PTSD victims, domestic violence victims and families with Bipolar family members.

### **John Holland**

Mr. Holland received his Masters of Arts in Theology from Liberty University in 2013; Masters of Arts in Business and Organizational Security from Webster University in 2010; Master of Arts in Education from Touro University (*Summa Cum Laude*) in 2006; Bachelors of Arts in History from Elon College in 1986.

He currently works full-time for the U.S Federal Government.

His Military experience includes two tours of duty; 1989-1990- Iraq, First Gulf War. 2011-2012, Afghanistan.

His military training includes: US Army ROTC, A&T State University, Greensboro, NC - Distinguished Military Graduate, Military Intelligence Officer Basic Course; Airborne School; Jumpmaster School; Special Forces Operations and Intelligence Course; Military Intelligence Officer Advanced Course; US Army Command and General Staff College; Psychological

Operations Officers Course, National Defense University; US Army Inspector General Course; Contracting Officer Representative Course, Defense Acquisition University; CYBER Foundations Course.

His military assignments include; Fort Huachuca, AZ: Student, US Army Intelligence Officer Basic Course; Fort Bragg, NC: Platoon Leader, Company Executive Officer, 1<sup>st</sup> Psychological Operations Bn (Airborne); Fort Bragg, NC: Intelligence Operations Officer, 1st Special Operations Command (Airborne); Fort Bragg, NC: S2, 1-17 CAV, 82nd Airborne Division; Fort Huachuca, AZ: Student, US Army Intelligence Officer Advanced Course; Fort Irwin, CA: S2 Trainer, NTC Operations Group-Light Infantry Task Force(Airborne); Charlotte, NC: Company Commander, HHC, 337<sup>th</sup> MI Battalion (Airborne); Charlotte, NC: Battalion XO, 337<sup>th</sup> MI Battalion (Airborne); Charlotte, NC: Battalion Commander, 377<sup>th</sup> MI Battalion; Fort Belvoir, VA: Operations Officer, Land Information Warfare Activity(LIWA); Pentagon, Army Operations Officer-Crisis Action Team; Fort Bragg, NC: Deputy Chief of Staff, 1<sup>st</sup> Region ROTC; Charlotte, NC: Command Inspector General, 108<sup>th</sup> Division (IT).

Mr. Holland joined ABLC in August of 2016 where he currently instructs courses in Apologetics, Theology, Christian History, and Bible.

He is married to Robin Parker Holland, and together they have four children, two grandchildren, and one Labrador Retriever

### **Daniel A. Mucci, Jr.**

Mr. Mucci received his Advanced Church Leadership certification from Asbury Theological Seminary in 2008 and a Bachelor of Arts in Music from Central Bible College in 1977.

He currently serves as the Chair of a private advisory board in Myrtle Beach for Vistage Worldwide, Inc., and is the owner at Next Step Professional Coaching & Consulting, LLC.

He has a rich background of collaborative community partnerships with state and local government, education, business, community organizations, service clubs, churches and other non-profits. He has served on boards as a member, executive team leader, initiative team leader and chair. His collaborative leadership strengths, along with his relational approach to coaching and training, were expanded as he led a small church over 29 years to become a community impacting organization of 2200 constituents offering many sustainable community projects and partnerships.

Mr. Mucci joined ABLC in August of 2016 where he currently instructs Leadership courses. He is married to Kathy Mucci. They have two sons and five grandchildren.

### **Jerry D. Tucker**

Mr. Tucker received his Bachelor in Biblical Studies and Leadership from Barefoot Church School of Ministry in 2017; Associate in Theology from Liberty University in 2016; Associate in Bible and Theology from Barefoot Church School of Ministry in 2015.

Mr. Tucker retired from the Military as a former Sergeant First Class with the United States Army. He currently resides as the Treasurer at the Combat Vet Motorcycle Association and stands in as a liaison for the military veterans receiving benefits.

Mr. Tucker joined Barefoot Church School of Ministry in 2014 as a student and later in 2015 transitioned to both student and instructor. He is married to Maureen. They have four children and three grandchildren but, his real baby is his German Shepherd, Sabre.