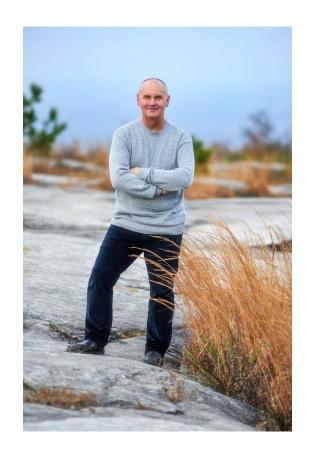
Jim Barber Author of *Plowed Fields*

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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.