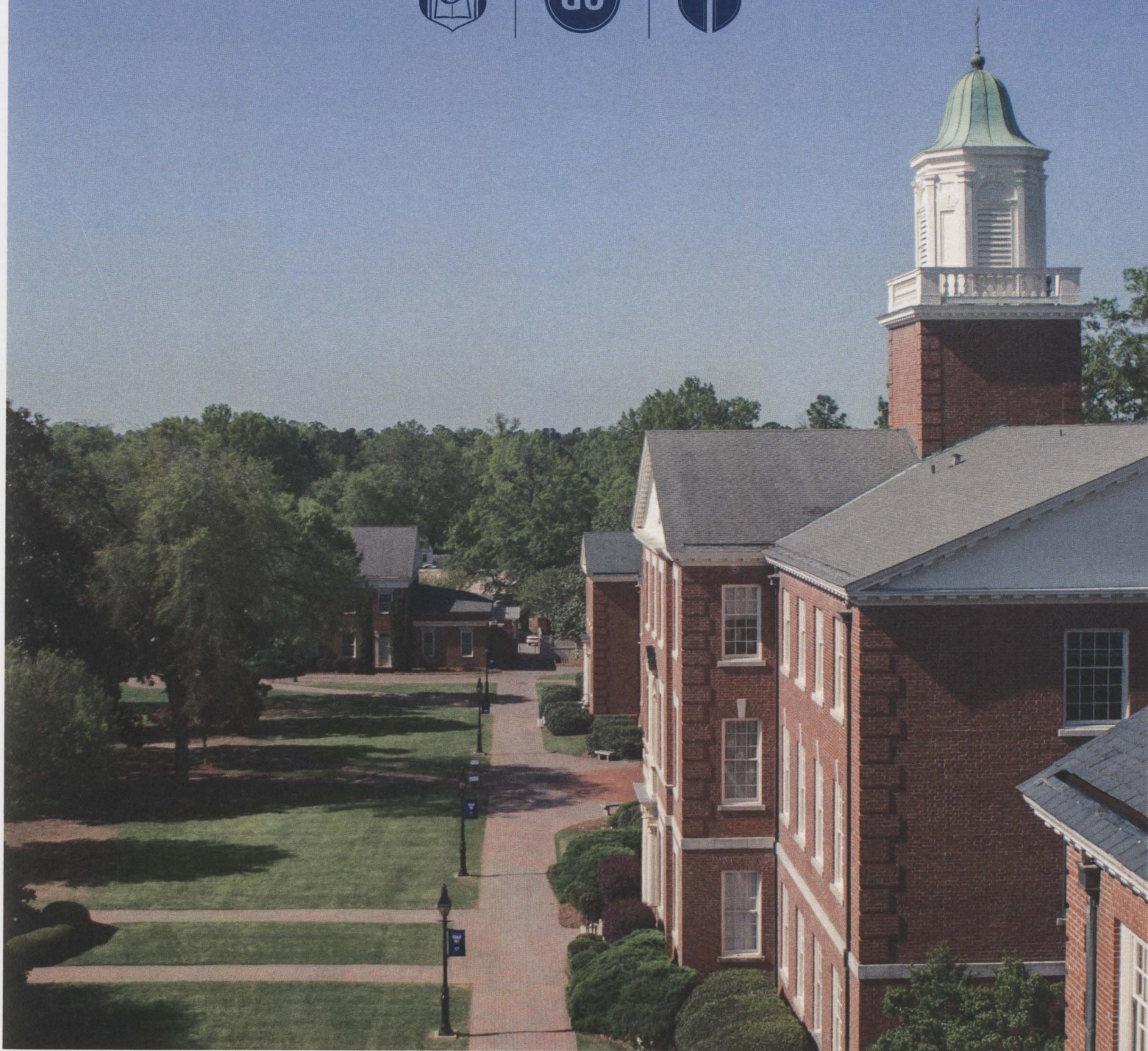


# COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

*Seventh of December, Two Thousand Eighteen*





COMMENCEMENT

Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary

Friday, December 7, 10 a.m., Binkley Chapel

Prelude.....	<i>God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen</i> Arr. Owen Griffin
*Processional.....	<i>O Come, All Ye Faithful</i> Arr. Carolyn Hamlin
*Hymn.....	<i>Joy to the World</i> Arr. Benjamin Harlan
*Invocation.....	Ronjour Locke Instructor of Preaching and Urban Ministry
Greeting.....	Mark Liederbach Vice President for Student Services/Dean of Students/Professor of Theology, Ethics and Culture
*Hymn.....	<i>Hark! The Herald Angels Sing</i> Arr. Felix Mendelssohn/Charles Wesley
Scripture Reading.....	Brent J. Aucoin Associate Dean of the College for Academic Affairs/Professor of History
Charge to Graduates.....	Daniel L. Akin President/Ed Young, Sr. Chair of Preaching/Professor of Preaching and Theology
Prayer of Dedication.....	Kenneth D. Keathley Director of the L. Russ Bush Center for Faith and Culture/ Jesse Hendley Endowed Chair of Biblical Theology/Senior Professor of Theology
Conferring of Degrees.....	James K. Dew, Jr. Vice President for Undergraduate Studies and Distance Learning/Dean of the College/ Associate Professor of History of Ideas and Philosophy
	Keith S. Whitfield Dean of Graduate Studies/Vice President for Academic Administration/Associate Professor of Theology
	Charles E. Lawless, Jr. Vice President for Spiritual Formation and Ministry Centers Dean of Doctoral Studies/Professor of Evangelism and Missions
	Bruce R. Ashford Provost/Dean of Faculty/Professor of Theology and Culture
*Seminary Hymn.....	<i>For the Cause</i> Arr. Keith and Kristyn Getty and Stuart Townend
*Benediction.....	Adrianne C. Miles Assistant Professor of English and Linguistics
*Postlude.....	<i>Gloria! with Angels We Have Heard On High</i> Arr. Ronn Huff/Owen Griffin

\* Please stand

Music Leader.....	Joshua A. Waggener Assistant Professor of Music and Christian Worship	Organist.....	Nannette M. Godwin Professor of Church Music and Keyboard (Retired)
	Pianist.....	Debbie Kim Staff Accompanist	

As a courtesy, please silence cell phones and other personal electronic devices for the duration of the service.



# CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATION

## The College at Southeastern

### ASSOCIATE OF ARTS IN BIBLICAL STUDIES

The Associate of Arts degree is a College program that provides students with a foundation for theological studies. The program is designed as a two-year college transfer program, and it is ideal to train informed lay leadership in the local church. Students planning to transfer these credits should consult the institution to which they intend to transfer in order to determine admission and transfer requirements.

Jessie Lee Saja *ia* ..... Largo, FL  
Michael Paul St. Laurent *ia* ..... Cary, 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 Biblical Studies, English, History, History (Pre-Law), Humanities, Missions and Music, or one of two minors in Apologetics, Biblical Studies, English, ESL, 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.

#### WITH A MINOR IN APOLOGETICS AND MUSIC

Christopher Bryan Callahan ..... Zebulon, NC

#### WITH A MINOR IN MISSIONS

Joshua Will ..... Columbus, OH

#### WITH A MINOR IN MUSIC

Joshua Walden<sup>††</sup> ..... Wake Forest, NC

#### WITH A MINOR IN PASTORAL MINISTRY

Seth Taylor ..... Rocky Mount, NC

#### WITH A MINOR IN STUDENT MINISTRY

Spencer Mark Fretwell ..... Belmont, NC

#### AND MUSIC

Daniel McDill<sup>†</sup> ..... Wake Forest, NC

#### AND WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Cameron Will ..... Yulee, FL

### BACHELOR OF ARTS IN ENGLISH

The major in English promotes an understanding of literature, trains students to think critically and write effectively, and encourages them to reflect on the central issues of the human condition-all from a Christian perspective. Core curriculum classes in composition emphasize the skills of effective research and writing. English major classes present literature from within a Christian worldview. Students who major in English will be equipped to understand culture and to communicate the gospel to others clearly and effectively.

Leanna Grace Johnson<sup>†††</sup> ..... Roxboro, NC  
Kathleen Thompson<sup>†</sup> ..... Hubert, NC  
George Harold Trudeau<sup>†</sup> ..... Bethany Beach, DE

#### WITH A MINOR IN WRITING, RHETORIC AND COMMUNICATIONS

Tanya Lynn Neuman ..... Wake Forest, NC

### BACHELOR OF ARTS IN GLOBAL STUDIES

The major in Global Studies introduces students to the variety and complexity of cultures around the world. Students are taught to understand people of other cultures, worldviews, and religions and to interact with them winsomely. Those majoring in Global Studies will be well equipped to communicate the gospel in various contexts and prepared for continued studies in seminary or graduate school.

John Savage<sup>†</sup> ..... Wake Forest, NC

Zachary Haymore<sup>††† ia</sup> ..... Red Oak, NC

### BACHELOR OF ARTS IN HISTORY

The major in History teaches the student to comprehend and critically evaluate the present through a biblically-informed understanding of the past. The student will examine the story of humanity, develop reading, writing, and research skills, and learn how to study history from a Christian perspective. The graduate will be equipped for a wide range of ministries and vocations, and be well prepared for graduate work in seminary, graduate school, or law school.

Joshua Luke Akin ..... Jackson, GA  
Brooke Gray Hughes<sup>†††</sup> ..... Creedmoor, NC  
Benjamin Henry Regier<sup>††</sup> ..... Seattle, WA  
Lewis Swicegood ..... Mocksville, NC  
Charlotte Lynn Wood ..... Fayetteville, NC

#### AND HUMANITIES

Travis James Copeland<sup>†</sup> ..... Lewisville, NC

### BACHELOR OF ARTS IN PASTORAL MINISTRY

The major in Pastoral Ministry introduces students to the knowledge and skills central to the work of pastors through classes in pastoral ministry, discipleship, counseling, and Bible exposition. The major also provides students opportunity for additional classes in biblical and theological studies beyond those of the Core Curriculum. The program is designed to begin the formation of the student's life for pastoral ministry, and prepares students for continuing studies in the Master of Divinity, the standard degree for the equipping of pastors.

David Swan<sup>†</sup> ..... Raleigh, NC

### BACHELOR OF ARTS IN WORSHIP MINISTRY

The Major in Worship Ministry allows the student to study biblical and theological foundations of Christian worship and build skills in music and leadership for worship ministry in the local church. There are no additional admission requirements for the Major in Worship Ministry, although entering students will be evaluated for music reading and performance skills for appropriate placement in music courses.

Stacey Salazar Hargrave ..... Zebulon, NC

### MASTER OF ARTS IN INTERCULTURAL STUDIES

The College at Southeastern offers the Master of Arts in Intercultural Studies, a fully online 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.

Jenny Barker ..... New York, NY  
Gabriella Ann Kahkola ..... Marion, IN  
Cameron Elizabeth Liner ..... Raleigh, NC  
Jamie Lynn Russell ..... Cary, NC  
Caleb Lee Waller ..... New Bern, NC

Taylor Nicole McLaughlin *ia* ..... Shawnee, OK



# 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 seven degrees of the first kind: Biblical Languages, Christian Studies, Ethics, Theology and Culture, Old Testament, New Testament, and Philosophy of Religion/Apologetics and Christian Philosophy; and eight degrees of the second kind: Biblical Counseling, Christian Education, Christian Education and Biblical Counseling, Christian Marital, Family, and Individual Counseling, Christian Ministry (Mentored), Church Planting, Ministry Leadership and Women’s Studies.

#### APOLOGETICS AND CHRISTIAN PHILOSOPHY

Jerod Vick.....Wake Forest, NC

#### BIBLICAL LANGUAGES

Logan Scott Copley .....Columbus, GA  
Major Professor: H. Chip Hardy, Associate Professor of Old Testament and Semitic Languages  
Second Reader: Mark F. Rooker, Senior Professor of Old Testament and Hebrew  
Project Title: *Translation Technique and Verbal System of the Old Syriac and Peshitta Versions of Luke 1*

#### BIBLICAL AND THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

Will Cantrell Johnston.....Dry Creek, LA  
Major Professor: Keith S. Whitfield, Associate Professor of Theology, Dean of Graduate Studies, Vice President for Academic Administration  
Second Reader: Charles L. Quarles, Research Professor of New Testament and Biblical Theology, Charles Page Chair of Biblical Theology  
Project Title: *Christ Forsaken: A Distinction Made*

#### CHRISTIAN STUDIES

Diane Elizabeth Cook.....Raleigh, NC  
Josiah David Dodson.....Fredericksburg, VA  
Samuel Brent Dula.....Charlotte, NC  
Teresa Ann Ellison.....Silverhill, AL  
Ricky Lee Harris, Jr.....Durham, NC  
James Halston Hodges.....Mt. Juliet, TN  
Zebadiah E. McKinon.....Land O’ Lakes, FL  
Jason Paljug.....Radford, VA  
Wendy N. Peters.....Winston-Salem, NC  
Alyssa Poole.....Clemson, SC  
Adrienne Robinson.....Mobile, AL  
Darrick L. Smith.....Raleigh, NC  
William Samuel Stoneham.....Charlotte, NC  
Jordan Thigpen.....Falls Church, VA  
Jace Caton Thomas.....Apex, NC  
Joseph Michael Tucker.....Winston-Salem, NC

Courtney M. Vinson.....Tallahassee, FL  
Amy Caroline Whitfield.....Wake Forest, NC

Nicholas Browning Atherton *ia*.....Mt. Juliet, TN  
Caitlin Henry Barton *ia*.....Kingsport, TN  
Wesley P. McGarry *ia*.....Pilot Mountain, NC  
William Ross Ponder *ia*.....Lakeland, FL  
Nathan Robert Smith *ia*.....Old Fort, NC  
John W. Spence, Jr. *ia*.....Lumberton, NC  
Kathryn Elizabeth Troutman *ia*.....Greenwood, SC

#### ETHICS, THEOLOGY AND CULTURE

Devan Chase Voight.....Newport News, VA  
Major Professor: Daniel R. Heimbach, Senior Professor of Christian Ethics  
Second Reader: B. Tate Cockrell, Associate Professor of Counseling  
Research Project: *Same-Sex Marital Counseling: Loving the People without Approving Their Status*

#### IN BIBLICAL COUNSELING

Hannah Jayne Adkins.....Huntington, WV  
Samantha Avedesian.....Apex, NC  
Elizabeth Lane Cassada.....Danville, VA  
Rhonda Rachel Lewis.....Louisburg, NC  
Allen D. Mayberry.....Raleigh, NC  
Rebekah Louise Neely.....Milton, FL  
Mark Edward Pruett.....Greeneville, TN  
Conner Marie Tyson.....Myrtle Beach, SC  
Eric Wolbert.....Wake Forest, NC

#### IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Elizabeth Graham Hunter.....Florence, SC  
Mark Reede Isaacs.....Richmond, VA

Tyler Ryan Groves *ia*.....Bryant, AR

#### IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND BIBLICAL COUNSELING

Leah Woerner.....New Iberia, LA

#### IN CHURCH PLANTING

Todd Samuel Jones.....Charlotte, NC  
Garret Lawrence.....Atlanta, GA  
Caleb Michael Douglas Melton.....North Charleston, SC  
Ismail Dennis Omondi.....Mombasa, Kenya  
Joseph Polson.....Cheraw, SC

Nathan L. Sartin *ia*.....Bartlesville, OK

#### IN MINISTRY LEADERSHIP

John Patrick Downing.....Charlotte, NC  
Joshua Patrick Presley.....Sweetwater, TN  
Darrin Timothy Whitley.....Stafford, VA

### MASTER OF THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

The Master of Theological Studies is a basic Seminary program of study and research for international students in a cross-cultural setting who are paticipating in an approved Global Theological Initiative cohort and have already completed an initial undergraduate degree in theological studies or another approved field as determined by the Program Coordinator and the Registrar. The purpose of the program is to train God called men and women to be leaders within various international Christian ministries.

Misti Shelton.....Jinja, Uganda

### 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 82 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 70 hours of foundational core courses in Theology, Church History, Christian Philosophy, Ethics, Evangelism, Christian Missions, 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.

#### WITH ADVANCED STANDING

Joshua David Alley.....Hickory, NC  
Jered S. Bell.....Wake Forest, NC  
John Baker Bolinsky.....Gastonia, NC  
Nicholas Robert Dow.....Virginia Beach, VA  
Andrew Halliburton.....Wake Forest, NC  
Joel A. Parker.....Asheville, NC  
Quannah Irwin Spence.....Tuscaloosa, AL

Jonathan Day *ia*.....Woodstock, GA

#### WITH ADVANCED BIBLICAL STUDIES

B. Luke Beavers.....Eden, NC  
Michael Burchard.....Colonial Heights, VA  
Tyler Alan Chesson.....Wake Forest, NC  
Caleb Lamar Levi.....Zirconia, NC  
Casey D. Luther.....Mountain City, TN

#### WITH BIBLICAL COUNSELING

Kristina Crosby Gaddy.....Summerville, SC

#### WITH CHRISTIAN APOLOGETICS

William Aaron Hutchinson *ia*.....Charlotte, NC

#### WITH CHRISTIAN MINISTRY

George Tomlinson Atkins, Jr.....Hartsville, SC  
Andrew Graham Baker.....Williston, SC  
McLeod Robert Best.....Mt. Pleasant, SC  
Jacob Andrew Borem.....Tifton, GA

Brayden Levi Buss.....Beggs, OK  
Justin David Carroll.....Charlotte, NC  
Paul Kenneth Christensen.....Chattanooga, TN  
Heesuk Chung.....Greensboro, NC  
Cody Matthew Evans.....Hildebran, NC  
William Hadden Finch, IV.....Rock Hill, SC  
Brian Luis Gomez.....Miami, FL  
Pedro Moises Gomez Feliz.....Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic  
Louis E. Griffin.....Rocky Mount, NC  
Dustin L. Harris.....Chesterfield, VA  
James William Haynes.....Tallahassee, AL  
Christopher M. Hilliard.....Clayton, NC  
Matthew Horne.....Englewood, CO  
Christopher Aaron Hunsucker.....Asheboro, NC  
Andrew Ryan Ivester.....Toccoa, GA  
Stephen Blake Johnson.....Rainbow City, AL  
Nicholas Kinnebrew.....Warner Robins, GA  
John Joseph Koch.....Meridian, MS  
Justin Leitch.....Wilmington, NC  
Benjamin Long.....Ellabell, GA  
Aaron Daniel Mansfield.....Catawba, VA  
Calvin Matthews, Jr.....Columbia, MD  
Douglas Stephen McClinsey.....North Tonawanda, NY  
Kristen Fowler Montgomery.....West Point, MS  
Jeremy Moorhouse.....Winston-Salem, NC  
Shelly Moorhouse.....Winston-Salem, NC  
Stephanie Pickett.....Memphis, TN  
Aaron Pierce.....Wilson, NC  
David Lee Puryear.....Raleigh, NC  
Richard Thomas Queen.....Hilton, KZN, South Africa  
Naaman Jeffery Renard.....Cache, OK  
David Edward Rochester.....Walhalla, SC  
Bryce Andrew Schmidt.....Oklahoma City, OK  
Joseph William Schwartz.....Durham, NC  
Matthew Wayne Shumaker.....Virginia Beach, VA  
Joel Smith.....Seneca, SC  
Jerry Woodrow Smoot, Jr.....Jacksonville, FL  
Jared Benjamin Snead.....Boiling Springs, SC  
Madria DeAnn Spivey.....Kansas City, KS  
Corey Blake Tyson.....Danville, AL  
William Vernon.....Clarksville, MD  
Daniel Thomas Whitlock.....Lexington, SC  
Stephen Jennings Woody.....Hendersonville, NC

Michael Brandon Dennison *ia*.....Jackson, TN  
William Bryce Harrison *ia*.....Greer, SC

#### WITH INTERNATIONAL CHURCH PLANTING

Ernest Timothy Clemons, II.....Charleston, SC  
Caleb Lee Waller.....New Bern, NC

Matthew Meyer *ia*.....Herndon, VA

#### WITH MISSIOLOGY

Samuel P. Stevens.....Youngsville, NC

Nathan Joel Sergeant *ia*.....Auburn, AL

#### WITH NEXT GENERATION MINISTRY

Daniel Allen Bates.....Wake Forest, NC

#### WITH NORTH AMERICAN CHURCH PLANTING

Hampton D. Harmon.....Columbia, 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. The thesis is bound and placed in the Seminary library.

**Randall Scott Galarza** . . . . . **Orlando, FL**  
Major Professor: Bruce A. Little, Emeritus Senior Professor of Philosophy, Director of the Francis A. Schaeffer Collection  
Second Reader: James K. Dew, Associate Professor of History of Ideas and Philosophy  
Dean of the College at Southeastern, Vice President for Undergraduate Studies and Distance Learning  
Guided Research Project: *Critical Realism Bringing Science and Theology into Conversation*

**Wi Jae Shin** . . . . . **Seoul, South Korea**  
Major Professor: Keith S. Whitfield, Associate Professor of Theology, Dean of Graduate Studies, Vice President for Academic Administration  
Second Reader: Benjamin T. Quinn, Assistant Professor of Theology and History of Ideas, Associate Dean of Institutional Effectiveness for the College at Southeastern  
Guided Research Project: *The Unity of the Trinity as the Basis for Oneness within the Church: A John 17 Proposal*

**Eric Wayne Simmons** . . . . . **Dobson, NC**

**David Russell Talbert** . . . . . **Apex, NC**  
Major Professor: Kenneth D. Keathley, Senior Professor of Theology, Jesse Hendley Endowed Chair of Biblical Theology, Director of the L. Russ Bush Center for Faith and Culture  
Second Reader: Benjamin L. Merkle, Professor of New Testament and Greek  
Guided Research Project: *A New Testament Perspective on the Application of Congregationalism in the Multi-Site Church Context*

**Nghiem Thai Tran** . . . . . **Vietnam**  
Major Professor: L. Scott Kellum, Professor of New Testament and Greek  
Second Reader: David R. Beck, Professor of New Testament and Greek, Associate Dean of Biblical Studies  
Guided Research Project: *Ἀγαπάω and Φιλέω in the Gospel of John 21:15-17*

**Steven W. Edwards ia** . . . . . **Raleigh, NC**

**Stan H. Graham ia** . . . . . **Forest Hill, MD**

**Trey Matthew Graham ia** . . . . . **Altus, OK**  
Major Professor: Dwayne Milioni, Assistant Professor of Preaching, Director of the Preaching Doctor of Philosophy Program  
Second Reader: William Curtis, Lead Pastor, Cornerstone Baptist Church, Darlington, SC  
Guided Research Project: *Soul Competency and Authoritative Pastoral Preaching: A Tension in Baptist Churches*

**Yeonghwi Jo ia** . . . . . **Incheon, South Korea**  
Major Professor: L. Scott Kellum, Professor of New Testament and Greek  
Second Reader: Charles L. Quarles, Research Professor of New Testament and Biblical Theology  
Guided Research Project: *Paul's Use of Abraham in Romans 4*

**Timothy F. Moschera, Jr. ia\*\*** . . . . . **Lynchburg, VA**  
Major Professor: Charles L. Quarles, Research Professor of New Testament and Biblical Theology, Charles Page Chair of Biblical Theology  
Second Reader: H. Chip Hardy, Associate Professor of Old Testament and Semitic Languages  
Third Reader: L. Scott Kellum, Professor of New Testament and Greek  
Thesis: *According to Psalm 118: Matthew 21–23 and the Case for a Rejected Messiah According to the Scriptures*

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

**Steven Wayne Barber** . . . . . **Scottsboro, AL**  
Major Professor: Landon G. Dowden, Adjunct Professor  
Faculty Reader: B. Tate Cockrell, Associate Professor of Counseling, Assistant Director of Doctor of Ministry Programs  
Faculty Reader: Benjamin T. Quinn, Assistant Professor of Theology and History of Ideas, Associate Dean of Institutional Effectiveness for the College at Southeastern  
Project Title: *Enhancing the Skill of Application in the Sermon Event*

**Michael D. Boarts** . . . . . **Wade, NC**  
Major Professor: Brian S. Upshaw, Adjunct Professor of Christian Education and Leadership  
Faculty Reader: B. Tate Cockrell, Associate Professor of Counseling, Assistant Director of Doctor of Ministry Programs  
Faculty Reader: George G. Robinson, IV, Associate Professor of Missions and Evangelism, Richard and Gina Headrick Chair of World Missions  
Project Title: *Designing a Strategy of Discipling Pastors in Developing a Disciple-Making Vision Within the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina*

**Nicholas Charles Colton, Jr.** . . . . . **Temple Terrace, FL**  
Major Professor: Charles E. Harvey, Professor of Christian Education, Director of Doctor of Ministry Studies  
Faculty Reader: Seth Bible, Assistant Professor of Ethics and the History of Ideas, Director of Prison Programs  
Faculty Reader: George G. Robinson, IV, Associate Professor of Missions and Evangelism, Richard and Gina Headrick Chair of World Missions  
Project Title: *To Develop a Strategy for Reproducible Disciple-Making Groups at First Baptist Church of Temple Terrace, FL*

**Jeremy David Couture** . . . . . **Ashland, KY**  
Major Professor: Charles E. Harvey, Professor of Christian Education, Director of Doctor of Ministry Studies  
Faculty Reader: J. Gregory Lawson, Professor of Christian Education  
Faculty Reader: R. Alton James, Professor of Missions, Associate Dean of Ministry Studies, EQUIP Network Coordinator  
Project Title: *An Evangelism Strategy for Unity Baptist Church to Evangelize its Surrounding Community Within a Three-Mile Radius*

**Alexandre Chiaradia Mendes** . . . . . **Sao Jose dos Campos, Brazil**  
Major Professor: Jonathan Akin, Adjunct Professor  
Faculty Reader: B. Tate Cockrell, Associate Professor of Counseling, Assistant Director of Doctor of Ministry Programs  
Faculty Reader: Sam Williams, Professor of Counseling, Jim Fulp Chair of Biblical Counseling  
Project Title: *A Lecture Series to Instruct Pastors and Leaders on Preaching Christ Through Proverbs for the Preach the Word Ministry in Brazil*

**Jonathan Parker** . . . . . **Wake Forest, NC**  
Major Professor: Charles E. Harvey, Professor of Christian Education, Director of Doctor of Ministry Studies  
Faculty Reader: David R. Beck, Professor of New Testament and Greek, Associate Dean of Biblical Studies  
Faculty Reader: R. Alton James, Professor of Missions, Associate Dean of Ministry Studies, EQUIP Network Coordinator  
Project Title: *Establishing a Model for Reciprocal Relationships Between Church and Apostolic Workers Using Paul's Example in Pursuing the Mission of God*

**Jason Eric Phillips** . . . . . **Cumming, GA**  
Major Professor: Charles E. Harvey, Professor of Christian Education, Director of Doctor of Ministry Studies  
Faculty Reader: B. Tate Cockrell, Associate Professor of Counseling, Assistant Director of Doctor of Ministry Programs  
Faculty Reader: George G. Robinson, IV, Associate Professor of Missions and Evangelism, Richard and Gina Headrick Chair of World Missions  
Project Title: *Developing a Strategy to Assess the First Three Years of North American Church Plants*

**Kevin Charles Weisman** . . . . . **Greensboro, NC**  
Major Professor: J. Gregory Lawson, Professor of Christian Education  
Faculty Reader: H. Chip Hardy, Assistant Professor of Old Testament and Semitic Languages  
Faculty Reader: B. Tate Cockrell, Associate Professor of Counseling, Assistant Director of Doctor of Ministry Programs  
Project Title: *Leadership Orientation for New Ministry Staff Members at Lawndale Baptist Church of Greensboro, North Carolina*

**Timothy Scott Elliott ia** . . . . . **Lexington, KY**  
Major Professor: Charles E. Lawless, Professor of Evangelism and Missions, Dean of Doctoral Studies, Vice President for Spiritual Formation and Ministry Centers  
Faculty Reader: R. Alton James, Professor of Missions, Associate Dean of Ministry Studies, EQUIP Network Coordinator  
Faculty Reader: B. Tate Cockrell, Associate Professor of Counseling, Assistant Director, Doctor of Ministry Programs  
Project Title: *Developing a Manual for Chaplain Candidates of the United States Army Reserves to Minister to Service Members and Their Families During End-Of-Life Experiences*

**Matthew McCraney ia** . . . . . **Fort Bragg, NC**  
Major Professor: B. Tate Cockrell, Associate Professor of Counseling, Assistant Director of Doctor of Ministry Programs  
Faculty Reader: Kenneth S. Coley, Senior Professor of Christian Education, Director of Doctor of Education Studies  
Faculty Reader: Larry J. Purcell, Church Consultant for the Kentucky Baptist Convention  
Project Title: *Equipping a Group of Elders and Lay Leaders to Perform Gospel-Centered Marital Counseling Within U.S. Special Operations Community*

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.

**James Keith Curlee** . . . . . **High Point, NC**  
Major Professor: Kenneth S. Coley, Senior Professor of Christian Education  
Second Reader: James P. Porowski, Professor of Child and Family Development  
Dissertation Title: *A Qualitative Approach To Explore Key Characteristics Of Christian School Coaches Who Intentionally Mentor Their Players*

**Tara Baker Dew** . . . . . **Wake Forest, NC**  
Major Professor: Edward A. Buchanan, Professor Emeritus  
Second Reader: Kenneth S. Coley, Senior Professor of Christian Education  
Third Reader: Travis H. Bradshaw, Adjunct Professor of Research and Statistics  
Dissertation Title: *Survive Or Thrive? An Exploration Of The Preparedness Of Southern Baptist Pastors' Wives For Ministry*

**David Wolfe Hecht** . . . . . **Panama City, FL**  
Major Professor: J. Gregory Lawson, Professor of Christian Education  
Second Reader: James P. Porowski, Professor of Child and Family Development  
Third Reader: Shawn L. Buice, Professor of New Testament and Greek, The Baptist College of Florida  
Dissertation Title: *A Discourse Analysis Of Colossians 1:28 And A Process For Discipleship In Paul's Letter To The Colossians*

**Philibert Dixon Meyor** . . . . . **Virginia, Liberia**  
Major Professor: Kenneth S. Coley, Senior Professor of Christian Education  
Second Reader: James P. Porowski, Professor of Child and Family Development  
Dissertation Title: *The Presence Of Discipleship In Curriculum And Instruction In Christian Higher Education In Liberia: A Multiple Case Study Analysis*

**Brian Allan Taylor** . . . . . **Forest, VA**  
Major Professor: Travis H. Bradshaw, Adjunct Professor of Research and Statistics  
Second Reader: Kenneth S. Coley, Senior Professor of Christian Education  
Third Reader: J. Gregory Lawson, Professor of Christian Education  
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DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

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