

*Pastor Anthony "Tony" P. Celelli*

# PREACHING IN VIEW OF A CALL

*Sunday, August 4, 2024  
8:30am and 11:00am*

*Member Vote following each service*



Crestview  
Baptist  
Church  
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**SATURDAY,  
AUGUST 3, 2024**

# **MEET & GREET**

with

***Pastor Tony Celelli  
& wife Deanne***

***You are invited to drop in  
at one of our two times***

***8am – 9:30am  
Coffee & Donuts***

***6pm – 7:30pm  
Coffee & Dessert***

***This come and go event will be in the Event Center***



## Anthony “Tony” P. Celelli

### Family Information:

Spouse: Married to *Deanne N. Smith Celelli* on December 21, 1990.

Children: *Ren Scott*: born in December 1994. Married *Jessica Gaines Celelli* from Phoenix, AZ in March of 2015, 1 daughter, *Airibelle*, born Feb. 2019

*Castleton Lee*: born in February 1996. Married *Natalie Johnson Celelli* from Glendora, CA in January of 2020.

### Licensure & Ordination to the Gospel Ministry:

Licensed - July 20, 1988 by Central Baptist Church; Clovis, NM

Ordained - October 17, 1995 by Crestview Baptist Church; Georgetown, TX

### Education:

High School: Graduated 1988, Clovis High School; Clovis NM

College: Graduated 1993, Hardin-Simmons University; Abilene TX

Degree: Bachelor of Behavioral Science

Double Major: Applied Theology & Psychology

Seminary: Graduated 2000, Logsdon School of Theology, Hardin-Simmons University; Abilene, TX

Master of Divinity

Etrek: 2002 -2003 Collaborative Learning Journey hosted by Spencer Burke of TheOoze.com.

One of nine ministers from across the country to engage in theological research and dialogue with notable authors from the Post-Modern perspective.

Doctorate: Graduated 2012, Dallas Baptist University; Dallas TX

Degree: Ph.D. Leadership Studies

Concentration: Ethics

Dissertation: *The Just Pastor: An Ethical Hermeneutic of Biblical Justice, Positional Power Theory, and the Theology and Practice of Pastoral Leadership.*

### Ministry Experience:

Current: **Stark College & Seminary** (Corpus Christi, TX)

President/CEO

**The Station Church** (Corpus Christi, TX)

Founding Pastor

January 1998 – November 2005 **Second Baptist Church** (Corpus Christi, TX)

Title: Youth Minister 1998 – 2000

Title: Minister of Spiritual Formation 2000 – 2005

Sept. 1995 – Dec. 1997

**Crestview Baptist Church** (Georgetown, TX)

Title: Minister of Youth and Education

August 1993 – August 1995

**Grace-Aire Medical Foundation** (Corpus Christi, TX)

Title: Director of Operations

March 1991 – July 1993

**First Baptist Church** (Baird, TX)

Title: Minister to Students

April 1990 – February 1991

**Belmont Baptist Church** (Abilene, TX)

Title: Youth Minister

May 1989 – August 1989

**Central Baptist Church** (Clovis, NM)

Title: Summer Associate Minister

BIOGRAPHY



**STARK COLLEGE**  
& SEMINARY

Tony Celelli became President of the Stark College and Seminary (SCS), formerly South Texas School of Christian Studies, in November 2005 and will celebrate 19 years in November. His personal motto, “faithful with the small things, then faithful with much” is a reflection of his tenure at SCS. Much progress has been made during Dr. Celelli’s presidency. For example, SCS previously offered programs through partnerships with Howard Payne University and then Hardin-Simmons University for its degrees, but as of February of 2018 SCS attained national accreditation. A process that normally takes ten years was achieved and completed in only five.



Fast forward to the summer of 2024 and SCS students now enjoy accredited programs for the Certificate, Diploma, Bachelor and Master degrees. Minority and mature students (most over the age of 45) are equipped with the tools necessary to be leaders in their churches and community. Additionally, SCS expanded into more educationally underserved areas by purchasing a second campus in McAllen, Texas as well as opening four other teaching sites in South Texas. In 2020, SCS experienced its highest enrollment to date thereby allowing twice as many students and leaders the opportunity to be educated. Dr. Celelli’s strategic guidance has not only increased enrollment, but strengthened the college’s financial position. SCS’s financial assets have increased by 67% with an additional five million dollars added to the endowment all the while remaining a debt free institution.

Dr. Celelli is a sought after speaker for conferences, retreats, seminars, and workshops in the areas of leadership, ethics, applied justice, and philosophy. He regularly preaches across South Texas, serves in interim pastorates, and consults with churches and businesses on matters of doctrine, staffing, ethics, and leadership. Some of the organizations he has served include but are not limited to the Corpus Christi Police Department, CHRISTUS-Spohn Health System, HighGround Advisors, Military Chaplaincy Training, and the Hispanic Education Initiative.

Tony graduated from Hardin-Simmons University with a double major in Applied Theology and Psychology, Logsdon Seminary with a Master of Divinity, and Dallas Baptist University with a Ph.D. in Leadership Studies/Applied Ethics. Tony has served as trustee and member of various organizations and committees including Christian Education Activities Corporation, Baptist General Convention of Texas, Christus Spohn Hospital System Ethics Committee, South Texas Ethics Partners at Driscoll Children’s Hospital and Christus Spohn Hospital, the Hispanic Education Initiative of Texas Baptists, and is a member of the Corpus Christi Mustangs, a charitable organization whose members volunteer their time and resources to help other charities raise money.

Tony has been married to Deanne Smith Celelli for 33 years and they have two sons: Ren and his wife Jessica, and daughter Airibelle, live in Bryan, and Castleton and his wife Natalie, live in the Grapevine. Tony and Deanne enjoy boating and traveling with their family.

# Sermon Links

## **Sermon message at Crestview Baptist Church 9-10-23**

<https://www.youtube.com/live/m2tniAWzHqI?si=mFkpGNh7lyCY9IGi&t=2298>

## **Sermon Message at Cowboy Fellowship in Jourdanton, TX**

<https://www.youtube.com/live/aoBMvNRI0Sc?si=ZDNsq5UI0Epc1fmT&t=1560>