

Opening Convocation

September 2, 1975

10:00 a.m.

President W. Randall Lolley, presiding



Silver Anniversary Year
1975-1976

Southeastern Baptist
Theological Seminary

Wake Forest, North Carolina

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Prelude—"Jesus, Priceless Treasure" Bach

*Procession of the Faculty

"Psalm 19" Marcello

Opening Sentences President Lolley

Have you not known? Have you not heard?

The Lord is the everlasting God, the
Creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint or grow weary,
his understanding is unsearchable.

He gives power to the faint, and to
him who has no might he increases
strength. *(Isaiah 40:28-29)*

*Hymn—"God of Grace and God of Glory" No. 465

Invocation President Lolley

Responsive Reading No. 10
"The Way of Wisdom"

*Gloria Patri

Presentation of Henry Rood's Portrait of Dr. Olin T. Binkley

Presentation—Rev. Edgar E. Ferrell, Jr., for the Alumni

Unveiling— Elizabeth Cheek,
Granddaughter of Dr. Binkley

Acceptance— President Lolley

THE BINKLEY PORTRAIT

On June 6, 1968 the Alumni Association voted to add a "Portrait fund" to the projects listed in its annual giving program. Mr. Henry E. Rood, Jr., Greensboro, North Carolina, who painted the portrait of Dr. Sydnor L. Stealey, first president of the Seminary, in 1955, was secured last spring to paint Dr. Binkley's portrait.

As a result of the material support of alumni and others, the counsel of Dr. James Blackmore, and the interest of many other friends in the Seminary family, the portrait of Dr. Binkley is being presented to Southeastern Seminary at the opening convocation of the 1975-1976 academic year.

Dr. Binkley was born in Harmony, North Carolina. He received the B.A. from Wake Forest College, the Th.B. from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and the B.D. and the Ph.D. from Yale University. He has been awarded the D.D. degree by Wake Forest College, and the University of North Carolina, and the H.H.D. degree by Campbell College.

After distinguished service as pastor of University Baptist Church, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, Dr. Binkley served as Head, Department of Religion, Wake Forest College, and as Professor of Ethics and Sociology at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. After five years of service as Academic Dean at Southeastern, he served as president of the school from 1963 until 1974.

Dr. and Mrs. Binkley have two daughters, Pauline (Mrs. Edwin Cheek), and Janet (Mrs. David Erwin), and five grandchildren, Edith, Edwin Binkley, and Elizabeth Cheek and Vicki and Gill Binkley Erwin. Elizabeth, eight years of age, the youngest of the grandchildren, will unveil the portrait.

Installation of Professors President Lolley

Dr. Richard L. Hester
Professor of Pastoral Care and Psychology of Religion
B.A., Baylor University
B.D., Southern Baptist Theological Seminary
Th.D., Southern Baptist Theological Seminary

Dr. Albert L. Meiburg
Professor of Pastoral Theology and Dean of the Faculty
B.S., Clemson University
B.D., Southern Baptist Theological Seminary
Th.D., Southern Baptist Theological Seminary

Signing of the Abstract
of Principles Professor Hester
Dean Meiburg

Solo Professor Ben S. Johnson
"Whither Shall I Go From Thy Spirit?"

Address President Lolley
"What Shape is An Idol?"

*Seminary Hymn**

Prayer and Benediction Dean Meiburg

*Recession of the Faculty
"Now Thank We All our God" Karg-Elert

*Congregation standing

**Words of the hymn printed on the back of this program.

THE SEMINARY HYMN

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.

Our message be the gospel plain,
Our joy its power o'er sin's dark stain;
Born from above the sinner lives,
New life in Christ the Spirit gives!

The rights of man we shall defend,
Our strength to justice ever lend,
The sins of greed, of caste and war,
Bring men and nations to abhor.

We thank our God for kindly years,
For fellowship through joy and tears,
For learning and for friendly toil,
For faith to sow in every soil.

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

—E. A. McDowell, Jr.