

William P. Campbell

As a pastor since 1986 and a long-term consultant for a variety of congregational and interdenominational ministries, W.P. (Bill) Campbell has been researching, debating, and writing about the issue of homosexuality and the church for more than twenty years. Having counseled those who struggle with same-sex attractions, he is deeply concerned about the damage inflicted on individuals, families, churches, and our society over this debate, and has turned his focus on helping people develop a compassionate and Christlike response to homosexuality.

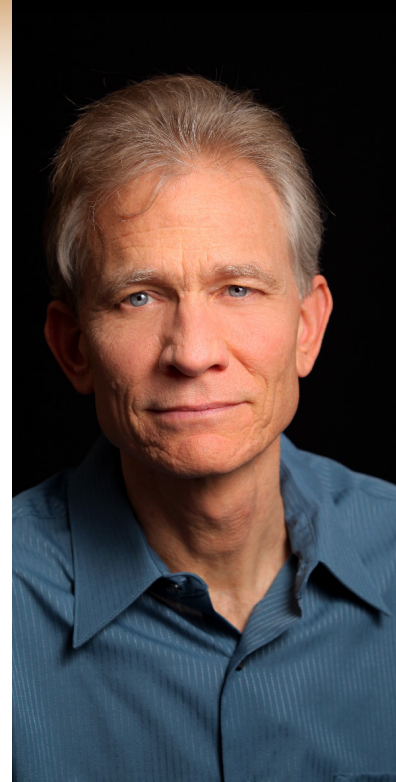
Originally planning to be a medical doctor, W.P. Campbell turned his heart for healing to the Church. He now brings that message into his ministry as pastor and author. His recent book, *Turning Controversy to Church Ministry: A Christlike Response to Homosexuality*, is designed to enable the church to develop compassionate ministry that doesn't compromise biblical truth. "Perhaps if thirty years ago local congregations had not neglected ministry to people struggling with same-sex attraction," he states, "society would not now be rising up in such force against the values of the church."

Formal Education

1995-2004
Fuller Theological Seminary | Pasadena, CA
D.Min.

1980-1983
Princeton Theological Seminary | Princeton, NJ
M.Div.

1975-1978
Westmont College | Santa Barbara, CA
Biology, B.A.



Dr. Campbell earned a B.A. in biology at Westmont College (1978), his M.Div. at Princeton Theological Seminary (1983), and a D.Min. from Fuller Theological Seminary (2004).

Bill has written extensively for Connections, a ministry he founded that enables pastors and their parishioners to create strong, healthy congregations. He serves as a resource specialist on the advisory board of OneByOne, a ministry that equips churches to bring truth and grace to those who struggle with same-sex attraction.

Bill has served in three different Presbyterian Churches, leading to his current ministry at First Presbyterian Church in Hendersonville, North Carolina, where he has been senior pastor for almost ten years. Bill enjoys tennis, biking, and writing. He and his wife Lin have three children.

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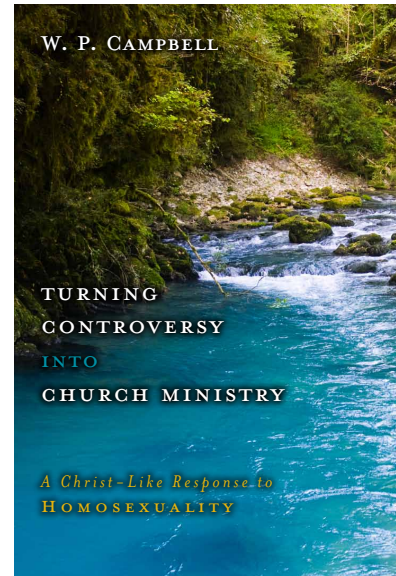
About the Book

Outreach to those who struggle with same-sex attraction is severely lacking in most churches. As a result, most Christians learn more about homosexuality from the secular media and so-called diversity training than they learn in their own congregations. Many people who struggle with same-sex attraction are torn by the debate while yearning to hear the redemptive truth, grace, and be touched by the love of Christ.

Author Bill Campbell believes that Christians can have a significant positive influence on how the larger culture frames the issue of same-sex attraction. He combines twenty years of study with current surveys and studies by national leaders of ministries to homosexuals. Campbell packs his book with insights, tools, and practical guidelines for creating ministry in any size or type of congregation. Implementing these ideas not only helps bring Christ's presence to those with homosexual longings, but also enables Christian congregations to become more relevant to a changing world.

This book covers such topics as the nature/nurture debate, law vs. grace, and scripture's call to holiness. Readers are equipped with understanding and language to converse about each topic in a truthful, loving, and insightful manner. Likewise, Campbell suggests ways churches can build ministry in six critical areas: prayer, leadership training, preaching, mentoring/counseling, support groups, and outreach.

Turning Controversy to Church Ministry provides the right blend of information, practical steps for action, and guidelines for Christian renewal so that controversy about homosexuality can become the launch pad for vital ministry.



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What Others Are Saying

“Campbell nails this truth gracefully on the door of the local church. If you don’t take up the cause of the sexually broken, the world will. Badly. An excellent resource for equipping the church to administer the whole Gospel to gays.”

— **Andy Comiskey** | President, Desert Streams Ministry

“Dr. Campbell covered the subject of homosexuality with great clarity and was fair and balanced in his presentation. This book not only gives clear instructions of how a church can minister to those struggling with homosexuality, but it is true to the Word of God. He clearly presents that change is possible. He does not ‘beat up the church nor does he beat up those struggling with homosexuality’, he is very compassionate and yet truthful in his presentation. I recommend the book to every pastor and church leadership as well as those who struggle with homosexuality.”

— **Elton L. Moose, PhD** | New Pathways, Inc., www.newpathwaysohio.org

“I found this book to be healing as I struggle with my own position on the topic. Campbell is the sort of author you read and think, ‘Man, I’d like to sit down and have coffee with this guy.’ This could easily have become a book that was simply another list of ‘why you’re wrong’ bullet points, yet it maintains a great voice and personality throughout. While firm in his convictions, the author conveys love for all people.”

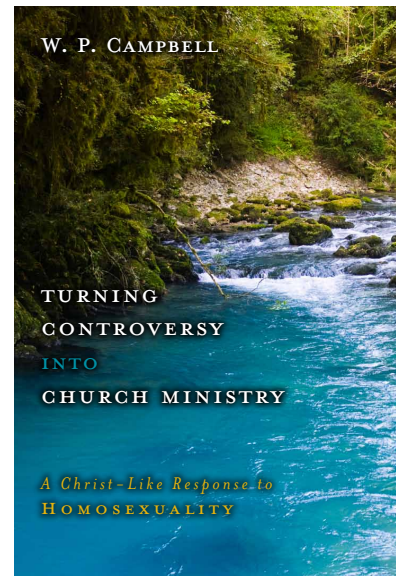
— **Charissa Howe** | posted on TheSquirrelFactor.com

“I fall on the liberal side of this debate, but I think it’s important to point out, that despite that, I did not feel attacked by Campbell in reading this book. I feel that this book exemplifies what it means to speak the truth with grace. This book is desperately needed in the church today. I strongly recommend that everyone in some position of church leadership, be it pastoral or lay, read this book.”

— **Craig Falvo** | posted on SimullustusetPeccator.wordpress.com

“We cannot leave this issue in the closet, so to speak. Christians have to examine their own hearts and see if their actions and reactions are truly built upon Christ and His love. Too long we have accepted behavior that upon inspection does not stand up to the light of scripture. Turning Controversy Into Church Ministry by W.P. Campbell is a good guide that helps us with this kind of heart scrutiny.”

— **Steve Ganz** | posted on FaithReasonings.blogspot.com



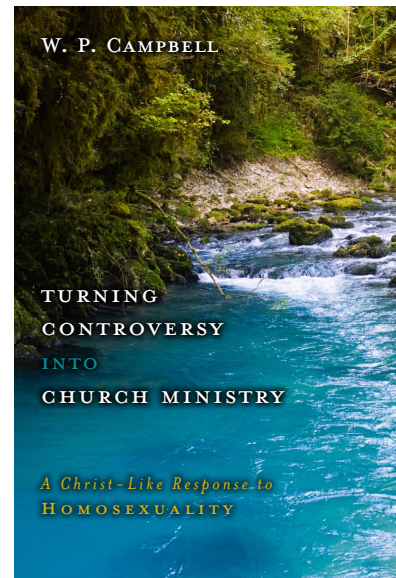
“Bill Campbell is an incredible pastor, servant and friend. His book, Turning Controversy into Church Ministry is excellent, compassionate and extremely relevant. I wholeheartedly recommend you read the book and get to know the man. Both are well worth your time.”

— **Alan Chambers**
President, Exodus International

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Sample Questions for an Interview with W.P. Campbell

- » Recent media coverage has focused on bullying of teen homosexuals and the suicides of several gays and lesbians. How should Christians respond to these reports?
- » You mentioned that your own denomination is divided over such concerns. Why do you think this subject is so controversial, even among Christians?
- » How did you become interested in this topic, considering that you haven't experienced same-sex attractions yourself?
- » What does the Bible say about homosexuality? Is it a sin? Is what the Bible states about homosexuality still relevant for today?
- » How can Christians be compassionate without compromising their convictions as they interact with people who experience homosexual attractions?
- » As you see it, what causes homosexuality?
- » There's been much debate about whether or not homosexuals can become heterosexuals. What does science, psychology, and Scripture have to say on the topic?
- » Your book challenges churches to do ministry for people who experience sexual and relational brokenness. Please explain.
- » How should Christians respond to the growing push for gay marriage, hate crime legislation, and the like?
- » If you had one message for our listening audience, what would it be?



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