

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Eleventh of May, Two Thousand Eighteen



COMMENCEMENT
Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary

Friday, May 11, 10 a.m., Binkley Chapel

Prelude.....*I Sing the Mighty Power of God*
Trad. English Melody

*Processional.....*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*
arr. Diane Bish

*Hymn.....*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*
arr. Richard Huggins

*Invocation.....David Alan Black
Dr. M.O. Owens Chair of New Testament Studies/Professor of New Testament and Greek

Greeting.....Mark D. Liederbach
Vice President for Student Services/Dean of Students/Professor of Theology, Ethics and Culture

*Hymn.....*In Christ Alone*
arr. David Angerman

Scripture Reading.....Walter R. Strickland, II
Associate Vice-President for Diversity/Assistant Professor of Systematic and Contextual Theology

Charge to Graduates.....Daniel L. Akin
President/Dr. Ed Young, Sr. Chair of Expository Preaching/Professor of Preaching and Theology

Prayer of Dedication.....L. Scott Kellum
Professor of New Testament and Greek

Conferring of Degrees.....Daniel L. Akin
President/Dr. Ed Young, Sr. Chair of Expository Preaching/Professor of Preaching and Theology

Bruce R. Ashford, Jr.
Provost/Dean of Faculty/Professor of Theology and Culture

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

*Seminary Hymn.....*For the Cause*
Keith and Kristyn Getty, Stuart Townend

*Benediction.....Daniel R. Heimbach
Senior Professor of Christian Ethics

*Postlude.....*Toccata on "Hymn to Joy"*
arr. Mark Thallander

* 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.....Sophia Son
Staff Accompanist/M.Div. Worship Leadership Graduate (2018)

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COMMENCEMENT
The College at Southeastern

Friday, May 11, 3 p.m., Binkley Chapel

Prelude.....*I Sing the Mighty Power of God*
Trad. English Melody

*Processional.....*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*
arr. Diane Bish

*Hymn.....*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*
arr. Richard Huggins

*Invocation.....Benjamin Quinn
Associate Dean of Institutional Effectiveness for The College at Southeastern
Assistant Professor of Theology and History of Ideas

Greeting.....Mark D. Liederbach
Vice President for Student Services/Dean of Students/Professor of Theology, Ethics and Culture

*Hymn.....*In Christ Alone*
arr. David Angerman

Scripture Reading.....David R. Beck
Associate Dean of Biblical Studies/Professor of New Testament and Greek

Charge to Graduates.....Daniel L. Akin
President/Dr. Ed Young, Sr. Chair of Expository Preaching/Professor of Preaching and Theology

Prayer of Dedication.....Matthew Mullins
Associate Dean of Academic Advising/Assistant Professor of English and History of Ideas

Conferring of Degrees.....Daniel L. Akin
President/Dr. Ed Young, Sr. Chair of Expository Preaching/Professor of Preaching and Theology

James K. Dew
Vice President for Undergraduate Studies and Distance Learning/Dean of the College
Associate Professor of History of Ideas and Philosophy

*Seminary Hymn.....*For the Cause*
Keith and Kristyn Getty, Stuart Townend

*Benediction.....R. Alton James
Associate Dean of Ministry Studies/EQUIP Network Coordinator/Professor of Missions

*Postlude.....*Toccata on "Hymn to Joy"*
arr. Mark Thallander

* 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.....Sophia Son
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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 seven degrees of the first kind: Biblical Languages, Biblical and Theological Studies, 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

Andre Leo Rusavuk.Wake Forest, NC

Joseph Emmanuel Smith *ia*.Union, SC

BIBLICAL LANGUAGES

Savanna Marie Fruhwirth.Hoschton, GA
Major Professor: Charles Quarles, Professor of New Testament and Biblical Theology, Director for Ph.D. Studies
Second Reader: Tommy Wasserman, Adjunct Professor
Project Title: *Ὅς or ὅς: A Critical Examination of the Intentionality of the Variants Found in 1 Timothy 3:16*

Andrew Chinpeng Ho *ia*.Singapore
Major Professor: Mark Rooker, Senior Professor of Old Testament and Hebrew
Project Title: *Which prophets did Matthew mean? A midrashic appreciation of the link between Ναζωραῖος in Matt 2:23 and נִצְרַח in Isaiah, Jeremiah, and the Psalms.*

CHRISTIAN STUDIES

Adam Denny.Charlotte, NC
Molly Catherine Fox.Raleigh, NC
James Michael Gill.Morristown, TN
George Thomas Jones.Battleboro, NC
Matthew Lee Lu.Durham, NC
Jean Frénel Mésidor.Bowie, MD
Heather K Moss.Floresville, TX
Gregory Scott Richardson, II.Lithia Springs, GA
Kara Murrell Strickland.Pickens, SC
William Andrew Taylor.Brandon, MS
Peggy Paulette Young.Harpers Ferry, WV
Michael Patrick Zelechowski.Scottsdale, AZ

Brian Thomas Davis *ia*.Raleigh, NC
Herman Wade Griffin *ia*.Tampa, FL
Randy Little *ia*.Rogersville, TN
Kelly Jay Sager *ia*.Hermiston, OR
Thomas Sylvia *ia*.Harriman, TN
Roman Tyslyuk *ia*.Vancouver, WA

Carlos Garcia *ia*.Santo Domingo, DR
Francisco Cordero Reinoso *ia*.Santo Domingo, DR
Jeiren Colon Sanchez *ia*.Guayama, DR
Jose Antonio Montilla *ia*.Santo Domingo, DR
Jose Perez Ramirez *ia*.Santo Domingo, DR
Juan De La Cruz *ia*.Santo Domingo, DR
Juan Francisco Jacinto Rodriguez *ia*.Santo Domingo, DR
Juan Samuel Guzman *ia*.Santo Domingo Este, DR
Lewis Báez Rodríguez *ia*.Santo Domingo, DR
Luis Been *ia*.Santo Domingo, DR
Luis Estevez *ia*.Santo Domingo, DR
Luis León *ia*.Santa Isabel, PR
Miguel Aquino Martinez *ia*.Santo Domingo Este, DR
Nelson Mateo *ia*.Santo Domingo, DR
Patricio San Martín Torres *ia*.Santo Domingo, DR
Ramon Eduardo Ortiz *ia*.Santiago, DR
Ricardo Núñez *ia*.Santo Domingo, DR
Wilmer Colon Echevarría *ia*.Peñuelas, PR

ETHICS, THEOLOGY AND CULTURE

Caroline Elisabeth Reel.Milburn, OK
Major Professor: Mark D. Liederbach, Professor of Theology, Ethics and Culture, Vice President for Student Services, Dean of Students
Second Reader: Scott Hildreth, Assistant Professor of Global Studies, George Liele Director of the Lewis A. Drummond Center for Great Commission Studies
Research Project: *The Storied Ethic*

Peter Lynn Rochelle.Knightdale, NC
Major Professor: Daniel R. Heimbach, Senior Professor of Christian Ethics
Second Reader: David W. Jones, Professor of Christian Ethics, Director, Th.M. Program
Research Project: *A Christian Understanding of Justice*

OLD TESTAMENT

Kasey Thomas Channita.North Bend, WA
Major Professor: Chip Hardy, Associate Professor of Old Testament and Semitic Languages
Second Reader: Mark Rooker, Senior Professor of Old Testament and Hebrew
Thesis Title: *"This One Shall Rule Over My People": A Taxonomy of Political Leadership In The Hebrew Bible*

PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION

Isaac Leslie Jennings.Easley, SC
Major Professor: Greg A. Welty, Professor of Philosophy
Second Reader: James K. Dew, Associate Professor of History of Ideas and Philosophy, Vice President for Undergraduate Studies and Distance Learning, Dean of the College
Thesis Title: *Locating Alternate Possibilities within Frankfurt Style Counterexamples*

IN BIBLICAL COUNSELING

Emily Anne Bailey Aldrich.Cairo, GA
Gracie Ann Ammons.Lynn Haven, FL
Stephanie Hope Burcham.Winston-Salem, NC
Rebekah Joy Callahan.Atlanta, GA
Joshua Allan Clink.Afton, NY
Jonathan Michael Denton.Raleigh, NC
Katelyn Cooper Little.Abbeville, SC
Anna Faith Masters.Knoxville, TN
Meleah Blanche Nunn.Quitman, LA
Brittany Nicole Webb.Jonesboro, AR

IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Kimberly Nicole Brown.Cumming, GA
Joshua Bryan Dorrity.Clemson, SC

IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND BIBLICAL COUNSELING

Ryan Black.Bangkok, Thailand

IN CHURCH PLANTING

Jonathan David Derbyshire.Bangkla, Thailand
Ryan James Doherty.Durham, NC
Kambiz Saghaey.Tehran, Iran

Garth Emil Leno *ia*.Windsor, Ontario, Canada
John Michael McMahan *ia*.Peachtree City, GA
Brandon Richard Owen *ia*.Syracuse, NY

IN MINISTRY LEADERSHIP

Christopher R. Allen.Wake Forest, NC
Todd Allen Burnette, II.Fayetteville, NC

Kathryn Ellyn Newsom James *ia*.Madison, MS

IN MINISTRY TO WOMEN

Laura Wicker Ballard.Mount Holly, NC
Barbara Diana Hall.Ringgold, GA
Kaycee Dawn Lookingbill.Altus, OK
Anna Lynne Schaeffer.Grovettown, GA

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.

Kevin Michael Goldbach.Charlotte, NC

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.

Alejandro Raúl Cantú Guzmán *ia*.Monterrey, MX
Alfredo Niño Velasco *ia*.Matamoros, MX
Aliver De La Cruz Santana *ia*.Oaxaca, MX
Denes Tmoteo Badillo Perry *ia*.Los Alamos Chalco, MX
Dora Lucia González Ramírez *ia*.Xoxocotlan, MX
Enrique Arturo Almanza Sariñana *ia*.Ciudad Juarez, MX
Gabriel Samuel Salazar Cruz *ia*.Oaxaca, MX
Guillermo Julián Escobedo Bazán *ia*.La Paz, MX
Guillermo Lozano Gonzalez *ia*.Matamoros, MX
Hernando González Celis *ia*.La Paz, MX
Jesús Galindo Vega *ia*.Motomoros, MX
Jorge Alberto Carrillo Saucedo *ia*.Ciudad Juarez, MX
Jorge Tapia Alcántara *ia*.Oaxaca, MX
José Alfredo Tamayo Peña *ia*.Xoxocotlan, MX
José Ramón De La Peña Salazar *ia*.Zapopan, MX

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Oscar Wall Arias *ia*.Ciudad Juarez, MX
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Timoteo Hernández Jarquín *ia*.Xoxocotlan, MX
Willado Manuel Solís Martínez *ia*.Xoxocotlan, MX

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

Gabriel Aron.Ludus, Romania
Justin Bailey.Wake Forest, NC
Mason Glenn Bridges.Wake Forest, NC
Savannah Knott Bridges.Wake Forest, NC
Andrew James Ditty.Pineville, KY
Russel Dexter Chambers Fox.High Point, NC
Reagan Clay Reid.Big Spring, TX
Dean Jacob Williamson.Worcester, MA

WITH ADVANCED BIBLICAL STUDIES

Tyler Evan Callahan.Roanoke, VA
Andrew Lane Duke.Wake Forest, NC

WITH BIBLICAL COUNSELING

Brian C Collison.Alexandria, VA
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Kerri Jean Erskine.Greenwood, SC
Sarah Beth Fuller.Hamptonville, NC
Kari Ann Helton.Clover, SC
Keith Thomas Morton.Jacksonville, NC

WITH CHRISTIAN APOLOGETICS

Bruce McKinley Hall, Jr.Rocky Mount, VA

WITH CHRISTIAN ETHICS

Caleb Boyd Martin.Altus, OK

WITH CHRISTIAN MINISTRY

Patrick William Austin.Harrisburg, NC
Brad Edward Batten.Durham, NC
Shannon Wade Battles.Youngsville, NC
Jason Stevens Belk.San Jose, CA
Stephen Wayne Bohnke.Richmond, VA
Charles Steven Boon.Jamestown, NC
Andrei Simon Bulzan.Arad, Romania
Caleb Davis.Greenville, SC
Kyle R Duncan.Oklahoma City, OK

Parks M. Edwards..... Greenville, SC
Joshua Stephen Escue..... Bartlett, TN
Joshua Fletcher..... Douglas, GA
Brandon Wesley Foster..... Evans, GA
Marcus Benjamin Fuller..... Taylors, SC
Jesse Furey..... Radford, VA
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Tyler Gibbens..... Sarasota, FL
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Eric Dane Haithcock..... Durham, NC
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Jonathan Edward Harris..... Van Nuys, CA
John Bynum Hill..... Bynum, NC
Jason Phillip Hutcheson..... Chesapeake, VA
J. Michael Lawing..... Albermarle, NC
Teddy Lee..... Hickory, NC
Steven Anthony Madonna..... Wellington, FL
Zachery Paul Maloney..... Morehead, KY
Phillip Todd Martin..... Blacksburg, SC
Brandon Mathis..... Arvada, CO
Aaron Mattern..... Archdale, NC
David Wayne McBryar..... Trenton, GA
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Hugh Nathan Orr..... Boise, ID
Benjamin Taylor Pennington..... Lodi, CA
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Jack E. Peterson, III..... Wake Forest, NC
Alex Michael Robinson..... Orlando, FL
Daniel Broughton Rogers..... Hendersonville, TN
John Ryman..... Dunnellon, FL
Matthew Dane Salyers..... South Point, OH
Vincent M Sawyer..... Philadelphia, PA
Micah Scott..... Mentor, OH
Palestine Small..... Belhaven, NC
Thomas Alan Smith..... Duncan, SC
J. Eric Sorrell..... Baltimore, MD
Matthew West..... Durham, NC
Damon C. Williamson..... Bogue Chitto, MS
Mark Philip Young..... Midlothian, VA

Jared Gavin Burleson *ia*..... Satsuma, AL
Tyler Bruce Frank *ia*..... Asheville, NC
Benjamin Evan Hutson *ia*..... Conway, SC
Michael Daniel Powell *ia*..... Locust Grove, GA
Joel Nathaniel Smith *ia*..... Seneca, SC
Christopher Timothy Watson *ia*..... Rocky Mount, NC

WITH INTERNATIONAL CHURCH PLANTING

Tyler M. Buckelew..... Crestview, NC
Justin Jay Harrell..... Franklin, NC

WITH MINISTRY LEADERSHIP

Christopher James Belcher..... Fuquay-Varnia, NC

WITH MISSIOLOGY

Bryce Wayne Burk..... Trenton, TX
Robert Anthony Duncan..... Acton, MA
James Samuel Lind..... High Point, NC
Lauren Elizabeth Morris..... Plant City, FL
Rebecca Denise Rinehart..... Orange, TX
Aaron Christopher Russell..... Cary, NC

WITH PASTORAL MINISTRY

James Dylan Cook..... Jonesville, NC
Nicholas Stephen Decker..... Winston-Salem, NC
Lane Wooddy Jones..... Lakeland, FL

Trent F. Drye *ia*..... Oakboro, NC

WITH PREACHING AND PASTORAL MINISTRY

Christopher Michael Barnes Horrell..... Harrells, NC
Daniel Joshua Tripp..... Waynesville, NC
Eric Thomas Warren..... Brentwood, TN

WITH STUDENT MINISTRY

Kody Michael Franks..... Cordele, GA
Daniel Orion Howell..... Greenville, SC
Kristopher Thomas Woods..... Gainesville, FL

WITH WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Jihae Sophia Son..... Seoul, Korea

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.

Daniel J. Baker**..... Cary, NC
Major Professor: Benjamin L. Merkle, Professor of New Testament and Greek
Second Reader: L. Scott Kellum, Professor of New Testament and Greek
Third Reader: Andreas J. Köstenberger, Senior Research Professor of New Testament and Biblical Theology
Thesis: *ACTS 2:17–21: A Programmatic Text in Luke-Acts and in the New Testament.*

Daesung Hong..... Seoul, Korea
Major Professor: Tony Merida, Adjunct Professor
Second Reader: Alvin L. Reid, Senior Professor of Evangelism and Student Ministry, Bailey Smith Chair of Evangelism
Guided Research Project: *The Missional Preaching of Christopher J. H. Wright*

Minwoo Jang..... Daegu, Korea
Major Professor: Ferris L. McDaniel, Professor of Old Testament and Hebrew
Second Reader: Mark F. Rooker, Senior Professor of Old Testament and Hebrew
Guided Research Project: *The Current State of Discussion Concerning Ezekiel 40-48 in Dispensational Interpretation*

Benjamin Woolbright..... Groveland, FL
Major Professor: James Shaddix, Professor of Preaching, W. A. Criswell Chair of Expository Preaching, Director of the Center for Preaching and Pastoral Leadership
Second Reader: Stephen Eccher, Assistant Professor of Church History and Reformation Studies
Guided Research Project: *An Examination of Martin Luther's Critique of Indulgence Preaching*

Peter Micah Anderson *ia*..... Wake Forest, NC
Major Professor: Keith Whitfield, Associate Professor of Theology, Vice President for Academic Administration, Dean of Graduate Studies
Second Reader: Jake Pratt, Assistant Professor of New Testament and Hermeneutics, Associate Director of Ph.D. Studies
Guided Research Project: *Scripture, Existence, and Jacques Ellul's Theological Interpretation of Scripture*

Lyde Coley Andrews *ia*..... Charleston, SC
Major Professor: Daniel R. Heimbach, Senior Professor of Christian Ethics
Second Reader: David W. Jones, Professor of Christian Ethics, Director, Th.M. Program
Guided Research Project: *Moral Injury, Sin, and Redemption: How the Church Can Help Heal the Soul Wounds of War*

Bryan Launer** *ia*..... Raleigh, NC
Major Professor: Andreas J. Köstenberger, Senior Research Professor of New Testament and Biblical Theology
Second Reader: David W. Jones, Professor of Christian Ethics, Director, Th.M. Program
Third Reader: Sam R. Williams, Professor of Counseling, Fulp Professor of Biblical Counseling
Thesis: *Jesus as an Example of Righteous Suffering: 1 Peter 2:18-25 and Kelly M. Kapic's Theology of Suffering*

Terry Ray Long *ia*..... Burnsville, NC
Major Professor: Mark D. Liederbach, Professor of Theology, Ethics and Culture, Vice President for Student Services, Dean of Students
Second Reader: David W. Jones, Professor of Christian Ethics, Director, Th.M. Program
Guided Research Project: *Cultural Engagement: A Foundation for Application from the Predominant Reformed Views*

Adam David Thomason *ia*..... Detroit, MI

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.

Jason Allen Bowen..... Jonesboro, AR
Major Professor: J. Gregory Lawson, Professor of Christian Education
Faculty Reader: Landon G. Dowden, Adjunct Professor
Faculty Reader: Al James, Professor of Missions, Associate Dean of Ministry Studies, EQUIP Network Coordinator
Project Title: *Develop a Strategy for Mentoring Bi-Vocational Ministerial Staff in Selected Ministry Skills*

Robert Frederick Cook, II..... Manassas, VA
Major Professor: Randy Millwood, Adjunct Professor
Faculty Reader: Joel Rainey, Adjunct Professor
Faculty Reader: Charles E. Harvey, Professor of Christian Education, Director for D.Min. Studies
Project Title: *The Development Of A Training Manual For Church Leaders To Become Mentors For Developing New Leaders In The Church*

Christopher Michael DeGeorge..... Houma, LA
Major Professor: Landon G. Dowden, Adjunct Professor
Faculty Reader: David R. Beck, Professor of New Testament and Greek, Associate Dean of Biblical Studies
Faculty Reader: B. Tate Cockrell, Associate Professor of Counseling, Assistant Director for D.Min. Studies
Project Title: *Enhancing the Call to Response in the Expository Preaching of the Senior Pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Tupelo, MS*

Wayne Britt Green..... Eclectic, AL
Major Professor: J. Gregory Lawson, Professor of Christian Education
Faculty Reader: George G. Robinson, IV, Associate Professor of Missions and Evangelism, Richard and Gina Headrick Chair of World Missions
Faculty Reader: Charles E. Harvey, Professor of Christian Education, Director for D.Min. Studies
Project Title: *A Strategic Approach to Facilitating Restorative Church Discipline In The First Baptist Church Of Eclectic, Alabama*

Edwin M. Grudier..... Falls Church, VA
Major Professor: Scott Hildreth, Assistant Professor of Global Studies, George Liele Director of the Lewis A. Drummond Center for Great Commission Studies
Faculty Reader: Gregory D. Mathias, Assistant Professor of Global Studies, Associate Director of International Missions: Lewis A. Drummond Center for Great Commission Studies
Faculty Reader: B. Tate Cockrell, Associate Professor of Counseling, Assistant Director for D.Min. Studies
Project Title: *Equipping Select Members of Cherrydale Baptist Church for Service in Refugee Ministry*

Terry B. Hendrix..... Fort Valley, GA
Major Professor: Charles E. Harvey, Professor of Christian Education, Director for D.Min. Studies
Faculty Reader: J. Gregory Lawson, Professor of Christian Education
Faculty Reader: Brian Upshaw, Adjunct Professor
Project Title: *Assimilation of First-Time Guests Toward Membership in Harmony Community Church*

Rickey Lane Houston..... St. Petersburg, FL
Major Professor: Larry J. Purcell, Regional Consultant with the Kentucky Baptist Convention
Faculty Reader: Dwayne A. Milioni, Assistant Professor of Preaching, Director of the Preaching Ph.D. program
Faculty Reader: H. Chip Hardy, Assistant Professor of Old Testament and Semitic Languages
Project Title: *Developing a Module to Equip a Select Group of Leaders with Expositional Skills at Bethel Metropolitan Baptist Church, Saint Petersburg, Florida*

Timothy David Martin..... Wake Forest, NC
Major Professor: B. Tate Cockrell, Associate Professor of Counseling, Assistant Director for D.Min. studies
Faculty Reader: Benjamin T. Quinn, Assistant Professor of Theology and History of Ideas, Associate Dean of Institutional Effectiveness for the College at Southeastern
Faculty Reader: Ken S. Coley, Professor of Christian Education, Director, Ed.D. Studies
Project Title: *Developing a Family-Based Strategy in the Youth Ministry of Friendship Chapel Baptist Church*

Adam Wayne Moore..... Mooresville, NC
Major Professor: Mike Dodson, Assistant Professor of Church Planting and Evangelism, Associate Director for North American Missions of the Center for Great Commission Studies, North American Mission Board Mobilization Ministry
Faculty Reader: Benjamin L. Merkle, Professor of New Testament and Greek
Faculty Reader: Al James, Professor of Missions, Associate Dean of Ministry Studies, EQUIP Network Coordinator
Project Title: *Developing a North American Church Planting Strategy for Peninsula Baptist Church, Mooresville, 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.

Mark Alan Agnor..... Beckley, WV
Major Professor: Kenneth S. Coley, Senior Professor of Christian Education, Director, Ed.D. Studies
Second Reader: Gary J. Bredfeldt, Professor of Leadership, Education and Discipleship
Dissertation Title: *A Study of Technology and Social Media Use Among SBC Youth Ministries and its Impact on Community and Discipleship*

Joshua Callaway..... Matthews, NC
Major Professor: Kenneth S. Coley, Senior Professor of Christian Education, Director, Ed.D. Studies
Second Reader: Tate Cockrell, Associate Professor of Counseling, Assistant Director for D.Min. Studies
Dissertation Title: *The Impact of Special Needs Inclusion Within Southern Baptist Churches in North Carolina: A Phenomenological Study*

David Milton Edgell..... Suffolk, VA
Major Professor: J. Gregory Lawson, Professor of Christian Education
Second Reader: Kenneth S. Coley, Senior Professor of Christian Education, Director, Ed.D. Studies
Dissertation Title: *Reframing Higher Education: A Case Study of the Educational Leadership of Elmer Towns*

Rodney Chadwick EverhartWilmington, NC
Major Professor: J. Gregory Lawson, Professor of Christian Education
Second Reader: George G. Robinson, IV, Associate Professor of Missions and Evangelism,
Richard and Gina Headrick Chair of World Missions
Dissertation Title: *Professorship as Discipleship: Case Studies of Professors Who Intentionally Make Disciples at Open Enrollment at Evangelical Colleges and Universities*

Joel William HarderOklahoma City, OK
Major Professor: Kenneth S. Coley, Senior Professor of Christian Education, Director, Ed.D. Studies
Second Reader: Charles Edward Lawless, Jr., Vice President for Spiritual Formation and Ministry Centers, Dean of Doctoral Studies, Professor of Evangelism and Missions
Dissertation Title: *E-Mentoring in Discipleship: A Study Exploring Mentoring Relationships Purposed for Discipleship Utilizing Computer Mediated Communication*

Charles Phillip HerringChesapeake, VA
Major Professor: Kenneth S. Coley, Senior Professor of Christian Education, Director of Ed.D. Studies
Second Reader: Travis Bradshaw, Adjunctive Professor of Education
Dissertation Title: *Financial Stewardship Habits of Southern Baptist Millennials: Motivating and Inhibiting Factors – A Mixed Methods Approach*

Charles R. HinesCharlotte Court House, VA
Major Professor: James P. Porowski, Professor of Child and Family Development
Second Reader: J. Gregory Lawson, Professor of Christian Education
Dissertation Title: *A Survey of Silence and Solitude Among the Pastors of the Southern Baptist Conservatives of Virginia (SBCV)*

David Ryan MillerBryan, OH
Major Professor: David Alan Black, Professor of New Testament and Greek, Dr. M.O. Owens, Jr. Chair of New Testament Studies
Second Reader: Thomas Hudgins, Assistant Professor, Capital Seminary, Greenbelt, MD
Dissertation Title: *A Pedagogical Analysis and Assessment of New Testament Greek in Twenty-First-Century Theological Education*

Christopher Bryan PressonGreensboro, NC
Major Professor: Kenneth S. Coley, Senior Professor of Christian Education, Director, Ed.D. Studies
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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 Seminary library.

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CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATION

The College at Southeastern

ASSOCIATE OF DIVINITY IN BIBLICAL STUDIES

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

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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 in Christian Studies degree requires a minimum of 126 hours.

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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.

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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.

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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.

Raymond Cordova †††Boca Raton, FL

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN HISTORY (PRE-LAW)

The major in History (Pre-law track) prepares students for a future in the legal profession. The program provides students with a basic knowledge of United States history and the development of America’s political and legal institutions. In addition, it teaches the skills identified by the American Bar Association’s Section on Legal Education as essential in the legal profession: analytical and problem solving skills; critical reading abilities; writing skills; oral communication; and research skills. This curriculum is designed to equip students for a lifetime of Christian work and ministry in the legal profession. The core competencies of Spiritual Formation, Biblical Exposition, and Ministry Preparation are most directly addressed in the Christian Studies component of the BA with History (Pre-law track) program. However, the core competencies of Theological Integration and Christian Leadership are addressed more directly by required courses in this curriculum which promote an understanding of the Biblical approach to history, ethics, government and political philosophy.

Nathan Paul RobbinsRaleigh, NC

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN JUSTICE AND SOCIAL ETHICS

The major in Justice and Social Ethics assists students in constructing a biblical framework through which to understand and evaluate how God’s righteousness applies to ethical topics important in personal life, family relationships, the Christian community, and contemporary society. Further, it equips students to engage in culturally relevant and personally meaningful moral discussions from a Judeo-Christian worldview by speaking biblical truth, reflecting God’s justice, and spreading God’s kingdom. This degree is designed to provide foundational preparation for students who desire to serve in para-church ministries, denominational service, public policy advocacy, and general moral witness in the culture. Further, in combination with other credentials, this major can be useful to students who desire to serve in fields such as law, politics, journalism, and public education, among other venues in the public square. Additionally, the major in Justice and Social Ethics can give a prophetic edge to students called to pastoral ministry, missionary evangelism, and various forms of chaplaincy.

John Stevens Sullivan, II ^{††}.....Wasilla, AK

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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.

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BACHELOR OF ARTS IN PHILOSOPHY

The major in Philosophy introduces students to the major issues and problems in philosophy. It fosters the intellect so that students are better equipped to critique, analyze, and argue various perspectives. Students will learn the basic skills of logic and rhetoric, will be introduced to various fields of philosophical debate, and learn how to engage these matters from a Christian perspective. This degree program is perfectly suited for students who wish to continue on to graduate school or pursue a career in philosophy, theology, ministry, classical studies or law.

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BACHELOR OF ARTS IN STUDENT MINISTRY

The Bachelor of Arts in Student Ministry is designed to train student ministers who envision student ministry as a partnership between church and family, with the goal of developing students as maturing disciples of Christ. In addition to the foundational course in student ministry, the major will train potential ministers in evangelism, discipleship, counseling, and communication. Additional courses in student ministry, Bible exposition and discipleship provide a foundation for further study at the Master’s level.

Caleb Daniel MartensWake Forest, NC

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN THEOLOGY

The major in theology introduces students to the discipline of theology and selected Christian doctrines. Students will study biblical theology, theological methods and systems, great works in the history of theology, and the role of contextualization in Christian theology. Theological selectives allow students to study specific Christian doctrines.

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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.

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ACADEMIC REGALIA

The hoods, gowns, and caps worn in academic ceremonies today are modified versions of clothing worn by ecclesiastics and students in the 12th and 13th centuries. They wore gowns and hoods to their lectures, probably for warmth in the damp, unheated halls where classes were held. The designs and colors of these costumes have come to symbolize the level of academic attainment and the institution attended.

The bachelor’s robe has an elaborate yoke but is otherwise a plain garment with a closed, pleated front and long, full-pointed sleeves. The master’s robe is identifiable by its sleeves, cut for the arm at the wrist and just above the elbow, which have a distinctive oblong back and are squared at the ends. The doctor’s robe, full cut and with voluminous long sleeves, is distinguished by its rich velvet trim. Robe-length front panels and velvet sleeve bars are either black or symbolize, by their color, the field in which the doctorate was obtained. The mortarboard or tam is worn with tassels that are usually black but may represent the degree held by the wearer.

Tassels worn signify the following:

- Scarlet:** Theology, Divinity
- Light Blue:** Pedagogy, Education
- White:** English, History, Arts, Letters, Humanities
- Purple:** Jurisprudence, Law
- Dark Blue:** Political Science, Social Ethics, Philosophy
- Pink:** Music
- Gold:** Physics, Mathematics, Science
- Lemon:** Library Science

Cords worn signify the following:

- White:** Great Commission Student (Mission Trip)
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- Blue and White:** Fuller House
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