

Jim Barber

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Jim Barber grew up in South Georgia, helping his family raise hogs and working on his uncles' tobacco farms while pursuing his dream to become a newspaper reporter. His first "public" job came at age sixteen, covering sports for his county newspaper, *The Berrien Press*. Jim spent the bulk of his newspaper career with United Press International's Atlanta bureau before a short stint with the *New York Daily News* led him to transfer to the world of corporate journalism and a twenty-five-year career with Georgia Power and Southern Company, one of the nation's largest utilities.

A state and national award winner for his writing in both phases of his career, Jim previously co-edited three published books: *Atlanta Women Speak*, a collection of speeches from notable women such as Jane Fonda, Atlanta Mayor Shirley Franklin and author Pearl Cleage, as well as *Journey of Faith* and *Art From Our Hearts*, both church histories.

While his work on the family farms is a distant memory, Jim does enjoy raising gardens in his backyard, especially tomatoes for his wife of nearly thirty-five years. Jim doesn't eat tomatoes, but he does play a lot of tennis and works part-time as the administrator of his church. He and Becky live in Atlanta near Stone Mountain, which he climbs faithfully almost every day. They have three grown daughters, one son-in-law (soon to be two), and three grand dogs. *Plowed Fields* is his debut novel.

