

## **WARREN SMITH - BIO**

*President, Ministry Watch*

Warren has been the president of Ministry Watch since 2019. Prior to taking on this role, he was vice president of mission advancement for the Colson Center for Christian Worldview. He previously served as vice president and associate publisher of WORLD News Group, publisher of WORLD Magazine. Since 2014, Warren has hosted WORLD's weekly podcast "Listening In," a long-form interview program heard by tens of thousands of subscribers each week. In that role he has interviewed more than 450 pastors, politicians, musicians, filmmakers, and newsmakers.

Before transitioning to a career in ministry, Warren spent more than 20 years in the corporate world, including seven years as marketing director for a major division of PricewaterhouseCoopers, a global accounting and consulting firm.

Warren has written more than 3,000 articles, including investigative pieces on major Christian ministries. He has written, co-written, or edited more than 10 books, including *Restoring All Things: God's Audacious Plan to Change the World Through Everyday People* (with John Stonestreet, 2015) and *Prodigal Press* (with Marvin Olasky). His most recent is *Faith-Based Fraud: Learning From The Great Religious Scandals of our Time*, published in 2021. During the 1990s and early 2000s, he published the North Carolina newspaper *The Charlotte World*, which was twice named newspaper of the year by the Evangelical Press Association under his editorship.

His education includes a bachelor's degree in journalism and a master's degree in English, both from the University of Georgia. Warren and his wife, Missy, have been married for more than 39 years and have four grown children. They live in Charlotte, North Carolina.