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## R.F. Smith To Speak at Southeastern Founders' Day

Wake Forest, NC - Dr. R.F. Smith, senior minister of the Fifth Avenue Baptist Church, Huntington, West Virginia, will speak for Founders' Day at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. Smith received his B.D. from Southeastern in 1957 and his D. Min. in 1975. He served on the board of trustees for the seminary from 1973 to 1978.

Founders' Day services will be held in the seminary's Binkley Chapel on Tuesday, March 12 at 10:00 a.m. The public is invited to attend. This year's Founders' Day celebration marks the 40th anniversary of the seminary. Southeastern first held classes in 1951.

Smith, a native of Lenoir, North Carolina, was ordained in 1953 and has pastored churches for over 25 years. Prior to his current pastorate, which he took in 1979, Smith served in Durham, Hickory, North Wilkesboro, and Pittsboro churches. He has also worked as a communications consultant for Market Ministry, Inc., of Hickory, North Carolina.

During Smith's ministry, he has held various leadership roles in Southern Baptist and American Baptist churches. He is a much sought-after preacher and public speaker and is a regular contributor to various newspapers and magazines.

Smith is married to the former Faye Tyndall of Kinston, North Carolina. They have raised three children: Becky, born 1958; Forest, born 1960, deceased 1978; and Rachel, born 1962.

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