



Southeastern

Baptist Theological Seminary

Commencement Exercises

Eighteenth of May, Two Thousand Twelve



COMMENCEMENT

Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary

Friday, May 18, 2012, 10 a.m., Binkley Chapel

Prelude	<i>Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow</i> David Fitzgerald Minister of Music, Wake Forest Baptist Church Arr. James Pethel
*Processional:	<i>Trumpet Tune in F</i> David Fitzgerald Arr. David Johnson
*Hymn.	<i>Praise to the Lord, the Almighty</i> Arr. Joachim Neander
*Invocation	David R. Beck Professor of New Testament and Greek/Associate Dean of Biblical Studies
Greeting	Mark D. Liederbach Associate Professor of Christian Ethics/Vice President for Student Services/Dean of Students
*Hymn.	<i>Holy, Holy, Holy</i> Arr. Reginald Heber
Scripture Reading	Mark F. Rooker Professor of Old Testament and Hebrew
Featured Music	<i>Each One Reach One</i> Susan Durham-Lozaw - Instructor of Music Accompanied by David Fitzgerald
Charge to Graduates	Daniel L. Akin President
Prayer of Dedication	Kenneth S. Coley Professor of Christian Education/Director of Ed.D. Studies
Conferring of Degrees	Daniel L. Akin Kenneth D. Keathley Professor of Theology/Senior Vice President of Academic Administration/Dean of Faculty
*The Seminary Hymn	E. A. McDowell, Jr. (see back panel)
*Benediction	John S. Hammett Professor of Systematic Theology/Associate Dean of Theological Studies
*Recessional	<i>God of Grace and God of Glory</i> David Fitzgerald Arr. Paul Manz

* Please stand

Music Director Joshua A. Waggener
Instructor of Church Music

Organist/Pianist David Fitzgerald
Minister of Music, Wake Forest Baptist Church

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COMMENCEMENT

The College at Southeastern

Friday, May 18, 2012, 3 p.m., Binkley Chapel

Prelude	<i>Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow</i> David Fitzgerald Minister of Music, Wake Forest Baptist Church Arr. James Pethel
*Processional:	<i>Trumpet Tune in F</i> David Fitzgerald Arr. David Johnson
*Hymn.	<i>Praise to the Lord, the Almighty</i> Arr. Joachim Neander
*Invocation	Bruce R. Ashford Associate Professor of Theology and Culture/Dean of the College
Greeting	Mark D. Liederbach Associate Professor of Christian Ethics/Vice President for Student Services/Dean of Students
*Hymn.	<i>Holy, Holy, Holy</i> Arr. Reginald Heber
Scripture Reading	Brent J. Aucoin Associate Professor of History/Associate Dean of the College
Featured Music	<i>With All My Heart</i> Susan Durham-Lozaw - Instructor of Music Accompanied by David Fitzgerald
Charge to Graduates	Daniel L. Akin President
Prayer of Dedication	Bruce A. Little Professor of Philosophy/Director of the L. Russ Bush Center for Faith and Culture
Conferring of Degrees	Daniel L. Akin Bruce R. Ashford
*The Seminary Hymn	E. A. McDowell, Jr. (see back panel)
*Benediction	Fred M. Williams Associate Professor of History and Languages
*Recessional	<i>God of Grace and God of Glory</i> David Fitzgerald Arr. Paul Manz

* Please stand

Music Director Joshua A. Waggener
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CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATION

The College at Southeastern

Associate of Divinity

The Associate of Divinity degree helps prepare students for various Christian ministries through courses in Bible, theology, ministry and liberal arts. The degree is available for students 30 years of age and older. The Associate of Divinity degree requires a minimum of 60 hours.

Christopher Sean BassDunn, NC
Troy L. Carpenter..... Raleigh, NC
Johnny Perez Monderen Kaunakakai, Molokai, HI
John Robert Thornton.....Durham, NC
Thad V. Wilkerson *ia*Roxboro, NC

Bachelor of Arts in Christian Studies

The Bachelor of Arts degree is built around a core curriculum of biblical, theological and liberal arts studies, including courses in the History of Ideas, resulting in a major in Christian Studies. Students may also choose either a second major from English, History, Humanities, Missions, Music, Pastoral Ministry and Theology, or one or two minors in Apologetics, Biblical Studies, English, History, Humanities, Missions, Music, Organizational Leadership, Pastoral Ministry, Preaching, Student Ministry and Theology. The degree provides students with foundational knowledge in theology, philosophy, literature and history and with essential skills to think and communicate well in their future vocations. The Bachelor of Arts degree requires a minimum of 126 hours.

Gregory Carl Bay Keosauqua, IA
Stephen August Bradley..... Greenville, NC
Philip Andrew Crouse Jr..... King, NC
Audra Taylor Dennison Jackson, TN
Chad Taylor Hartis.....Charlotte, NC
Harry E. Hawk Jr. Normalville, PA
Zachariah Nathaniel SmithWatkinsville, GA
Quinn Leighanne Tesh..... Mocksville, NC

and English

Sarah Tincher Bowen..... Raleigh, NC
Bethany DeWeese.....Mebane, NC
Katrina L. Geiger..... Clayton, NC
Wesley L. Mayfield.....Georgetown, SC

and History

George Rogers McDaniel..... Wake Forest, NC

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and History of Ideas

Jeffrey Curtis Morgan.....Newport News, VA

and Missions

Winter Kye Archibald.....Asheboro, NC

and Music

Nathan Ross Liggitt..... Leasburg, NC

and Pastoral Ministry

Benjamin Wood Castalia, NC

with a Minor in Apologetics

Patrick Brandon Palmer Sevierville, TN

with a Minor in Biblical Studies

Ryan Anthony Ingram Kannapolis, NC

with a Minor in History

Jaime Ryan Hudson Williamston, NC

with a Minor in Music

Spencer D. GrinnellRaleigh, NC

with a Minor in Pastoral Ministry

Gillon S. Jones Kannapolis, NC

with a Minor in Student Ministry

Perry Vann DawsonElizabeth City, NC

with a Minor in Theology

Jackson Paul Bowen Raleigh, NC
Philip Patrick Smith..... Buford, GA

Master of Arts in Intercultural Studies

The College at Southeastern offers the Master of Arts in Intercultural Studies, a campus-based degree program designed to prepare students for effective service in a cross-cultural setting. The curriculum can be completed in two years of full-time study.

Kara Jo Ellen Alexander..... Hampton, VA
Hope Lynn BattenWhiteville, NC
Erin Nicole Cooney *ia* Crestview, FL
Robin Marie Dyal.....Starke, FL
Lori Annette IsenhourCharlotte, NC
Tiffany Nicole Lillard..... Greensboro, NC
David Brian McClure *ia*..... Daniels, WV
Amanda Leigh McDonald..... Philadelphia, MS
Elizabeth Renee Davis SamLawrenceville, VA
Jeni Lyn Sinclair..... Concord, NC
April Marie Smith Charleston, SC

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CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATION

Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary

Master of Arts

The Master of Arts degree has two forms. First there are M.A. degrees that provide a basic understanding of theological disciplines for further graduate study or for general educational purposes. These programs adopt a nomenclature reflecting the goal of the degree, which is to provide survey knowledge of various theological disciplines or focused knowledge of a specific discipline. The second type of M.A. degree will include the nomenclature "in (area of specialized ministry)." The purpose of these M.A. degrees is to equip persons for competent leadership in some form of specialized ministry in the local church or other settings. All Master of Arts degrees require a previous baccalaureate degree and are designed to be completed over two years of full-time study. The Seminary offers five degrees of the first kind: Bible Translation, Christian Studies, Christian Ethics, Old Testament and Philosophy of Religion; and seven degrees of the second kind: Biblical Counseling, Biblical Languages, Christian School Administration, Christian Education, Christian Education and Biblical Counseling, Ministry Leadership and Women's Studies.

Christian Studies

Tovah Nicole Atha Ansted, WV
David K. Booth *ia* Dunedin, FL
Jarryd Michael McGuire Bowers Colonial Heights, VA
Timothy McQuaid Brown Hull, GA
Samuel Santiago Bullington Bradford, TN
Sientje Mari Engler Wayzata, MN
Sarah Marie Fannin Huntington, WV
Brandon Morgan Garrett *ia* Lilburn, GA
Landon Alan Hobson *ia* Clemmons, SC
Frank C. Hollingsworth Rochelle, GA
Nathan S. Murray Dacula, GA
Jared Alan Ownby *ia* Gatlinburg, TN
Jennifer Lauren Petty Gaffney, SC
Stephen Charles Robert Plant City, FL
Keith Wall *ia* Georgetown, SC
Stephanie Windon Suffolk, VA

Christian Ethics

Andrew Bradley King Ocala, FL
Major Professor: Daniel R. Heimbach, Senior Professor of Christian Ethics
Second Reader: David W. Jones, Associate Professor of Christian Ethics
Research Project Title: *The Moral Foundation of Legal Systems: A Critical Approach to H. L. A. Hart's Legal Positivism and New Natural Law*

BreAnna Renee Rowlands *ia* Chester, VA
Major Professor: Mark D. Liederbach, Associate Professor of Christian Ethics
Second Reader: David W. Jones, Associate Professor of Christian Ethics
Research Project Title: *Understanding Deficiencies within Benevolence Ministries*

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Old Testament

Lucy J. Collins Bartow, FL
Major Professor: Robert L. Cole, Associate Professor of Old Testament and Semitic Languages
Second Reader: Mark F. Rooker, Professor of Old Testament and Hebrew
Thesis Title: *An Inductive Functional Analysis of the Qatal and Weqatal Biblical Hebrew Verb Forms in Various Genres*

Jason Richard Corn Wendell, NC
Major Professor: Robert L. Cole, Associate Professor of Old Testament and Semitic Languages
Second Reader: Heath A. Thomas, Assistant Professor of Old Testament and Hebrew
Thesis Title: *Answering Lamentations: Inner-Biblical Allusion as Evidence for Esther as a Response to Lamentations*

David A. Quackenbos Chesapeake, VA
Major Professor: Robert L. Cole, Associate Professor of Old Testament and Semitic Languages
Second Reader: Chip McDaniel, Professor of Old Testament and Hebrew
Thesis Title: *The Interpretation of the Old Testament in the New: Zechariah and Elizabeth as the New Abraham and Sarah*

in Biblical Counseling

Katherine Elizabeth King Oxford, MS
Edward Franklin Thomas, Jr. Cameron, NC
Rachel Grace Young Lakeland, FL

in Christian Education

Allison Dillard Critcher Deep Gap, NC
Christopher Franklin Lewis Hendricks Cedar Hill, TX
Julie Michele Johns Guntersville, AL
Katelyn Elizabeth Mercer Annapolis, MD
Megan JoAnn Roseen Fayetteville, GA
Sunni Meadows Williams Oxford, MS

in Christian Education and Biblical Counseling

Andrew M. Hoffman Kissimmee, FL
Esther G. Kim Raleigh, NC

in Ministry Leadership

Ching Kiat Ching Klang, Malaysia

in Women's Studies

Stefanie Ann James Potsdam, NY
Gaweon Jung Seoul, South Korea

Master of Church Music

The Master of Church Music degree equips men and women for the ministry of music, usually in the local church. Church Music students must have a baccalaureate degree in music or its equivalent as prescribed by the National Association of Schools of Music. The program requires 64 semester hours and is designed to be completed with a minimum of two years of full-time study. Graduates are required to demonstrate musical competence and skill by performing a final performance project.

Christopher Matthew Pressley Florence, SC
Timothy H. Rauscher Raleigh, NC

Master of Divinity

The Master of Divinity degree prepares men for the pastorate and men and women for other significant leadership roles in Christian ministries both at home and around the world. The M.Div. requires 90 semester hours and builds upon a prior baccalaureate degree. It is designed to be completed within three years of full-time study. Southeastern Seminary offers several specializations within the Master of Divinity degree. It also serves as a suitable basis for further graduate theological studies. The degree program consists of 60 hours of foundational core courses in Theology, Church History, Christian Philosophy, Ethics, Evangelism, Christian Missions, Biblical Counseling, Biblical Studies and Biblical Languages. Other specialized requirements fill out the various tracks or concentrations. Most students attending the Seminary enroll in the Master of Divinity program as their first professional degree.

Advanced Master of Divinity

Dustin Kyle Black Graham, NC

with Advanced Biblical Studies

Michael S. Guyer Springdale, AR
Dustin Mitchell Huff Pickens, SC
Dustin Michael Mace Morganton, NC
Matthew Aaron Myers Irving, TX
David A. Quackenbos Chesapeake, VA
Tyler Allen Cox Richie Ooltewah, TN

with Biblical Counseling

Dianna Lynn Cagle Birmingham, AL
John Michael Cheatham Dahlonaga, GA
Lindsay Nicole Core Birmingham, AL
Robin Rodrigue Dane Chicago, IL
Jonathan Lee Davis *ia* Charlotte, NC
Amanda Elaine Schulze Mebane, NC
Paul William Sheaffer Honey Brook, PA

with Christian Apologetics

Joel Ted Bradsher Roxboro, NC
Jason Mathis Durham, NC
Sarah Ashley Sheaffer Parkesburg, PA

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with Christian Education

Douglas Christopher Price *ia* Raleigh, NC

with Christian Ministry

Joshua Sengwoo An Chesterton, IN
Joshua James Armacost Armacost, MD
Robin C. Bass Waxhaw, NC
Timothy Andrew Brown Newnan, GA
Larry Chad Bryant Youngsville, NC
James George Burke IV Columbia, SC
Dwight G. Burton Blacksburg, VA
Jonathan David Combs Wilson, NC
James Robert Connelly, Jr. Wake Forest, NC
William Lucas Dillard Gordo, AL
John David Earle Mt. Pleasant, SC
Ryan Phillip Edwards Conway, SC
Kyle Deane Franklin Charleston, SC
Grant Robert Giesler Concord, NC
Karl Franklin Grubb Jacksonville, NC
Jonathan Lee Harris *ia* Aliceville, AL
Thomas A. Henderson Williamston, SC
Stacy Denise Hill *ia* Chattanooga, TN
Joshua Ross Hoomes Prattville, AL
Andrew Paul Huffingham Statesboro, GA
Minwoo Jang Daegu, South Korea
David Wesley Johnson Thomasville, NC
Yong Cheol Jung Seoul, South Korea
David Benson Kiehn Manning, SC
Katherine Elizabeth King Oxford, MS
Sean Allen Lee Kingston, TN
Matthew Cameron Mabe Asheboro, NC
Michael Garland McEwen Trenton, TN
Robert O'Neal McKinney Pickens, SC
Thomas Matthew Meadows York, SC
John Scott Moore Dickson, TN
Joshua R. Moss Longs, SC
John Pabon Fayetteville, NC
Curtis Pixler Ahoskie, NC
Richard Noah Raulerson Hilliard, FL
Stephen Noah Reid Selma, AL
Jesse R. Rose Queens, NY
Richard John Bullwinkel Rudolph Scranton, PA
John Marks Sanders Henderson, NC
Nathan Michael Schneider New Wilmington, PA
Jay Anthony Simpson Rock Hill, SC
Jonathan A. Sorensen Cowarts, AL
David Russell Talbert Gadsden, AL
Edward Franklin Thomas, Jr. Cameron, NC
Daniel Norris Tomin Soddy Daisy, TN
Russell E. Tounget Lubbock, TX
Stephen Van Bever *ia* Palm Bay, FL
Albert Sanvidge Watts Jackson, GA
Joshua Heath Williams Rocky Mount, VA
Kevin Daniel Williams Pontotoc, MS
William Rocky Wright Montgomery, AL

with Expository Preaching

Jason Russell Crosby Moline, IL

with International Church Planting

David Brian McClure II *ia* Daniels, WV
Christopher Matthew Watkins *ia* Winston-Salem, NC
Rachael Elaine Wood *ia* Blairsville, GA

with Missiology

Phillip Nathaniel Barr Knoxville, TN
Jason Kyle Day Durham, NC

with North American Church Planting

Daniel Scott Raymond Butson. Brandon, FL

with Pastoral Ministry

Matthew Nixon Bates. Hephzibah, GA
Eric Grant Fannin Grayson, KY
Michael David Horton. Staley, NC
Aime K. Kidimbu Raleigh, NC
Gregory Earl Lamb Sanford, NC
Micah Lee Lansing. Monroe, NC
Bryant E. Riddick. Fayetteville, NC
Robert Lee Sledge Garner, NC

with Student Ministry

Eugene Cha. Charlotte, NC
Jonathan Edward Garon. Saint Cloud, FL

with Worship Leadership

Jonathan D. Holliday Spartanburg, SC

Master of Theology

The Master of Theology degree is an advanced theological research degree open to those who have completed the Master of Divinity or its equivalent with high grades and who show an outstanding potential for ministry. Master of Theology students major in Biblical or Theological Studies with a concentration in one of the academic disciplines of the M.Div. curriculum. The degree requirements include intensive bibliographical research, some doctoral-level seminar work, some upper level M.Div. specialty work and the production of an acceptable thesis or research project, which is bound and kept in the reference area in the seminary library.

Christopher Todd Bishop Manteo, NC
Major Professor: Robert L. Cole, Associate Professor of Old Testament and Semitic Languages
Second Reader: Mark F. Rooker, Professor of Old Testament and Hebrew
Guided Research Project Title: *Gideon, A Moses-Like Deliverer: Linguistic and Structural Evidence for Intertextual Allusions to the Moses Narrative in Judges 6*

Spencer Brockman Brown Winston-Salem, NC
Major Professor: Heath A. Thomas, Assistant Professor of Old Testament and Hebrew

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Second Reader: Tracy J. McKenzie, Assistant Professor of Biblical Studies
Guided Research Project Title: *Historical Criticism and Theological Interpretation of Scripture*

David Lucas Clabough *ia* Maryville, TN

Shane N. Colwell Cherry Hill, NJ
Major Professor: John S. Hammett, Professor of Systematic Theology
Second Reader: Kenneth D. Keathley, Professor of Theology
Guided Research Project Title: *Does the Believer Have One or Two Natures? An Evaluation of the Views of Lewis Sperry Chafer and Anthony Hoekema*

Ronald Bradley Harrison *ia* Mebane, NC
Major Professor: L. Scott Kellum, Associate Professor of New Testament and Greek
Second Reader: David R. Beck, Professor of New Testament and Greek
Guided Research Project Title: *The Codex, Canonical Consciousness, and the Fourfold Gospel*

David M. Rathel * Westville, FL
Major Professor: John S. Hammett, Professor of Systematic Theology
Second Reader: Mark D. Liederbach, Associate Professor of Christian Ethics
Third Reader: Bruce R. Ashford, Associate Professor of Theology and Culture
Thesis Title: *An Examination of Four Themes of Emerging Church Ecclesiology with an Assessment from a Baptistic Perspective*

Arthur Joseph Robbins Pensacola, FL
Major Professor: Robert L. Cole, Associate Professor of Old Testament and Semitic Languages
Second Reader: Mark F. Rooker, Professor of Old Testament and Hebrew
Guided Research Project Title: *The Integration of Psalms 3-10 in the Psalter*

Aaron Matthew Still. Palm Bay, FL
Major Professor: David W. Jones, Associate Professor of Christian Ethics
Second Reader: Mark D. Liederbach, Associate Professor of Christian Ethics
Guided Research Project Title: *A Corporate Material Ethic for the Church*

Michael A. Stover * *ia*. Bloomsburg, PA
Major Professor: David A. Black, The Dr. M.O. Owens, Jr. Chair of New Testament Studies, Professor of New Testament and Greek
Second Reader: L. Scott Kellum, Associate Professor of New Testament and Greek
Third Reader: David E. Lanier, Professor of New Testament
Thesis Title: *The Dating of 1 Clement*

Jason Thomas Wilkerson Elon, NC
Major Professor: Kenneth D. Keathley, Professor of Theology
Second Reader: James K. Dew, Assistant Professor of History of Ideas and Philosophy
Guided Research Project Title: *Toward a Clarification of Miraculous Activity: A Critical Assessment of the Positions of Providentialism, Occasionalism, and Supernaturalism as Posited by C. John Collins*

Doctor of Ministry

The Doctor of Ministry degree equips students for the practice of ministry at the highest level of professional competency. Candidates for this degree have previously completed the Master of Divinity degree or its equivalent with high academic achievement and have demonstrated competence and potential for ministry. Candidates are expected to have had at least three years of professional experience prior to beginning the Doctor of Ministry program and must be continually engaged in ministry throughout their enrollment for the degree. The program currently consists of four on-campus seminars, four courses completed from the ministry field, one year of supervised field experience in preparation for the final project and a project report, which is evaluated by the faculty committee for approval. The Ministry Project Report is bound and kept in the reference area of the

Seminary library. The program requires a minimum of three academic years to complete.

Gregory Dean Batchelor. Hartsville, SC
Major Professor: R. Alton James, Professor of Missions
Faculty Reader: Josef Solc, Professor of Evangelism and Missions
Field Mentor: Marshall Fagg, Pastor, Second Baptist Church, Lancaster, SC
Project Title: *Leading New Members Toward Assimilation Using the Biblical Purposes of the Church in Acts 2*

Jeremy Blue Bryan Greenville, SC
Major Professor: R. Alton James, Professor of Missions
Faculty Reader: Mark D. Liederbach, Associate Professor of Christian Ethics
Field Mentor: Dr. Don Cox, Senior Pastor, Concord Baptist Church, Anderson, SC
Project Title: *A Strategy for the Adoption and Implementation of an Effective Sunday School Strategy*

Edmund George Coakley. Mt. Juliet, TN
Major Professor: Kenneth D. Keathley, Professor of Theology
Faculty Reader: Mark D. Liederbach, Associate Professor of Christian Ethics
Field Mentor: Dr. David Phelan, Executive Director of the Institute of Biblical Leadership, Lake Lure, NC
Project Title: *Equipping Families To Fulfill Their Biblical Role In The Discipleship Process*

Matthew Dean Kearns Festus, MO
Major Professor: Alvin L. Reid, The Bailey Smith Chair of Evangelism, Professor of Evangelism and Student Ministry
Faculty Reader: George G. Robinson, The Richard and Gina Headrick Chair of World Missions, Assistant Professor of Missions and Evangelism
Field Mentor: Dr. William M. Victor, MBC Collegiate Ministry Regional Coordinator, Columbia, Missouri
Project Title: *A Reproducible Model for Developing Next-Generation Disciple-Making Leaders Through the Missouri Baptist Convention*

Peter PyongIk Ko *ia* Hampton, VA
Major Professor: Sam R. Williams, Professor of Counseling
Faculty Reader: George G. Robinson, The Richard and Gina Headrick Chair of World Missions, Assistant Professor of Missions and Evangelism
Field Mentor: Chad Hensley, Coordinator, Silas Ministries, IMB-Field Staff, Istanbul, Turkey
Project Title: *Developing a Biblical Model for the Preparation for Marriage with Turkish Single Believers*

Mitchell L. Landress Centerville, GA
Major Professor: L. Scott Kellum, Associate Professor of New Testament and Greek
Faculty Reader: David R. Beck, Professor of New Testament and Greek
Field Mentor: Rev. Ken Smith, Evangelist/Speaker, Ken Smith Ministries, Leesburg, FL
Project Title: *Developing the Ability to Discern and Appreciate Expository Preaching in a Local Church*

Chancey W. Mitchell Blue Ridge, GA
Major Professor: Kenneth S. Coley, Professor of Christian Education
Faculty Reader: Edward A. Buchanan, Emeritus Professor of Christian Education
Field Mentor: Dr. Tom Jordan, Senior Pastor, First Baptist Church Epworth, Epworth, GA
Project Title: *A Study of the First Impressions Ministry Practices of Selected Churches and the Customer Service Models of Selected Corporations in Order to Develop a First Impressions Ministry at First Baptist Church Epworth*

Larry B. Owens Ware Shoals, SC
Major Professor: John H. Ewart, Fletcher Professor of Missions
Faculty Reader: Charles E. Harvey, Jr., Director of D.Min Studies
Field Mentor: Dr. Bobby Bailey, Director of Missions, Screven Baptist Association, Summerville, South Carolina
Project Title: *Measuring Missions Education Effects Upon Missions Participation*

Roger Gray Russell, Jr. Wilson, NC
Major Professor: Steven P. Wade, Associate Professor of Pastoral Theology
Faculty Reader: Greg W. Heisler, The Johnny Hunt Chair of Biblical Preaching, Associate Professor of Preaching and Speech
Field Mentor: Dr. Melvin Worthington, Pastor, Liberty Free Will Baptist Church, Ayden, NC
Project Title: *Measuring Spiritual Maturity: Developing a Survey to Evaluate Spiritual Development in the Local Church*

Tyler Scarlett. Forest, VA
Major Professor: J. Gregory Lawson, Professor of Christian Education
Faculty Reader: Ned L. Mathews, Emeritus Professor of Pastoral Ministries
Field Mentor: Gaylen Leverett, Associate Professor of Theology, Liberty University, Lynchburg, VA
Project Title: *A Model for Teaching the Basic Skills of Expository Preaching to Aspiring Ministers within the Local Church*

Michael Allen Schwalm Jacksonville, NC
Major Professor: J. Gregory Lawson, Professor of Christian Education
Faculty Reader: Ned L. Mathews, Emeritus Professor of Pastoral Ministries
Field Mentor: Rev. Kevin Clubb, Senior Pastor, Cape Carteret Baptist Church, Cape Carteret, NC
Project Title: *A Pastor's Commitment to Implementing Expository Preaching as the Only Acceptable Standard for the Preaching Event at Centerview Baptist Church, Jacksonville, North Carolina*

Scott Michael Shoffner. Hickory, NC
Major Professor: Greg W. Heisler, The Johnny Hunt Chair of Biblical Preaching, Associate Professor of Preaching and Speech
Faculty Reader: John H. Ewart, Fletcher Professor of Missions
Field Mentor: Dr. Ed Yount, Senior Pastor, Woodlawn Baptist Church, Conover, NC
Project Title: *Conducting an Instructional Seminar to Show the Use of Secondary Sources in the Preparation Process for Expository Preaching for the Members of Flemings Chapel Baptist Church, Lenoir, North Carolina*

Doctor of Education

The Doctor of Education is an advanced research degree for those pursuing a career in education. Candidates for this degree have previously completed the Master of Divinity or a master's degree with a concentration in the field of education. Students accepted into the program have demonstrated strong academic performance, the ability to teach and lead in an educational ministry, and the potential to conduct original research and produce scholarly writing. The program consists of a two-year modified residency including instruction in advanced statistics, quantitative and qualitative research, pedagogy, leadership, and theology. Students select an area of concentration and work with a major advisor during their mentorship. Following the completion of the core and elective coursework, students must successfully pass a written comprehensive exam and submit a research prospectus to their dissertation committee. This work includes original data collection that will make a significant and unique contribution in the field of education. When this research is complete, their candidates make an oral defense of their research and findings to their dissertation committee. Following a successful defense, graduates have their dissertations bound and placed in the seminary library.

Randall Richard Douglass Mount Pleasant, SC
Major Professor: Kenneth S. Coley, Professor of Christian Education
Second Reader: James P. Porowski, Professor of Child and Family Development
Dissertation Title: *Assessment of an Acrostic Mnemonic Curriculum in Teaching a Biblical Worldview to Young Adults*

Kay Ellis Kendall Gelo. Rocky Mount, NC
Major Professor: Kenneth S. Coley, Professor of Christian Education
Second Reader: James P. Porowski, Professor of Child and Family Development
External Reader: David West, Professor of Psychology and Art, Nash
Community College, Rocky Mount, NC
Dissertation Title: *The Red Road: A Descriptive, Ethnographic Case Study Analysis of the Haliwa-Saponi Tribal School Within the Context of Tribal Culture and Faith*

William Brian Harmon Beckley, WV
Major Professor: J. Gregory Lawson, Professor of Christian Education
Second Reader: Travis H. Bradshaw, Adjunct Professor of Research and Statistics
Dissertation Title: *A Study of the Implementation of Educational Strategies in SBC Church Plants in West Virginia*

Robert Allen Magruder Lithia, FL
Major Professor: J. Gregory Lawson, Professor of Christian Education
Second Reader: Travis H. Bradshaw, Adjunct Professor of Research and Statistics
External Reader: Craig Freeman, Professor of Religion, Liberty University, Lynchberg, VA
Dissertation Title: *A Mixed Methods Study of Discipleship Strategies Among Successful New Church Plants in Florida*

Brian Scott McKinney Mount Juliet, TN
Major Professor: Kenneth S. Coley, Professor of Christian Education
Second Reader: James P. Porowski, Professor of Child and Family Development
Dissertation Title: *The Relationship Between the Duties of Fatherhood from a Biblical Worldview with Modern Day Christian Fatherhood*

Raymond Edward Morris. Commerce, GA
Major Professor: James P. Porowski, Professor of Child and Family Development
Second Reader: J. Gregory Lawson, Professor of Christian Education
Dissertation Title: *Teaching to Make Disciples in a Higher Education Online Learning Environment: A Comparison of the Literature of Online Learning, the Objectives and Practice of Three Christian Colleges, and the Letters of Paul*

Paul William Pinson. Iva, SC
Major Professor: J. Gregory Lawson, Professor of Christian Education
Second Reader: James P. Porowski, Professor of Child and Family Development
Dissertation Title: *A Qualitative Collective Case-Study of Discipleship Ministry to Students of the Millennial Generation in Southern Baptist Mega-Churches in South Carolina*

Raymond McCoy Summerlin Pace, FL
Major Professor: J. Gregory Lawson, Professor of Christian Education
Second Reader: Travis H. Bradshaw, Adjunct Professor of Research and Statistics
External Reader: Antonio Anglero Jr., Aerospace Experimental Psychologist, United States Navy, Navy Safety Center, Norfolk, VA
Dissertation Title: *Personality Styles of Student Naval Aviators: An Analysis of DISC Styles in Flight Training and Attrition Rates*

Mark Francis Thompson. Syracuse, NY
Major Professor: Kenneth S. Coley, Professor of Christian Education
Second Reader: Travis H. Bradshaw, Adjunct Professor of Research and Statistics
Dissertation Title: *Semper Fidelus: The Effect of Marriage Enrichment on Military Marriages: A Causal Study*

Roger Lee Weaver Mt. Pleasant, SC
Major Professor: Kenneth S. Coley, Professor of Christian Education
Second Reader: Edward A. Buchanan, Emeritus Professor of Christian Education
External Reader: David Coley, Visiting Assistant Professor of Educational Leadership and Foundations, Western Carolina University, Cullowhee NC
Dissertation Title: *Teacher Perceptions of Mentoring Effectiveness and Teacher Retention in ACSI Southeast Region Schools*

Doctor of Philosophy

The Doctor of Philosophy is the most advanced theological research degree available at Southeastern, equipping students for conducting serious academic research and for teaching at the highest level of academic competency. Candidates for this degree have previously completed the Master of Divinity degree or its equivalent with high academic achievement. Students must have excellent writing skills and an aptitude for teaching and academic research. The program consists of a two-year residency including instruction in research and teaching, involvement in an integrative seminar and other graduate seminars, proficiency in two research languages other than English and in addition to Greek and Hebrew, and a mentorship in the student's concentration conducted by the student's major professor. Subsequent to successful completion of the residency requirements, including passing a written and oral comprehensive examination, a dissertation prospectus outlining and justifying the relevance and originality of the student's proposed topic for research is approved by the dissertation committee. This is followed by the writing of a research-based dissertation that makes a significant contribution to the student's major field of study. This dissertation is submitted to a faculty committee for review and evaluation, including an external reader with special expertise on the topic of the dissertation. The student must then sit for an oral defense of the dissertation and make any changes required for final approval. Once accepted, the student is cleared for graduation and the dissertation is bound and kept in the reference section of the Seminary library. The Doctor of Philosophy degree is the highest degree awarded by Southeastern.

Jason Todd Evans Marietta, GA
Major Professor: Wayne V. McDill, Professor of Preaching
Second Reader: David R. Beck, Professor of New Testament and Greek
External Reader: Daniel M. Doriani, Senior Pastor of Central Presbyterian Church, St. Louis, MO; Professor of New Testament at Covenant Theological Seminary (1991-2003)
Dissertation Title: *The Problem of Normativity in Preaching with a Focus on the Book of Acts and a Case Study of Acts 20:17-38*

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Scarlet: Theology, Divinity
Light Blue: Pedagogy, Education
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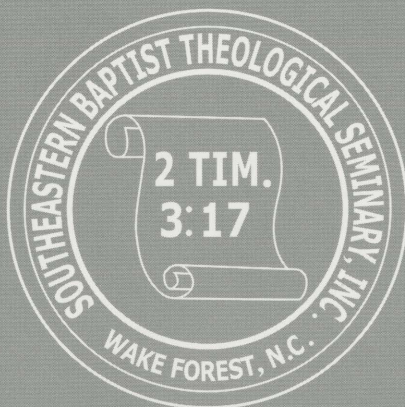
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Ordained of God, His prophets rise,
They seek not gain, nor earthly prize,
They heed the challenge of Christ's call,
They ask to give and spend their all.

Anointed heralds bold to speak,
But in our ways like Jesus meek,
In lowly place or distant land,
We go forth now to take our stand.

Bind us together now, we pray,
As from this place we go today.
And keep our feet in paths made light,
By Jesus' truth and glory bright!

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