



**Southeastern**  
Baptist Theological Seminary

***Commencement Exercises***

*Thirteenth of December, Two Thousand Thirteen*



COMMENCEMENT  
Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary

Friday, December 13, 10 a.m., Binkley Chapel

Prelude .....	<i>Gloria</i> with <i>Angels We Have Heard on High</i> arr. Ronn Huff
*Processional .....	<i>O Come, All Ye Faithful</i> arr. Carolyn Hamlin
*Hymn .....	<i>Joy to the World! The Lord is Come</i> arr. Benjamin Harlan
*Invocation .....	Heath A. Thomas Director of Ph.D. Studies/Associate Professor of Old Testament and Hebrew
Greeting .....	Mark D. Liederbach Vice President for Student Services/Dean of Students/Professor of Theology, Ethics & Culture
*Hymn .....	<i>Joy Has Dawned</i> with <i>Angels We Have Heard on High</i> arr. Paul Campbell
Scripture Reading .....	James L. Shaddix Non-Resident Professor of Preaching/Pastor of Teaching & Training, The Church at Brook Hills, Birmingham, AL
Featured Music .....	<i>Go, Tell It on the Mountain</i> arr. Mark Hayes  Rickey Dawson - <i>Master of Church Music</i> & Beth Hood - <i>Bachelor of Arts in Christian Studies and Music</i>
Charge to Graduates .....	Daniel L. Akin President/Professor of Preaching and Theology
Prayer of Dedication .....	Hampton L. Drum Senior Pastor, Langston Baptist Church, Conway, SC
Conferring of Degrees .....	Daniel L. Akin  Bruce R. Ashford Provost/Associate Professor of Theology and Culture  Charles E. Lawless, Jr. Dean of Graduate Studies/Professor of Evangelism and Missions  James K. Dew, Jr. Dean of the College at Southeastern/Associate Professor of History of Ideas and Philosophy
*Hymn .....	<i>In Christ Alone</i> arr. Dave Cleveland
*Benediction .....	Jeremy A. Evans Associate Professor of Philosophy
*Recessional .....	<i>Hallelujah Chorus</i> from Handel's "Messiah," edited by Diane Bish

Music Director .....	Joshua A. Waggener	Pianist .....	Laura L. Laird	Organist .....	Nannette M. Godwin
	Instructor of Music		Staff Accompanist		Professor of Church Music and Keyboard

\* Please stand

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 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.

#### in Biblical Studies

Thomas Alan Massey . . . . . Reidsville, 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.

Christopher Ray Allen . . . . . Pickens, SC  
Kyle Jackson Britt . . . . . Raleigh, NC  
Steven Joel Gunn . . . . . Wake Forest, NC  
Garry William Howard . . . . . Rutledge, TN  
Colby Reid Huftalen . . . . . Weston, FL  
Heidi Renee McClure . . . . . Longview, WA

#### with a Minor in Biblical Studies

Jonathan Bradley Harbin . . . . . Powell, TN

#### with a Minor in English

Brianna Marie Felix . . . . . Wake Forest, NC

#### with a Minor in History

McKenzie Allen Johnson . . . . . Garner, NC

#### with a Minor in Missions

Quinny Ruth Sanchez Lopez . . . . . Charlotte, NC  
Ashley Marie Webster . . . . . Albemarle, NC

#### with a Minor in Pastoral Ministry

Ethan Lee Drum . . . . . Statesville, NC  
Daniel Adam Self . . . . . Rock Hill, SC  
Michael Brien Smith . . . . . Wendell, NC  
Timothy Russell Wilkerson, III . . . . . Lawtey, FL

#### with a Minor in Student Ministry

Nancy Elizabeth Mouser . . . . . Star, ID

#### and English

Mara Elizabeth Masters . . . . . Jacksonville, NC

#### and Humanities

Andrew Gibson Hochadel . . . . . Canton, GA  
Michael Travis Poe . . . . . Louisburg, NC

#### and Missions

Jeremy Bryan Kuter . . . . . Cumming, GA

Amanda Lauren Springer . . . . . Yulee, FL

Erin Lynn Piner *ia* . . . . . Broad Creek, NC

#### and Pastoral Ministry

Ryan Galen Colpitts . . . . . Durham, NC

#### and Theology

Brett Alan Colyer *ia* . . . . . Cary, NC

### *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.

Audrey Lynn Bell . . . . . Chantilly, VA  
Sarah Nicole Carr . . . . . Huntsville, AL  
Russell Michael Dredla . . . . . Durham, NC  
John Mark Folker . . . . . Griffin, GA  
Ralph Robert Haynes . . . . . Cashion, OK  
Anna Ruth McGee . . . . . Oakdale, LA  
Mary Ann McMillan . . . . . Buford, GA  
Sarah Claire Ramage . . . . . Hattiesburg, MS  
Dana Michelle Roland . . . . . Sugar Hill, GA  
Drew Heddleston Young . . . . . Nacogdoches, TX

Samantha Lea Greeson *ia* . . . . . Richmond, TX  
Timothy James Scott *ia* . . . . . Scottsville, VA  
Robert Logan Smith *ia* . . . . . Christiansburg, VA  
Louis Christopher Sykes *ia* . . . . . Mount Pleasant, TX

*ia* - in absentia



# 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 Languages, Christian Studies, Ethics, Theology and Culture, Old Testament and Philosophy of Religion; and six degrees of the second kind: Biblical Counseling, Christian School Administration, Christian Education, Christian Education and Biblical Counseling, Ministry Leadership and Women's Studies.

#### Christian Studies

Jillian Colleen Abraham..... Snellville, GA  
Justin Bradley Barnett ..... Kinston, NC  
Donald Seth Brown ..... Wesson, MS  
Rachel Anne Eldredge ..... Athens, GA  
Whitney Lane Gillis..... Milton, FL  
Nova Anise Glass ..... Smithfield, VA  
Keith O'Neal Griffin ..... Boone, NC  
Robin Christy Hovater.....Cullman, AL  
Ashlee Stephenson Ickes.....Zebulon, NC  
Jeremy Alan Johnson .....Gainesville, FL  
Matthew David Joyner..... Raleigh, NC  
Robert Gordon Kazanski ..... Frisco, TX  
Matthew Kevin Kerbawy ..... Beckley, WV  
Catherine A. Monaco.....Durham, NC  
Emillie Louise Collins Mullis .....Bentley, LA  
Alan Rogers Smith .....Sandersville, GA  
Jesse A. Smith..... Tampa, FL  
Larry Glenn Stephens.....Jacksonville, NC

Allyson Jan Basden *ia* ..... Birmingham, AL  
Elizabeth Smith Chasteen *ia* .....Clemson, SC  
Brian Jeffrey Chauncey *ia* ..... Chattanooga, TN  
Daryl Scott Edmundson *ia* ..... St. Thomas, PA

*ia - in absentia*

Kevin Scott Gates *ia* ..... Gastonia, NC  
Ray Alan Sanford *ia* .....Wetumpka, AL

#### Old Testament

Brian Phillip Baucom ..... Monroe, NC  
Major Professor: Tracy J. McKenzie, Assistant Professor of Biblical Studies  
Faculty Reader: Mark F. Rooker, Professor of Old Testament and Hebrew  
Thesis: *The Evidence for Literary Coherence in Text-Critical Variants in Ezekiel 16: A Text-Critical and Literary-Critical Evaluation of the Masoretic and Septuagintal Texts*

#### in Biblical Counseling

Joy Brown Forrest ..... Wake Forest, NC  
Kwee Chen Hang ..... Malaysia  
Pamela Catoe Moore ..... St. Matthews, SC  
Grayson Baker Oliver..... Gaffney, NC  
Kanasa D'Nae Snow..... Borger, TX

Rachael Allyse Cookson *ia* ..... Cleveland, OH  
Carlton Wade DeyArmin, III *ia* .....Cosmopolis, WA  
Jeremy McMahan *ia* .....Belton, SC  
Ashley Lorraine Ralston *ia* .....Selma, AL

#### in Christian Education

Ansley Renee Junkins ..... Anderson, SC

#### in Christian Education and Biblical Counseling

Kristin Bowles Kitchens .....Wadley, GA

#### in Ministry Leadership

Nathaniel Roy Mace..... Jacksonville, FL  
Travis Brandon Rann ..... Chattanooga, TN  
George Thomas Sam..... Tenkasi, India  
JoLin Grace Schupp .....Fuquay-Varina, NC  
Lyn Dillon Schupp..... Wilmington, NC  
Scott Edward Walker..... Seagrove, NC  
John William Welborn.....Harrisonburg, VA

#### in Women's Studies

Catherine Laurel Wells ..... Florence, SC

### 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.

Rickey E. Dawson, Jr..... Stedman, 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 M.Div.

Eric Saunders ..... Chesapeake, VA

Robert Bruce Hardy, II *ia* ..... High Point, NC

#### with Advanced Biblical Studies

Stephen Tan Chang ..... Archdale, NC  
Sejun Kim ..... Seoul, South Korea  
Matthew David Mitchell ..... Suffolk, VA  
Richard Allen Riley, Jr. .... Concord, NC

#### with Biblical Counseling

David Jeffrey Key *ia* ..... Spartanburg, SC

#### with Christian Apologetics

Eric Wayne Simmons..... Dobson, NC

#### with Christian Ministry

Shawn Michael Alldredge .....Wetumpka, AL  
Brian Phillip Baucom..... Monroe, NC  
David Allen Bridwell .....Gainesville, FL

Jason Campbell.....Belmont, NC  
Kacy Lynne Chandler..... Lipan, TX  
John Simon Cochran ..... Gainesville, GA  
Chris Conley..... Austin, TX  
Justin Baine Deeter.....Wilson, NC  
Jacob William Dorak .....Johnson City, TN  
Drew N. Grumbles..... Creedmoor, NC  
Brandon D. Hitt .....Gatesville, TX  
Michael Donald Kayle ..... Findlay, OH  
Lyle Alexander LaFountain ..... Tampa, FL  
Joshua Michael Lawrence..... Southport, NC  
Caleb Matthew Miller ..... Decatur, AL  
Brian Min ..... Raleigh, NC  
Cary Paul Mullen ..... Jackson, TN  
Zachary Mark Mullis .....Pickens, SC  
Joseph H. Park ..... Baltimore, MD  
Jarred Scott Pike ..... Birmingham, AL  
Shannon Elizabeth Rawlins..... Wentworth, NC  
Shane Shaddix ..... Raleigh, NC  
Jonathan Benton Shelor .....Mount Holly, NC  
Paul Miles Whitfield ..... Milton, FL  
Carey Douglas Wilson, IV..... Macon, GA

Kyle Forrest Roy Davis *ia* .....Orange, CA  
Alton Blake Grubbs *ia* ..... Lawrenceville, GA  
Phillip Michael Howell *ia* ..... Washington, D.C.  
David Wesley Johnson *ia* .....Thomasville, NC  
Chase Clairmont Krug *ia* ..... Birmingham, AL  
Willie Albert Parker *ia* ..... Coatesville, PA  
Brandon Bishop Shaffer *ia* ..... Miamisburg, OH  
Brennan P. Strain *ia* ..... Fayetteville, GA  
David Hunter Swieringa, III *ia* ..... Lothair, GA  
Joshua K. Yates *ia* .....Auburn, KY

#### with Evangelism

Charles Anthony Reemsnnyder ..... Silver Spring, MD

#### with International Church Planting

Dana Michelle Roland ..... Sugar Hill, GA

Tyler S. Boone *ia* ..... Weaverville, NC  
Jonathan Samuel Dobbs *ia* ..... Augusta, GA  
Matthew Duane Hirt *ia* ..... Vickery, OH

#### with Pastoral Ministry

Thomas Albert Collings, III..... Spartanburg, SC

#### with Student Ministry

Blake Everett ..... Palatka, FL



Marlana Kaye Branning . . . . . Marianna, FL

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 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.

Ssegirinya Abel ia . . . . . Uganda  
Ezekiel Tucker Gingo ia . . . . . Uganda  
George Mbonyebyombi ia . . . . . Uganda  
Timothy Charles Ochom ia . . . . . Uganda

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.

Alex Shane Carr . . . . . Dora, AL  
Major Professor: Benjamin L. Merkle, Associate Professor of New Testament and Greek  
Second Reader: Andreas J. Köstenberger, Senior Research Professor of New Testament and Biblical Theology  
Guided Research Project: *The Meaning of ΠΑΞ in Paul's First Letter to Timothy*

John Fitzgerald Carter . . . . . Hammond, LA  
Major Professor: John S. Hammett, Professor of Systematic Theology  
Second Reader: David W. Jones, Associate Professor of Christian Ethics  
Guided Research Project: *The Humanity of Christ: From Early Formulations to Contemporary Implications*

Jonathan D. Martinez\*\* . . . . . Chesapeake, VA  
Major Professor: Steven W. Ladd, Associate Professor of Theology and Philosophy  
Second Reader: Jeremy A. Evans, Associate Professor of Philosophy  
Third Reader: Stephen B. Eccher, Assistant Professor of Church History and Reformation Studies  
Thesis: *Augustine, Aquinas, and the Eucharistic Christ: An Analysis and Comparison of St. Augustine and St. Aquinas' Views of the Real Presence of Christ in the Celebration of the Eucharist*

Joel Murdock Branscomb ia . . . . . Winston Salem, NC  
Major Professor: Heath A. Thomas, Associate Professor of Old Testament and Hebrew  
Second Reader: Tracy J. McKenzie, Assistant Professor of Biblical Studies  
Guided Research Project: *An Investigation and Evaluation of Intertextuality from an Evangelical Perspective with an Application to the Role of Exodus 34:6-7 in the Book of Joel*

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.

John Mark Harrison, Jr. . . . . Apex, NC  
Major Professor: Daniel L. Akin, Professor of Preaching and Theology  
Faculty Reader: Charles E. Harvey, Professor of Christian Education  
Field Mentor: Bruce Frank, Lead Pastor, Biltmore Baptist Church, Arden, NC  
Project Title: *Designing a Multi-Faceted Delivery System to Increase Participation in the Sunday Morning Preaching Event at Apex Baptist Church*

Wayne Floyd Meadows . . . . . Hiram, GA  
Major Professor: Greg Heisler, Adjunct Professor of Preaching  
Faculty Reader: Steven P. Wade, Associate Professor of Pastoral Theology  
Field Mentor: Matthew Emerson, Assistant Professor of Christian Studies, California Baptist University, Riverside, CA  
Project Title: *Equipping a Select Group of Members at Poplar Springs Baptist Church in Hiram, Georgia to Understand, Recognize, and Appreciate Biblical Theology within the Context of Expository Preaching*

David Allen Miller . . . . . Indianola, OK  
Major Professor: Charles E. Harvey, Professor of Christian Education  
Faculty Reader: Kenneth D. Keathley, Professor of Theology  
Field Mentor: Brian Upshaw, Church Ministry Team Leader, Baptist General Convention of North Carolina  
Project Title: *Developing a Strategy to Integrate the Ministries of FBC Roswell with a Disciple-Making Process to Support the Missional Vision of the Church*

Charles Stanley Morales. . . . . El Paso, TX  
Major Professor: John H. Ewart, Fletcher Professor of Missions  
Faculty Reader: Charles E. Harvey, Professor of Christian Education  
Field Mentor: C. Randy White, Director of Missions, New South River Baptist Association, Fayetteville, NC  
Project Title: *A Systematic Discipleship Module in Evangelism: Training and Inspiring Christians to Fulfill The Great Commission*

Jeremy Alton Rogers . . . . . Arlington, TX  
Major Professor: Greg Heisler, Adjunct Professor of Preaching  
Faculty Reader: Charles E. Harvey, Professor of Christian Education  
Field Mentor: Jim Richards, Executive Director of the Southern Baptist Convention of Texas, Grapevine, TX  
Project Title: *An Experimental Design Strategy to Examine the Adult Congregational Engagement with the Weekly Sunday Morning Expository Sermon at Arlington Park Baptist Church in Arlington, Texas*

Wade S. Runge . . . . . Richmond, VA  
Major Professor: Kenneth S. Coley, Professor of Christian Education  
Faculty Reader: Larry J. Purcell, Associate Professor of Leadership and Discipleship  
Field Mentor: Dwayne J. Sconion, Senior Pastor, Midlothian Christian Fellowship, Richmond, VA  
Project Title: *A Servanthood Strategy for a Church in Richmond, Virginia to Reach the Urban Community*

Christopher David Swan . . . . . Gainesville, GA  
Major Professor: George G. Robinson, Assistant Professor of Missions and Evangelism  
Faculty Reader: Charles E. Harvey, Professor of Christian Education  
Field Mentor: Steve Wright, Pastor of Discipleship, First Baptist of West Palm Beach, FL  
Project Title: *The Role of the Local Church in Equipping Parents to be the Primary Influence in the Spiritual Formation of Their Children: A Study at Lawndale Baptist Church in Greensboro, NC*

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.

Robert C. Hefner . . . . . Hendersonville, NC  
Major Professor: James P. Porowski, Professor of Child and Family Development  
Faculty Reader: J. Gregory Lawson, Professor of Christian Education  
Dissertation Title: *The Holy Spirit and Learning Domains: A Content Analysis of Pauline Literature*

Merrie Allen Johnson . . . . . Garner, NC  
Major Professor: J. Gregory Lawson, Professor of Christian Education  
Faculty Reader: Travis H. Bradshaw, Adjunctive Professor of Education  
Dissertation Title: *The Faith and Practice of Adolescents in North Carolina: An Assessment of Biblical Literacy and Application of Biblical Principles*

Larry Alvin Lindsay, II . . . . . Wendell, NC  
Major Professor: J. Gregory Lawson, Professor of Christian Education  
Faculty Reader: James P. Porowski, Professor of Child and Family Development  
Dissertation Title: *A Content Analysis on the Recognition of the Educational Ministry of the Holy Spirit in Christian Education Textbooks*

Denise Hollifield O'Donoghue . . . . . Raleigh, NC  
Major Professor: Larry J. Purcell, Associate Professor of Leadership and Discipleship  
Faculty Reader: Kenneth S. Coley, Professor of Christian Education  
External Reader: Ashley L. Allen, Director Embrace Women's Ministry of the Baptist State Convention of NC  
Dissertation Title: *Critical Success Factors for Creating and Sustaining an Intergenerational Women's Ministry: A Delphi Study*

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.

Susan Maxwell Booth . . . . . Cochrane, Alberta, Canada  
Major Professor: Alvin L. Reid, Professor of Evangelism and Student Ministry  
Faculty Reader: Bruce R. Ashford, Associate Professor Theology and Culture  
External Reader: Daniel Hays, Professor of Biblical Studies, Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia, AR  
Dissertation Title: *Missional Dimensions of the Tabernacled Presence of God: Implications for Gospel Witness*

Keith Shawn Whitfield. . . . . Wake Forest, NC  
Major Professor: Daniel L. Akin, Professor of Preaching and Theology  
Faculty Reader: Bruce R. Ashford, Associate Professor of Theology and Culture  
External Reader: Michael W. Goheen, Professor of Missiology, Calvin Theological Seminary  
Dissertation Title: *The Mission of God: An Evangelical Appropriation of the Missio Dei as a Key for Systematic Theology*

Brent Allan Crowe ia . . . . . Orlando, FL  
Major Professor: Alvin L. Reid, Professor of Evangelism and Student Ministry  
Faculty Reader: Larry Purcell, Associate Professor of Leadership and Discipleship  
External Reader: Bill Brown, Chancellor of Cedarville University  
Dissertation Title: *A Critical Analysis of the Motivating Factors Influencing Three Evangelical Leaders to Engage in Social Justice: William Wilberforce, Elizabeth Fry, and Dietrich Bonhoeffer*

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\*\*ThM w/ Thesis



## *Faculty Marshals*

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L. Scott Kellum, *Chief Faculty Marshal*  
*Associate Professor of New Testament and Greek*

David W. Jones, *Faculty Marshal*  
*Associate Professor of Christian Ethics*

## *Student Marshals*

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Namjong Jerry Cho  
Rachel Eldredge

## *Academic Regalia*

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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 are signified by 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





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