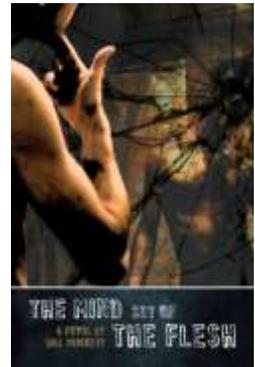


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In his writing, Bill Prickett draws from more than 20 years of experience in the ministry, including 11 years as senior Pastor of a Southern Baptist Church in his hometown of Birmingham, Alabama. For four years, he also pastored a non-denominational start-up congregation in Fort Worth, Texas, with an active ministry of inclusion and reconciliation.



Bill has a bachelor's degree in Religion from a Southern Baptist-sponsored University. He concentrated in religious studies, communications and public speaking, with an emphasis on Biblical languages (Hebrew and Greek) and a double minor in English and Psychology. In addition, his graduate (seminary) training included advanced Biblical studies, Hebrew and communication.

Though no longer in the full-time ministry, Bill is still involved with several national organizations working for equality, diversity and inclusion, particularly in the religious community and is a frequent speaker/teacher at churches and conferences. Since leaving the ministry, he has built a successful career in the field of public relations and communications, including a thriving freelance writing business.

He has published two novels. The first, *Sow the Wind, Reap the Whirlwind*, dealt with a turbulent period of racial strife in the mid-70s in his hometown of Birmingham, Alabama. His newest novel, [*The Mind Set on the Flesh*](#), confronts the clash between hard-line religious beliefs and sexual orientation. It also delves into reparative (ex-gay) programs that promise to "heal" the homosexual. Bill was involved with those groups for several years, and served as executive director for one ex-gay ministry.

He has two grown children and a granddaughter who live in Birmingham. He and his spouse of 13 years live outside Dallas, Texas (the setting for his new novel), along with Marlene, their Schoodle ("*part Schnauzer, part Poodle, all Diva*"). They are actively involved in an affirming, inclusive Baptist Church in Dallas.

Bill is currently working on his next novel, also set in the deeply religious culture of the Bible belt.

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