



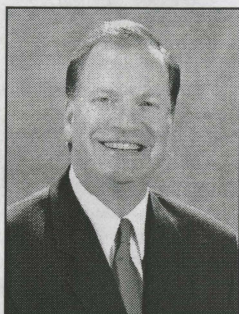
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A Look Inside

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Akin elected sixth president of SEBTS

By Staff

Dr. Daniel L. Akin became the sixth president of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary on January 15, 2004, after a unanimous vote of election by the Seminary's Board of Trustees.

Known by many as a leader in Southern Baptist life, Akin, 47, is admired and respected for his dedication to his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and his commitment to teach and proclaim His Word.

"I am excited about the election of Dr. Akin as the sixth president of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, for several reasons: He is a visionary leader, a wonderful expository preacher, a fine educator and astute theologian," said Bart Neal, Southeastern's interim president for the past six months.

"Dr. Akin displays that rare combination of a brilliant mind and a passion for evangelism. I know that this is God's will, and I also know that God will use Dr. Akin's leadership to guide Southeastern to a bright future."

Akin, who previously served at Southeastern as Assistant Professor of Theology and Dean of Students from 1992-1996, was Vice President for Academic Administration/Dean of the School of Theology at The Southern Bap-



Dr. Daniel Akin (left) was elected as the sixth president of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary on January 15, 2004. Rev. Timothy Lewis (right), chairman of the Board of Trustees, headed the selection process.

tist Theological Seminary in Louisville, KY, a position he held until his return to Southeastern today.

Akin was also elected to the position of Professor of Theology and Preaching.

After earning a Bachelor of Arts in biblical studies from Criswell College in 1980, Akin went on to earn both a Master of Divinity degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1983 and a Doctor of Philosophy in humanities from the University of Texas at Arlington in 1989.

"I am extremely honored and genuinely humbled at this opportunity," Akin said. "I do count it a great, great honor to come back home and be part of one of the greatest schools in the world."

Timothy Lewis, chairman of the Seminary's Board of Trustees, said that after an intensive nationwide search, it became clear that Akin was the man God had chosen to lead Southeastern.

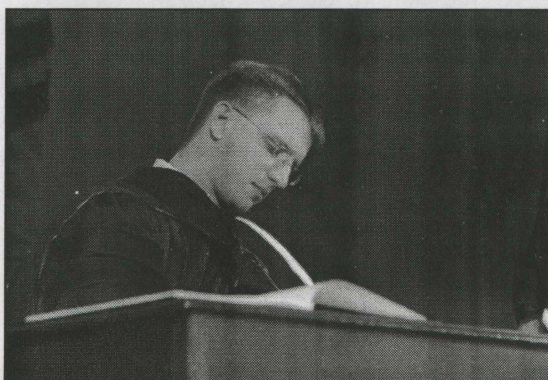
"This is a great day, a glorious day, a historic day," he said.

"(Akin) is a man with a great passion for God. I thank the Lord for him and his family."

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Profs sign statements of faith at opening convocation

By Evan Lenow



Dr. David Jones, Assistant Professor of Christian Ethics, signed the Abstract of Principles and the Baptist Faith and Message 2000 at spring convocation.

Despite snow and icy conditions, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary held its opening convocation service on January 27, 2004.

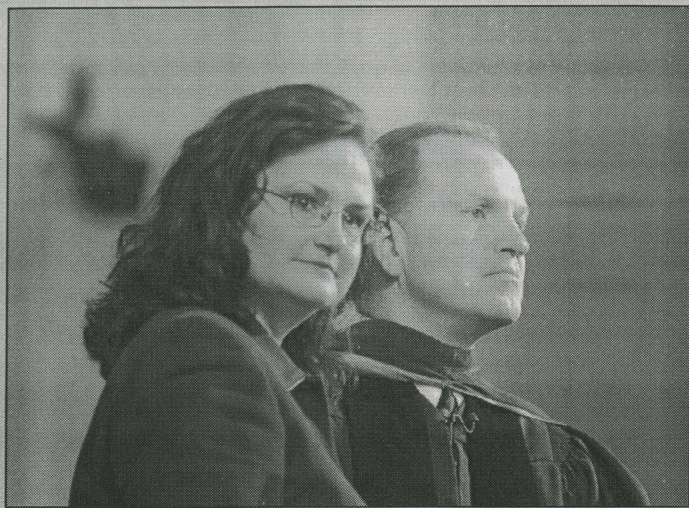
The opening convocation of each semester holds special significance as recently elected professors have the opportunity to sign the two statements of faith approved by the Trustees of Southeastern. The two statements of faith are the Abstract of Principles and the Baptist Faith and Message 2000.

According to Dr. Russ Bush, Academic Vice President and Dean of the Faculty, the two statements of faith are the oldest and newest statements to be recognized by Southern Baptist seminaries.

The Abstract of Principles was drafted by Basil Manly, Jr., in 1859, for the constitution of The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Every professor at Southern Seminary has been asked to sign this statement of faith since then.

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Faculty Spotlight: Daniel L. Akin



Dr. Akin, joined by his wife Charlotte, was presented to the student body as the new President during spring convocation.

Family: Charlotte, married 25 years; Nathan, 23; Jonathan, 23; Paul, 20; Timothy, 18

Seminary/College: President; Professor of Preaching and Theology

Hometown: Atlanta, Georgia

How you became a Christian: I trusted the Lord Jesus one Sunday night after church in my home, at about the ages of 8 or 9. My parents were with me.

Current church: Highview Baptist Church, Louisville, Kentucky

Current local church ministry: I have served as a teaching pastor for the last 4 years, preaching our Wednesday night services.

Most influential person in your life: As a small boy, my granddaddy Gal-loway. In ministry, Paige Patterson.

Something surprising about you: I ran a marathon in 1980 while a student at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Education: B.A., Criswell College; M. Div., Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary; Ph.D in Humanities, University of Texas Arlington

Classes currently teaching: Christian Theology, Christology, Expository Preaching

Favorite class ever taught: Christology

Recent or upcoming publications: *A Theology for the Church* (2005); *God on Sex* (2003); *Rediscovering the Biblical Jesus* (2003)

Favorite preachers: Adrian Rogers, Steven Olford, Jerry Vines, Paige Patterson, James Merritt, John MacArthur

Favorite musicians: Michael W. Smith, Twyla Paris, Fanny Crosby

Hobbies: Reading, walking, loving my wife and enjoying my 4 sons (and not in that order)

What influenced you to come to Southeastern: The gracious and wonderful call of God that this was His will for my life.

What is your passion: Preaching and teaching the Word of God and pointing people to Jesus, showing them how beautiful, wonderful, and glorious He is.

A word of wisdom for the readers: Always remember that all that matters in life is that you please God (1 Corinthians 10:31).

Georgia Baptist scholarship

Residents of Georgia who were also members of Georgia Baptist churches may apply for a scholarship from the Georgia Baptist Foundation. All individuals must complete a new application this semester, even if you received the scholarship last semester. Applications are available in the Student Life Office. The deadline for submitting an application is February 17.

Chattanooga Christian Community scholarship

The Chattanooga Christian Community Foundation is accepting applications for the 2004-2005 Dora Maclellan Brown scholarship. The scholarship is available for M.Div. and Th.M. students from the Greater Chattanooga area. Applications and more information is available at www.cccfdn.org or by calling William Scott at (423) 266-5257. The deadline for submitting an application is February 15.

Florida Hollinger scholarship

Applications for the Hollinger Scholarship are available in the Student Life Office. Applicants must be Masters-level students from Florida. The deadline for applying is February 17.

Keesee scholarship

Applications for the Keesee scholarship are available in the Student Life Office. This scholarship is for Masters-level students who are residents of North Carolina and Virginia. The deadline for this scholarship is April 1.

Spring intramurals

The intramural department will be sponsoring several intramural sports during the spring semester. These will be basketball, volleyball, Frisbee golf, and other exciting events. Basketball sign-ups are now underway. Participants will be able to form their own teams again this year for basketball, so be thinking about who you want on your team. For more information, contact Seth Bible in the Student Life Office at 761-2309 or sbible@sebts.edu.

Make-up pictures

The Public Relations Office will be offering make-up pictures for those who missed matriculation. Students needing a picture for the *Funnybook* should go to the Public Relations Office on the third floor of Stealey Hall on Monday, February 2, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., or Tuesday, February 3, 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

Parents' night out

The Student Life Office is sponsoring a parents' night out for Southeastern students on Friday, February 13. Childcare will be provided for children ages 0-12 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. The cost is \$3 per child with a maximum of \$9 per family. Anyone wanting childcare provided or wanting to assist with childcare may contact the Student Life Office at 761-2305.

Southeastern talent pool

Do you have a skill you would like to market while you are here at school? Perhaps you would like to prepare tax returns for people in the area for a fee; or you might be a skilled carpenter or painter who could take on some jobs to help pay your way through school; you might wish to be put on a list to be called by folks who need some yard work or miscellaneous odd jobs performed on a short-term basis; maybe you could tutor during the afternoons, or baby-sit, or do some sewing. If you have a talent for sale, the Employment Services Office can help! All you have to do is complete a form which is available in Employment Services Office in the Ledford Center. Your talent information will then be entered into a database. Whenever inquiries come in from someone on-campus or in town requesting the type of service for which you have a talent, Employment Services will provide your name and contact information, and the interested party will call you! Employment Services does charge for this student service. Your spouse and children may list their talents as well. You may notify Employment Services at any time you want to be inactivated or deleted from the talent pool. Employment Services will also update all the listings in the talent pool annually, asking you to let them know if you want to continue to be listed in the database.

Global Missions Day

Global Missions Day will be held on Thursday, February 26. Dr. Jerry Rankin, President of the International Mission Board, will be our guest speaker in chapel that day. We will host missionary families from 6 regions of the world. A number of IMB representatives will be on campus for the purpose of encouraging students to consider the international missions endeavor. The missionaries will man displays from the area of the world they are serving in the Ledford Center pit area. Refreshments will also be served in the Ledford Center following the chapel service. It promises to be an exciting time for students to interact with missionaries from all over the world.

Student email accounts

Southeastern now offers free email for all Seminary and College students currently enrolled in classes. You are provided with 5 MB of email space that you can securely access from any Internet browser. If you have not signed up for your email account, please do so today. Sign-up for your student email account on-line at <http://webmail.sebts.edu>. You can also contact the IT Email Help Desk at 761-2117 or [email.support@sebts.edu](mailto:support@sebts.edu).

Basketball referees needed

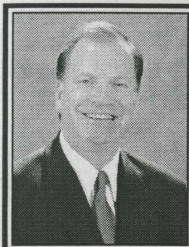
The intramural department needs basketball referees for the spring semester. If you are interested, please call Nathan Rush at 569-0386.

Theological Thoughts

God on Sex: God's manual for sex, love, intimacy, and marriage

By Dr. Daniel Akin

Why is it that so many—too many—marriages end in divorce? Why is it that more and more persons are dissatisfied with their sex life both inside and outside of marriage? I believe the answer is sim-



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Theology,
Southeastern
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ple: we have forgotten or ignored what God has to say about sex, love, intimacy, and marriage. We have failed to read and heed the Master's Manual for Marriage, and the price many have paid has been high indeed. It can be different if we will do things God's way.

God is so interested in and committed to the intimate, romantic, and sexual aspects of marriage that He gave us an entire book of the Bible dedicated to the subject. It is called the Song of Songs or the Song of Solomon.

When my wife Charlotte and I lived in Wake Forest, North Carolina, we were invited to participate in the Newlywed Game at a Valentine's banquet. Actually, all of the couple participating this particular evening had been married for some time. We had been married about fifteen years ourselves. I am delighted to tell you that we won the evening's event by an overwhelming margin. Two questions in particular were decisive in our victory.

First, Charlotte had been asked to name the last thing I had fixed at our home. Now, you need to understand, I had a "mechanical bypass" performed at birth! I struggle to change a lightbulb without

burning my finger or shocking myself. I was absolutely blank in trying to come up with anything. Finally, out of time and in desperation, I said, "Can you say NOTHING!" The crowd exploded in applause as Charlotte held up a card that said "NOTHING!"

Second, the wives were asked, "What is your husband's favorite book of the Bible?" Well, all the other couples missed it. One wife said "John," but her husband said "Romans." Another wife said "Philippians," but her husband said "1 John." When it came my turn, I must confess I was a bit haughty. I said, "Folks this isn't fair. I'm certain that on that card in my wife's lap is written 'The Song of Solomon!'" This time the crowd went nuts as Charlotte held up the answer she had written: "The Song of Solomon."

Why do I love this book so much? What is its attraction? It is because this side of heaven, outside of having a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, the Son of God, I believe the best thing going is marriage and family. When we do marriage and family God's way, it is great. It is awesome. It is wonderful. The Song of Songs teaches us how to do it God's way, and it leaves nothing out. A beautiful song, it portrays the deep, genuine love that a man and woman should enjoy in marriage. It teaches us that a successful marriage requires commitment and involves work, but that it is worth every investment we make. The book celebrates the joys of physical, intimate, sexual love. Sex is good; it is God's gift. It should be enjoyed and enjoyed often. This good gift of God will find its fullest expression realized when a man and woman give themselves completely to each other in the marriage relationship.

As we prepare to look at the Song of Songs, God's instruction manual for sex and marriage, let's be reminded that good sex and a good marriage involve two

important things: *commitment* and *hard work*. Why? Part of the answer is that men and women are so radically different, and they are different in so many ways. The Song of Songs will help us see many of

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these, and perhaps we will even have a little fun as we discover them. I recently came across a rather comical analysis that identifies a few of the differences that exist between men and women. There is nothing scientific about it, but it sure hits close to home. It also hints (rather loudly!) that if we will just slow down and pay a little attention, we can with a smile acknowledge and enjoy the differences that can add some "heavenly spice" to our marriages.

Ten Observations That Highlight the Difference Between a Man and a Woman!

1. A man will pay \$10 for a \$5 item he wants. A woman will pay \$5 for a \$10 item that she doesn't want (or need).
2. A woman worries about the future

until she gets a husband. A man never worries about the future until he gets a wife.

3. A successful man is one who makes more money than his wife can spend. A successful woman is one who can find such a man.
4. To be happy with a man you must understand him a lot and love him a little. To be happy with a woman you must love her a lot and not try to understand her at all.
5. Married men live longer than single men, but married men are a lot more willing to die.
6. Any married man should forget his mistakes; there's no reason for two people to remember the same things.
7. Men wake up as good-looking as they went to bed. Women somehow deteriorate during the night.
8. A woman marries a man expecting he will change, but he doesn't. A man marries a woman expecting that she won't change, but she does.
9. A woman has the last word in any argument. Anything a man says after that is the beginning of a new argument.
10. There are two times when a man doesn't understand a woman—before and after marriage.

One final word: A successful and lasting marriage will always be a triangle. It will involve a man, a woman, and God. Given the challenges of our day and the differences that exist between men and women, we dare not move forward without God taking the lead. God wants our marriages to succeed. He gave us a book to guide us.



Excerpted from the Introduction of *God on Sex* by Daniel Akin. Nashville: Broadman & Holman, 2003. © 2003 by Daniel Akin.

Akin

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Akin was the pastor at 10 churches in Texas, Florida, Alabama, and Virginia in both interim and full-time capacities. Akin has also authored numerous articles and several books including *Epistles of John* appearing in the New American Commentary, *Song of Solomon*, appearing in the Holman Bible Commentary, and *God on Sex*.

Akin's past editorship positions include Associate Editor of the Criswell Theological Review; New Testament Editor for The Criswell Study Bible, renamed The Believers Study Bible; and Executive Editor of The Southern Baptist Theological Journal.

Akin has conducted more than 250 Family Life Conferences as well as numerous other conferences and revivals for youth, college students, singles, and pastors. His missionary experience has taken him to Australia, Thailand and the Papago Indians of Sells, AZ.

Akin was born on January 2, 1957, in Atlanta, GA, and is married to the former Charlotte Bourne. The Akins have four children: twins Daniel and Jonathan, 22; Paul, 20; and Timothy, 18.

"Personally, Mrs. Neal and I are elated over this decision because we know Dr. Akin to be a true man of God, and a leader not only in our Convention but in his family as well," Neal said. "Mrs. Akin is a strong supporter of her husband, and their four boys are sincerely following God in their own lives."

Convocation

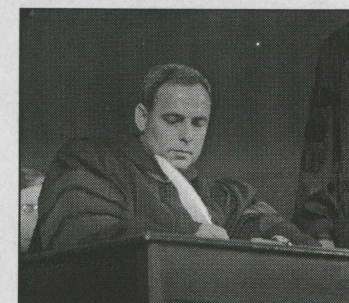
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When the by-laws of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary were adopted on December 7, 1950, they established that every member of the faculty would be required to subscribe to the Abstract of Principles and publicly sign them at the opening session at which they enter upon their duties.

The Baptist Faith and Message was revised and accepted by the Southern Baptist Convention in 2000. Since that time, the faculty members of Southeastern have been asked to sign this new statement of faith committing to teach in accordance to the doctrines set forth in it.

Four faculty members signed the statements of faith during spring convocation:

Daniel L. Akin, President and Professor of Preaching and Theology; R. Alton James, Associate Professor of Missions; David W. Jones, Assistant Professor of Christian Ethics; and Lawrence W. Mayo, Associate Professor of Music.



Dr. Al James, Associate Professor of Missions, signed the statements of faith during spring convocation.

Mission Opportunities

SUMMER

Bangladesh/Nepal: May 24-June 11
Philippines: June 28-July 15

Bangladesh/Nepal mission trip

The Center for Great Commission Studies is sponsoring a summer mission trip opportunity to Bangladesh and Nepal. The trip will take place May 24-June 11. The cost of the trip is \$2485. Please watch the *Newsline* and chapel for meeting announcements. For more information, please contact Kimberly Thompson at cgcs@pobox.com.

Philippines mission trip

The Center for Great Commission Studies is sponsoring a summer mission trip opportunity to the Philippines. The trip will take place June 28-July 15. The cost of the trip is \$2199. Please watch the *Newsline* and chapel for meeting announcements. For more information, please contact Kimberly Thompson at cgcs@pobox.com.

Ministry Opportunities

The Ministry Referral Office sends resumes to churches and other ministries who request the names of candidates for part-time and full-time paid positions. SEBTS students and graduates may establish files in the Referral Office if they wish their resumes to be included. Requests from churches for positions for which we have no matching resumes are posted in the office. The posted books are on display at all times for students to review.

Part-time/Bi-vocational

- Berks Baptist Church, Shillington, PA, Assistant Pastor
- Bethany Baptist Church, Bonifay, FL, Senior Pastor
- Chinese Southern Baptist Church, Seattle, WA, English Ministry Pastor
- First Baptist Church, Franklin, GA, Minister of Music
- Duncan Baptist Church, Holly Springs, NC, Pianist/Choir Leader

Full-time

- Childrey Baptist Church, Nathalie, VA, Pastor
- Tippecanoe Baptist Church, Tippecanoe, IN, Pastor

- Waterloo Lutheran Seminary, Waterloo, Canada, Faculty Position in Pastoral Care & Counseling

World Changers summer staff

World Changers, of the North American Mission Board, has Summer Staff Team openings for Music Leader, Office Manager, Mission Communication Specialist, and Audio/Visual Technician. Seventeen teams of four people will be assigned to 75 World Changers student mission projects throughout North America this summer. For more information, please call 1-800-462-8657 x.6475, or visit the website, www.studentz.com/wc.

Women's Certificate spring classes

The spring course offerings for the Women's Certificate Program are as follows:

January 27-March 18

Tuesday nights: Ministering to Preschoolers with Stacy Rist
Thursday nights: Biblical Parenting with Betsy Owens and Old Testament Survey with Bobbie Midkiff

March 23-May 13

Tuesday nights: Counseling Skills for Women with Mindy Williams
Thursday nights: Nehemiah with Stacey Allen and Basic Christian Doctrine with Evan Lenow

Childcare will be offered for Thursday night classes. The required courses offered during this term are Old Testament Survey and Basic Christian Doctrine. For more information, contact Joy White at whitej@sebts.edu or 261-9934.

Summer internship

On February 11, Chris Newingham from Coastal Community Church in Virginia Beach, VA, will be at SEBTS to interview those interested in participating in a summer 2004 internship through the church. This 10 week internship will provide practical experience in church planting. Please contact the Ministry Referral Office to schedule an interview.

Ohio church planting

Dr. Dennis Betts from the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio will be at SEBTS March 16-17 to interview candidates interested in church planting in the state of Ohio. Please contact the Ministry Referral Office to schedule an interview.

Florida church planting

Mr. Nevi Townsend, a consultant with the Florida Baptist Convention for church planting, will be on campus February 17-19 to meet with students who are interested in church planting in the state of Florida. If you would like to schedule an interview with Mr. Townsend, please contact the Ministry Referral Office.

FBC Woodstock internship

Representatives from First Baptist Church Woodstock, GA, will be on campus only on March 16 to interview prospective summer interns. FBC Woodstock is seeking individuals who would be interested in working at their church this summer in paid internships. Please contact the Ministry Referral Office if you would like to schedule an interview.

New York church planting

Brad Veitch, Church Planting Director from the Baptist Convention of New York, will be on campus Tuesday and Wednesday, February 3-4 to interview those interested in church planting in New York state. Please schedule interviews through the Ministry Referral Office if you would like to meet with Mr. Veitch.

Part-time youth pastor

Joy Baptist Church in Siler City, NC, is searching for a part-time youth pastor. For more information, please contact Brian Mann at mannforchrist@aol.com.

Pianist needed

If you are a pianist and are available to accompany voice students during private lessons this semester, please contact the Music Office in Broyhill Hall or call (919) 761-2316.

Actors for children's ministry

Lifepointe Church, a new church plant in North Raleigh, is seeking committed actors to help launch Club RIOT, a family production for both parents and children. For more information, contact Cheryl at (919) 855-9107 or cheryl@lifepointechurch.org.

Summer missions at Yosemite

CrossWay - Yosemite Christian Ministries is seeking to fill summer missions positions in Yosemite National Park. For more information contact Steve Hughes at (209) 379-2428 or ycm@inreach.com. More information is also available at www.crosswayyosemite.com.

Chapel Schedule

February 3

Dr. David Allen
The Criswell College
Dallas, TX

February 4

Dr. David Allen
The Criswell College
Dallas, TX

February 5

Rev. David Horner
Providence Baptist Church
Raleigh, NC

February 10

Dr. Wayne McDill
Senior Professor of Preaching
SEBTS

February 11

Dr. David Dockery
President
Union University
Jackson, TN

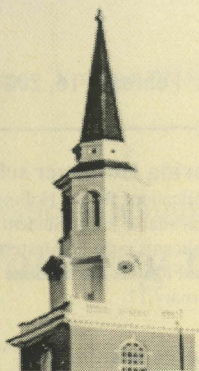
February 12

Dr. Norman Geisler
President
Southern Evangelical
Seminary
Matthews, NC

Tapes of chapel sermons may be purchased from the Audio/Visual department in the Library. Also, all chapel sermons can be downloaded from www.sebts.edu.

Newsline Information

The deadline for submissions for the next *Newsline* is February 9. *Newsline* submissions may be sent to newsline@sebts.edu, or dropped off at the Student Life Office. **All submissions** should be in **electronic format**, either on disk or sent via e-mail, and should be submitted **as they are to appear** in the *Newsline*. The Student Life Office reserves the right to edit any announcement. The *Newsline* is also available on-line at http://www.sebts.edu/visitors/news_events/newsline.cfm.



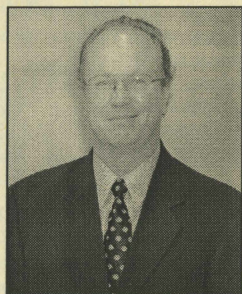
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Reforming the Morality of Usury

Dr. David Jones, Assistant Professor of Christian Ethics, discusses the views of the reformers on the practice of usury.

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Ph.D. admissions cap lifted for fall 2004

By Andrew Streett

In February 2003, the Association of Theological Schools (ATS) granted ongoing approval of Southeastern's Doctor of Philosophy degree, following the receipt of extensive documentation regarding the available resources and current makeup of the program. ATS's approval resulted in the lifting of restrictions on the number of admissions the program could make each year. The application process for fall 2004 will be the first to feel the effects of this decision.

Dr. Andreas Köstenberger, Director of Ph.D. / Th.M. Studies and Professor of New Testament, said, "A record number of applicants sat for this year's entrance exams in January, and admissions for fall 2004 will likewise exceed previous levels. ATS's action indicates that Southeastern's Ph.D. pro-

gram has sufficiently matured and is offering solid education at the highest academic level. This is a tribute to those who conceived of the program ten years ago and those who led it to its present stature, including our former president,

and women for service in ministries of teaching and academic research. The program will also meet the needs of ministers who serve in settings that demand specialized academic training."

Applicants must choose one of the twelve concentrations offered in the program: New Testament, Old Testament, Biblical Theology, Hermeneutics, Systematic Theology, Church History, Philosophy, Ethics, Women's Studies, Missions, Evangelism, and Preaching.

Although the program is relatively young, Köstenberger notes that "already SEBTS's Ph.D. program is receiving validation from the work of our graduates, who serve in a variety of academic, denominational, and ecclesiastical leadership positions, as well as from the external readers'



Dr. Andreas Köstenberger teaches a class of Ph.D. students in the History of Biblical Interpretation seminar.

Paige Patterson, Dean Bush, and the previous directors of the program."

According to the Southeastern catalog, "The purpose of the Doctor of Philosophy degree is to prepare God-called men

evaluations of our students' dissertations, which are consistently high and affirming."

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Geisler urges students to do 'pre-evangelism'

By Staff



Dr. Norman Geisler addresses students from the Binkley Chapel pulpit on February 12.

Dr. Norman Geisler, President of Southern Evangelical Seminary in Charlotte, NC, spoke to Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary students in chapel on Thursday, February 12. Geisler is a recognized authority on Christian apologetics and philosophy and is the author of over fifty books, including *Come Let Us Reason*, *Introduction to Philosophy*, and *Philosophy of Religion*.

In his message, entitled "Evangelism in the Postmodern World," he challenged his listeners to practice 'pre-evangelism' when witnessing. Too often, he said, Christians jump straight to a gospel presentation without first establishing common ground with their audience. Before presenting the gospel, believers must convince their audience of theism and the correspondence view of truth, that is, that truth

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Faculty Spotlight: Sam Williams



Family: Mindy, married 16 years; 3 sons (15, 11, 9) and 1 daughter (14)

Seminary/College position: Associate Professor of Pastoral Care and Counseling

Hometown: Phoenix, AZ

How you became a Christian: I was reared in a great Christian home, but, always a slow learner, it took me 29 years to figure out what God was up to. I was brought to my knees by his patience and mercy and the grace of God in Christ on the cross.

Current church: North Wake Baptist Church

Current local church ministry: Elder, small group leader

Most influential person in your life: My mother and father

Something surprising about you: There's a lot they don't know, don't need to know, and that would not surprise anyone who knows the human soul. However, I'd be willing to reveal some whoppers for a small fee.

Education: B.S., Biology/Psychology, University of Arizona; M.A. & Ph.D., Clinical Psychology, California School of Professional Psychology

Classes currently teaching: Introduction to Biblical Counseling, Counseling Addictions, Marital and Premarital Counseling, Counseling Practicum

Favorite class ever taught: Introduction to Biblical Counseling

Recent or upcoming publications: "Toward a Theology of Emotion" in *The Southern Baptist Journal of Theology*, Winter 2004

Favorite preachers: C. J. Mahaney, John Piper, Larry Trotter

Favorite musicians: PDI and Vineyard Worship, Mercy Me, George Winston

Hobbies: Racquetball, Tennis

What influenced you to come to Southeastern: Dr. Patterson with his vision and grace and Dr. Catanzaro with his gun.

A word of wisdom for the readers: Fear God.

Church Planting Banquet

The North American Church Planting Banquet will held on Monday, February 23, from 6:00-8:30 pm. The guest speaker will be Jeff Christopherson of The Sanctuary in Toronto. To make reservations, please call Alana Adams at 761-2160.

Open house invitation

Dr. and Mrs. David Black extend a cordial invitation to all seminarians and their families to attend an open house at Bradford Hall, their new house on their Virginia farm, on Saturday, March 6, from 2-4 p.m. The house will be formally dedicated to the Lord at 3:00 p.m. The farm is located about 70 minutes from the seminary. For directions, please contact Dr. Black at dblack@sebts.edu.

Baptist Women in Ministry of Georgia scholarship

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Theological Thoughts

Reforming the Morality of Usury

By Dr. David Jones

During the Protestant Reformation the Church experienced a dramatic shift in its thought regarding the morality of the practice of usury. Therefore, it is not surprising to find that the leaders of the three



David W. Jones, Assistant Professor of Christian Ethics, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary

theological streams in the continental Protestant Reformation (Lutheran, Calvinist, and Anabaptist) all worked to reform the Roman Catholic Church's moral teaching on the practice of lending money at interest.

It is interesting to note, however, that while these three theological streams each addressed the same moral problem, at relatively the same time, all three responded differently. The purpose of this book is to look at how the leader or leaders of each major stream in the continental Protestant Reformation took a different approach to reforming moral teaching on the practice of usury and to posit a thesis to explain the differences between the reformers' ethics of usury.

While this study into the variations in the ethics of usury among the major factions in the sixteenth century Protestant Reformation may seem esoteric, there are, in fact, several reasons why this project is relevant for the modern Church and contemporary Christian ethics. First, it ought to be noted that there have been few ethical issues in the history of the Church that were at one time nearly unanimously seen as immoral, yet now are accepted to such a

degree that they no longer are even viewed as issues for moral discussion. The practice of usury is one such ethical issue. During the Protestant Reformation the morality of the practice of usury was undergoing a nearly diametric moral shift. In light of this change, the study of how and why the various reformers grappled with the volatile topic of usury in their own day perhaps can aid the modern Church in the formulation of its morals, not only in regard to usury, but also in regard to other ethical issues that currently are undergoing challenge or transformation.

A second reason variations between the Protestant reformers' ethics of usury is a worthy and relevant subject for study is that the topic has largely been ignored by the contemporary academic community. While some writers have briefly addressed the reformers' views on lending money at interest, very little scholarly work has focused on the topic of usury as an issue unto itself, let alone variations between the reformers' financial ethics. This is, perhaps, surprising in light of the many influential historic studies that have been done on the effects of the Reformation on the development of modern economic and political systems, including Ernst Troeltsch's *The Social Teachings of the Christian Churches*, Max Weber's *The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism*, and R. H. Tawney's *Religion and the Rise of Capitalism*.

A third reason this study is both relevant and important is the strategic place this issue holds within the larger field of material ethics—a field of study for which there is a continuing and growing need in the modern Church. To elaborate, while Christians in Western nations enjoy unparalleled wealth and Christians in other parts of the world are struggling for basic economic necessities, the topic of financial ethics has not received as much attention

by evangelical Christian scholars as other comparatively relevant areas of doctrine, such as gender roles, homosexuality, or even war. Although this work will address only a narrow subject within the broad

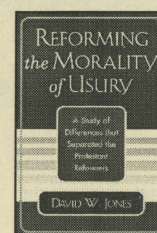
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field of material ethics, the relative luxury in which Western Christians live out their faith, coupled with the general neglect of the topic, makes this study a worthy project, indeed.

A fourth reason this project is a worthwhile undertaking is that the topic of this work (variations in the Protestant reformers' ethics of usury), coupled with the proposed thesis (differences between the Protestant reformers' views on Church/culture relations), provides the modern Church with a case study that highlights different models of how the Church may relate to culture—especially in regard to moral issues. While the study of the various models of Church/culture relations found in the writings of Martin Luther, John Calvin, and the leaders of the

Anabaptist movement are limited in application to the practice of usury in this current project, the potential use of these three paradigms of Church/culture relations is far-ranging. Indeed, these models are especially relevant to the contemporary Church, for the question of how the Church ought to relate to society is an issue with which the modern Church is grappling in the post-Christian era.

A final reason variations between the Protestant reformers' ethics of usury is a relevant topic for the modern Church and contemporary Christian ethics is that this issue is a topic over which the three major branches of the Protestant Reformation all disagreed. This discrepancy is significant in light of the fact that all three theological streams were reacting to the same adversary (the Roman Catholic Church), at the same time (the sixteenth century), in the same location (Central and Western Europe), and with the same source of authority (the Bible). Despite these similarities, however, Martin Luther, John Calvin, and the leaders of the Anabaptist movement still reached differing conclusions. The study of how and why the Protestant reformers formulated their distinctive ethics of usury not only will help the modern Church better understand its forbears, but also better understand moral differences between the contemporary inheritors of the Reformation.



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Southeastern has been impacted with the talent of the program's graduates so as to warrant the hire of Bill Brown, Bruce Little, David Nelson, Peter Schemm, David Jones, and Steven Ladd as elected faculty members, and Scott Kellum, Bruce Ashford, and Derry Hodge as appointed faculty.

Not only have the program's graduates found success in placement but also in publishing. Köstenberger said, “Just recently some of our students have published their dissertation, or signed contracts to do so in the near future.” Even with such past accom-

plishments, ATS's action makes the future still brighter since the program will be able to attract first-rate students.

According to Köstenberger, the program is one more way for Southeastern to fulfill its purpose: “Clearly, training pastors, missionaries, and other Christian workers continues to be at the heart of Southeastern's mission. Offering Ph.D.s as well enables us to also train those who would teach at the college or seminary level in Southern Baptist or other Christian institutions and thus extend Southeastern's influence and impact for God's kingdom yet further.”

Geisler

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is what corresponds to reality. Pre-evangelism is simply doing the work of 2 Corinthians 10:5—demolishing arguments and taking thoughts captive to Christ.

Geisler advocates pre-evangelizing for theism by using a form of the cosmological argument for the existence of God, which states that every effect has a cause, but the string of causes

and effects cannot be infinite. Therefore, by the simple fact that the universe exists, it is evident that there must be a creator.

Pre-evangelizing for the correspondence view of truth involves exposing every alternative system of truth (e.g. relativism) as ultimately based on the belief that the views of that system correspond to what is real. As Geisler said, “Every system of unbelief has a self-defeating premise.”

In sum, Geisler asserted that one cannot separate evangelism from apologetics. One must first convince people that God exists and that he has revealed truth in Scripture before expecting them to believe in and be changed by the gospel.

Mission Opportunities

SUMMER

Bangladesh/Nepal: May 24-June 11
Philippines: June 28-July 15

Bangladesh/Nepal mission trip

The Center for Great Commission Studies is sponsoring a summer mission trip opportunity to Bangladesh and Nepal. The trip will take place May 24-June 11. The cost of the trip is \$2485. Please watch the *Newsline* and chapel for meeting announcements. For more information, please contact Kimberly Thompson at cgs@pobox.com.

English as a second language

Would you like to be trained in teaching English as a Second Language? Please join us for a FREE workshop taught by Ms. Glenda Reece on March 4-5 in the Eitel Auditorium from 9-4 p.m. This workshop is open to all students and their spouses. Please contact the Center for Great Commission Studies for more information at cgs@pobox.com

Ministry Opportunities

The Ministry Referral Office sends resumes to churches and other ministries who request the names of candidates for part-time and full-time paid positions. SEBTS students and graduates may establish files in the Referral Office if they wish their resumes to be included. Requests from churches for positions for which we have no matching resumes are posted in the office. The posted books are on display at all times for students to review.

Full Time

- Chinese Southern Baptist Church, Seattle, WA-English Ministry Pastor
- First Baptist Church, Brazoria, TX-Associate Pastor of Worship & Music
- First Baptist Church, Vernon, AL-Youth & Music Director

Bi-Vocational & Part-Time Ministry

- Bethel Baptist Church, Bethel, NC-Minister of Music
- Calvary Baptist Church, Norwood, NC-Pastor
- New Covenant Baptist Church, Enon, OH-Pastor
- Olive Grove Baptist Church, Pinna-

cle, NC-I. Minister of Music; 2. Financial Secretary

- Smith Grove Southern Baptist Church, Greenville, IL-Youth Pastor

Summer Internships

- Aviano Baptist Church, Aviano, Italy-Youth Intern
- Calvary Baptist Church, Beaufort, NC-Youth Intern
- First Baptist Church, Sylvester, GA-Children's Ministry Intern
- Taiya Bible Fellowship, Skagway, AK-Summer Worship Musicians
- Turner Memorial Baptist Church, Garner, NC-Youth Intern

World Changers summer staff

World Changers, of the North American Mission Board, has Summer Staff Team openings for Music Leader, Office Manager, Mission Communication Specialist, and Audio/Visual Technician. Seventeen teams of four people will be assigned to 75 World Changers student mission projects throughout North America this summer. For more information, please call 1-800-462-8657 x6475, or visit the website, www.studentz.com/wc.

Women's Certificate spring classes

The spring course offerings for the Women's Certificate Program are as follows:

March 23-May 13

Tuesday nights: Counseling Skills for Women with Mindy Williams
 Thursday nights: Nehemiah with Stacey Allen and Basic Christian Doctrine with Evan Lenow

Childcare will be offered for Thursday night classes. The required courses offered during this term are Old Testament Survey and Basic Christian Doctrine. For more information, contact Joy White at whitej@sebts.edu or 261-9934.

Part-time youth pastor

Joy Baptist Church in Siler City, NC, is searching for a part-time youth pastor. For more information, please contact Brian Mann at mannforchrist@aol.com.

Summer missions at Yosemite

CrossWay - Yosemite Christian Ministries is seeking to fill summer missions posi-

tions in Yosemite National Park. For more information contact Steve Hughes at (209) 379-2428 or ycm@inreach.com. More information is also available at www.crosswayyosemite.com.

Ohio church planting

Dr. Dennis Betts from the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio will be at SEBTS March 16-17 to interview candidates interested in church planting in the state of Ohio. Please contact the Ministry Referral Office to schedule an interview.

Florida church planting

Mr. Nevi Townsend, a consultant with the Florida Baptist Convention for church planting, will be on campus February 17-19 to meet with students who are interested in church planting in the state of Florida. If you would like to schedule an interview with Mr. Townsend, please contact the Ministry Referral Office.

FBC Woodstock internship

Representatives from First Baptist Church Woodstock, GA, will be on campus on March 16 to interview prospective summer interns. FBC Woodstock is seeking individuals who would be interested in working at their church this summer in paid internships. Please contact the Ministry Referral Office if you would like to schedule an interview.

Pianist needed

If you are a pianist and are available to accompany voice students during private lessons this semester, please contact the Music Office in Broyhill Hall or call (919) 761-2316.

Actors for children's ministry

Lifepointe Church, a new church plant in North Raleigh, is seeking committed actors to help launch Club RIOT, a family production for both parents and children. For more information, contact Cheryl at (919) 855-9107 or cheryl@lifepointechurch.org.

DEEPERDEVOTION.com

DEEPERDEVOTION.com is an online magazine looking for Southeastern students interested in contributing devotions and articles to be published on their web site. For more information, please contact Glenn Ansley at glenn@deeperdevotion.com

Chapel Schedule

February 17

Dr. Ken Whitten
 Idlewild Baptist Church
 Tampa, FL

February 18

Dr. James G. Merritt
 Cross Pointe Church
 Duluth, GA

February 19

Rev. Dean Nichols
 First Baptist Church
 Kenai, AK

February 24

Rev. Jeff Christopherson
 The Sanctuary
 Toronto, Ontario

February 25

Rev. Jack Homesley
 Christ Community Church
 Huntersville, NC

February 26

Dr. Jerry Rankin
 President
 International Mission Board
 Richmond, VA

Tapes of chapel sermons may be purchased from the Audio/Visual department in the Library. Also, all chapel sermons can be downloaded from www.sebts.edu.

Newsline Information

The deadline for submissions for the next *Newsline* is February 23. *Newsline* submissions may be sent to newsline@sebts.edu, or dropped off at the Student Life Office. **All submissions** should be in **electronic format**, either on disk or sent via e-mail, and should be submitted **as they are to appear** in the *Newsline*. The Student Life Office reserves the right to edit any announcement. The *Newsline* is also available on-line at http://www.sebts.edu/visitors/news_events/newsline.cfm.



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The intramural department has a full slate of activities for the spring semester. More information is available on page 2.

SEBTS celebrates ten-year IMB partnership

By Kyle Smith

At Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, "missions and evangelism is the air that we breathe," according to Senior Professor of Missions Keith Eitel. The seminary commemorated that spirit on February 26 with its annual Global Missions Day. The day was highlighted by a celebration of the ten-year anniversary of the idea of an innovative church planting partnership between Southeastern and the International Mission Board.

On campus to help the school celebrate was IMB President Jerry Rankin, who addressed the special chapel audience and expressed both his passion for seeing students involved in missions and his delight in working with the seminary to that end. "It has always been such a blessing and an encouragement to be here with you," Rankin said. "Nowhere do I go that I

sense such a passion and fervor for our Great Commission task and partnership with the IMB, and one of the reasons for that is certainly the outstanding leadership of Dr. Keith Eitel. It's a joy to work in partnership with you and a blessing to be with you."

Rankin recently wrote a glowing re-

view of the efforts of Southeastern and the IMB. "The partnership between Southeastern and the IMB over the past ten years has been one of the most positive and encouraging aspects of my ten years as IMB president," Rankin wrote. "Southeastern is the foremost seminary for training missionaries and modeling

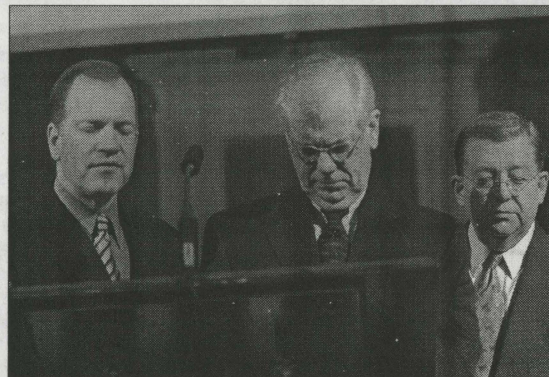
students onto the mission field for either two or three years to complete the remainder of their degree after two years of training at the seminary's main campus in Wake Forest. The program has been a great success in its ten-year history, so much so that other seminaries have adopted the program as well.

Students in the program benefit from the opportunity to experience missions in a cross-cultural context, aided by financial support from the IMB and spiritual support given by their Southeastern family and an IMB mentor on the field. The program was Eitel's brainchild, but the missions professor also credited Rankin's leadership with helping make the vision a reality.

"We are very agreeable and commend you," Eitel told Rankin, "for having the innovative spirit that ten years and one month ago, when we first had the conversation about a novel idea that has now blossomed into what

is affectionately known as our '2+2' program and '2+3' program."

This kind of partnership is one that can, and will, make a difference in a lost world as it hears the power of the gospel message, Rankin said in his sermon, taken from 1 Thessalonians 1:5-9. "There is something of the power of God that indwells the gospel," Rankin said.



SEBTS President Danny Akin, IMB President Jerry Rankin, and Keith Eitel, Senior Professor of Missions, pray during the Global Missions Day chapel service. Photo by Courtney Navey

practical involvement in cross-cultural missions as part of the campus ethos and the practical equipping of seminary students."

Rankin was referring to Southeastern's Masters of Divinity in International Church Planting degree, commonly called the "2+2" program. It sends stu-

Merritt makes appeal for faithful leaders

By Kyle Smith



Southern Baptist churches are in need of men who remain focused, faithful, and firm in their leadership, according to Georgia pastor and former Southern Baptist Convention president James Merritt.

Merritt, who pastors Cross Pointe Church in Duluth, GA, was on the campus of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary on February 18 to

deliver a chapel message and took the opportunity to remind the students and other guests of the importance of strong leadership. Preaching from the Old Testament Book of Nehemiah, he reminded students that Christian leadership involves pressure and does not come without a price as the devil will work especially hard to attack those in leadership positions within the church.

However, he said, pointing to chapter 6 of Nehemiah, there are three lessons a leader can learn from Nehemiah's

experience of rebuilding the wall of Jerusalem, lessons that will serve him well in his ministry. "First," Merritt said, "when some try to sidetrack you, stay focused. God wants you focused. The devil wants you finished. That's why pastors have affairs and lose their marriages—they can't stay focused."

The way to avoid the pitfall of becoming sidetracked, he said, is for leaders to remind themselves that they are doing

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Faculty Spotlight: Emir Caner



Family: Hana, married 3 years; John Mark, 16 months
Seminary/College position: Associate Professor of Church History and Anabaptist Studies
Hometown: Gahanna, OH
How you became a Christian: Due to the persistence of the youth group at Stelzer Road Baptist Church, I went to a church service where I immediately surrendered my life to Christ.
Current church: Wood Baptist Church
Current local church ministry: Missions Director, leading an international mission trip for the members of my church
Most influential person in your life: Paige Patterson
Something surprising about you: I jumped out of a perfectly good plane from 13,000 feet while a seminary student.
Education: B.A., Biblical Studies, The Criswell College; M.Div., Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary; Ph.D., History, University of Texas at Arlington
Classes currently teaching: Church History I and II (intensive), Church History I (in the college), Church History II (at the Charleston extension)
Favorite class ever taught: Baptist History (all 2000 years of it)
Recent or upcoming publications: *Christian Jihad: When We Killed in the Name of Christ* (Kregel: June 2004); *The Sacred Desk: Addresses of the Southern Baptist Convention Presidents* (Broadman and Holman: June 2004); *Giving All For Christ: Worldwide Testimonies of Muslims Who Have Become Christians* (Kregel, 2005)
Favorite author: Leonard Verduin
Favorite musician: Charles Billingsley
Hobbies: Remote control therapy, traveling, golf
What influenced you to come to Southeastern: The vision of Dr. Patterson and the passion of the students
A word of wisdom for the readers: Truth is eternally vigilant.

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Hoover scholarship

The Hoover scholarship is available for college or seminary students who lived in Cabarrus County, NC, for at least ten years or whose parents have resided in Cabarrus County for at least ten years. Applicants must demonstrate financial need and an effort to pay for their own education by working at school or during vacation periods. Applications are available online at www.wachoviascholars.com or by calling (888) 608-0001. The deadline for application is May 15.

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Fruit and vegetable market

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Women's Potluck and Praise

The Women's Studies Program is sponsoring a Women's Potluck and Praise on Monday, March 15, 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Ledford Center. All female students are invited to attend. Please call Diana Seward at 554-1713 to RSVP and to sign up for a dish to bring.

Spring 2004 Graduates

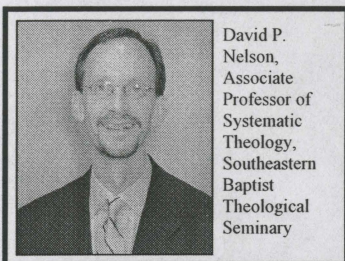
All Spring 2004 graduates need to place orders for graduation regalia immediately at LifeWay Campus Store. Herff Jones will be in the Ledford Center on March 9 and 11 (Tuesday and Thursday) from 11:00a.m. to 2:00p.m. to take orders for class rings.

Theological Thoughts

Peter on "The Passion of the Christ": A commendation and caution

By Dr. David Nelson

There is at once consternation and criticism, along with much anticipation and excitement regarding Mel Gibson's retelling of the crucifixion of Christ in the



David P. Nelson, Associate Professor of Systematic Theology, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary

movie "The Passion of the Christ." Criticism abounds from different quarters, including those who reject the veracity of the four Gospels and those who attribute anti-Semitism to Gibson and anyone else who dares to affirm the culpability of the Jewish figures involved in the crucifixion of Christ as attested by those same Gospels.

There is also a pitched excitement, even fervor, among many who view the release of the movie as a unique opportunity to present the message of the crucified Christ to the world for which Jesus died. I want to address the latter group who express such excitement about the movie and the opportunities "The Passion of the Christ" presents for evangelism. I have both a commendation and a concern with respect to the flurry of testimonials, endorsements and strategies to use the movie for such a noble purpose.

I begin with a commendation: As several leaders have suggested, Christians ought to make the most of the opportunity that the release of "The Passion of the Christ"

presents. With all the publicity, news stories, debate, and the release of the movie itself, people have the death of Jesus Christ on their minds. Evangelicals should see this as an open door to share the Good News of eternal life by grace alone through faith alone in the crucified and resurrected Lord Jesus Christ. As Morris Chapman, president of the Southern Baptist Executive Committee, said, "We must be ready with an answer of why Jesus did what He did."

But I must also offer a word of caution. I am troubled by the way in which some people are speaking about the movie as it relates to the revelation of God in the Bible, the written Word of God. One viewer of the movie observed that some were crying out, "Have mercy on me God, I didn't know, I didn't know," after watching the movie. Another viewer reported, "I've read the Gospels thousands of times throughout my life, but this was the first time I'd actually stepped into them."

Such statements are inconsistent with the claims of the Bible about itself. Could we really not know about the crucifixion and its implications for our lives before Gibson made this movie? Do we really gain something from the movie that is missing in the sacred text of the Bible? It is as if we are suggesting that the Bible alone, with the illuminating power of the Holy Spirit who inspired it, is simply not sufficient. Do we now need cinematic assistance to make the "living and active" Word (Hebrews 4:12) come to life?

"The Passion of the Christ" does include significant biblical quotations, and as much as it brings the Scriptures to the audience, it does indeed expose them to the Word of God. But the movie is also shaped by extrabiblical sources such as the visions of the mystic Anne Catherine

Emmerich, an 18th-century German nun. It seems that some people are confusing the emotional and visceral responses they have to the graphic imagery of the movie

"As amazing as the movie may be, the reading, hearing, meditation upon, and preaching of the Scriptures is superior in every way to watching Gibson's movie."

with the Word of God itself. It sounds as though some think we actually possess an advantage over the generations of Christians who had no opportunity to view such a movie. It's almost as if to say, "Those poor people only had the Scriptures."

This is where the Apostle Peter has some very good advice for us. In 2 Peter 1:16-18, the apostle recounts his experience at the transfiguration of Jesus Christ. This was, no doubt, an amazing experience. Peter then informs the church that, as amazing as that experience was, "We have a prophetic word made more sure." More sure than what? For the reader of Scripture, more sure than Peter's eyewitness experience of the transfiguration, at which time Peter even heard the voice of God!

What is this "word made more sure?" It

is nothing less than the Scripture, written by "holy men of God moved by the Holy Spirit" (2 Peter 1:21). Peter, who did hear God's voice audibly at the transfiguration, understood that most others would not share such an experience. He also understood that God had spoken a sure word in the text of the Bible, which would bring God's revelation to all who would hear.

This is a startling claim, and we should not miss its significance for our understanding of a phenomenon like this movie. You see, "The Passion of the Christ" is simply a movie. It is, by many accounts, a marvelous work of art. But the images in the film that evoke such emotional responses should not be confused with God's own Word about the crucifixion of the Son of God. Let's not confuse our experience of the silver screen image of Jim Caviezel with the worship of the crucified Christ according to the Word of God.

That's right. As amazing as the movie may be, the reading, hearing, meditation upon, and preaching of the Scriptures is superior in every way to watching Gibson's movie. If you think otherwise, then I have some serious questions about your understanding of the power and sufficiency of the God-breathed Scriptures "which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Jesus Christ" (2 Timothy 3:15).

So, I hope we'll heed Peter's advice about "The Passion of the Christ" and exercise a bit of caution in the way we think about the movie. At the same time, I hope we'll make the most of the opportunity afforded us by the movie to commend to this dying world the amazing love of Jesus Christ and eternal life which is found only in Him.

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"It is the power of God unto salvation that changes lives, and it results in an expansion that cannot be deterred."

Rankin said that 500,000 new believers were baptized and 6,000 new churches were established around the world in 2003. He quickly added that it is the power of God alone that can accomplish such a tremendous work. "It's because of the power of the gospel," he said. "There is no religious opposition that can quench it. There is no government institution that can stop it and no geographical boundary that can contain the life-giving power of our Lord Jesus Christ. The power of that message is changing lives all over the

world."

Rankin closed by reminding students of their call to live out the gospel before a lost world, wherever they may be.

"People are living in darkness and superstition and despair," he said. "Confront them with the good news of the life-changing power of Jesus Christ. The missionary call, and your call to minister, is to plant your lives among people, to identify your life with them, so that they can see the reality of the gospel . . . so that victory in Jesus Christ can be seen as a living reality."

His plea did not go unheeded as hundreds of students stood with Rankin at the end of the service, signaling their intention to consider a call of God to the overseas mission field.

Merritt

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a great work, one given them by the Lord to complete. This awareness will keep them focused on remaining true to the task at hand and finishing the work with which they have been entrusted.

"Second," Merritt noted, "when some try to slander you, stay faithful." Slander and false criticism are an unfortunate part of a pastor's ministry, he said. A pastor would do well to evaluate prayerfully all of his criticism and take it to God rather than believing it at face value.

"If you don't have a thick skin, get

out of the ministry," Merritt cautioned. "If they lied about Jesus, they're going to lie about you. If they slandered Jesus, they're going to slander you, too."

"Finally," Merritt said, pointing to Nehemiah's example in verses 10-14, "when some try to seduce you, stay firm. Leaders don't cut and run when the trouble gets high. Nothing will ever kill leadership quicker than compromise."

Good leadership can mean the difference between a church living and a church dying, Merritt said in closing. "I encourage you today, keep your eye on God's glory, His Word and His Son, and you will live a life of victory."

Bangladesh/Nepal mission trip

The Center for Great Commission Studies is sponsoring a summer mission trip opportunity to Bangladesh and Nepal. The trip will take place May 24-June 11. The cost of the trip is \$2485. Please watch the *Newsline* and chapel for meeting announcements. For more information, please contact Kimberly Thompson at cgs@pobox.com.

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FBC Woodstock internship

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World Changers summer staff

World Changers, of the North American Mission Board, has Summer Staff Team openings for Music Leader, Office Manager, Mission Communication Specialist, and Audio/Visual Technician. Seventeen teams of four people will be assigned to 75 World Changers student mission projects throughout North America this summer. For more information, please call 1-800-462-8657 x6475, or visit the website, www.studentz.com/wc.

Women's Certificate spring classes

The spring course offerings for the Women's Certificate Program are as follows:

March 23-May 13

Tuesday nights: Counseling Skills for Women with Mindy Williams
Thursday nights: Nehemiah with Stacey Allen and Basic Christian Doctrine with Evan Lenow

Childcare will be offered for Thursday night classes. The required course offered during this term is Basic Christian Doctrine. For more information, contact Joy White at whitej@sebts.edu or 261-9934.

Part-time youth pastor

Joy Baptist Church in Siler City, NC, is searching for a part-time youth pastor. For more information, please contact Brian Mann at mannforchrist@aol.com.

Pianist needed

If you are a pianist and are available to accompany voice students during private lessons this semester, please contact the Music Office in Broyhill Hall or call (919) 761-2316.

Spread the Word Bible collection campaign

The Bay Leaf Baptist Church High School Outreach Team is partnering with New Directions International in a program called "Spread the Word." They are collecting new and used Bibles in good condition to be shared in North Carolina and in English-speaking nations around the world. If you would like to donate, please contact Brian Cooper at maddag_2000@yahoo.com.

Chapel Schedule

March 9

Dr. Ted Traylor
Olive Baptist Church
Pensacola, FL

March 10

Dr. Ron Rowe
Bay Leaf Baptist Church
Raleigh, NC

March 11

Rev. Al Gilbert
Calvary Baptist Church
Winston-Salem, NC

March 16

Dr. James T. Draper, Jr.
President
Lifeway Christian Resources
Nashville, TN

March 17

Dr. Gene Mims
Vice President
Lifeway Christian Resources
Nashville, TN

March 18

Dr. Gene Mims
Vice President
Lifeway Christian Resources
Nashville, TN

Tapes of chapel sermons may be purchased from the Audio/Visual department in the Library. Also, all chapel sermons can be downloaded from www.sebts.edu.

Newsline Information

The deadline for submissions for the next *Newsline* is March 15. *Newsline* submissions may be sent to newsline@sebts.edu, or dropped off at the Student Life Office. All submissions should be in electronic format, either on disk or sent via e-mail, and should be submitted as they are to appear in the *Newsline*. The Student Life Office reserves the right to edit any announcement. The *Newsline* is also available on-line at http://www.sebts.edu/visitors/news_events/newsline.cfm.



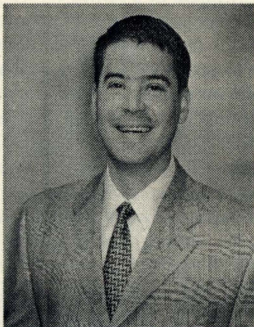
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Southeastern team goes to Central Asia

By Seth Bible

The fall of the USSR in 1991 ended years of Communist rule and Christian oppression in the vast empire controlled by the Soviet Union. Since that revolutionary year, Christians from all over the world have traveled to the former Soviet Union in an attempt to spread the good news of Jesus Christ. From February 26 to March 6, a group from Southeastern had a most unusual opportunity to take the message of the gospel to one of the formerly Soviet controlled countries located in Central Asia.

In the spring of 2003, a small group of athletically minded Southeastern students had a vision of forming a basketball team that could enter a restricted or closed country in an attempt to build relationships with former Communists and strengthen the local body of believers through teaching,

encouragement, and edification. This dream became a reality when contact was made in November with an IMB strategy coordinator in a former Soviet Republic who was on furlough at Southeastern completing the requirements for his Master's degree in international church planting.

Immediately, plans began to be made to take twelve students to this Central Asian country to play against the local and na-

tional teams and to run youth basketball clinics for the local middle school and high school children. Original team members Justin Arbuckle, Seth Bible, Blue Bryan, Mike Crisp, David Follrod, Dustin Gillespie, Jason Johnson, Rusty Massey, Zach Nelson, Rob Satterfield, Mike Shelton, and Travis Williams began meeting on a

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The Southeastern sports evangelism team (N.C. Stars) poses with an opposing team: (front) Jason Johnson, Mike Crisp, Mike Shelton, Seth Bible, David Follrod, Zach Nelson, (back) Justin Arbuckle, Travis Williams, Rob Satterfield, Dustin Gillespie, Rusty Massey, Blue Bryan, Waylan Owens, and Blayne Owens.

Southeastern women enjoy Potluck & Praise

By Heather Lanxton

The Women's Studies program sponsored Women's Potluck & Praise on Monday, March 15. The Potluck & Praise took place in the multi-purpose room of the Ledford Center and was open to all female students at Southeastern.

Each woman who had RSVP'd brought a dish.

After a delicious meal, the

women spent some time introducing themselves to the group and sharing a little about their lives. The women had a wonderful time of laughter and encouragement as each one shared.

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LifeWay Spring Conference

By Andrew Streett

Representatives from LifeWay Christian resources were on Southeastern's campus March 16-18 for the annual Spring Conference. LifeWay is the education, church program, and publishing agency of the Southern Baptist Convention.

According to David Hassell, Corporate Events Specialist, "The purpose of the Spring Conference is to connect with the students and to let them know that LifeWay is there to assist them in their ministries." LifeWay representatives, accompanied by displays in the Ledford Student Center, were on campus to talk with students,

distribute free resources, and make over thirty classroom presentations. LifeWay also offered free health screenings for students while on campus.

A large part of the Spring Conference was the special chapel services featuring Dr. James T. Draper, Jr., President and CEO of LifeWay, and Dr. Gene Mims, Vice President of LifeWay Church Resources.

Draper said, "My challenge to you is . . . Do you know God, or do you know about Him? Get to know Him!"—an exhortation, fittingly similar to LifeWay's vision to "help people and churches know Jesus Christ and seek his Kingdom."

Faculty Spotlight: Pete Schemm



Family: Vicki Lynn, married 11 years; Charis, 9; Colby, 7; Jacob, 4; Zachary, 3; Parker, 1

Seminary/College position: Associate Professor of Theology
Hometown: Abington, PA

How you became a Christian: On Valentine's weekend in February of 1986, as a result of the ministry Prince Avenue Baptist Church, Athens, GA, and the personal witness of Jim Winton (college roommate) and Doug Nix (College Pastor at Prince Avenue), I bowed my knees in my dorm room and trusted Christ as my Lord and Savior.

Current church: Wake Cross Roads Baptist Church

Current local church ministry: Interim Pastor, North Roxboro Baptist Church, Roxboro, NC

Most influential person in your life: My father and mother

Something surprising about you: I like a hot plate of *huevos rancheros* and, in an entirely unrelated matter, my left eye is actually a prosthesis.

Education: B.B.A., University of Georgia; M.Div., Ph.D., Systematic Theology, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary

Classes currently teaching: Systematic Theology, Biblical Interpretation for Women, Christian Doctrine (college)

Favorite class ever taught: Systematic Theology

Recent or upcoming publications: "Taxis or Praxis? Why Trinitarians Don't Make Good Feminists" in *Concordia Theological Quarterly*, forthcoming; "Angels and Demons" in *A Theology for the Church*, eds. Daniel L. Akin and David S. Dockery (Broadman and Holman: forthcoming)

Favorite author: A toss up between Lucretius and J. I. Packer

Favorite musician: David Nelson and the Mercy Drops

Hobbies: Anything outside that involves motorized machinery or ambushing other forms of life

What influenced you to come to Southeastern: The Holy Spirit of the triune Godhead so moved my heart that I was drawn like a moth to the flame—once you make the decision that you are going to a seminary, it seems to me that you have decided to come to SEBTS! Are there other options for theological training? I am not aware of them.

A word of wisdom for the readers: Stop amusing yourself to death by multi-media and begin to engage in the spiritual disciplines of the life of Christ—which may include more time in the Word than you perhaps thought at first.

General Scholarship

Applications are now available in the Student Life Office for the General Scholarship. This application is for the 2004-2005 school year. All current students who will be full time (9 hours in Master's program, 12 hours in College, or actively enrolled in Ph.D., Th.M., or D.Min.) in the fall are eligible to apply. The deadline for submitting an application to the Student Life Office is April 15.

Pitts Memorial Scholarship

Port Norfolk Baptist Church in Portsmouth, VA, is sponsoring the R. Clayton Pitts Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship provides awards to deserving college or seminary students who have been called to prepare themselves as Southern Baptist ministers of the gospel, specifically in the preaching ministry. Applications are available in the Student Life Office. The deadline for submitting an application is April 30.

NAMB scholarship

The North American Mission Board is offering scholarships for the spring semester to African-American, ethnic, and/or deaf students attending the College or Seminary. Applicants must be preparing for a full-time church planting vocation. Applications are available in the Student Life Office. The deadline for application is April 1.

Keesee Scholarship

Applications for the Keesee Scholarship are available in the Student Life Office. This scholarship is for Master's level students who are residents of North Carolina or Virginia. The deadline for this scholarship is April 1.

Fraiser Scholarship

The Fraiser Scholarship is available for residents of North Carolina attending either the College or the Seminary. Recipients will be selected on the basis of academic merit, financial need, and potential to succeed. Applications are available online at www.wachoviascholars.com or by calling (866) 608-0001. The deadline for application is June 1.

Hoover Scholarship

The Hoover Scholarship is available for college or seminary students who lived in Cabarrus County, NC, for at least ten years or whose parents have resided in Cabarrus County for at least ten years. Applicants must demonstrate financial need and an effort to pay for their own education by working at school or during vacation periods. Applications are available online at www.wachoviascholars.com or by calling (888) 608-0001. The deadline for application is May 15.

Spring intramurals

The intramural department will be sponsoring several intramural sports during the spring semester. Students may sign up for volleyball, Frisbee golf, and other exciting events. For more information, contact Seth Bible in the Student Life Office at 761-2309 or sbible@sebts.edu.

Southeastern talent pool

Do you have a skill you would like to market while you are here at school? Perhaps you would like to prepare tax returns for people in the area for a fee. You might be a skilled carpenter or painter who could take on some jobs to help pay your way through school. You might wish to be put on a list to be called by folks who need some yard work or miscellaneous odd jobs performed on a short-term basis. Maybe you could tutor during the afternoons, or baby-sit, or do some sewing. You must complete a form which is available in Employment Services Office in the Ledford Center. Your talent information will then be entered into a database. Whenever inquiries come in from someone on-campus or in town requesting the type of service for which you have a talent, Employment Services will provide your name and contact information, and the interested party will call you. Employment Services does not charge for this student service. Your spouse and you may list their talents as well. You may notify Employment Services at any time you want to be inactivated or deleted from the talent pool. Employment Services will also update all the listings in the talent pool annually, asking you to let them know if you want to continue to be listed in the database.

Fruit and vegetable market

Every Saturday from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. fresh produce will be sold at wholesale cost: apples, oranges, bananas, grapes, carrots, lettuce, potatoes, tomatoes, onions, and much more. The market is available to all seminary students, faculty, and staff. It will be held at 246 North Wingate Street, in front of the Sunshine Seniors Food Pantry. This a ministry of the Sunshine Seniors.

Spring 2004 Graduates

All Spring 2004 graduates need to place orders for graduation regalia immediately at LifeWay Campus Store.

●eological Thoughts

Responding to Islam: A question concerning the name and nature of God

By Drs. Emir and Ergun Caner

Islam began as a reaction to the Christian God, either as understood or as misconceived. Disagreements over the name and nature of God are central to the con-



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Ergun Mehmet Caner, Associate Professor of Theology and Church History, Liberty University

flict between Islam and Christianity. The pluralist argues that Islam and Christianity are both monotheistic religions that claim spiritual descendency from Abraham, so the same God is worshiped by either. Such an easygoing ecumenism is a distortion. We simply do not share the most essential understandings of God and to claim otherwise shows disrespect. It fails to take seriously what a religion claims about truth.

Is the God of Muhammed the Father of Jesus?

Related to the question of the origins of

Islam is a raging controversy that we have been called to address repeatedly. The basic question frequently is stated: "Christians claim to know the one true God. Muslims claim to know the one true God. Are you not talking about the same God? Are you not both historically monotheistic religions?"

We like the manner in which Timothy George framed the issue in the February 2002 issue of *Christianity Today*: "Is the God of Muhammad the Father of Jesus?" Dr. George suggests that Christianity and Islam share a number of suppositions. Both are monotheistic, historical, textual, and moral systems, and speak of the one God in terms of holiness and justice. He answers the question:

Is the Father of Jesus the God of Muhammad? The answer is surely Yes and No. Yes, in the sense that the Father of Jesus is the only God there is. He is the Creator and Sovereign Lord of Muhammad, Buddha, Confucius, of every person who has ever lived. He is the one before whom all shall one day bow (Phil. 2:5-11). Christians and Muslims can together affirm many important truths about this great God—his oneness, eternity, power, majesty. As the Qur'an puts it, he is "the Living, the Everlasting, the All-High, the All-Glorious" (2:256). But the answer is also No, for Muslim theology rejects the divinity of Christ and the personhood of the Holy Spirit—both essential components of the Christian understanding of God. No devout Muslim can call the God of Muhammad "Father," for this, to their mind, would compromise divine transcendence. But no faithful Christian can refuse to confess, with joy and confidence, "I be-

lieve in God the Father . . . Almighty!" Apart from the Incarnation and the Trinity, it is possible to know that God is, but not who God is.

The article goes on to explain how Islam and Christianity differ in the fundamental descriptions and attributes of God, and how such a distortion can have eternally deleterious effects. However, others have taken the position that, since Muslims worship a monotheistic, just, righteous God of creation, then that God—under whatever name—is the same God. Some missiologists, even purported evangelical Christians, argue that we must simply tell Muslims that the "Allah" to which they are praying sent Jesus, for them.

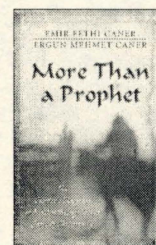
The God of Muhammed is not the Father of Jesus. We are not speaking of an etymological issue, for the Arabic term Allah certainly means "God." But different religions by their nature pour distinctive meanings into terms that can be translated by the English word God. Do Muslims mean the same God when they faithfully face Mecca five times a day as Christians do when they bow before the Father? No, they do not. Islam repudiates the Christian concepts of God as triune and personal, as it repudiates Christianity itself.

Throughout the Qur'an, statements contradict the biblical revelation and make impossible any cohesion between honest disciples of the two religions. The Qur'an teaches that Christians are going to hell because we elevate the status of a prophet to that of a deity. The Bible teaches that no one comes to the Father except through Christ. Islam says that Christianity has abandoned any truth they held of Allah. One need only read Surah 5:72 to see that "They do blaspheme who say 'Allah is

Christ the son of Mary.' But Christ said, 'O Children of Israel! Worship Allah, my Lord and your Lord.' Whoever joins other gods with Allah—Allah will forbid him the Garden, and the Fire will be his abode. There will for the wrongdoers be no one to help."

This is not a mere modification of the biblical record; it is a complete and utter distortion. History is filled with men and women who, upon reading the biblical record, decided to take the central ideas of the Bible and create a new god, more to their liking. Many of these movements even chose to maintain biblical names and titles. Others have kept Jesus in their religions but molded their view of Him to fit their schematics. One cult calls Jesus the half brother of Lucifer. Another group believes that Christ was a failed Messiah, whose crucifixion left the work of redemption undone. Are we all speaking of the same Christ?

In our estimation, this is the philosophical equivalent of the Tower of Babel (cf. Genesis 11). Sounds may seem similar, but the ideas hurled about with reckless abandon cannot communicate the same concepts. The God of Islam is no more the Father of Jesus than the Mormon Jesus is the authentic Jesus of biblical revelation.



Excerpted from Chapter 1 of *More Than a Prophet* by Emir and Ergun Caner. Grand Rapids, MI: Kregel, 2003. © 2003 by Emir and Ergun Caner.

Central Asia

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weekly basis to pray for the people group and discuss the various logistical aspects of the trip. Within two weeks, Dr. Waylan Owens, Vice President for Institutional Effectiveness and Assessment, and his son, Blayne, joined the group, solidifying the final team, named the NC Stars. After months of planning, praying and practicing the Stars slipped out of Raleigh just one hour ahead of a six-inch snowstorm on Thursday, February 26. Although they took a severe beating at the hands of the national

team on their first day, the Stars were able to strike up friendships with several of the opposing players, some of whom were born Muslim and Russian Orthodox but were very open to the truth of the gospel. The daily schedule for the remainder of the week included basketball clinics in two different locations, "friendship" basketball games with local universities, evening meals with anyone willing to come, and special teaching times with cell groups and families in the host homes before retiring to bed each night. In addition, Dr. Owens taught local influential church leaders during the day while the clinics were taking place.

God works in mysterious ways, none of which could be stranger than using a basketball and a bunch of gym rats to take the news of His Son to the "utmost ends of the earth." Although, the Stars did not witness any professions of faith, the gospel was clearly spoken to a dead and dying land without compromising the work or integrity of the IMB or the local believers. The team learned a valuable lesson about the true meaning of the church and what it means to build the body of believers. It was a true sports evangelism trip that will forever be etched in the hearts and minds of those involved.

Potluck

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This was a great time for the Women's Studies students to update each other on the progress of their mentoring relationships. Each Women's Studies student who wishes to participate in the mentoring program is paired with another woman, usually the wife of a faculty or staff member. Joy White, the Women's Studies Program Coordinator, also took this time to share about the purpose of the Women's Studies program with those who were not familiar with it.

Following the time of sharing, the women participated in a time of praise. Lori Calloway and Christina Middleton led the women in song, accompanied by Jaime Crouse on the piano. Christina also shared some Scripture with the women throughout the singing. It was a terrific time of worship that rounded out an enjoyable evening of fellowship.

Joy White plans to sponsor similar events in the future. She believes that such events are good for promoting relationships among the women of Southeastern's campus.

New England church planting

Interested in helping church plants in New Hampshire and Massachusetts this summer? The trip will be July 30-August 7. Cost is \$200.00 plus tuition. To sign up or get more information contact Dr. Brown at (919) 761-2160 or bbrown@sebts.edu.

Indonesia mission trip

A team of ten people will be going to Indonesia June 19-29. If you are interested in knowing more, please contact Scott Pounds at (678) 575-4806 or scott-pounds@hotmail.com; or contact Elizabeth at 556-4934.

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Bob Boyd Evangelistic Association

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Alabama ministry opportunities

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- Oak Grove Baptist Church, Efland, NC-Youth Minister
- Oak Grove Baptist Church, Richmond, VA-Children's Intern

Swaziland youth camp

One team of two to four college students, or a Youth Pastor and team, is needed August 23-September 2, to conduct a four day National Youth Camp and other youth ministries. One male member must serve as Camp Preacher. This trip will involve sleeping on the floor and using outside toilets while at the camp. Email Wayne Myers at swazitalk@africaonline.co.sz for

more information, or consult the website www.swazimissions.org.

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Women's Certificate spring classes

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March 23-May 13

Tuesday nights: Counseling Skills for Women with Mindy Williams
Thursday nights: Nehemiah with Stacey Allen and Basic Christian Doctrine with Evan Lenow

Childcare will be offered for Thursday night classes. The required course offered during this term is Basic Christian Doctrine. For more information, contact Joy White at whitej@sebts.edu or 261-9934.

Spread the Word Bible collection campaign

The Bay Leaf Baptist Church High School Outreach Team is partnering with New Directions International in a program called "Spread the Word." They are collecting new and used Bibles in good condition to be shared in North Carolina and in English-speaking nations around the world. If you would like to donate, please contact Brian Cooper at maddag_2000@yahoo.com.

Chapel Schedule

March 23

Dr. Jerry Falwell
Thomas Road Baptist Church
President, Liberty University
Lynchburg, VA

March 24

Dr. Bob Reccord
President
North American Mission Board
Alpharetta, GA

March 25

Dr. David Nelson
Associate Professor of Theology
SEBTS

March 30

Dr. Michael Cloer
Englewood Baptist Church
Rocky Mount, NC

March 31

Rev. Bill Bowyer
Wake Crossroads Baptist Church
Raleigh, NC

April 1

Dr. Bailey Smith
Evangelist

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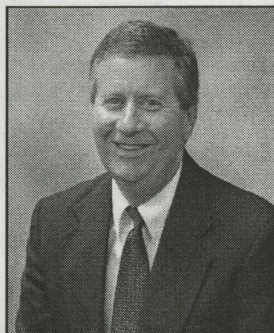
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Southeastern and Olford Ministries form partnership in D. Min. program

By Jerry Higgins

Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary and Olford Ministries International of Memphis, TN announced the formation of a partnership in the Doctor of Ministry in Expository Preaching program. Southeastern Seminary President Daniel Akin will teach a seminar titled "Essentials of Expository Preaching" at the Olford campus on June 7-10, 2004 and Jan. 10-13, 2005.

Students will have access to the resources at the Stephen Olford Center for Biblical Preaching.

"This is a natural partnership. Southeastern Seminary and the Olford Institute have a common commitment and conviction concerning the necessity of expository preaching for building great churches," Akin said. "No one has set the pace in this area more than [Olford Ministries founder] Stephen Olford.

My own approach to preaching was greatly shaped by the ministry of Dr. Olford, so when he invited us to partner with him in offering the D.Min. in Expository Preaching I immediately said yes."

The Stephen Olford Institute for Biblical Preaching was founded in 1980 to promote biblical preaching and practical training for

pastors, evangelists, and lay leaders. Since 1985, more than 2,000 pastors and Christian leaders have attended training institutes at the center.

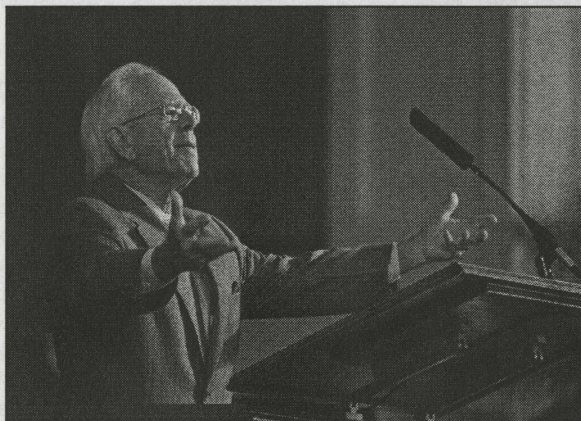
Dr. Olford said he is looking forward to working with Southeastern. "I am excited

receive all glory and honor."

The June semester will have outstanding teachers of the Word of God. Along with Akin and Dr. Olford, other instructors will be David Olford, the president of Olford Ministries International; Hershael York, the Associate Dean of Ministry and Proclamation in the School of Theology at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, KY; and world renowned Bible teacher and author John Phillips.

"It is truly an honor and a privilege to be partners in ministry with Dr. Akin and the entire staff of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary," David Olford said. "It is my prayer that our relationship is a blessing for all involved and be fruitful for God's Kingdom as we train pastors in the accurate, authoritative, and anointed proclamation of God's Word."

Akin said he would like to have other Southeastern Seminary professors teach the seminars at Olford Institute as well. However, students taking the D.Min. in Expository Preaching will learn under such well-known Southeastern experts as L. Russ



Dr. Stephen F. Olford, founder of Olford Ministries International, preaches from the Binkley Chapel pulpit.

about the new partnership between Southeastern Seminary and Olford Ministries International because God has given us a common vision to teach pastors to rightly divide the Word of Truth and live Spirit-filled lives," Dr. Olford said. "May God be with us as we minister together and may He

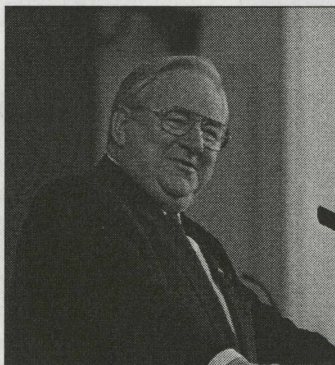
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Falwell urges students to be visionary leaders

By Kyle Smith

Ministers today must have the kind of God-given vision for their ministries which motivates them to step out in faith and, with a prophetic voice, call their culture back to Christ, said pastor and prominent evangelical leader Jerry Falwell.

That is the kind of passion that has spurred Falwell, who spoke March 23 at Southeastern Baptist



Jerry Falwell, founder and chancellor of Liberty University, speaks in Binkley Chapel. Photo by Courtney Navey

theological Seminary, to build the 24,000-member Thomas Road Baptist Church in Lynchburg, VA, and found the world's largest Christian university, Liberty University. Falwell, who has been in Christian ministry for fifty-two years, is known nationwide as a leading voice among conservative evangelicals.

Described as "a real hero of the faith" by Southeastern President Daniel Akin, Falwell has also founded the Old Time Gospel Hour, Inc., Liberty Home Bible Institute, Moral Majority, Inc., Elim Home for Alcoholics, and the

Liberty Broadcasting Network.

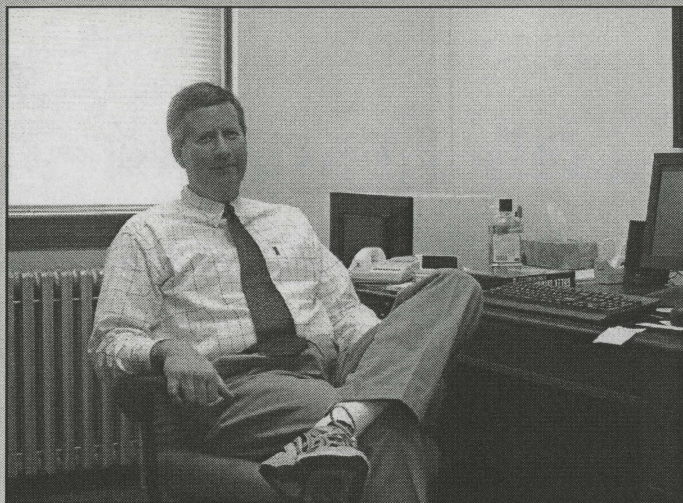
In his message at Southeastern, Falwell underlined the indispensability of vision in a Christian's ministry and the need to communicate that to those he leads.

"You've got to be willing to go where He sends, do what He says and stay as long as He wants," Falwell said. "We get (vision) from God, and we translate it to the people so they will run with what He's put in our hearts."

Falwell is a particular authority on vision casting in ministry. He started Thomas Road Baptist Church with only thirty-five charter members in 1956 and built it into the mega church it is today. He started Liberty University in the 1970s, and the school now boasts more than 7,000 students on its campus.

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Faculty Spotlight: Greg Harris



Family: Betsy (married 21 years), Lauren (15), Ben (13)

Seminary/College position: Associate Professor of Biblical Exposition

Hometown: Raleigh, NC

How you became a Christian: Raised in a Christian home; prodigal son in college; sought by the Lord; came back bruised and bleeding.

Current church: Cornerstone Baptist Church (Wake Forest)

Current local church ministry: I have done six interims since I have been here—just finished one in Wilmington.

Most influential person in your life: Too many to name; I'll leave it with Jesus.

Something surprising about you: I was born with a severe speech impediment. I did not speak legibly until I was almost five years old.

Education: B.A., English, Campbell University; M.A., Education, North Carolina Central University; M.Div., Hebrew/Bible Exposition, Talbot Theological Seminary; Th.M., Bible Exposition, Talbot Theological Seminary; Th.D., Bible Exposition, Dallas Theological Seminary.

Classes currently teaching: Beginning Greek, Old Testament Introduction, Book of Revelation

Favorite class ever taught: Far too many to name

Recent or upcoming publications: Dissertation printed in journal articles in *Bibliotheca Sacra*. Final chapter due from *The Master's Seminary Journal*. Other works are pending—we'll see.

Favorite author: Not to be trite with this, but anything co-authored by the Holy Spirit.

Favorite musician: My daily friend and companion, Michael Card.

Hobbies: None. Pretty dull, actually.

What influenced you to come to Southeastern: Long, long story. God put me here.

A word of wisdom for the readers: Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity.

College tuition grant

Applications are available in the Student Life Office for a tuition grant from the State of North Carolina. Applicants must be college students who are residents of North Carolina. The deadline for submitting an application to the Student Life Office is April 30.

Student Leadership Team elections

Applications are now available in the Student Life Office for those wishing to serve on the Student Leadership Team. The applications will be due April 16 at 5 p.m., and elections will be held April 21-22. For more information contact Ben Brammer at 554-3142, or the Student Life Office.

Spring 2004 Graduates

All Spring 2004 graduates need to place orders for graduation regalia immediately at LifeWay Campus Store. Also, if you have not received your informational packet in the mail regarding graduation, please contact the Dean of Students office at 761-2306 or stop by the office. This packet contains all the information you will need pertaining to graduation, including your tickets.

General Scholarship

Applications are now available in the Student Life Office for the General Scholarship. This application is for the 2004-2005 school year. All current students who will be full time (9 hours in Master's program, 12 hours in College, or actively enrolled in Ph.D., Th.M., or D.Min.) in the fall are eligible to apply. The deadline for submitting an application to the Student Life Office is April 15.

Fraiser Scholarship

The Fraiser Scholarship is available for residents of North Carolina attending either the College or the Seminary. Recipients will be selected on the basis of academic merit, financial need, and potential to succeed. Applications are available online at www.wachoviascholars.com or by calling (866) 608-0001. The deadline for application is June 1.

Pitts Memorial Scholarship

Port Norfolk Baptist Church in Portsmouth, VA, is sponsoring the R. Clayton Pitts Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship provides awards to deserving college or seminary students who have been called to prepare themselves as Southern Baptist ministers of the gospel, specifically in the preaching ministry. Applications are available in the Student Life Office. The deadline for submitting an application is April 30.

Hoover Scholarship

The Hoover Scholarship is available for college or seminary students who lived in Cabarrus County, NC, for at least ten years or whose parents have resided in Cabarrus County for at least ten years. Applicants must demonstrate financial need and an effort to pay for their own education by working at school or during vacation periods. Applications are available online at www.wachoviascholars.com or by calling (888) 608-0001. The deadline for application is May 15.

Paid childcare opportunities

If you are interested in being a childcare worker during the graduation events on Friday, May 21 and Saturday, May 22, please contact the Dean of Students office at 761-2306.

Spring intramurals

The intramural department will be sponsoring several intramural sports during the spring semester. Students may sign up for volleyball, Frisbee golf, and other exciting events. For more information, contact Seth Bible in the Student Life Office at 761-2309 or sbible@sebts.edu.

Fruit and vegetable market

Every Saturday from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. fresh produce will be sold at wholesale cost: apples, oranges, bananas, grapes, carrots, lettuce, potatoes, tomatoes, onions, and much more. The market is available to all seminary students, faculty, and staff. It will be held at 246 North Wingate Street, in front of the Sunshine Seniors Food Pantry. This a ministry of the Sunshine Seniors.

Theological Thoughts

The biblical Jesus and the nature of the virgin birth

By Dr. Daniel Akin

The virgin birth is critical to our understanding of the union of the deity and humanity of Jesus. It teaches that God became man, the Word became flesh, as the Holy Spirit and Mary participated in the event.

Attacks against the virgin birth began



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Theological
Seminary

early in the second century when, in the Talmud, a Jewish writing, the story was told that Jesus was actually the illegitimate son of a Roman soldier by the name of Pandira. This story, concocted by Jewish persons, was used by a pagan philosopher named Celsus to attack Christianity. The French infidel Voltaire propagated the same story. Right down to our present age there have been influential scholars like Brunner, Bultmann, Tillich, Ferre, Baillie and Pannenberg who openly deny the virgin birth.

Disbelief in the virgin birth arises for some in what they see as the historical difficulties associated with the biblical accounts found in Matthew and Luke. Wolfhart Pannenberg denies the virgin birth because he contends that the virgin birth conflicts with the pre-existent divinity of Jesus. He says that "in its content, the legend of Jesus' virgin birth stands in an irreconcilable contradiction to the Christology of the incarnation of the pre-existent Son of God found in [the writ-

ings of] Paul and John." However, there is no reason to view the two doctrines as mutually exclusive rather than complementary.

Christ's preexistence relates to his divinity whereas the virgin birth relates to his humanity. At a finite point in time, the Second Person of the Trinity assumed humanity and was born as Jesus. Erickson correctly notes that there is "no reason why the preexistence [of God's Son] and the virgin birth should be in conflict if one believes that there was a genuine incarnation at the beginning of Jesus' earthly life." For those who affirm the witness of the Bible, the virgin birth is "simply the means by which God brought about the incarnation of his Son."

Others who reject the virgin birth claim that it is cast in a mythological and legendary framework. The idea of the Son of God assuming a human nature in the womb of a virgin too closely parallels ancient myths and legends. Robert Stein contends that, "probably the most frequent argument raised against the virginal conception is that too many other parallels exist in ancient literature to allow [one] to take the Christian account seriously."

According to this argument the story of the virgin birth arose out of Greek mythology and its many miraculous birth stories. However, a careful reading of the Gospel accounts reveals no Greek mythological origin. Luke's virgin birth account is the most Jewish part of his whole gospel. Many of us are familiar with stories of how Zeus fathered Hercules, Perseus, and Alexander, and of Apollo's fatherhood to Ion, Asclepius, Pythagoras, Plato, and Augustus. However, when we examine these stories we discover that "all the alleged parallels turn out to be quite different from the New Testament

accounts. Almost all the pagan accounts involve a sexual encounter." These myths "are nothing more than the stories about fornication between divine and human beings, which is something radically different from the biblical accounts of the virgin birth." Jesus was not the result of sexual intercourse between God and Mary. However, such views seem to never go away.

Not surprisingly at all, the Jesus Seminar, a group of liberal scholars who have taken it upon themselves to decide what Jesus really did say and do, voted down the biblical account that Jesus was born of a virgin. Jesus "is just another of the pagan stories of gods and demigods, involving as they do sordid liaisons between Olympian deities and mortal women." To the Jesus Seminar the virgin birth simply represents "theological fiction." However, we should not allow ourselves to be troubled as if the Seminar fellows have suddenly hit upon something new. Back in the 1970's the fore-runners of the Seminar were already peddling this type of teaching.

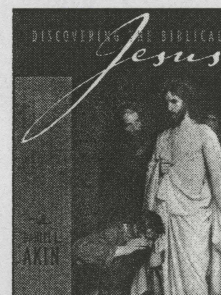
In *The Myth of God Incarnate*, John Hick, a liberal theologian, and his colleagues, were already arguing that the doctrine of Christ's pre-existence and incarnation represent ancient myths that carry only religious meaning for its hearers. According to Hick,

The stories (for example) of the six day creation of the world and the fall of Adam and Eve after their temptation by the serpent in the Garden of Eden are now seen as profound religious myths, illuminating our human situation, so the story of the Son of God coming down from heaven and being born as a baby will be seen as a mythological expression of the immense significance of our encounter

with one in whose presence we have found ourselves to be at the same time in the presence of God.

Therefore modern persons must abandon the incarnation (and the virgin birth) as a genuine reality, but we can retain it as a religious claim. The virgin birth acts, then, as a symbol of the truth that Jesus' was special and that He was God's gift to humanity, without any necessary reference to the mechanism of his birth. For these liberal scholars, "The very possibility of such a conception and birth is excluded as a logical consequence of the elimination of the supernatural from history [for] if miracles cannot happen, then by definition there cannot be a virginal conception." However, in redemptive history, the miraculous accompanies God's actions as He acts in salvation history.

Evangelicals affirm that God exists outside the world and intervenes periodically within the natural processes through miracles. Anyone who affirms the impossibility of the virgin birth is just confessing his or her unbelief in the omnipotent God of the Bible. The virgin birth is no more miraculous than any of the other miracles in the Bible. If miracles are rejected, then nothing important to Christianity really remains.



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Bush, III (Senior Professor of Philosophy of Religion/Dean of Faculty), Wayne McDill (Senior Professor of Preaching), Stephen Rummage (Associate Professor of Preaching/Director of D.Min. program), and Alvin Reid (Professor of Evangelism).

"I believe any student would greatly benefit from this program of study as they have the opportunity to study with both Stephen and David Olford and outstanding professors at Southeastern Seminary," Akin said. "There are seminaries that allow you to go out to the Olford Institute and go through that seminar and count it as one of your D.Min. seminars. The neat thing about

ours is we have a formal partnership with them and that I'm one of the teachers each time they have this seminar. I'm scheduled to be with them in the first full week of June and the second full week of January (each year) until Jesus comes back.

"Together, I believe we have an awesome opportunity to train up a generation of faithful expositors who will make a tremendous contribution to the body of Christ in the 21st century. David and Stephen are dear friends to me personally. It's a natural and wonderful thing for us to be working together this way."

For information concerning the seminar or Southeastern's D.Min. program, go to www.sebts.edu, call the D.Min. office at (919) 761-2464, or call the Olford Institute at 1-800-843-2241.

Falwell

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The truly successful ministers, Falwell said, are not the ones who attempt to do everything themselves but, rather, those who will communicate their God-given vision to others in such a way that they will follow it and join in its efforts.

Ministers today find themselves in a very critical and unique juncture, he said, as they are called to proclaim the gospel to a culture that rejects it and to a world that is in desperate need of it.

"America must have revival soon, or only a memory of what we once were will remain," Falwell said, encouraging students to pray diligently for their land. "You are part of the solution because as go the pulpits, so go the churches."

Falwell said the minister has a responsibility to seek and implement vision in more than just his local church. God has given him his family, and he must attend to it first.

"Parents need a vision for their children," he said. "It's a great thing to build up a godly family, but you're not going to do it by accident. My family is ahead of my church. My family is ahead of Liberty University. You shouldn't be so busy in this busy 21st century that your family is not first in your life, under Jesus only."

Falwell closed by encouraging students to live lives radical for the gospel of Christ and to make use of their time in seminary to resolve and prepare themselves to that end.

"You've got to decide who you are," he said. "Between now and the time the Lord calls you home, be a dreamer. Be a revolutionary."

New England church planting

Interested in helping church plants in New Hampshire and Massachusetts this summer? There will be a trip on July 30-August 7. Cost is \$200.00 plus tuition. To sign up or get more information contact Dr. Brown at (919) 761-2160 or bbrown@sebts.edu.

Indonesia mission trip

A team of ten people will be going to Indonesia June 19-29. If you are interested in knowing more, please contact Scott Pounds at (678) 575-4806 or scott-pounds@hotmail.com; or contact Elizabeth at 556-4934.

Vienna mission trip

Dr. Woodbridge, a former missionary in Austria, will be leading a trip to Vienna. The trip will take place July 21-31 and will include doing evangelism in refugee camps via baseball and English camps. The cost will be \$1,600. For more information, please contact Dr. Woodbridge at rwoodbridge@sebts.edu.

Czech Republic/Germany mission trip

Do you want to lead former Communists to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ? Then come with us and participate in the mission trip to the Czech Republic during June 4-13. The team will spend one day in Munich, Germany. The rest of the trip will be filled with ministry in several locations among the Czech people. For more information, contact Dr. Josef Solc at (919) 761-2162.

Bob Boyd Evangelistic Association

Various internships are available through Bob Boyd Evangelistic Association. Among other responsibilities, interns would travel with the evangelistic team to various campuses across the U.S. and cities around the world. Applicants will be responsible for raising their own support. For more information visit www.bobboyd.org.

Street ministries

Not found your place in ministry while at SEBTS? Join other seminary and college students who will be starting several street ministries with the underprivileged children of Wake Forest. For more information, please contact Kimberly Thompson at 569-6745. Sponsored by Bay Leaf Baptist Church North Campus.

Research on Muslims in NC

Dr. George W. Braswell, Jr. would like to discuss a research opportunity on the state of Islam in North Carolina with an interested Master's level student. It is envisaged that this could take the form of independent study for credit, starting in the summer and concluding in the fall of 2004. Among other things, the research would entail obtaining information on mosques and Muslim religious leaders in North Carolina. Please contact Dr. Braswell at 761-2163 or at gbraswell@sebts.edu if you would like to know more.

Ministry Referral Office

Current Opportunities:

Full Time

- First Baptist Church of Clover, Clover, SC-Youth Minister & Children's Minister
- Grace Baptist Church, Virden, IL-Worship Leader/Music Director
- Willow Ridge Church, Lexington, SC-Spanish Speaking Pastor
- Morning Star Baptist Church, Healy, AK-Pastor
- First Baptist Church of Red Bank (American Baptist), Red Bank, NJ-Pastor
- Sunset Chinese Baptist Church, San Francisco, CA-Cantonese Pastor

Part Time/Bi-Vocational

- Eastville Baptist Church, Eastville, VA-Bi-Vocational Pastor
- Woodbine Baptist Church, Mayodan, NC-Music/Youth/Assistant to Pastor
- Hocutt Memorial Baptist Church, Clayton, NC-Pianist
- Dogwood Hill Baptist Church, Loris, SC-Youth Minister
- Park Lane Baptist Church, Jacksonville, FL-Interim Pastor/Pastor

Summer Internships

- First Baptist Church of Dunedin, Dunedin, FL-Youth Ministry Intern
- Great Fork Baptist Church, Suffolk, VA-Minister to Students
- Oak Grove Baptist Church, Efland, NC-Youth Minister
- Oak Grove Baptist Church, Richmond, VA-Children's Intern

Summer pastorate

A small church in Maine is in need of a summer pastor. If interested, please contact Dr. Brown at 761-2167.

Pregnancy center director

Wilson Pregnancy Center is looking for a full time executive director. College degree required. Some experience preferred. Send resume to Eleanor Sullivan, 3111 Edinburgh Drive NW, Wilson, NC 27896, (252) 237-2343.

Summer missions at Yosemite

CrossWay - Yosemite Christian Ministries is seeking to fill summer missions positions in Yosemite National Park. For more information contact Steve Hughes at (209) 379-2428 or ycm@inreach.com. More information is also available at www.crosswayyosemite.com.

Swaziland youth camp

One team of two to four college students, or a Youth Pastor and team, is needed August 23-September 2, to conduct a four day National Youth Camp and other youth ministries. One male member must serve as Camp Preacher. This trip will involve sleeping on the floor and using outside toilets while at the camp. Email Wayne Myers at swazitalk@africaonline.co.sz for more information, or consult the website www.swazimissions.org.

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Dr. Herb Reavis
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Jacksonville, FL

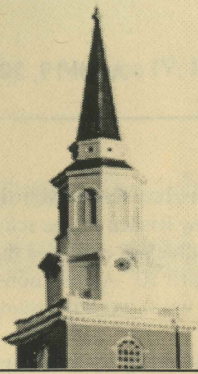
April 14
Dr. Greg Harris
Assoc. Prof. of Bible Exposition
SEBTS

April 15
Dr. Jerry Sutton
Two Rivers Baptist Church
Nashville, TN

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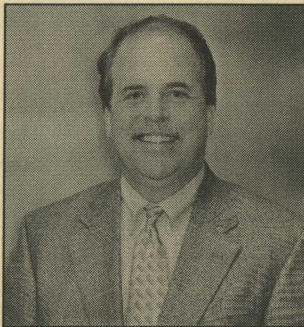
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Youth Ministry: You Are Not Neutral

Dr. Alvin Reid, Professor of Evangelism and Bailey Smith Chair of Evangelism, explores standards for youth ministry in his new book *Raising the Bar*.

Scholarships

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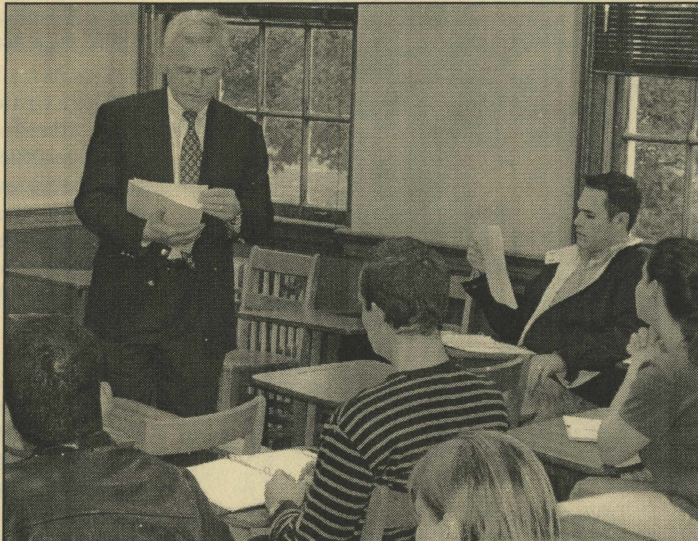
NC students to receive college tuition grant

By Evan Lenow

In July, North Carolina students at Southeastern College will receive checks from the state for as much as \$1,800 if they apply for the new college tuition grant. The applications for the grant are available in the Student Life Office and must be returned by the end of April.

On August 19, 2003, House Bill 150 passed the North Carolina legislature adding Southeastern College at Wake Forest to the list of private institutions where students can receive money through the Legislative Tuition Grant. Since that time, the Student Life Office and Stephen Prescott have been working with the North Carolina State Education Assistance Authority to work out the details of how the grant will be administered.

The grant for Southeastern students, officially called Grants to Students Attending Certain Private Education Institutions (CPEI), is available for all college students who are residents of North Carolina and have maintained full-time status for the



Dr. James Porowski teaches Southeastern College students in an Appleby classroom.

entire academic year.

The residency requirements follow those established by the University of North Carolina's Board of Governors. The general principle for residency is that one must have been a resident of the state for at least one year prior to the beginning of the school year for which one is applying for the grant. In order to establish residency, the state requires that an individual change his driver's license, voter registration, and/or vehicle registration. Therefore, the mini-

mum requirement is that these items should have been changed by August 2002 in order to apply for the 2003-2004 school year.

There are also special regulations concerning dependents. If a student is listed as a dependent on his parents' income taxes, then his residency is tied to that of his parents. Therefore, even though a student may have changed his residency to North Carolina, he would still be considered an out-of-state resident if his parents reside in another state.

Another requirement that affects recipients of the grant is that the student must not have received or qualified for a bachelor's degree prior to this May. This means that a student may not be working on a second bachelor's degree and apply to receive the funds. In addition, if the student qualified to graduate in December but chose not to graduate in order to take more elective courses, he would not be eligible for the grant.

While the qualifications for receiving the grant are established by the state, the determination of whether or not a student meets

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Pastors Should Expect Criticism, Sutton Says



By Kyle Smith

Even pastors serving God in the will of God are not exempt from criticism of their minis-

tries, pastor Jerry Sutton said. In fact, they should count on it. Sutton, who has served as pastor of Two Rivers Baptist

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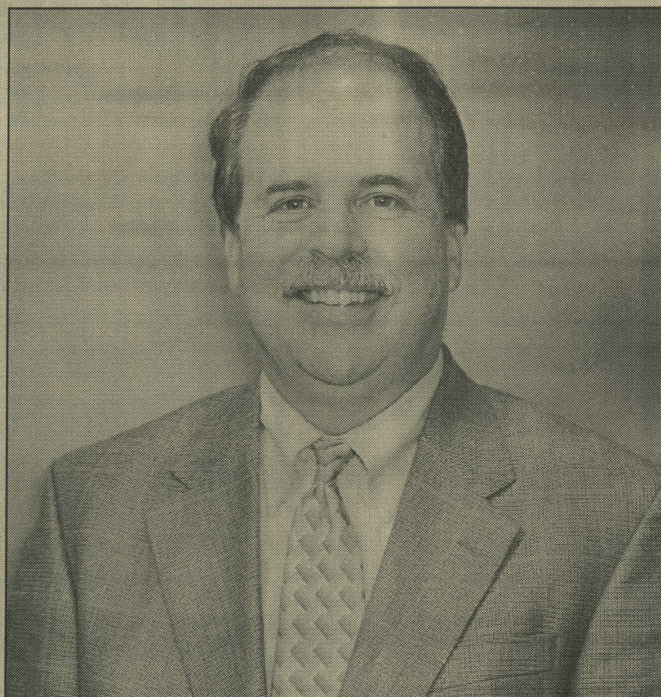
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Payment Plan

Faculty Spotlight: Ken Coley



Family: Kathy, married 28 years; Scott, 20, junior at Liberty University; Caitlin, 13, 7th grade at North Raleigh Christian Academy Seminary/College position: Associate Professor of Christian Education

Hometown: Raleigh, NC

How you became a Christian: Before an evening service when I was nine, a lady read John 3:16 and put my name in the verse. I knew I was a sinner and that Jesus saved me.

Current church: Richland Creek Community Church

Current local church ministry: Teacher of couples Sunday School class

Most influential person in your life: My father, who is the most Christ-like man I know. My father-in-law, Bob Crowley, who has lived out what it means to be a pastor.

Education: B.A., Wake Forest University; M.A., College of William and Mary; Ed.D., University of Maryland

Classes currently teaching: School Law and Finance, Minister of Education, Student Teaching

Favorite class ever taught: Administration and Education in the Local Church

Recent or upcoming publications: "Instructional Leadership in Curriculum Development" in *ACSI Journal*; book in development: *Leading Kingdom Schools: An Introduction to Christian School Administration*

Hobbies: Coaching my son's and daughter's teams, white water kayaking, tennis

What influenced you to come to Southeastern: A deep desire to teach

A word of wisdom for the readers: Christian teachers have no idea the opportunity and power they have to influence a student's life. "When a disciple is fully trained, he will be like his teacher."

Spring cookout

The annual spring cookout will take place on Monday, May 3, 2004. Free tickets are currently available at the front desk of the Ledford Center. All students, faculty, staff, and their families are encouraged to sign up and attend this campus wide fellowship. We will have inflatable games for children of all ages. The event will be held at the intramural field. In the event of rain it will be held in the Ledford Center.

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Pitts Memorial scholarship

Port Norfolk Baptist Church in Portsmouth, VA, is sponsoring the R. Clayton Pitts Memorial scholarship. This scholarship provides awards to deserving college or seminary students who have been called to prepare themselves as Southern Baptist ministers of the gospel, specifically in the preaching ministry. Applications are available in the Student Life Office. The deadline for submitting an application is April 30.

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Spring 2004 Graduates

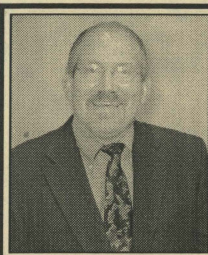
All Spring 2004 graduates need to place orders for graduation regalia immediately at LifeWay Campus Store. Also, if you have not received your informational packet in the mail regarding graduation, please contact the Dean of Students office at 761-2306 or stop by the office. This packet contains all the information you will need pertaining to graduation, including your tickets.

Theological Thoughts

Youth ministry: You are not neutral

By Dr. Alvin Reid

As a youth leader you will never be neutral. You are either leading people to know Jesus better, or you are nudging them away from Him. And because the passion that youth bring to witnessing can affect a whole church, the stakes are simply too high



Alvin L. Reid,
Professor of
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Bailey Smith
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for us to be indifferent toward teaching them evangelism.

Greg Stier writes, "A handful of students in one dead church can remind the adults of what this Christianity thing is all about." I've personally seen this happen on a number of occasions. "Passionate evangelism," writes Stier, "burning in the hearts of on-fire teens can set a whole congregation ablaze."

Sounds exciting, doesn't it? And youth love excitement. Barna notes that youth "crave unique and fun experiences," and this craving is a great advantage for the church, if we'd just wake up. We don't have to teach teenagers how to have fun, but we can coach them, show them how to redefine fun. On the numerous occasions when I've taken teenagers

out to share their faith, their hearts race and their knees knock. They're terrified. But over and over again after these students have gone out to share their faith, they've come back with an adrenaline rush, in such excitement, giving each other high fives, hugging each other, not wanting to stop, excited about the next time they'll get an opportunity to do that.

In Wisconsin, I heard about a group of teenagers who were taught one year about sharing their faith. When the classes were over they asked, "Now that we've learned this, why don't we go out and practice it?" The youth encouraged the adults who led them, and they went out to share the gospel. They had an incredible time.

No, we don't need to teach young people how to have fun; we need to teach them how living for Jesus is the greatest ride you can ever take. We need to show them that whenever you step out of your comfort zone into new, exciting, and even frightening situations—situations in which you have to depend upon the Lord—the level of fun is not of this world.

If you haven't noticed, young people love to talk about spiritual things. Saved youth do. Lost youth do. You don't have to be a slick salesman to get into a gospel conversation. You don't have to be clever. Just be real.

If you're a youth leader who hasn't led your students in witnessing because you are afraid or feel

unprepared, here's some advice:

1. Be honest. Tell your students you're learning. They want a real person, not superman.
2. Be a learner. Learn to share your faith. For starters, check out Greg Stier's book *Outbreak*.

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3. Be a grower. Let them see you're willing to grow and be changed.

While you're learning and growing, share the gospel in your youth meetings. Teach the Word, but include the gospel in your teaching. Why? Over 80 percent of professions of faith occur before age twenty. And Barna found that about half of the youth who call themselves Christians and participate in youth groups in a typical month are not actually believers. That means around seven million unsaved youth are in church regularly.

Charles Haddon Spurgeon, the

prince of preachers, said to exegete the text, expound the Scriptures, and plow a furrow to the cross. How sad would it be for a student to bring a lost friend to the youth meeting, and then the speaker doesn't offer the gospel.

Teach your youth not only to invite their lost friends but to be patient with them. A tremendous need is evident in youth groups, for example to teach young ladies biblical modesty in their dress. But a lost young lady need not be singled out for her attire if she doesn't know any better. Note: Christian young ladies should! Teach guys to behave like gentlemen, but exercise gentleness if an unruly student shows up who has no idea how to act in church.

Douglas Hyde notes how Communists appealed to the idealism of youth: "The Communists' appeal to idealism is direct and audacious. They say that if you make mean little demands upon people, you will get a mean little response which is all you deserve, but if you make big demands on them, you will get a heroic response."



Excerpted from Chapter Nine of *Raising the Bar* by Alvin Reid. Grand Rapids, Kregel, 2004. © 2004 by Alvin Reid.

Grant

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those requirements is established by the institution. For that reason, the Student Life Office will be evaluating every application in detail and may require further information from some students.

Much of the credit for getting this piece of legislation passed should be given to Stephen Prescott, Instructor of Church History in the College. His dedication to meeting with state legislators and serving as a liaison between the College and the State proved to be extremely helpful in ensuring that the bill was passed.

In contrast to other private institutions that receive money through the Legislative Tuition Grant, the money for Southeastern stu-

dents is actually a reimbursement. Students receive the money during the summer after the academic year for which they apply. Also, the checks are written directly to the students rather than to the institution.

According to the schedule set by the North Carolina State Education Assistance Authority, the checks should be cut and mailed to the students on July 1. However, if the state legislature delays in finalizing the budget for this upcoming fiscal year, the checks may also be delayed. If that does take place, there is nothing that the school or students can do to remedy the situation. Therefore, students should be patient in waiting for their checks from the government.

If students have questions regarding eligibility or applications for the grant, they should contact the Student Life Office at (919) 761-2305.

Sutton

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Church in Nashville, Tenn., for 18 years and whose television broadcast "Real Faith with Dr. Jerry Sutton" airs nationally, is also author of the highly acclaimed book *The Baptist Reformation*, which chronicles the conservative resurgence within Southern Baptist life over the past 25 years.

In his April 15 message to Southeastern students, Sutton advised students that criticism of their ministries will indeed come, even if they are serving faithfully in the place to which God has called them.

"You can be at the center of God's will and still get attacked," Sutton said. "As a matter of fact, just count on it. Most people being used by God

have a bull's eye on their back."

Along with the warning, Sutton also offered students advice on how to respond to the unwarranted criticism that will come.

"No matter what you do, you can't do enough to please some people," Sutton said. "Live your life for an audience of One. As long as I please God, that's all I'm concerned about."

Sutton also offered encouragement to the struggling pastor discouraged by waves of criticism.

"Never doubt that God is actively involved in your ministry," he said. "If He called you, and your heart is clean before Him, you can expect Him to be at work."

"Expect criticism, and expect God to give you the grace to deal with it," he told students in conclusion.

New England church planting

Interested in helping church plants in New Hampshire and Massachusetts this summer? There will be a trip on July 30-August 7. Cost is \$200.00 plus tuition. To sign up or get more information contact Dr. Brown at (919) 761-2160 or bbrown@sebts.edu.

Indonesia mission trip

A team of ten people will be going to Indonesia June 19-29. If you are interested in knowing more, please contact Scott Pounds at (678) 575-4806 or scott-pounds@hotmail.com; or contact Elizabeth at 556-4934.

Vienna mission trip

Dr. Woodbridge, a former missionary in Austria, will be leading a trip to Vienna. The trip will take place July 21-31 and will include doing evangelism in refugee camps via baseball and English camps. The cost will be \$1,600. For more information, please contact Dr. Woodbridge at rwoodbridge@sebts.edu.

Czech Republic/Germany mission trip

Do you want to lead former Communists to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ? Then come with us and participate in the mission trip to the Czech Republic during June 4-13. The team will spend one day in Munich, Germany. The rest of the trip will be filled with ministry in several locations among the Czech people. For more information, contact Dr. Josef Solc at (919) 761-2162.

Bob Boyd Evangelistic Association

Various internships are available through Bob Boyd Evangelistic Association. Among other responsibilities, interns would travel with the evangelistic team to various campuses across the U.S. and cities around the world. Applicants will be responsible for raising their own support. For more information visit www.bobboyd.org.

Street ministries

Not found your place in ministry while at SEBTS? Join other seminary and college students who will be starting several street ministries with the underprivileged children of Wake Forest. For more information, please contact Kimberly Thompson at 569-6745. Sponsored by Bay Leaf Baptist Church North Campus.

Research on Muslims in NC

Dr. George W. Braswell, Jr., would like to discuss a research opportunity on the state of Islam in North Carolina with an interested Master's level student. It is envisaged that this could take the form of independent study for credit, starting in the summer and concluding in the fall of 2004. Among other things, the research would entail obtaining information on mosques and Muslim religious leaders in North Carolina. Please contact Dr. Braswell at 761-2163 or at gbraswell@sebts.edu if you would like to know more.

Ministry Referral Office

Current Opportunities:

Full Time

- Southern Hills Baptist Church, Copperas Cove, TX-Pastor
- Faith Community Church, Clifton, CO-Worship Pastor
- First Baptist Church, Lemon Grove, CA-Minister of Music & Education
- Willow Ridge Church, Lexington, SC-Bilingual Pastor

Part Time/Bi-Vocational

- Pine Ridge Baptist Church, Brunswick, GA-Minister of Youth/Education
- Eastville Baptist Church, Fruitland, MD-Bi-Vocational Pastor
- Park Lane Baptist Church, Jacksonville, FL-Bi-Vocational Pastor
- Hocutt Memorial Baptist Church, Clayton, NC-Pianist

Summer Internships

- Dogwood Hill Baptist Church, Loris, SC-Youth Minister
- First Baptist Church, Waverly, TN-Youth/Staff Intern
- Jackson Memorial Baptist Church, Chesapeake, VA-Minister to Children
- Willowbrook Baptist Church, Huntsville, AL-Preteen Intern

Other Internships

- Augusta Rescue Mission, Augusta, GA-Resident Manager
- First Baptist Church, Clover, SC-FT Youth Intern, FT Children Intern
- Israel's Fulness Messianic Jewish Ministries, Charlotte, NC-Campus Bible Study Interns
- Northside Baptist Church, West Columbia, SC-14 Month Staff Internship

Summer pastorate

A small church in Maine is in need of a summer pastor. If interested, please contact Dr. Brown at 761-2167.

Pregnancy center director

Wilson Pregnancy Center is looking for a full time executive director. College degree required. Some experience preferred. Send resume to Eleanor Sullivan, 3111 Edinburgh Drive NW, Wilson, NC 27896, (252) 237-2343.

Summer missions at Yosemite

CrossWay - Yosemite Christian Ministries is seeking to fill summer missions positions in Yosemite National Park. For more information contact Steve Hughes at (209) 379-2428 or yem@inreach.com. More information is also available at www.crosswayyosemite.com.

Swaziland youth camp

One team of two to four college students, or a Youth Pastor and team, is needed August 23-September 2, to conduct a four day National Youth Camp and other youth ministries. One male member must serve as Camp Preacher. This trip will involve sleeping on the floor and using outside toilets while at the camp. Email Wayne Myers at swazitalk@africaonline.co.sz for more information, or consult the website www.swazimissions.org.

Christian camping internships

The Southern Baptist Camping Association is looking for men and women interested in hands-on training through Christian camping. Applicants must be seeking God's direction in Christian camping or ministry. Internships range from 1 to 2 years, summer, and semester. For more information about this program visit www.sbccamping.org. An online application is also available at this website.

World Changers summer staff

World Changers, of the North American Mission Board, has Summer Staff Team openings for Music Leader, Office Manager, Mission Communication Specialist, and Audio/Visual Technician. Seventeen teams of four people will be assigned to 75 World Changers student mission projects throughout North America this summer. For more information, please call 1-800-462-8657 x6475, or visit the website, www.studentz.com/wc.

Chapel Schedule

April 20

Dr. Danny Akin
President
SEBTS

April 21

Dr. Greg Lawson
Associate Professor of
Christian Education
SEBTS

April 22

Dr. Frank Cox
North Metro Baptist Church
Lawrenceville, GA

April 27

Jeff (J.C.) Chase
Student Preaching Week

April 28

Ben Brammer
Student Preaching Week

April 29

Joel Stephens
Student Preaching Week

Tapes of chapel sermons may be purchased from the Audio/Visual department in the Library. Also, all chapel sermons can be downloaded from www.sebts.edu.

Newsline Information

The deadline for submissions for the next *Newsline* is April 26. *Newsline* submissions may be sent to newsline@sebts.edu, or dropped off at the Student Life Office. **All submissions** should be in **electronic format**, either on disk or sent via e-mail, and should be submitted **as they are to appear** in the *Newsline*. The Student Life Office reserves the right to edit any announcement. The *Newsline* is also available on-line at http://www.sebts.edu/visitors/news_events/newsline.cfm.

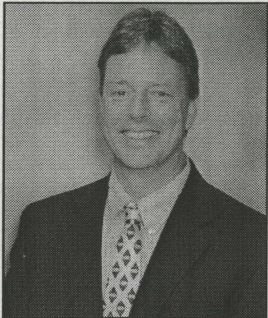


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On Mission

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Trustees meeting brings many changes

By Staff

Members of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary's Board of Trustees met on campus April 19-20. The meetings produced many changes that will take effect in the Fall 2004 semester.

The most significant changes involve modification of the existing Master's and Doctoral programs.

The required credit hours for many Master of Divinity concentrations were reduced from the previously required 96 hours. The M.Div. Pastoral Track, M.Div. with North American Church Planting, M.Div. with Women's Studies, and M.Div. with International Church Planting will all require just 90 hours. The M.Div. with Counseling will require 93 hours, and the M.Div. with Christian Education, 95. The M.Div. with Advanced Biblical Studies will remain at 96 hours. Any student who may benefit from these changes should contact the Registrar's Office to transfer to the new requirements.

The trustees also voted to add several new concentrations in the M.Div., including Christian Apologetics, requiring 92



Timothy Lewis, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, and Dr. Danny Akin, SEBTS President, recognize Dr. and Mrs. Bart Neal for their many years of service.

hours; Evangelism, requiring 90 hours; and Worship Leadership, requiring 95 hours.

In addition, all concentrations now include 15 hours of elective credit. L. Russ Bush, Academic Vice President and Dean of the Faculty, approved of this change, saying, "It allows the students to cross over and gives all students no matter the program the chance to take classes preparing them for specific ministries." Another notable change is the adjustment of language requirements to 15 hours. Students will take and receive credit for the first two semesters of both Hebrew and Greek, followed by a third semester of either.

The trustees also approved a non-thesis Master of Theology degree, a concentration in Expository Preaching for the Doctor of Ministry program, and concentrations in Biblical Theology and Hermeneutics for

the Doctor of Philosophy program.

Also, there will be a new opportunity for college students to earn up to 15 hours of advanced standing in the seminary. This means that a Southeastern College graduate who has taken classes similar to the seminary classes and received an "A" or "B" can graduate with a 75 hour M.Div.

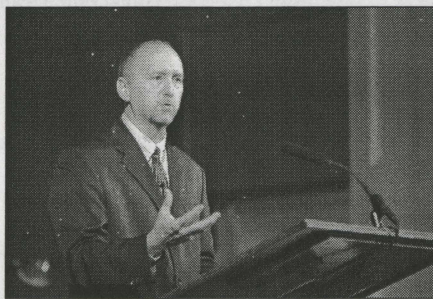
With regard to financial matters, the trustees voted to keep student rent at its

current level. Tuition rates, however, will rise from \$127 to \$133 per hour in the seminary and from \$145 to \$175 per hour in the college. Bush noted, "These tuition rates remain well below the national averages, and the increase in the Seminary is to some extent offset by the reduction in required hours."

Southeastern officials also announced that Danny Akin will be inaugurated as the school's sixth president on October 27. The trustees then voted to move their fall meeting to October 25-26 to coincide with the celebration. That is two weeks later than the meeting was originally scheduled.

"We are excited to be able to set aside these dates to honor our Lord Jesus Christ, who has sent us His man to lead Southeastern into the future," said Bart Neal, Southeastern's Vice President for Institutional

Eighteenth Annual Student Preaching Week



Annual Student Preaching Week in Binkley Chapel. Jeff Chase, Ben Brammer, and Joel Stephens, all graduating from the Master of

By Andrew Streett

April 27, 28, and 29 marked Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary's Eighteenth

Divinity program, presented expository sermons to their fellow students.

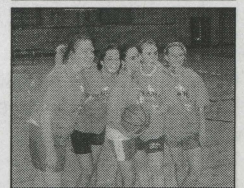
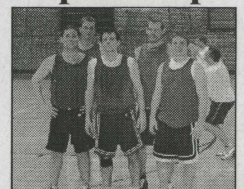
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Intramural championships

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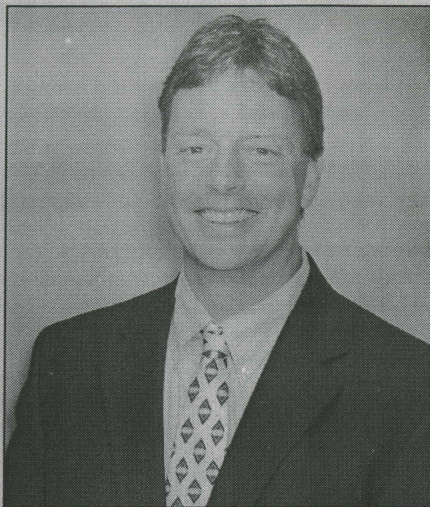
The men's and women's intramural basketball championship games were played Thursday, April 22. In the men's tournament the Hulganaei prevailed over defending champions Barney's Playhouse, 81-40, while on the women's side Holly's Hobbits defeated Amber's Anteaters, 34-25.

Participation this season was the highest in recent history, with six women's teams and twelve men's teams playing during the regular season. Because of the increased participation, the men's tournament was able to be played in a double elimination format.



"The season was a great success, and I am looking forward to football and volleyball in the fall," said Facility and Fitness Manager Seth Bible.

Faculty Spotlight: Mark Liederbach



Family: Harriette, married 14 years; Daniel, 11; Hannah, 13; Katherine, 4
Seminary/College position: Associate Professor of Christian Ethics
Hometown: I grew up in Rockville, MD, but my home is anywhere God's call and my wife are.

How you became a Christian: Summer youth camp with 4th Presbyterian Church in the summer of 1974

Current church: North Wake Baptist Church

Current local church ministry: Anything I can do to further the glory of God. I Serve as an elder in my church and frequently teach there and in other church settings.

Most influential person in your life: Other than the Lord, perhaps my brother, John, or a friend named Steve have influenced me more to follow hard after Christ than any others.

Something surprising about you: Troy Aikman is not my brother and it is one of my goals this year to learn how to tie a bow tie like Drs. Heimbach and Little.

Education: B.S., James Madison University; M.A., Historical and Theological Studies, Denver Seminary; Ph.D., Theology, Ethics, and Culture, University of Virginia

Classes currently teaching: Basic Christian Ethics, Foundations of Marriage and Family, The Ethics of Life and Death

Favorite class ever taught: God, Meaning, and Morality at James Madison University

Recent or upcoming publications: "Our Vows to Each Other"; "5 Myths about the Meaning of Marriage"; "Divorce and Remarriage"; "Humble Absolutism: An Exploration of the Problem of Moral Dilemmas"; "Why Homosexual Marriage is not a Christian Option"; "Cloning: An Ethical Analysis"

Favorite author: J. R. R. Tolkien

Hobbies: Most sports (particularly basketball, volleyball, mountain biking) and wondering, "Why didn't Sam Williams get chosen for the part of Legolas in the Lord of the Rings movies?"

What influenced you to come to Southeastern: The unparalleled opportunity to invest my life in people committed to reaching the world for Christ. It was also impressive that Dr. Schemm heads up the Women's Studies program.

A word of wisdom for the readers: Never make the mistake of thinking preaching is a substitute for discipleship. It is a necessary component, but there is so much more. Give your disciples your whole life!

Korean-American Scholarship

Global Mission Church of Washington, D.C. is offering a scholarship to Korean-American seminarians. Applicants must have completed one full year of seminary and cannot have previously received this scholarship. For more information, see www.gmcusa.org or send an inquiry to gmcship@gmcusa.org. The deadline for application is June 30.

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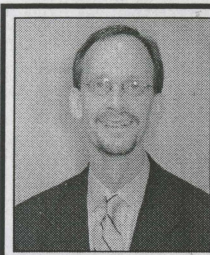
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By Dr. David Nelson

I want to focus here on the concept of the church as a fellowship or community of the Holy Spirit. Identification of the church with the Holy



David P. Nelson, Associate Professor of Systematic Theology, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary

Spirit is a recurring New Testament theme. The church owes its existence to the ministry of the Spirit (Acts 2; 1 Cor. 12:13), is gifted for ministry by the Spirit (1 Corinthians 12), grows and matures by the ministry of the Spirit (Eph. 2:21-22), has fellowship with the Spirit (2 Cor. 13:13 [14]), and enjoys the unity of the Spirit (Eph. 4:3).

To point out that the church exists as a community is to point out what should be obvious. Yet, in the church it is too often the case that the idea of genuine Christian community is secondary to a variety of competing individual tastes and preferences. Such an environment, which neglects

the reality of the church as community, is fertile soil for controversy over musical style.

As the community of the Spirit, the church should exhibit a healthy unity with diversity. In Acts 2 the work of the Holy Spirit includes drawing diverse peoples into the church. The ethnic diversity of the crowd is recounted in vv. 5-11. The implication of Acts 2:45 is that these were people from diverse economic strata. These diverse peoples are found worshipping together following the Spirit's work at Pentecost. In 1 Corinthians we note similar themes. Paul corrects the Corinthians concerning their failure to recognize their unity in the Spirit, even though the one body (the church) is made up of many members (1 Cor. 12:13). The diversity of the congregation is heralded by Paul. They possess varieties of gifts, ministries, and engage in diverse activities, but they do so by the power of the one triune God (1 Cor. 12:4-6). And this is so for the common good of the body of Christ as determined by the Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 12:7).

There are two important conclusions I would like to draw at this point. First, the church should be the one place in the world where ethnic, sociological, class, and generational

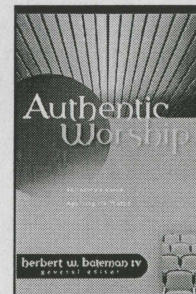
diversity exists in unity. Second, if such diversity properly belongs within the church, and since God's

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creation exhibits such wonderful diversity, then it seems logical to conclude that the music of the church's worship would reflect diversity as well. The extent of that diversity is a matter that cannot be explored adequately within the current essay. But I hope that we can admit that diversity should in fact exist.

This is, to me, the reason that we should answer the question about musical styles by asking congregations to consider the possibility of a diversity of musical styles, rather than settling on one style or another. This approach offers at least two advan-

tages to the church. First, a commitment to diverse musical styles should protect the church from becoming "time bound" in its worship. When a congregation adopts a single musical style, which is inevitably associated with a certain period in history and culture, it may become unduly bound to that musical style. Then, when certain groups within the congregation seek to introduce different musical styles, there is often tension. A commitment to a diversity of styles that is not bound to the music of a single era may avoid, or at least lessen, such tensions. Then, when changes begin to occur in a congregation, transitions are less difficult and the church is better poised to minister to diverse peoples.



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Trustees

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Advancement and co-chairman of the inauguration committee. "I am confident this will be one of the greatest days in the history of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary."

Akin was elected president of Southeastern in January by a unanimous vote of the Board of Trustees.

The inauguration service will be held at 10 a.m. in the seminary's Binkley Chapel. Paige Patterson, former president of Southeastern and now president of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, will be the featured speaker.

Several special events are scheduled for inauguration week. Featured speakers during inauguration week activities include Albert Mohler, president of The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and James Merritt, pastor of Cross Pointe Church in Duluth, GA.

Faculty who were promoted in rank included Shawn Madden, from Assistant to Associate Professor of Old Testament and Hebrew; Nanette Godwin, from Assistant to Associate Professor of Church Music and Keyboard; John Davis, from Associate Professor to Professor of Church Music; Keith Harper, from Associate Professor to Professor of Church History; and Jim Porowski, from Associate Professor to Professor of Child and Family Development.

Newly elected faculty included Bruce Ashford, Russell Woodbridge, Brad Reynolds, and Scott Kellum.

In other news, the trustees voted to affirm both the Danvers Statement on Biblical Manhood and Womanhood and the Chicago Statement on Biblical Inerrancy. The popular statements outline what many consider to be the basic conservative evangelical position in regard to issues of gender roles and biblical inerrancy, respectively.

Preaching Week

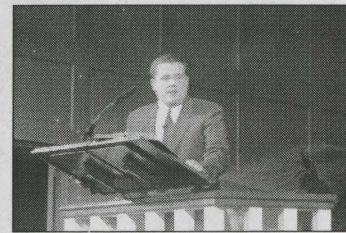
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Samuel 17 on living with a God-consciousness, currently serves as coordinator for LifeChange Adult Bible Fellowship at North Wake Church. After graduation, he is considering church planting opportunities in Toronto.

Brammer, drawing from 1 Peter 1:17-19, exhorted students to live with a fear of God and to not take the sacrifice of Christ lightly. Brammer, who currently serves

as pastor of Cummock Baptist Church in Sanford, NC, is also Student Body President. He will enter the Ph.D. program in the fall.



Stephens, preaching from Romans 8, expounded on believers' adoption as sons and the Holy Spirit's role as a guarantee of salvation. Stephens has served as pastor of Westfield Baptist Church in Westfield, NC for the past two years. After graduation he plans to continue serving in the pastorate and pursue a D.Min. in Expository Preaching.

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Vienna mission trip

Dr. Woodbridge, a former missionary in Austria, will be leading a trip to Vienna. The trip will take place July 21-31 and will include doing evangelism in refugee camps via baseball and English camps. The cost will be \$1,600. For more information, please contact Dr. Woodbridge at rwoodbridge@sebts.edu.

Czech Republic/Germany mission trip

Do you want to lead former Communists to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ? Then come with us and participate in the mission trip to the Czech Republic during June 4-13. The team will spend one day in Munich, Germany. The rest of the trip will be filled with ministry in several locations among the Czech people. For more information, contact Dr. Josef Solc at (919) 761-2162.

Bob Boyd Evangelistic Association

Various internships are available through Bob Boyd Evangelistic Association. Among other responsibilities, interns would travel with the evangelistic team to various campuses across the U.S. and cities around the world. Applicants will be responsible for raising their own support. For more information visit www.bobbyboyd.org.

Pregnancy center director

Wilson Pregnancy Center is looking for a full time executive director. College degree required. Some experience preferred. Send resume to Eleanor Sullivan, 3111 Edinburgh Drive NW, Wilson, NC 27896, (252) 237-2343.

Summer missions at Yosemite

CrossWay - Yosemite Christian Ministries is seeking to fill summer missions positions in Yosemite National Park. For more information contact Steve Hughes at (209) 379-2428 or ycm@inreach.com. More information is also available at www.crosswayyosemite.com.

Research on Muslims in NC

Dr. George W. Braswell, Jr., would like to discuss a research opportunity on the state of Islam in North Carolina with an interested Master's level student. It is envisaged that this could take the form of independent study for credit, starting in the summer and concluding in the fall of 2004. Among other things, the research would entail obtaining information on mosques and Muslim religious leaders in North Carolina. Please contact Dr. Braswell at 761-2163 or at gbraswell@sebts.edu if you would like to know more.

Ministry Referral Office

Current Opportunities:

Full Time

- Southern Hills Baptist Church, Copperas Cove, TX-Pastor
- Faith Community Church, Clifton, CO-Worship Pastor
- First Baptist Church, Lemon Grove, CA-Minister of Music & Education
- Willow Ridge Church, Lexington, SC-Bilingual Pastor

Part Time/Bi-Vocational

- Pine Ridge Baptist Church, Brunswick, GA-Minister of Youth/Education
- Eastville Baptist Church, Fruitland, MD-Bi-Vocational Pastor
- Park Lane Baptist Church, Jacksonville, FL-Bi-Vocational Pastor
- Hocutt Memorial Baptist Church, Clayton, NC-Pianist

Summer Internships

- Dogwood Hill Baptist Church, Loris, SC-Youth Minister
- First Baptist Church, Waverly, TN-Youth/Staff Intern
- Jackson Memorial Baptist Church, Chesapeake, VA-Minister to Children
- Willowbrook Baptist Church, Huntsville, AL-Preteen Intern

Other Internships

- Augusta Rescue Mission, Augusta, GA-Resident Manager
- First Baptist Church, Clover, SC-FT Youth Intern, FT Children Intern
- Israel's Fullness Messianic Jewish Ministries, Charlotte, NC-Campus Bible Study Interns
- Northside Baptist Church, West Columbia, SC-14 Month Staff Internship

Summer pastorate

A small church in Maine is in need of a summer pastor. If interested, please contact Dr. Brown at 761-2167.

Swaziland youth camp

One team of two to four college students, or a Youth Pastor and team, is needed August 23-September 2, to conduct a four day National Youth Camp and other youth ministries. One male member must serve as Camp Preacher. This trip will involve sleeping on the floor and using outside toilets while at the camp. Email Wayne Myers at swazitalk@africaonline.co.sz for more information, or consult the website www.swazimissions.org.

Christian camping internships

The Southern Baptist Camping Association is looking for men and women interested in hands-on training through Christian camping. Applicants must be seeking God's direction in Christian camping or ministry. Internships range from 1 to 2 years, summer, and semester. For more information about this program visit www.sbccamping.org. An online application is also available at this website.

World Changers summer staff

World Changers, of the North American Mission Board, has Summer Staff Team openings for Music Leader, Office Manager, Mission Communication Specialist, and Audio/Visual Technician. Seventeen teams of four people will be assigned to 75 World Changers student mission projects throughout North America this summer. For more information, please call 1-800-462-8657 x6475, or visit the website, www.studentz.com/wc.

Chapel Schedule

May 4

Chris Fowler

College / A.Div. Preaching Day

May 5

Dr. Chris Brammer

Hampstead Baptist Church
Hampstead, MD

May 6

Rev. Julian Motley

Director of Denominational
Relations & Ministry Referral
SEBTS

May 11

Rev. Greg Mathis

Mud Creek Baptist Church
Hendersonville, NC

May 12

Rev. Finny Mathews

President
Alpha International Ministries
Clarksville, VA

May 13

Dr. Danny Akin

President

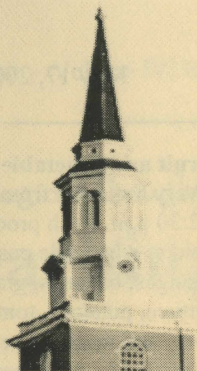
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Awards and Commissioning

Tapes of chapel sermons may be purchased from the Audio/Visual department in the Library. Also, all chapel sermons can be downloaded from www.sebts.edu.

Newsline Information

The deadline for submissions for the next *Newsline* is May 10. *Newsline* submissions may be sent to newsline@sebts.edu, or dropped off at the Student Life Office. **All submissions** should be in **electronic format**, either on disk or sent via e-mail, and should be submitted **as they are to appear** in the *Newsline*. The Student Life Office reserves the right to edit any announcement. The *Newsline* is also available on-line at http://www.sebts.edu/visitors/news_events/newsline.cfm.



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A conversation with Rev. Julian Motley

By Andrew Streett

Rev. Julian Motley is Adjunct Professor of Pastoral Ministry and Director of Ministry Referral and Denominational Relations. The purpose of this interview is to glean from the wisdom he has gained from his many years in the pastorate.

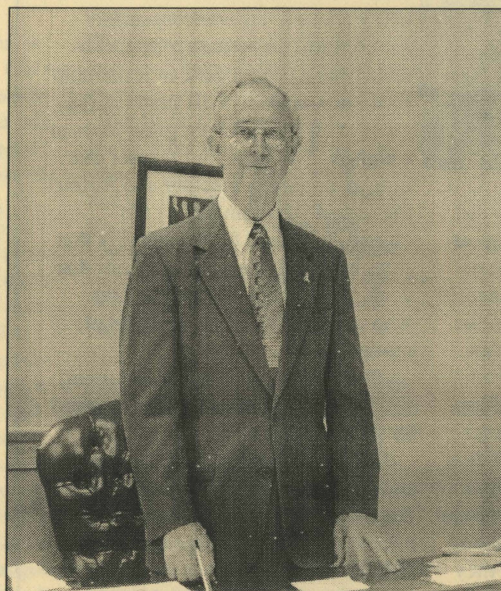
AS: Let's begin by talking about the state of the church. What do you think is the biggest issue that students going into the pastorate must address?

JM: I really feel the greatest need is to take the way of the cross and to learn to relate to each other in the way of *agape* love. That will take care of the other problems, if that fundamental need is met. I look at it from the perspective of young pastors going into new ministries and relating to people. We can have a burning passionate vision and sense of mission, but if we don't build relationships with people....

My philosophy of the pastoral ministry is that a minister should love his people—to love them enough for them to find out he loves them as they are, to love them enough to not let them stay as they are. He should be a visionary leader who walks close enough to God to find which way he wants him to go in that ministry, and then prayerfully endeavor to lead in that direction—careful to remember that no matter what God leads him to do, he cannot do it if he does not take the people with him. To me

this is the fundamental issue in relating to people and getting the work of God done. Jesus did it that way; we have to do it the same way.

And it's not just starting out; it goes all the way. I mentioned in the recent address in chapel that in the first two years of my thirty year ministry I died in every deacons meeting. I had to let people get to know me and learn to trust me, then they gave me the freedom to be their pastor, to be their leader, for thirty years.



Rev. Julian Motley, Director of Ministry Referral and Denominational Relations and Adjunct Professor of Pastoral Ministry.

AS: What advice do you give to students who are going into interviews with pastoral search committees? What do they need to know about the church at that point?

JM: There are a variety of issues that I cover, but there again I focus on the relationships that they sense even at the outset. For example, if it's a staff minister being interviewed by a staff committee, if the pastor is not there, I encourage him to raise a red flag in his own mind. Not that he asks why he isn't there, but that he concern himself with where the pastor is in this matter, because it is absolutely necessary that he relate to the pastor. That's the number one relationship any staff minister must build.

The pastoral candidate—obviously, in the first meeting he is there to get acquainted with the people, with the committee, and they with him. From the outset it's a matter of getting to know each other. That is where you start building relationships. I think it is very important from that first meeting, if he turns out to be the person God is calling to that church—you know, first impressions are very important—now we're not there to make impressions, but impressions are important—the impression they get of who we are in reality is going to be a very important impression for a long time.

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2003-2004 Awards Chapel

By Andrew Streett



SEBTS President Danny Akin (left) presents Tracy McKenzie (center) with the Frances Jackson Durham Hebrew Prize.

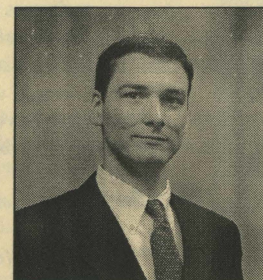
Southeastern's 2003-2004 Awards and Commissioning Service took place May 13 in Binkley Chapel. Each year the seminary commissions students who are going on the missions field after the end of the school year. Several academic prizes were also awarded to selected students.

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College / A.Div. Preaching Day

By Andrew Streett

May 4 marked Southeastern's Annual College / A.Div. Preaching Day in Binkley Chapel. Chris Fowler, a senior at Southeastern College at Wake Forest, preached from Philippians 3,



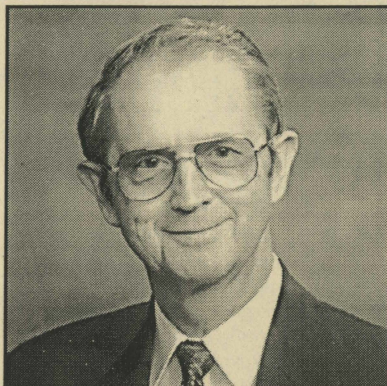
exhorting students to live only for Christ, counting all else refuse.

He said, "My prayer for us today is to have burning, restless hearts that will not be satisfied with the ordinary any longer, that will not be satisfied in what the flesh will accomplish, that will not be satisfied in our attainments, that will not be satisfied with anything short of intimacy with almighty God."

Fowler, who was a real estate agent prior to coming to Southeastern, will pursue an M.Div. in the seminary following the completion of his undergraduate work.

Motley

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AS: As a senior pastor, how did you take part in the deacons meetings and interact with other committees throughout your pastorate?

JM: I certainly participated in the important meetings of committees and the meetings of the major committees—the nominating committee and others. It is the only way that I know to know what is going on. It is not just a matter of having input; it is a matter of being there to observe and to have a feel for what is developing and why decisions are made as they are.

Of course, I think the pastor definitely works intimately with the deacons. I believe they were originally planned by Christ and his church as associates to the pastor. I used to think of my deacons as associate ministers. We did use the deacon ministry. We grew to the point where the meetings began to be so involved with sharing about visitation and ministry to the families that they began on their own to suggest that certain committees take on things they were doing because this was more important to them.

I'll say one thing about committee work. There was many an occasion when I could have picked up the phone and taken care of something in five minutes, but I let a committee take one to two months to handle. I used to, if I had any suggestions, give that to the chairman in writing in advance. But it was in a diplomatic manner. It was never handed down as a mandate, as something I was telling them to do. I was giving them input and information that would be beneficial to them in their meetings. I think that is very important. The pastor is the person who is overseeing the whole thing, and the information he supplies to committees and their work

is very important.

AS: What would you say was your main strength in your ministry? Was it the developing the personal relationships that you have stressed?

JM: I definitely think respecting the people, respecting the leadership. Obviously, you have times with difficult relationships. It takes a lot of patience, but I like to remember how Jesus dealt with Judas, what little we know about it. He was respectful toward him. So no matter how cantankerous a person gets, in leadership retaliation is always off limits at the cross. You can have ten good years at a church. You lose your temper one time at a deacons meeting and forfeit the rest of your ministry at the church. It is unfortunate that it is that way, but forgiveness doesn't run that deep, particularly toward the man who is supposed to set the example or model.

AS: What were some of the most difficult situations you encountered in the pastorate?

JM: First let me say that one of the things that encourages me most about the way God works with us is that I almost totally have forgotten all of the unpleasant things in my ministry, and I am grateful for that. I would have to ponder a moment.

Well, I spent thirty years in my final pastorate. I suppose the most difficult time we faced was when we started a school. We had a grade school, and kindergarten, and daycare. We had people who were advocates of the public school system and so forth. They thought we were competing, or were being negative toward the school system. So it was difficult, but we took our time and did a lot of praying. God did lead, and this church now has a school through eighth grade. That was one of the most difficult things I had to lead the church into.

AS: Do many students that you have connected with churches come back to you for advice after being terminated?

JM: I don't remember the percentage right now, but virtually half of my counseling is with graduates, by phone or in the office. I tell them to call if they need anything, and they do.

AS: What have you found to be the main cause of those terminations?

JM: Well, at one time I thought it

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Korean-American Scholarship
Global Mission Church of Washington, D.C. is offering a scholarship to Korean-American seminarians. Applicants must have completed one full year of seminary and cannot have previously received this scholarship. For more information, see www.gmcusa.org or send an inquiry to gmschship@gmcusa.org. The deadline for application is June 30.

Fraiser Scholarship

The Fraiser Scholarship is available for residents of North Carolina attending either the College or the Seminary. Recipients will be selected on the basis of academic merit, financial need, and potential to succeed. Applications are available online at www.wachoviascholars.com or by calling (866) 608-0001. The deadline for application is June 1.

Housing office employment

Applications are now being accepted for the position of Housing Monitor to begin July 1. Responsibilities include overseeing housing and parking regulations in the campus housing areas. 20-25 hours of work per week required. If you are interested, please submit your application to the Housing Office.

PR needs graphic artist

The Southeastern Public Relations Office is looking for a part-time graphic artist to start on July 1. You must have experience in Photoshop and QuarkXPress, operating from a MAC OS X platform. You must be skilled in design and must be a self-starter. Web design experience is preferred but not necessary. Experience in Illustrator or any other freehand software is a plus. Please call Public Relations Director Jerry Higgins at 761-2271 if you are interested.

Paid childcare opportunities

If you are interested in being a childcare worker during the graduation events on Friday, May 21 and Saturday, May 22, please contact the Dean of Students of office at 761-2306.

Fruit and vegetable market

Every Saturday from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. fresh produce will be sold at wholesale cost: apples, oranges, bananas, grapes, carrots, lettuce, potatoes, tomatoes, onions, and much more. The market is available to all seminary students, faculty, and staff. It will be held at 246 North Wingate Street, in front of the Sunshine Seniors Food Pantry. This a ministry of the Sunshine Seniors.

Summer School Payment Plan

Beginning this summer, students will have the option of placing their summer tuition on the monthly payment plan. Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary has moved back to FACTS as our tuition payment provider. There are two options for making summer school monthly payments:

Deadline	Payment Plan
May 7, 2004	0% down 3-Pay Plan May 20-July 20
May 31, 2004	30% down 2-Pay Plan June 20-July 20

There is also an annual plan available for Fall 2004, J-Term, and Spring 2005 tuition (no summer school on annual plan) and housing costs. The deadline for this plan is June 8, 2004 for payments from June 20, 2004 – May 20, 2005. For more information regarding the payment options, please visit our website, and look for the On-Line Tuition Payment option.

Admissions Ambassadors

The Office of Admissions is now accepting applications for Southeastern's Ambassador Program. If you are interested please see Gregg Free or an Admissions representative in the Office of Admissions, second floor of Stealey Hall.

Sharing Shop

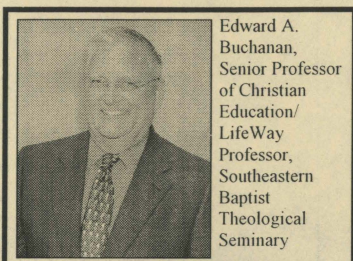
The Sharing Shop will be closed for cleaning from July 25 through August 9.

Theological Thoughts

Teaching children the Christian faith

By Dr. Edward Buchanan

Current research on learning clearly indicates that there are things that can be done to help children develop healthy attitudes, espouse Christian values, and live out these values in appropriate Christian behavior. To help



Edward A. Buchanan, Senior Professor of Christian Education/LifeWay Professor, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary

the child grow in faith, the child needs a solid knowledge base. Perhaps the foremost principle of learning is that a person needs a solid knowledge base of prior learning. If one is to become a Christian and live life in accordance with Christian principles, it is imperative that one develops a full understanding of Christian faith.

It has been estimated that about half of the young people from one of our major denominations lose their faith when they go off to college. Perhaps one of the reasons is that they never had a solid foundation for their faith. They were ill equipped to face the temptations of college life and the onslaught of a college culture that ridiculed their faith and belief.

A second principle for effective learning requires that the learning be presented in a meaningful and structured format. Our learning needs to be organized. For example, if you were studying the Gospel of Mark, it would be helpful to have a chart of the way in which the Gospel is structured. Such a chart would provide some pegs on

which to hang the individual parts of the text. For the Bible, a timeline can help us better retain and recall the information that was gained from the study. Such devices will be included in this study to assist your child to better learn the material.

A third principle of learning that is critical is modeling. This means that we learn by observation. Parents provide the child with the most important role models. As a result of the amount of time the child spends with parents, the child will learn attitudes, values, beliefs, and behaviors from the parent.

Long before these became principles of learning in today's educational context, the Bible described parents teaching children in Deuteronomy 6:7:

"And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up." (KJV) Note that the parent was expected to provide instruction in the precepts of God that would lead to godly behavior. That has not changed. God is love, but He has set the moral requirements for us to follow and expects obedience.

Unless we know what God expects with His moral precepts, we cannot live our lives in accordance with them. Children need to learn God's expectations and follow them. These expectations are not given to limit our behavior unnecessarily. On the contrary, they are provided to help us live lives that are free from guilt and anxiety.

Basic Christian Learning

To help with the process of understanding Christian faith each person needs some basic knowledge of the Bible, persons, events, terms, symbols, and phrases that may included under

the term Christian. We have chosen to call this Basic Christian Learning. Basic Christian Learning begins with study of the Scripture. Scripture is foundational to everything that we believe. Since the Bible is God's message to us, every Christian needs to be thoroughly grounded in the Bible. This study will begin by providing a solid foundation in Scripture.

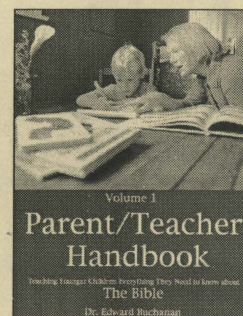
But Basic Christian Learning includes more than Bible study. Here are some examples of the kinds of items that are included under the rubric of Basic Christian Learning. What does a Christian believe? If you are Presbyterian, how did Presbyterianism develop? If you are Baptist, how did you become Baptist? As much as we might wish that each of our denominations came from the New Testament church, there was a historical process that brought about the development of each of the denomination.

Some of the cultures of the past have been much more Christian than our present culture. Children, youth, and adults need to understand past Christian cultures. Christianity has not always been ridiculed as it often is today. Some of the greatest work in art, music, and literature has been inspired by the Christian faith. Consider Michelangelo's magnificent ceiling in the Sistine Chapel in Rome. Or consider the inspiration that led to Georg Handel's great masterpiece, *The Messiah*. Isaac Watts was a hardened and profane slave trader, but his conversion to Christ led to reformation in his life and inspired him to write the great hymn, *Amazing Grace*. John Bunyan was not educated, but was inspired by his faith in Christ to write one of the masterpieces of English literature, *Pilgrim's Progress*. Basic Christian Learning includes all of these and many other related topics. It

is intended to provide a basic understanding of our Christian faith and stir the imagination of our children to live their Christian faith in the midst of a world that needs the Good News of the Gospel.

With a background in Basic Christian Learning, a child and young person is prepared to face some of the issues of defining, defending, and living their Christian faith inside and outside the church. Teaching in Sunday school and preaching in the church become more meaningful, set against a background of an understanding that Basic Christian Learning can provide. Common understanding can foster deeper relationships between parents and their children, as they share a common bond of understanding of their Christian faith.

Witnessing to Christian belief is no longer an onerous task, but a joyous privilege. Christian faith is not only to be believed; it is to be practiced. With basic knowledge of Christian behavior, a Christian can respond to the moral and ethical issues of a non-Christian world that one confronts each day. As the missionary William Carey once observed, "Expect great things of God; attempt great things for God!"



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was probably mostly the church's fault, but now I'm not sure I can stand by that. Some very good men get hurt very badly in churches where there are cell groups or antagonists they inherit when they get there. However, one of my burning passions is to encourage our men to be patient when they go in and to start with people where they are. I tell them that if they hit the ground at

sixty-five miles an hour because of excitement and zeal in their first ministry, but the church is moving at twenty-five miles an hour, there is going to be a crash unless they alter their speed. It will be very difficult to overcome it. So I think in some cases fellows shoot themselves in the foot, and when they do they shoot us, too, because the seminary gets a rap for it. But most of them are doing well. And I am always appreciative when I get a call from the fellows who let me know how well things are going.

Awards

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Those receiving awards were: Stephen Mizell, Michael Shepherd, Heather Graig, Tracy McKenzie, Seth Postell, William Rogers, Ted Manby, Ronnie Bugnar, Corin Mihaila, Stephen Eccher, Jon Miller, Danny Camp, Ben Brammer, Benjamin Pearce, Jeffrey Chase, Joel Stephens, Evan Lenow, John Faison, Andrew Ham, Lawson Clary, Stephen Carne, Joseph Betts, and John Williamson.



Michael Shepherd (center) receives the R. T. Daniel Old Testament Award.

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A team of ten people will be going to Indonesia June 19-29. If you are interested in knowing more, please contact Scott Pounds at (678) 575-4806 or scottpounds@hotmail.com; or contact Elizabeth at 556-4934.

Vienna mission trip

Dr. Woodbridge, a former missionary in Austria, will be leading a trip to Vienna. The trip will take place July 21-31 and will include doing evangelism in refugee camps via baseball and English camps. The cost will be \$1,600. For more information, please contact Dr. Woodbridge at rwoodbridge@sebts.edu.

Czech Republic/Germany mission trip

Do you want to lead former Communists to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ? Then come with us and participate in the mission trip to the Czech Republic during June 4-13. The team will spend one day in Munich, Germany. The rest of the trip will be filled with ministry in several locations among the Czech people. For more information, contact Dr. Josef Solc at (919) 761-2162.

Research on Muslims in NC

Dr. George W. Braswell, Jr., would like to discuss a research opportunity on the state of Islam in North Carolina with an interested Master's level student. It is envisaged that this could take the form of independent study for credit, starting in the summer and concluding in the fall of 2004. Among other things, the research would entail obtaining information on mosques and Muslim religious leaders in North Carolina. Please contact Dr. Braswell at 761-2163 or at gbraswell@sebts.edu if you would like to know more.

Swaziland youth camp

One team of two to four college students, or a Youth Pastor and team, is needed August 23-September 2, to conduct a four day National Youth Camp and other youth ministries. One male member must serve as Camp Preacher. This trip will involve sleeping on the floor and using outside toilets while at the camp. Email Wayne Myers at swazitalk@africaonline.co.sz for more information, or consult the website www.swazimissions.org.

Bob Boyd Evangelistic Association

Various internships are available through Bob Boyd Evangelistic Association. Among other responsibilities, interns would travel with the evangelistic team to various campuses across the U.S. and cities around the world. Applicants will be responsible for raising their own support. For more information visit www.bobbyd.org.

Pregnancy center director

Wilson Pregnancy Center is looking for a full time executive director. College degree required. Some experience preferred. Send resume to Eleanor Sullivan, 3111 Edinburgh Drive NW, Wilson, NC 27896, (252) 237-2343.

Summer missions at Yosemite

CrossWay - Yosemite Christian Ministries is seeking to fill summer missions positions in Yosemite National Park. For more information contact Steve Hughes at (209) 379-2428 or yem@inreach.com. More information is also available at www.crosswayyosemite.com.

Ministry Referral Office

Current Opportunities:

Full Time

- International Institute for Christian Studies-Professors in Cross-Cultural Ministry
- New Life Baptist Church, Lincolnton, NC-Minister of Music
- Graceview Baptist Church, Tomball, TX-Minister of Praise & Worship
- Southern Hills Baptist Church, Copperas Cove, TX-Pastor

Part Time/Bi-Vocational

- Hartsfield Baptist Church, Hartsfield, GA-Bi-Vocational Pastor
- West Chester Community Fellowship, West Chester, PA-Bi-Vocational Pastor
- Grassy Creek Baptist Church, Spruce Pine, NC-Assoc. Pastor of Youth
- Pine Ridge Baptist Church, Brunswick, GA-Minister of Youth & Recreation

Summer Internships

- Florence Avenue Baptist Church, Oxford, NC-Youth Intern
- First Baptist Church, Clover, SC-Children's Intern and Youth Intern
- Jackson Memorial Baptist Church, Tidewater, VA-Children's Intern
- Lugoff Friendship Baptist Church, Lugoff, SC-Youth Intern

Summer pastorate

A small church in Maine is in need of a summer pastor. If interested, please contact Dr. Brown at 761-2167.

Christian camping internships

The Southern Baptist Camping Association is looking for men and women interested in hands-on training through Christian camping. Applicants must be seeking God's direction in Christian camping or ministry. Internships range from 1 to 2 years, summer, and semester. For more information about this program visit www.sbccamping.org. An online application is also available at this website.

World Changers summer staff

World Changers, of the North American Mission Board, has Summer Staff Team openings for Music Leader, Office Manager, Mission Communication Specialist, and Audio/Visual Technician. Seventeen teams of four people will be assigned to 75 World Changers student mission projects throughout North America this summer. For more information, please call 1-800-462-8657 x6475, or visit the website, www.studentz.com/wc.

Chapel Schedule

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Final Exams

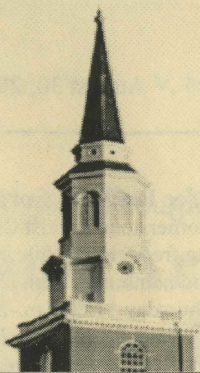
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May 20
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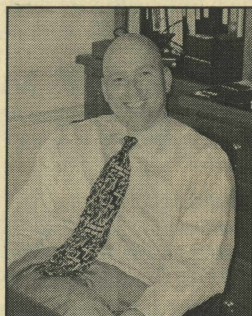


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A Look Inside Staff Spotlight



Mr. Ryan Hutchinson, Vice President for Administration, working behind the scenes to make Southeastern a great institution.

Annie Armstrong's Heart for Missions

Dr. Keith Harper, Associate Professor of Church History, discusses Annie Armstrong's impact on the WMU and Southern Baptist Life.

Southeastern Fitness Initiative

A new Southeastern incentives based fitness program is designed to promote healthy lifestyles. Learn more on page 2.

Campus Cookout

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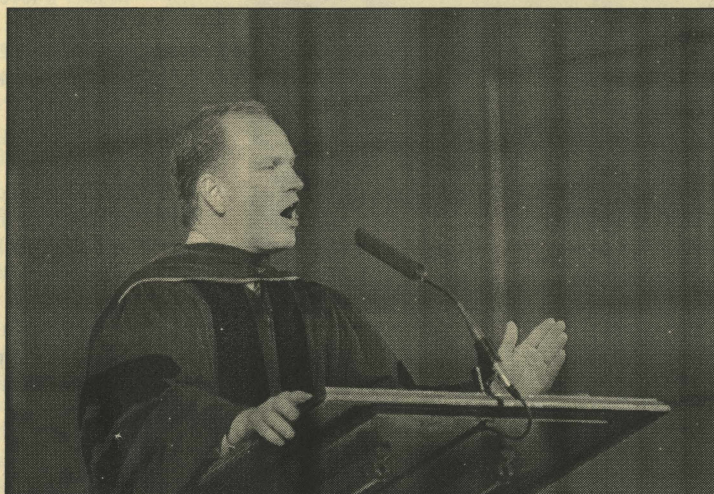
Gospel of reconciliation is what lost world needs, Akin says

By Kyle Smith

In a convocation message to a Binkley Chapel audience that included a record number of new students, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary President Daniel Akin reminded listeners that a war-torn, violence-saturated world needs a peace that can only be found in the reconciling work of Jesus Christ.

Citing the millions of human deaths that have occurred from such atrocities as abortion and genocide in the past century, Akin said the world in which young ministers of the Gospel find themselves is one that has lost its moral conscience.

"Today our world and our nation are fractured and broken," Akin said in his Aug. 24 message. "How did we get where we are today? Men have forgot-



Dr. Daniel Akin, SEBTS President, welcomes and challenges over 500 new seminary and college students during convocation.

ten God. That's how all of this happened."

Akin's chapel message was the first of the new school year at Southeastern, which celebrated a new crop of more than 500 new college and seminary students.

Akin preached from 2 Corinthians

5:14-21 that God's Word offers hope to those dead in their sins.

"While some would say that our hope is found on Capitol Hill, I am convinced more than ever that our hope is in Calvary's hill," Akin said. "What we need is testified to by an empty tomb and a risen Savior, God's Son, Jesus Christ. There will never be any lasting peace until there's peace between man and

God through the reconciling work of His Son, Jesus."

Akin detailed several characteristics of one who has become a new creation in Christ, having been reconciled to God through Him.

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Shepherding Conference with Johnny Hunt, Sept. 9

By Staff

Dr. Johnny Hunt, the pastor of First Baptist Church of Woodstock, Ga., will lead a one-day "Shepherding Conference" at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary's Binkley Chapel on Thursday, Sept. 9 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Those who attend the conference, called "The Shepherd and His Sheep," will receive a seminary notebook and tapes or CDs of the seminar for their registration of \$40, \$15 for all South-

eastern students. Attendance is mandatory for all male students.

"Seminars for church leaders abound," said Southeastern Seminary President Daniel Akin. "We believe Dr. Hunt's conference is uniquely helpful because of its biblical foundation and practical focus. There is a difference between corporate models of leadership and the biblical portrait of pastoral leadership. Dr. Hunt commends and explains the latter."

Some of the topics Dr.

Hunt will touch on include:

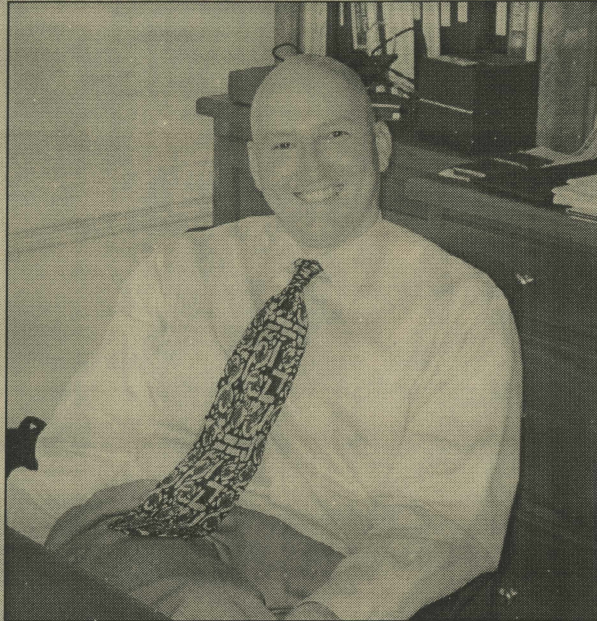
- The Smell of Sheep – Description of a Godly Pastor: according to the Bible.
- The Snare of the Shepherd – Ways that pastors can fall into sin.
- Doing whatever it takes to avoid problems.



Dr. Johnny Hunt, pastor of FBC Woodstock, GA, will lead Shepherding Conference on Sept. 9.

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Staff Spotlight: Ryan Hutchinson



Family: Kimberly, married 5 years; Mason, 2

Seminary/College position: Vice President for Administration

How long have you been with Southeastern: Started working at SEBTS in 1997 and have been in current position since 2000.

Hometown: Tampa, FL.

How you became a Christian: My parents and pastor shared the gospel with me at the age of 7, when I started asking my parents questions about going to Heaven after my grandfather's passing.

Current church: FBC Durham

Current local church ministry: Sunday School Teacher

Most influential person in your life: Regan Miller—Youth Minister during high school & Dr. Paige Patterson, our past president

Something surprising about you: Don't try to guess my age, it will only lead to confusion.

Education: B.S. in Accounting from University of Tampa; Master of Divinity from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary

Areas in Division: Business Office, Campus Security, Housing, Facilities Management, and Media Services.

Campus Role: Our division serves to support the faculty so that they can continue to provide the top-level education that they will always provide.

Recent or upcoming publications: Does a new Personnel Manual count?

Hobbies: Golf and having fun with my son

What influenced you to come to Southeastern: The great faculty and balance between academics and passion

A word of wisdom for the readers: Realize your education gives you the tools you need to be a more effective minister. It is then your responsibility, not your professors', to put the tools into use to determine the practical application to your ministry.

Campus Cookout

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Hollinger scholarship

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Georgia Baptist scholarship

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Southeastern Fitness Initiative

The Student Life Office is sponsoring an incentives based program designed to promote healthy lifestyles by rewarding consistent physical activity. There are 6 five-week segments, and during each segment students, faculty and staff members can receive prizes for regularly exercising. Stop by the Student Life Office in the Ledford Center to sign up and find out more details.

Fall Intramural Events

Sign up in the Ledford Center for the following intramural events:

Aug. 18-Sept. 1 - Football Sign-up
Sept. 2 - Football Captains Meeting
Sept. 7 - Football Season Begins
Sept. 20-Oct. 13 - Volleyball Sign-up
Oct. 14 - V-ball Captains Meeting
Oct. 19 - Volleyball Season Begins
Nov. 8-12 - Football Tournament
Nov. 15-19 - Volleyball Tournament

December Graduates

If you are planning on graduating in December and have not already done so, please fill out a graduation application in the Registrar's Office as soon as possible. The deadline for submitting the application is Sept. 24.

Free Bread at Cornerstone

Cornerstone Baptist Church is offering free bread (white, wheat, hotdog and hamburger buns) Monday - Thursday 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Cornerstone is located in Wake Forest on Franklin Street, between Wake Electric and the Fire Department.

M.Div. with Evangelism Students

All students preparing for the M.Div. with Evangelism are invited to meet with Dr. Alvin Reid for prayer and fellowship throughout the semester. Please email him at reidalvin@aol.com soon if you are interested in being a part of this group!

Blood Drive

The Student Life Office is sponsoring a Blood Drive on Wednesday, Sept. 8, 11:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Time slots are in 15 minute increments. Please stop by the Student Life Office or call (919) 761-2305 to sign up to donate blood.

Women's Fellowship Day

Women's Fellowship Day is coming on Thursday, Sept. 16. For more information, contact the Dean of Students Office at (919) 761-2306.

Sandy Creek Week

Southeastern's annual Sandy Creek Week revival will take place Sept. 28-30 in Binkley Chapel. Services will be at 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. each day. There will be a special youth night on Tuesday and a choir night on Thursday. Dr. James Merritt, pastor of Cross Pointe Church in Duluth, Ga., will be the special guest speaker. For more information, contact the Dean of Students Office at (919) 761-2306.

Paid Childcare Opportunities

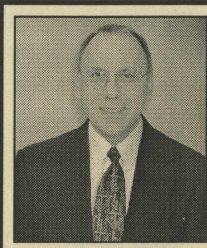
The Dean of Students Office is offering paid childcare opportunities. Childcare is needed for Women's Fellowship Day on Thursday, Sept. 16, 2004, and for Sandy Creek Week on Tuesday-Thursday, Sept. 28-30, 2004. For more information, contact the Dean of Students Office at (919) 761-2306.

Theological Thoughts

Annie Armstrong, WMU, and the pursuit to "rescue the perishing"

By Dr. Keith Harper

It is scarcely possible to imagine modern Southern Baptist life without the Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist



Dr. Keith Harper,
Associate
Professor of
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Southeastern
Baptist
Theological
Seminary

Convention, or, simply WMU. Since its inception in 1888, WMU has challenged Southern Baptists to give their hearts and resources to missionary projects in the United States and throughout the entire world.

Their far-reaching ministries and vision are in part a legacy of WMU's first corresponding secretary, Annie Walker Armstrong. Between 1888 and 1906 Armstrong almost single-handedly created a denominational consciousness among Southern Baptists by her innovative plans for promoting mission work at home and abroad, not to mention the torrent of letters that poured from her office. On the one hand, Armstrong created a

unique "connectedness," a network of sorts, between dozens of missionaries and rank-in-file Southern Baptists through WMU. On the other hand, she helped connect the Home and Foreign Mission Boards with the Sunday School Board in the interest of missions.

Annie Armstrong understood her duties as corresponding secretary of WMU in broad terms. That is, as Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, she believed that WMU had a mandate to advance mission work in whatever manner she deemed best as the letters in chapter 2 "line upon line, precept upon precept," indicate.

At the most basic level, Armstrong masterfully built consensus between denominational leaders by using them as sounding boards and confidantes. She corresponded with men like I. T. Tichenor, R. J. Willingham, and J. M. Frost, corresponding secretaries for the Home Mission Board, the Foreign Mission Board, and the Sunday School Board, respectively. She also corresponded with various denominational workers, WMU leaders, and newspaper editors. She told them about every facet of her work and occasionally admitted that she probably wrote too many letters. Even so,

her persistence allowed her to create a network between the various Southern Baptist boards as well as other

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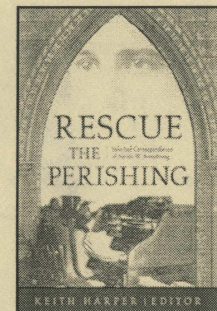
denominational entities.

Armstrong had many talents but she may have been at her best when she came to innovative ways to promote missions. She insisted that WMU create and distribute top quality literature. She advocated such things as mission fairs, mite boxes, star cards, and "box work," a sort of dry goods package that WMU sent to needy missionaries on the frontier. And, Annie Armstrong was among the first to see that Sunday School was an opportunity to promote mission work.

Armstrong advocated strong denominational ties among Southern

Baptist churches. She drew sharp distinctions between "Northern work" and "Southern work." She also bristled when Gospel Missionism challenged the Foreign Mission Board's authority to manage the work in China.

On 20 December 1938, Annie Walker Armstrong, reconciled to her beloved WMU, left this world for her eternal reward. Her pastor, W. Clyde Atkins, eulogized her as a "dreamer in action," and so she was. These letters are a testimony to a remarkably energetic woman whose heart beat with a missionary pulse and whose soul continually searched for new ways to "rescue the perishing."



Excerpted from
Rescue the Perishing. Ed. Keith Harper. Macon, GA: Mercer University Press, 2004.

Convocation

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"Knowing that Jesus Christ loves me changes the way I live my life," he said. "He's not going to be the vice president or runner-up in my life. Christ is now everything, and everything else pales in comparison to what Christ means in my life."

Akin also said that a significant charge has been given to those who have been made new in Christ, that of serving as ministers of reconciliation and ambassadors for Christ.

Because of that, believers should go out into a lost world with passion and fervency, taking the Good News of Jesus to sinners desperately in need of His reconciling work on their behalf.

Southeastern also welcomed four

new elected faculty members who signed the Abstract of Principles and the Baptist Faith and Message 2000, formalizing a covenant between themselves and the seminary that they will teach according to the core doctrines of the Christian faith and traditional Baptist principles.

Those professors signing the two documents were: Bruce R. Ashford, assistant professor of philosophy and history of ideas; L. Scott Kellum, assistant professor of New Testament and Greek; Russell S. Woodbridge, assistant professor of theology and church history; and Bradley D. Reynolds, assistant professor of Christian education.

Shepherding

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Dr. Hunt is a graduate of Southeastern Seminary and has served as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Woodstock since 1986. During that time, Sunday School attendance has increased from 275 to more than 5,000, with an average worship attendance of 6,800.

Conference attendees must pre-register by calling (919) 761-2306 or e-mailing the seminary at klytle@sebs.edu. Attendees may pay at the door. The chapel doors open for payment and late registration at 7:30 a.m.

The deadline for registration is September 1.

Shepherding Conference

- Thursday, September 9
- Dr. Johnny Hunt
- Binkley Chapel
- \$15 for students and \$40 for non-students
- All classes cancelled
- Spouses may attend for free

Mexico mission trip

The Mexico mission trip will take place January 8-15, 2005. Be a part of what God is doing in Mexico! We will be participating in street evangelism, one on one witnessing, and evening revival services. Hundreds of people are saved each year—don't miss it! See Carolyn in Dr. Cowen's office for more information.

India mission trip

The India mission trip to Jaipur, India will take place Dec. 31, 2004-January 18, 2005. Six credit hours in Current Topics in International Missions (3 hours) and Practicum in International Evangelism (3 hours) are available. You must attend the first meeting on Friday, Sept. 10 (\$200 deposit due). The total cost is \$2,480, and scholarships are available.

Vietnam and Myanmar mission trips

The Vietnam and Myanmar mission trip will take place May 29-June 15, 2005. There are 3 credit hours available. The first meeting is to be announced.

Thailand mission trip

The Thailand mission trip to Chiang Mai, Thailand will take place June 30-July 18, 2005. There are 6 credit hours available. The first meeting is to be announced.

Looking for a place to serve?

Join a group of students who serve weekly in the projects of Wake Forest with African-American high-risk children and their parents. Please contact Kimberly Thompson at 569-6745 for additional information. Sponsored by Bayleaf Baptist North Campus and Cornerstone Baptist Church

Instruments of Change Discipleship Curriculum Training

The Instruments of Change Training will be Nov. 8, 9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. Mr. Tim Lane, Director of Changing Lives Ministries, and Dr. Paul Tripp, Professor of Practical Theology at Westminster Theological Seminary, will be conducting the discipleship training course. Please see Dr. Sam Williams for registration details.

"Talent Pool" Database

Do you have a skill you would like to market while you are here at school? Perhaps you would like to prepare tax returns for people in the area for a fee; or you might be a skilled carpenter or painter who could take on some jobs to help pay your way through school; you might wish to be put on a list to be called by folks who need some yard work or miscellaneous odd jobs performed on a short-term basis; maybe you could tutor during the afternoons, or baby-sit, or do some sewing. If you have a talent for sale, the Employment Services Office can help!

All you have to do is complete a form which is available in the Employment Services Office in the Ledford Center. Your talent information will then be entered into a database. Whenever an inquiry comes from someone on-campus or in town requesting the type of service for which you have a talent, Employment Services will provide your name and contact information. Then, the interested party will call you! It's as simple as that!

Employment Services does not charge a thing for this student service. And, your spouse and children may list their talents as well. You may notify Employment Services any time you want to be inactivated or deleted from the Talent Pool. Employment Services will also update all the listings in the Talent Pool annually, asking you to let them know if you want to continue to be listed in the database.

The Purpose of the Sharing Shop

The Sharing Shop is a free ministry sponsored by the Southeastern Women's Fellowship providing a respite to those who are training for His service. The facility is available to SEBTS students, staff, faculty, and their immediate families. It is located at 224 North Wingate Street.

Goods that are usually available include clothing (infant through adult), small appliances, kitchen/bath items, linens, decorative items, books, electronics

A current Southeastern I.D. or parking pass is required to shop.

The Sharing Shop is made possible by donations and volunteers. Shoppers are requested to volunteer at least 2 hours per semester.

Hours of operation are: Tuesdays, 6:30-8:00 p.m., and Saturdays, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Help is needed in the following areas: front door, signing in shoppers during open hours; workroom, sorting/stocking (at least one volunteer is needed each day except Sunday); cleaning and straightening rooms

We would ask that ONLY new or gently used items be donated. About half of the donations we currently receive are unusable. Please be mindful of the fact that this is a Christian ministry and only donate items that present a good witness.

Sharing Shop does NOT accept—furniture, mattresses, Halloween related items, or items in poor condition.

Clothing must be bagged, boxed, or placed on hangers when donated. It is preferable that the boxes or bags be closed to avoid spillage. Please do not block the Sharing Shop entrances. Place all donations in the drop-box located at the rear of the building.

Contact Charlotte Shue (Sharing Shop Coordinator) at (919) 570-9233 for more information or to volunteer.

Chapel Schedule

August 31

Dr. Al Jackson
Lakeview Baptist Church
Auburn, AL

September 1

Dr. Waylan Owens
Vice President for Institutional Effectiveness/Associate Professor of Pastoral Ministries
SEBTS

September 2

Dr. Tommy Green
First Baptist Church
Brandon, FL

September 7

Rev. Al Gilbert
Calvary Baptist Church
Winston-Salem, NC

September 8

Dr. Daniel Akin
President
SEBTS

September 9

Dr. Johnny Hunt
First Baptist Church
Woodstock, GA

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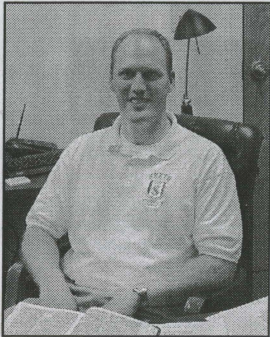
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Staff Spotlight



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Remembering our Christian Jihad

Drs. Emir and Ergun Caner, look into church history and killing in the name of Christ on page 3.

Women's Fellowship Opportunities

Check out opportunities for both Women's Fellowship Day and Women's Fellowship Groups on page 2.

Ministry Opportunities

See page 4 for an up-to-date ministry list from the Ministry Referral Office for full-time, part-time, and bivocational ministries.

Southeastern suspends classes for Hunt's pastor's conference

By Kyle Smith

WAKE FOREST, N.C. — As part of a one-day leadership conference on pastoral ministry at Southeastern, pastor Johnny Hunt challenged more than 1,000 students to be committed, passionate and pure pastors to shepherd the flock of God.

Hunt, a graduate of Southeastern and current pastor of First Baptist Church Woodstock, Ga., delivered a series of messages Sept. 9 entitled "The Shepherd and His Sheep," encouraging pastors to invest and pour themselves into the lives of their flock with practical advice based on biblical principles.

Hunt's seminar, based on more than 28 years of ministerial experience, conveyed to students an invaluable wealth of wisdom that will serve them



Dr. Johnny Hunt preaches in chapel during the Shepherding Conference on September 9.

well in the future, Southeastern president Daniel Akin said.

"The Shepherding Conference with Johnny Hunt was a tremendous blessing to the students of Southeastern," Akin said. "Johnny Hunt is a pastor's pastor, and no one understands the role of shepherding a congregation better than he. His years of pastoring, wed-

ded to his pastor's heart, uniquely qualify him to instruct young men preparing for ministry. Dr. Hunt's passion for the ministry of the pastorate is contagious, and it is my hope and prayer that every one of our students will catch that virus."

The all-day conference was held in place of a regular class schedule, but Akin said that an opportunity for students such as this one was simply too profitable to pass up.

"In a single day ministers of the gospel received years of godly wisdom and counsel," he said. "With 1,000 students in attendance, it was

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Despite rain, campus cookout a success

By Andy Lewis

Despite two unforeseen tropical storms, the annual fall campus cookout was still a success.

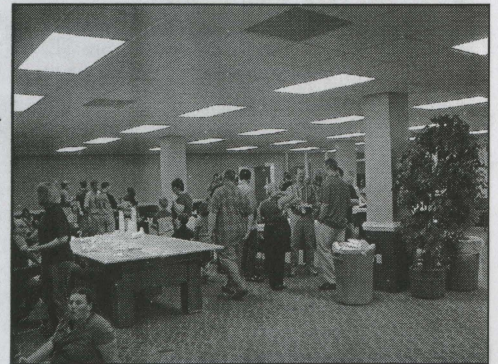
The campus cookout was originally planned for Monday, August 30, but Tropical Storm Gaston forced the postponement until Tuesday, September 7. However, the remnants of Hurricane Frances that caused a day of rain in Wake Forest, caused the cookout to be moved from the intramural field to the Ledford Center.

The main lobby of the Ledford Center was cleared out, and serving tables were set up in the place of the couches and foosball tables.

Several hundred hotdogs and hamburgers were served to members of the campus community, including students, faculty, staff, and all of their families.

According to Dr. John Tarwater, Director of Student Life, approximately 700 people attended the cookout.

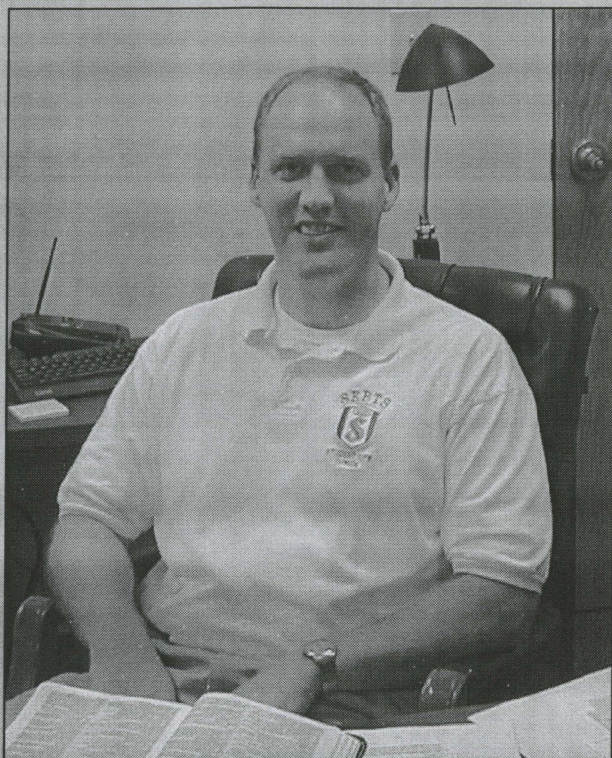
Tuesday's rain forced the Student Life staff to scramble in order to get everything in place to have the cookout inside the Ledford Center.



Students fill the Ledford Center after rain pushes the campus cookout indoors.

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Staff Spotlight: John K. Tarwater



Family: My wife of 9 years is Sheila. Currently God has given us 4 children and we have 1 on the way. Joshua: 5; Benjamin: 3; John Mark: 2; Abigail: 1.

Seminary/College position: Director of Student Life.

Hometown: Sevierville, TN.

How you became a Christian: At the age of 12, an interim minister presented the Gospel to my Sunday School class and I responded to God's Grace.

Current church: Wake Cross Roads Baptist.

Current local church ministry: Active Member.

Something surprising about you: People may be surprised to know that I am a licensed industrial, commercial, and residential contractor.

Education: PhD, Christian Ethics from SEBTS; MAT, Curriculum Development from Carson-Newman College; MTS, New Testament and Greek, Duke University; BS Business and Mathematics, Carson-Newman College.

Campus Role: Our office supports all areas of student services, from providing mailboxes and copy services to overseeing financial aid, student organizations, and international students.

Favorite class ever taught: AP Calculus.

Favorite Author: G. Campbell Morgan.

Favorite Musician: Chet Atkins.

Hobbies: Reading and watching Tennessee football.

What influenced you to come to Southeastern: I graduated from two schools with a less-than-stellar reputation with regard to conservative biblical scholarship. Consequently, Dr. Moseley—my former pastor—encouraged me to come to Southeastern.

Hollinger scholarship

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Intramural Volleyball

Sept. 20-Oct. 13 - Volleyball Sign-up
Oct. 14 - V-ball Captains Meeting
Oct. 19 - Volleyball Season Begins

December Graduates

If you are planning on graduating in December and have not already done so, please fill out a graduation application in the Registrar's Office as soon as possible. The deadline for submitting the application is Sept. 24.

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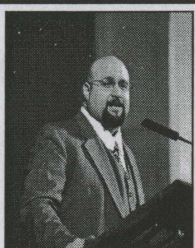
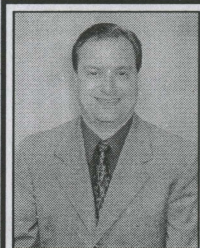
Dr. Stewart and Dr. Cowen challenge students to a doubles tennis match. Beat the doctors, and win a \$15 certificate to the Bookstore. Call Carolyn in Dr. Cowen's office for match times.

Theological Thoughts

Remembering our Christian jihad

By Drs. Emir and Ergun Caner
Edited by Andy Lewis

Before we jump too quickly to criticize Islamic doctrine, we must first face our own history. *We too have killed in the name of our God.*



Dr. Emir Caner, Assistant Professor of Church History and Anabaptist Studies, SEBTS (left), and Dr. Ergun Caner, Professor of Theology and Church History, Liberty University (right).

there was a time when Christians butchered Muslims and Jews in the name of Jesus Christ and declared our own version of jihad. *Christian jihad.*

Editor's note: To explore the past and relate it to the present, authors Ergun and Emir Caner compare the speeches, "Call to Crusade," of two religious leaders: Pope Urban II (1095) and Usamah bin Ladin (1998).

Benediction: (Urban II)—“Most beloved brethren: Urged by necessity, I, Urban, by the permission of God chief bishop and prelate over the whole world, have come into these parts as an ambassador with divine admonition to you, the servants of God.”

(Bin Ladin)—“Praise be to Allah, who revealed the Book, controls the clouds, defeats factionalism,”

Statement of Desire: (Urban II)—I hoped to find you as faithful and as zealous in the service of God as I had supposed you to be. But if there is in you any deformity or crookedness contrary to God's law, with divine help I will do my best to remove it.”

(Bin Ladin)—“and says in his Book: ‘But when the forbidden months are past, then fight and slay the pagans wherever ye find them, seize them, beleaguer them, and lie in wait for them in every stratagem [of

war]’; and peace be upon our Prophet, Muhammad Bin Abdallah, who said: I have been sent with the sword between my hands to ensure that no one but Allah is worshipped, Allah who

“We must remember our history . . . because Muslims do.”

put my livelihood under the shadow of my spear and who inflicts humiliation and scorn on those who disobey my orders.”

Threat of the Pagan Enemy to a Land They Consider Holy: (Urban II)—“For your brethren who live in the east are in urgent need of your help, and you must hasten to give them the aid which has often been promised them. For, as the most of you have heard, the Turks and Arabs have attacked them and have conquered the territory of Romania [the Greek empire] . . . They have killed and captured many, and have destroyed the churches and devastated the empire.”

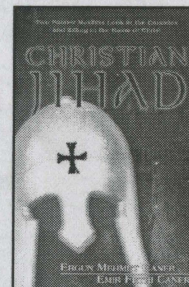
(Bin Ladin)—“The Arabian Peninsula has never . . . been stormed by any forces like the crusader armies spreading in it like locusts, eating its riches and wiping out its plantations.”

Forgiveness of Sin for the War-

rior (Jihad): (Urban II)—“Let those who have been accustomed unjustly to wage private warfare against the faithful now go against the infidels and end with victory this war which should have been begun long ago. Let those who for a long time have been robbers, now become knights. Let those who have been fighting against their brothers and relatives now fight in a proper way against the barbarians. Let those who have been serving as mercenaries for small pay now obtain the eternal reward. Let those who have been wearing themselves out in both body and soul now work for a double honor. Behold! . . . let them eagerly set out on the way with God as their guide.”

(Bin Ladin)—“Almighty Allah said: ‘O ye who believe, give your response to Allah and His Apostle, when He calleth

you to that which will give you life. And know that Allah cometh between a man and his heart, and that it is He to whom ye shall be gathered.”



Excerpted from *Christian Jihad*. Ergun Caner and Emir Caner. Grand Rapids, MI: Kregel Publications, 2004.

Hunt

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well worth our doing something unusual for a seminary and canceling classes for the day.”

Hunt also saw the value in conducting a leadership conference of this nature for future Southern Baptist pastors.

“This is the generation of pastors that we have before us,” Hunt said in an interview with Southeastern Seminary, “and so we have an opportunity to make an investment in them. I am grateful to take from my 28 years of ministry experience and outline the biblical model of leadership.”

That model includes, among other things, the necessity of the shepherd to spend time with his sheep. Hunt

said this task is often neglected by those who view their pastoral role more like a CEO than a shepherd.

“At the end of the day, the shepherd smells like sheep,” he told students. “In the biblical model, you will always find the shepherd with his sheep. Many pastors want to function as shepherds without knowing the sheep. The number one question that (churches) are asking about pastors is not, ‘Can they preach?’ but, ‘Are they genuine? Are they real?’”

A pastor must also feed his flock from the Word of God if they are to be truly healthy, Hunt said, adding that people who are not being fed by their shepherd will quit showing up. He exhorted students to preach the Word rather than attempting to cater to the demands of culture.

“I’m not smart enough to change

every three or four years to reach the next generation,” Hunt said, “so I just preach the Word. You also must preach the Word. It’s OK to be geared to the times if we can be established on the Rock.”

In addition, shepherds must safeguard their passion for God and for their ministries by staying free from the snares pastors face today and spending daily time with the Lord in prayer and Bible study, he said.

“People ask me how I get my passion,” Hunt said. “It’s my passion for Christ, for His Word, for His people and for His calling. All your talent, energy and spiritual giftedness will be for naught if you don’t have God’s passion.”

Cookout

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Tables had to be set up in the Ledford Lobby and much of the furniture had to be cleared out. Additionally, several, large blow-up games that had been intended for use on the intramural field were quickly moved to the gym on the top floor of the Ledford Center.

“Despite postponing the Cookout and then having to move it inside, it was still a great event for the Southeastern community. Maybe in the spring hurricane season will be over and we can have the spring cookout at its usual spot on the intramural field,” said Evan Lenow, Assistant to the Director of Student Life.

Mexico mission trip

The Mexico mission trip will take place Jan. 8-15, 2005. Be a part of what God is doing in Mexico! We will be participating in street evangelism, one on one witnessing, and evening revival services. Hundreds of people are saved each year—don't miss it! See Carolyn in Dr. Cowen's office for more information.

India mission trip

The India mission trip to Jaipur, India will take place Dec. 31, 2004-Jan. 18, 2005. Six credit hours in Current Topics in International Missions (3 hours) and Practicum in International Evangelism (3 hours) are available. Info packets are available in the CGCS. The total cost is \$2,480, and scholarships are available.

Thailand mission trip

The Thailand mission trip to Chiang Mai, Thailand will take place June 30-July 18, 2005. There are 6 credit hours available. The first meeting is to be announced.

Campus Wide Mission Fellowship

Please come to The Gathering, Saturday, Sept. 11, 7:00-9:00 pm Jacumin-Simpson Building, Eitel Auditorium. Music, testimonies, prayer and fellowship. Questions? Write Melody at cgcs@pobox.com

Looking for a place to serve?

Join a group of students who serve weekly in the projects of Wake Forest with African-American high-risk children and their parents. Please contact Kimberly Thompson at 569-6745 for additional information. Sponsored by Bayleaf Baptist North Campus and Cornerstone Baptist Church

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Vietnam and Myanmar mission trip

The Vietnam and Myanmar mission trip will take place May 29-June 15, 2005. There are 3 credit hours available. The first meeting is to be announced.

Ministry Referral Office

Mauricio Vargas of the Missouri Baptist Convention will be on campus the morning of Wednesday, Oct. 13, 2004, to interview anyone interested in Pastorate or other Church Staff positions in the state of Missouri. If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity, please schedule an interview through the Ministry Referral Office located in Broyhill Hall.

Current Opportunities**Full-time**

- Lee Street Memorial Baptist Church, Baltimore—Senior Pastor.
- First Baptist Church of Grey Gables, Callahan, FL—Minister of Music and Education.
- Carrollwood Baptist Church, Tampa, FL—Minister of Music.
- First Baptist Church, North Augusta, SC—Associate Pastor for Young and Middle Adult Ministries and Missions.
- Mulberry Baptist Church, Charlotte, NC—Preschool Director.
- First Baptist Church, West Palm Beach, FL—Director of Technical Ministries.

Part-Time

- Grace Community Baptist Church, Siler City, NC—Music Minister/Worship Leader.
- Bethel Baptist Church, Bethel, NC—Minister of Music.
- Florida Street Baptist Church, Greensboro, NC—Music Director
- Calvary Baptist Church, Newton, NC—Choir Director.
- Barlow Vista Baptist, Hampstead, NC—Youth Pastor (*excellent for a student commuting from Wilmington*).
- North Bedford Baptist Church, Forest, VA—Youth Minister.

Bi-Vocational

- Zion Baptist Church, Woodland, AL—Pastor.
- First Spanish Baptist Church, Youngstown, OH—Spanish-Speaking Pastor.
- First Baptist Church of Chelsea, Chelsea, MA—Pastor.

Europe anyone?

Join Dr. Black on a tour of Germany, France, and Switzerland May 29-June 9, 2005. Learn more about Hus, Luther, Calvin, Zwingli, and the Anabaptists. Seminary students can earn 3 units of credit. Please contact Dr. Black, at dblack@sebs.edu for more information or go to www.reformationtours.com.

Discounted Movie Tickets

In case you do not have enough things to do with your free time, the Seminary is offering discounted movie tickets to Carmike Cinemas. The coupons cost \$5 and are redeemable at any Carmike Cinema before Dec. 31, 2004 for any movie past the first two weeks of its opening. There are a limited amount of coupons – so don't wait until the last minute. Pick them up at the Business Office

2004 Southeastern Women's Fellowship Calendar

- September 13, 7p.m., Multi-purpose room of Ledford Center: **Welcome New Students.**
- October 18, 7p.m., Multipurpose Room of Ledford Center: **A Focus on Ministry to Children.**
- November 29, 7p.m., Multipurpose Room of Ledford Center: **A Holiday Tea.**

Dr. and Mrs. Black's retreat center

Dr. and Mrs. Black's 123-acre retreat center in Virginia is up and running. Modeled after Francis Schaeffer's L'Abri, Bradford Hall is a secluded place to spend quality time with the Lord, at no cost to you. Contact Dr. Black at dblack@sebs.edu for availability. Individuals, couples, and families are welcome, as are faculty and staff.

Chapel Schedule**September 14**

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Executive VP & Provost
Southwestern Baptist Seminary
Ft. Worth, TX

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September 16

Dr. Rhonda Kelley
Women's Ministry Director
New Orleans Baptist Seminary
New Orleans, LA

September 21

Rev. Charles Lyons
Armitage Baptist Church
Chicago, IL

September 22

Dr. Gary Galeotti
Sr. Professor of Old Testament
SEBTS

September 23

Dr. Thom Ranier
Dean of Missions, Evangelism,
and Church Growth
Southern Baptist Seminary
Louisville, KY

Tapes of chapel sermons may be purchased from the Audio/Visual department in Stealey Hall ext. 240. Also, all chapel sermons can be downloaded from www.sebs.edu.

Newsline Information

The deadline for submissions for the next *Newsline* is September 20. *Newsline* submissions may be sent to newsline@sebs.edu, or dropped off at the Student Life Office. All submissions should be in electronic format, either on disk or sent via e-mail, and should be submitted as they are to appear in the *Newsline*. The Student Life Office reserves the right to edit any announcement. The *Newsline* is also available on-line at http://www.sebs.edu/visitors/news_events/newsline.cfm.



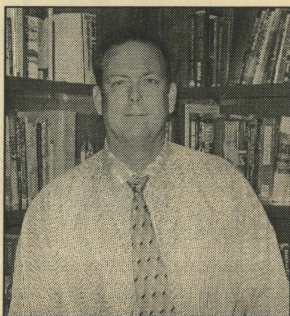
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Page Lectures

Dr. Craig Blasing delivered two lectures on the importance of Eschatology during the annual Page Lecture Series. See page 3.

Ministry Opportunities

See page 4 for an up-to-date ministry list from the Ministry Referral Office for full-time, part-time, and bivocational ministries.

Southeastern hopes center visit encourages Christians to vote

By Kyle Smith

Although evangelicals are one of the most outspoken groups in the United States when it comes to moral issues, research indicates that it's hard to recognize it by observing them at the voting booth.

That's because in large part, they are not there.

On Sept. 17, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary and the Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention teamed up to try to put a stop to that trend as the seminary hosted the iVoteValues.com Mobile Voter Registration Event Center.

The Center is a 65-foot-long tractor trailer loaded with digital capabilities including computerized voter registration, plasma multimedia screens, kids' games and non-partisan voter information on values-based voting. Developed by the ERLC, the Center began



The iVoteValues.com Voter Registration Center stops at Southeastern on Sept. 17.

touring on June 9 and has traveled extensively around the country to hold rallies promoting voter awareness and education and to encourage voter registration.

According to a statistic on Focus on the Family's Web site, of the 60 million evangelical Christians in America, three out of four failed to vote in the last national election.

Southeastern President Daniel Akin welcomed the Center's arrival, adding

that the kind of work that it does is indispensable in encouraging Christians to fulfill their God-given duty to vote their biblical values.

"As Christians, it is our responsibility to be salt and light in this world," Akin said. "One way we do that is to be involved in the political process working to elect persons who promote righteousness and justice, mercy and compassion, truth and wisdom. Casting our ballot for these kinds of

persons is our Christian duty and moral obligation."

For Southeastern students on Thursday, one such opportunity rolled into town on 18 wheels. Center operators Sid and Jill Yochim, spent the better part of the day answering students' questions about the voting process, helping them register to vote and reminding them to vote their values.

God is the model parent, Akin says

By Stephanie Carter

A Christian parent's model for raising children is found not in a psychology textbook or a self-help manual, but in the Word of God, according to Southeastern Seminary President Daniel Akin.

"Knowing that your mom and dad are there for you and care sometimes can be the difference between life and death for a child," said Akin, a noted lecturer and conference speaker on family and marriage relation-

ships.

Akin delivered his message to the crowd gathered at Southeastern's Women's Fellowship Day, held yearly in honor of Southeastern's female students and student wives.

The family-focused message was based on Ephesians 6:1-4, which Akin said emphasizes God as our perfect parent and gives an example of how believers should model love to their children.

Parents who do not look to

God for guidance have "failed to love how they ought," Akin said, because the guide on how to truly show parental love is "found in the Word of God."

Through God's Word, Akin pointed out important lessons and rules that an effective, loving parent must follow. He said that one key lesson was for parents to get down on their children's level of understanding, as God did for humanity through Jesus Christ.

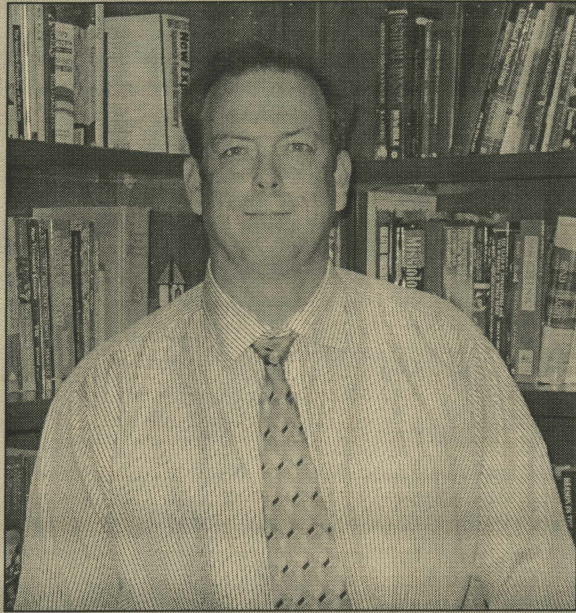
"We know that God loves

us because He got down on our level," Akin said.

Akin reminded the audience that a parent's main focus should be to discipline and interact with their children in such a way as to lead them towards a saving knowledge of Christ.

"Within every soul is a deep hole that can only be filled by a relationship with our perfect parent—God," he said.

Staff Spotlight: Jerry L. Yandell



Family: My wife Carol of 21 years, and children: Patrick, 20; Wrenn, 17; and Ryan, 11

Seminary/College position: Director of Admissions

Hometown: Tucson, AZ

How you became a Christian: At the age of 7 in an evening service with my mother by my side listening to Rev. Don Loving, I realized that I was a sinner and in need of a savior.

Current church: Bayleaf Baptist Church North Campus

Most influential person in your life: My father, Glenn Yandell, who for years I rebelled against, but in the end I realized how smart he is!

Something surprising about you: In years past I was involved in competitive sculling. You know, the long narrow boat with four men rowing and one little guy yelling. At one point in time our team finished 7th in the nation and then I walked away. I have also been blessed to participate in 4 archaeological digs through which the land and the history of the Bible has come into a brighter focus in my head and in my heart.

Education: BABS from Southeastern College at Wake Forest in 1998; MDiv from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in 2001.

Campus Role: I feel blessed to be able to introduce people to SEBTS. Prospective students come to the Admissions Office as their first point of contact with our institution. Some are nervous, some are scared, but most are very excited about visiting and applying to the school. The staff of the Admissions Department works very diligently on welcoming and processing prospective students with a genuine Christian family point of view.

Favorite Author: Nathaniel Philbrick; *In the Heart of the Sea*, *The Tragedy of the Whaleship Essex*.

Favorite Musician: I enjoy several different types of music.

Hobbies: Husband and father, and after that, trout fishing.

What influenced you to come to Southeastern: It was a 100% God thing that brought me to Southeastern. I was blind to this school when I took my first steps on this campus. But a student reached out to me and told me what the school was all about and the rest is history. I wanted to be a part!

A word of wisdom for the readers: As a wise professor once told his class, these words sunk deep into my heart: "Sow an act, reap a habit; sow a habit, reap a character; sow a character, reap a destiny."

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NC State Univ. Evangelism

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Mentoring Men for the Master

Mentoring Men for the Master meets each Wednesday from 1-2:15 p.m. in Adams 118. Two hours of credit are available, and it is led by Bill Bennett, Chaplain and Professor for 10 years. Contact him at 256-5343.

SWF 12th Annual Christmas Craft and Bake Sale

The Southeastern Women's Fellowship will be hosting a craft and bake sale on Friday, December 3rd from noon to 6:30 p.m. and on Saturday, December 4th from 9:00 a.m. to 3 p.m.. The show is open to the public and admission is free of charge. If you are interested in participating in the craft and bake sale, you may pick up a registration form at the Student Life office. The fee is \$6 for a table and \$10 for a table with electricity. The registration deadline is Thursday, November 19th. For more information, contact Tara Bible at 570-0862. Space and tables are first come, first serve so hurry!

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Newsline Deadline

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Theological Thoughts

Egalitarianism and Homosexuality: Connected?

By Dr. David Jones

Evangelical Christian organizations that hold to a complementarian view of gender roles, such as the Council on Biblical Manhood and Womanhood (CBMW), have expressed concern over a possible connection be-



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cal Seminary

tween an egalitarian view of male/female gender roles and homosexuality. For example, in the list of central concerns stated in *Recovering Biblical Manhood and Womanhood*—perhaps the most thorough defense of complementarianism—the authors declare, “We are concerned not merely with the behavior roles of men and women, but also with the underlying nature of manhood and womanhood themselves. Biblical truth and clarity in this matter are important because errors and confusion over sexual identity leads to . . . homosexual tendencies and increasing attempts to justify homosexual alliances.” Furthermore, later in this

same list of central concerns, the editors of this book note, “We believe that the feminist minimization of sexual role differentiation contributes to the confusion of sexual identity that, especially in the second and third generations, gives rise to more homosexuality in society. . . . It is increasingly and painfully clear that Biblical feminism is an unwitting partner in unraveling the fabric of complementary manhood and womanhood that provides the foundation not only for Biblical marriage and Biblical church order, but also for heterosexuality itself.”

Evangelical feminists, however, have asserted that the notion of a possible connection between egalitarianism and homosexuality is both an unwarranted concern and an unfair allegation. For example, the group Christians for Biblical Equality (CBE), arguably the leading evangelical egalitarian advocacy organization, has repeatedly noted that they do not affirm homosexuality, and the CBE Statement of Faith clearly states, “We believe in the family, celibate singleness, and faithful heterosexual marriage as the patterns God designed for us.” Additionally, several prominent evangelical egalitarians have written works that report their opposition to homosexuality. Indeed, the fact that egalitarian organizations such as CBE

do not directly affirm homosexuality has been recognized by a number of complementarian authors; yet, a concern that evangelical feminism ultimately leads to the embrace of homosexuality still persists among those

“Once biblical feminism is embraced, it is but a small and logical step to accepting homosexuality.”

who champion a more traditional model of gender roles.

My essay addressed two main questions; first, Is there sufficient historical evidence to support complementarians’ concern over a possible connection between egalitarianism and homosexuality?; and second, What is the nature of the link between these two ostensibly unrelated ideologies? Regarding the first question, which was the focus of this essay, this work surveyed historical evidence from four different groups—the Evangelical Women’s Caucus, the Presbyterian Church (USA), the Evangelical Lutheran Church in

America, and the United Methodist Church—and concluded that, indeed, there is sufficient evidence to support complementarians’ concern regarding a connection between egalitarianism and homosexuality. In fact, the slide from the acceptance of feminist-type arguments to the endorsement of homosexuality currently occurring in some Christian denominations follows a paradigm that is demonstrable in secular culture, as well. In light of the historical record, then, it seems that to deny the presence of this progression would be both irresponsible and irrational.

Regarding the second question . . . pinpointing the exact nature of the connection between egalitarianism and homosexuality is not an easy task. Indeed, defining the link between these two ideologies is a difficult endeavor because not all who endorse biblical feminism have or will embrace homosexuality. In light of this fact, then, it was suggested that the primary connection between egalitarianism and homosexuality is a non-requisite logical connection. Once biblical feminism is embraced, it is but a small logical step to accept homosexuality.

Excerpted from David W. Jones, “Egalitarianism and Homosexuality: Connected or Autonomous Ideologies,” *Journal for Biblical Manhood and Womanhood* 8 (Fall 2003): 5-19.

Eschatology not secondary in importance, professor says

By Kyle Smith

Believers with a misguided understanding of the Bible’s teaching on the end times will misunderstand their present hope in Christ, according to well-known Southern Baptist theologian Craig Blaising.

Blaising, a leader among Southern Baptist theologians, delivered the school’s annual Page Lectures, named for Mr. and Mrs. George A. Page of Plainfield, Ind. The lectures are designed to bring outstanding theologians to Southeastern to speak on a subject of concern to the Christian community.

In his messages, Blaising admonished students to study this crucial doctrine of eschatology, the area of



Dr. Craig Blaising speaks during the annual Page Lectures.

theology that concentrates on the Bible’s teaching about the end of time. Blaising said the subject has fallen out of focus in the preaching and teaching of many evangelicals because of ignorance and the perception that it is irrelevant.

Blaising addressed concerns about the place of eschatology in evangelicalism today, reminding students that they are called to preach the whole counsel of God’s Word. He also added that it is essential that a Christian have an understanding drawn from the whole of Scripture about the gift of eternal life, of which the Holy Spirit serves as a deposit.

“Can we just focus on the present and leave the future to itself?” Blaising asked students. “I’m going to argue that you can’t. The present is an installment on the future gift. If you don’t understand the future gift, you don’t understand the meaning of the

present installment.”

By studying eschatology, Blaising added, a Christian can have a solid understanding of the hope God has given him and a confident knowledge of the way in which the events of the end times will take place. The fullness of this hope is often forfeited by believers when their view of eschatology “does not progress beyond making the most in death,” Blaising said.

“Heaven in their mind is basically equated to what happens to us at death,” Blaising said. “Most people don’t understand the hope of the resurrection. The meaning of His return is lost. What is missing is vital, live, eschatological hope, which one finds in canonical Scripture.”

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 - Seaford Baptist Church, Seaford, VA—Associate Pastor of Pastoral Care/Adult Ministries.
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September 28
Dr. James Merritt
Cross Pointe Church
Duluth, GA
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October 5
No Chapel
Fall Break Week

October 6
No Chapel
Fall Break Week

October 7
No Chapel
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Newsline Information

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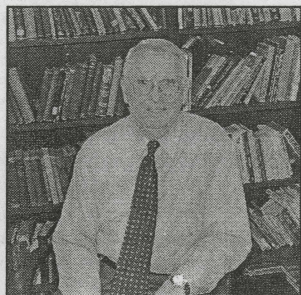


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Merritt preaches Sandy Creek Revival

By Kyle Smith

It might seem strange to locate a series of old-fashioned revival meetings on an evangelical seminary campus in the middle of the Bible Belt, but leading people to Christ is the focus of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary—academically and otherwise.

The event, which took place Sept. 28-30, featured pastor and Southern Baptist leader James Merritt, who delivered a series of messages to students and faculty and saw seven teenagers come to Christ.

Sandy Creek Week takes place each year to commemorate one of the greatest revival movements in history. That 18th century revival began at nearby Sandy Creek Baptist Church, where the passion and vision of a pastor named Shubal Stearns sparked a movement of God that touched much of the southeastern United States and birthed many of the Southern Baptist churches in that area today.

Southeastern president Daniel Akin



Dr. James Merritt, pastor of Cross Pointe Church in Duluth, Ga., preaches during the Sandy Creek Revival.

expressed his excitement over both the quality of preaching by Merritt and the blessings of God on the Tuesday night youth service, when the local teenagers were saved.

"We saw people saved and our seminary family was challenged and strengthened by the powerful biblical messages of Dr. James Merritt," Akin said. "Every year we see lives changed as a result of this week. In many ways it captures the heart of what Southeastern is all about as we seek to make Jesus preeminent in all that we do."

Merritt, a former president of the

Southern Baptist Convention from 2001-2002 and pastor of Cross Pointe Church in Duluth, Ga., began the week by admonishing ministers to beware of false prophets, false professions and false preaching.

False prophets, Merritt warned, can be found throughout American culture today in various media, many times accompanied by great success. However, he noted from Matthew 7:15-23, they can be

discerned by the fruit their lives bear and by evaluating their message by the Word of God.

"Don't ever assume that just because someone is a so-called 'theological scholar' that he is a true Christian," Merritt said. "There are people who enter the ministry for the wrong reasons. . . . They use our vocabulary, but they don't use our dictionary. What they mean by 'salvation,' by 'righteousness,' by the 'Word of God' and by the name 'Jesus' is not what we mean by them."

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Evangelical Homiletics Society at Southeastern

By Kyle Smith

Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary students with an interest in biblical preaching will have the opportunity to learn from some of the leading evangelical homiletics professors in the nation when the seminary hosts the annual meeting of the Evangelical Homiletics Society Oct. 14-16.

Southeastern president Daniel Akin said that the seminary welcomes the

arrival of an organization like the EHS, which stands upon the same bedrock principles as itself.

"Persons committed to the inerrancy of Scripture and expository preaching is one of the great needs of our churches today," Akin said. "Engaging exposition must be a battle cry for this generation, and I am grateful for what the EHS is contributing to this movement."

The organization, which was founded as an academic society for the exchange of

ideas related to the instruction of biblical preaching, is committed to the promotion of a biblical-theological approach to preaching and comprised primarily of homiletics professors from North American seminaries and Bible Colleges who affirm the doctrinal statement of the National Association of Evangelicals. However, membership is also open to anyone interested in the purposes of the organization.

Wayne McDill, senior

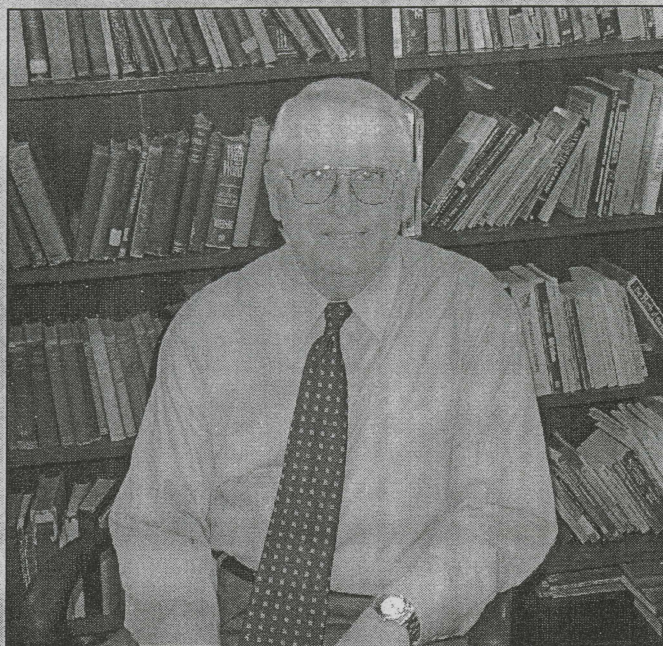
professor of preaching at Southeastern and charter member of EHS, said that he is grateful for the opportunity the conference will provide for students to learn more on the subject of biblical preaching.

"It is with great joy that we welcome the homiletics professors and preachers of EHS to Southeastern," McDill said.

"I am certain that our students and faculty will enjoy

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Staff Spotlight: Joe C. Sheffield



Family: My wife Sherrill of 46 years, children: Jolynne, 42 and her husband Johnny Sutton; Sherry, 38 and her husband Billy Dickerson, and two grandchildren: Hayden, 14; Jacob, 10.

Seminary/College position: Director of Housing.

Hometown: Kingsland, GA.

How you became a Christian: I accepted Christ during a revival in my home church when I was 9 years old.

Current church: Cornerstone Baptist Church, Wake Forest.

Current church ministry: Church elder, Sunday school teacher, and preach occasionally.

Most influential person in your life: My wife, who is my best friend, is one of the most remarkable people I have known and has had more influence on my life than anyone else.

Something surprising about you: I taught mathematics and math education for a total of 8 years at 2 state colleges and a university in Georgia.

Education: D. Min. and M. Div., SEBTS; Three years of advanced study in mathematics and education, U. of GA; M.Ed. And B.S., Georgia Southern.

Favorite class taught: There are two that I consider my favorites, a high school geometry class taught at Worth County High in Worth County, GA in 1962, and an undergraduate/graduate class on the teaching of elementary school mathematics taught at the U. of GA in 1967.

Campus Role: The primary purpose of the housing department is to minister to incoming families and singles as they make the transition to a new lifestyle, and to counsel with tenants in their financial struggles as God tempers them for His work.

Favorite author: One of my favorites is J. Dwight Pentecost.

Hobbies: Reading, gardening, and sitting on the porch with my wife.

What influenced you to come to Southeastern: The Holy Spirit through the work and reputation of Dr. Paige Patterson.

A word of wisdom for the readers: Spend quality time with the Lord every day.

Scholarship Applications

General Scholarship applications are now available online at www.sebts.edu in the "Quick Links" section. They are also available in the Student Life Office. The General Scholarship is available to anyone who will be a full-time student in the spring. Application deadline is November 15. For more information, please contact the Student Life Office at 761-2305.

Southeastern Women's Fellowship Support Groups

All women students and student wives are invited to register for one of the following support groups, which will meet once a month:

1) **Leader:** Mrs. Mindy Williams. **Focus:** Discipleship and prayer. **Subject:** "Seminary Is A Time for Training." Tue., Oct. 19 at 7p.m. Call Mrs. Williams at 570-9638 or email her at samwill@aol.com.

2) **Leader:** Mrs. Bobbie Midkiff. **Focus:** Study of the book, *In My Father's House* by Mary Kassian. Thu., Oct. 21 at 7p.m. Call her at 554-1776.

3) **Leader:** Mrs. Kathy Coley. **Focus:** Hospitality. Tue., Oct. 12 at 6p.m. This group will meet for dinner and fellowship and is especially for college students. Call Mrs. Coley at 556-2561.

4) **Leader:** Mrs. Ingrid Woodbridge. **Focus:** A mom's look at heart-oriented discipline using the book, *Don't Make Me Count to Three* by Ginger Plowman. Mon., Oct. 11 at 7p.m. Call Mrs. Woodbridge at 570-0195.

5) **Leader:** Mrs. Sharon McDill. **Focus:** Prayer, using the book, *How to Develop a Powerful Prayer Life*. Thu., Oct. 12 at 7p.m. Call Mrs. McDill at 556-0651.

6) **Leader:** Mrs. Anna Heimbach. **Focus:** Moms of Special Needs Children. Tues., Oct. 12. Call Mrs. Heimbach at 556-5997.

NC State Univ. Evangelism

Come join an evangelism team to witness to university students on Friday. We will meet inside the Ledford Center at the front at 1:30. Questions? Call Edward Buchanan 570-8179 Mon. or Fri.

Mentoring Men for the Master

Mentoring Men for the Master meets each Wednesday from 1-2:15 p.m. in Adams 118. Two hours of credit are available, and it is led by Bill Bennett, Chaplain and Professor for 10 years. Contact him at 256-5343.

Come and join us for daily Scripture reading!

Time: 6a.m. - 7a.m.

Place: Bethea room in Appleby.

SWF 12th Annual Christmas Craft and Bake Sale

The Southeastern Women's Fellowship will be hosting a craft and bake sale on Friday, December 3rd from noon to 6:30 p.m. and on Saturday, December 4th from 9:00 a.m. to 3 p.m. You may pick up a registration form at the Student Life office. The fee is \$6 for a table and \$10 for a table with electricity. The registration deadline is Thursday, November 19th. For more information, contact Tara Bible at 570-0862.

Instruments of Change Discipleship Curriculum Training

The Instruments of Change Training will be Nov. 8, 9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. Mr. Tim Lane, Director of Changing Lives Ministries, and Dr. Paul Tripp, Professor of Practical Theology at Westminster Theological Seminary, will be conducting the discipleship training course. Please see Dr. Sam Williams for registration details.

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Women's Aerobics Class

Come join Firm Believers, a women's aerobics class. The class will meet Tues. & Thu. 4:30-5:30, and it starts Oct. 5. Cost is \$15. Contact Seth Bible at 761-2305 for more information.

Locker Room Lost and Found

All items found in the locker room during spring cleanout will be available in Student Life Office until Oct. 15.

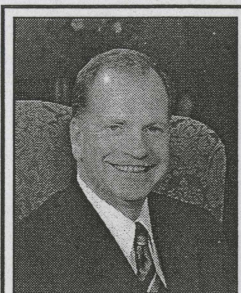
Theological Thoughts

Single-elder-led church government: Biblical?

By Dr. Daniel Akin

Edited by Andy Lewis

Single-pastor Congregationalism is often a sight to behold. It is not nec-



Dr. Daniel Akin, President of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

essarily a pretty one. A somewhat paranoid autocrat as pastor, monthly business meetings dedicated to senseless issues that only eat up time, a

committee structure that looks like the Department of Education and is about as efficient, and a deacon board that functions like a carnal corporate board. My fellow contributors will be quick on the draw and point out how unbiblical such a model is. They are 100 percent right! It is unbiblical, but this is not what the Bible teaches about Congregational church government. What we discover in God's Word is altogether different.

A study of Scripture provides a number of snapshots of the early church doing church. A number of ecclesial patterns emerge, and specific

commands appear periodically as well. Still, the New Testament does not provide a precise manual on how the structure of church government should be organized. Some would even agree with the skeptical judgment of Eduard Schweizer, who said, "There is no such thing as the New Testament church order." I understand why some persons draw this conclusion, but I believe it to be unwarranted and unnecessary. While there is no precise manual on church government and polity, a survey and analysis of the biblical material reveals definite patterns and discernable guidelines on how the churches in the New Testament functioned.

In broad terms there are five forms of church government or polity: Episcopal (Roman Catholics, Anglicans/Episcopalians, Methodists), Presbyterian, Congregational (Baptists, Congregationalists, and some Lutherans) Erastian (national state churches), and minimalist or nongovernmental (Quakers, Plymouth Brethren). Each of these systems would seem to have positive and even commendable features. Each seeks to highlight particular features found in Scripture. It is likely that in the early stages of the church's history, church government and polity were not highly developed. Local congregations were loosely knit groups. It is extremely probable that

there were a variety of church governmental arrangements. Each church would have organized itself, taking into consideration its own unique context and situation.

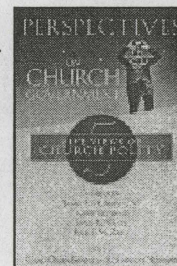
For instance, the apostles had the church in Jerusalem assist them in selecting candidates to serve the widows (Acts 6:3), whereas different circumstances required Paul to have Titus appoint elders on Crete (Titus 1:5). However, as we examine the Scriptures, the evidence leads us to the following positions: New Testament churches were basically congregational in their government and polity. The exact nature of this Congregationalists may have varied, but at its most basic and fundamental level churches were local bodies of baptized believers who operated within the parameters of Congregationalism. Further, there were two and only two offices within each congregation: pastors (elders or bishops) and deacons (Phil. 1:1; 1 Tim 3:1-13). The Scriptures never specify the required or precise number of either. I am convinced, based on the evidence, that the number of elders or deacons is not the issue but that persons meeting scriptural qualifications is what is crucial. In the context of elders, *who* is giving leadership and direction to the church is far more important than *how many* are in-

volved in this assignment.

It is my contention that the New Testament allows flexibility on this point. Both a single elder and a plurality of elders within a Congregational structure fit the pattern of church government and polity that emerges from a study of the New Testament.

The argument for a plurality of elders, pastors, overseers, leaders is easier to make based upon the biblical evidence. For example, every time the word *elder* (presbuteros) appears in the context of church leaders, it is always in the plural. So, is the case for a single elder biblically indefensible? It is my contention that the answer to that question is no. I believe a case for the single-elder position, as a scripturally acceptable option can be made on biblical, theological, and practical grounds. Scripture allows flexibility at this point and therefore, so should we.

Excerpted from *Perspectives on Church Government*, Chap. 1 "The Single-Elder-Led Church." Daniel Akin, et al. Nashville, TN: Broadman and Holman, 2004: 25-86.



Homiletics

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fellowship with participants and the stimulation of program presentations

This year's theme will be "Theology and Preaching," featuring keynote speaker Timothy George, dean of Beeson Divinity School and executive editor of *Christianity Today*. Other speakers will include Al Gilbert, senior pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, N.C., and Robert Smith, Jr., professor of Christian Preaching at the Beeson Divinity School of Samford University in Birmingham, Ala.

The October meeting of the EHS at Southeastern will feature several sessions that students may attend at no cost, including three plenary sessions to be held in Binkley Chapel and three worship sessions that will take place

at Wake Forest Baptist Church. Students who wish to register for the entirety of the conference, including meals, should do so on the EHS Web site, www.evangelicalhomiletics.com. The cost is \$150. For more information, please contact Wayne McDill at wmcidill@sebs.edu.

Revival

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Merritt's next message dealt with an important doctrinal topic, the sovereignty of God.

"A sovereign God possesses supreme power and authority over everyone and everything," Merritt said, defining the term. "He is in complete control and can accomplish whatever He pleases, whenever He pleases, wherever He pleases. Everything comes about because God either

causes or permits it to happen."

A proper conception of this truth will radically affect the way a person views both suffering and blessing, Merritt said, serving as an anchor when the storms of life assail a believer.

"If God is in control, there is no such thing as luck," he said. "Nothing happens by chance. Anything that happens to you, either good or bad, has to pass through His sovereign fingers first.

"No matter what problem comes into your life today or tomorrow, it will not be so big that He can't handle it. Tomorrow is not in the hands of chance, or of luck, or of blind faith. Tomorrow is in the hands of a sovereign God who loves you and has the best for you."

On Thursday Merritt exhorted Christians to seek out the lost, like the shepherd who goes after a lost sheep.

Student Handbook reminder

Student Services would like to remind Southeastern students and staff of a few continuing policies in the Student Handbook and to make everyone aware of some changes for this year. Students and their families are expected to dress in modest attire. The seminary's position is that immodest clothing damages one's Christian testimony, so clothes such as short skirts, shorts, and tank tops are discouraged. Hats, caps, and short shorts are not allowed in class or in chapel. Facial or ear jewelry is prohibited for men. If you have any questions concerning these policies, please contact the Student Life Office or the Dean of Students Office.

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Vietnam/Myanmar (3 hrs. credit)

May 29-June 15, 2005
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Chiang Mai, Thailand (6 hrs. credit)

June 30-July 18, 2005
Cost: \$2267

Scholarships are available. Please pick up an information packet at the Center for Great Commission Studies after Oct 1. Questions? Please call or email Michael Byers 596-3831 or omwjc@keptprivate.com.

Paris, France Mission Trip

Paris mission trip January 17-27, 2005. We have been invited to witness to 560,000 students living in Paris. 80,000 of these students come from all over the

world to get their education in Paris. Do you want to be part of this exciting venture? Then pray and sign up to go with us. The first informational meeting will be held in the Jacumin-Simpson Building in the conference room on the second floor October 14 at 3:00 pm. Call Dr. Josef Solc for more information 761-2162.

Austria Mission Trip 2005

Dr. Woodbridge, a former IMB missionary in Austria, will be taking a group to share the Gospel with both refugees from the Middle East and Eastern Europe as well as with native Austrians. The trip is scheduled for April 16-23. For more information, please contact Alana Adams 761-2160.

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Part-Time

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Chapel Schedule

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Dr. Stephen Davis
Executive Director/Treasurer
State Convention of Baptists
Indianapolis, IN

October 13

Dr. Danny Akin
President
SEBTS

October 14

Dr. Timothy George
Dean, Beeson Divinity School
Birmingham, AL

October 19

Rev. Don Chasteen
Ridgecrest Baptist Church
Durham, NC

October 20

Dr. Danny Akin
President
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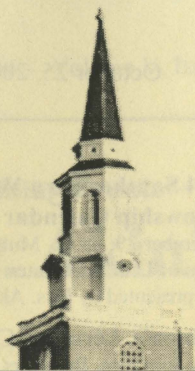
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Charlotte, NC

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A Look Inside



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Southeastern Health Initiative

Look to page 3 for information and results of Southeastern's Health Initiative.

Missions Opportunities

See page 4 for an up-to-date list of a variety of mission opportunities both this winter and next summer

George urges students to remember God's nearness in life's trials

By Kyle Smith

By remembering God's covenant faithfulness and the grace He has poured out in their lives, believers can find an anchor of comfort during the struggles of life, historian and theologian Timothy George told students during a chapel message Oct. 14.

George, founding dean of the Beeson Divinity School of Samford University and an executive editor of *Christianity Today*, spoke from Psalm 77, detailing the spiritual journey of a psalmist whose doubt turned to faith as he meditated on the faithful character of God.

Similarly, George said by way of application, believers today who find themselves questioning God's nearness in a time of trial should recall God's steadfast and loyal love.

"The Bible is God's covenant love story for His people throughout all centuries and ages of time," George



Dr. Timothy George, founding dean of Beeson Divinity School and editor of *Christianity Today*, preaches on God's faithfulness.

said. "We read and we remember. We come back to reality because we know who God is and His unfailing love that will never perish.

"The surest way to reconnect when you're in the depths is to remember. Remember how good God has been to you. Where would we be if it hadn't been for the Lord on our side?"

George told his listeners that be-

cause of Christ's suffering on their behalf, He can identify with every struggle and every grief that they might encounter in life. "There is no depth to which you could sink that Jesus Christ has not been there before you," he said. "There is no pathway to Easter Sunday that does not

lead through Good Friday."

George concluded by leaving listeners with a thought of hope when life seems dark.

"The Good News of the gospel," he said, "is that whether we can see Him in the dark or not, He can see us in the dark."

Southeastern moves to more paperless campus

By Andy Lewis

In the next few months, Southeastern will move to a more paperless campus, according to Dr. Waylan Owens, Vice President for Institutional Effectiveness and Assessment, and Mr. Tim Shidal, Director of Information Technology.

"Every piece of electronic communication that is legal, we're moving there," said Dr. Owens. "The school intends by late in this semester to have most departments

communicating by e-mail."

The housing department has already begun to alert students about payments via email, and soon the Business Office and Library will also begin to alert students of unpaid bills and overdue books. In the coming months, more announcements will be communicated electronically, and the long range plan is to conduct registration online along with handling grades, scholarships, and alumni contact. This also means that the use

of student boxes in the Ledford Center to communicate announcements will dwindle.

"We are hoping to cut down on our paper copies and move more into the electronic age," said Mr. Shidal. "We also want to be a good steward of resources."

In order to prepare for this change, students need to sign up for and activate their Southeastern email accounts. If students are having trouble with this, help is

available at the website webmail.sebts.edu, or they can call the IT Email Help Desk at (919) 761-2117. The website also gives students the option to forward their Southeastern email to other personal accounts.

Dr. Owens and Mr. Shidal also urge students to begin checking their accounts regularly. The last few weeks of the semester will serve as the transition period, with more and more things being sent to students

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Southeastern Spotlight: Board of Trustees



Campus Role: The Board of Trustees' chief function is to establish policy concerning the operation of the Seminary and approve the academic programs offered by the school. They are elected by the Southern Baptist Convention and charged with the control and governance of SEBTS.

Board members only come to campus twice a year, but they are personally involved in Seminary life all year round. Working out of their love for the Seminary, Trustees selflessly serve as recruiters, fund raisers, and prayer warriors for the benefit of Southeastern Seminary and the Kingdom of God.

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NC State Univ. Evangelism

Come join an evangelism team to witness to university students on Friday. We will meet inside the Ledford Center at the front at 1:30. Questions? Call Edward Buchanan 570-8179 Mon. or Fri.

Mentoring Men for the Master

Mentoring Men for the Master meets each Wednesday from 1-2:15 p.m. in Adams 118. Two hours of credit are available, and it is led by Bill Bennett, Chaplain and Professor for 10 years. Contact him at 256-5343.

Come and join us for daily Scripture reading!

Time: 6a.m. – 7a.m.

Place: Bethea room in Appleby.

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Instruments of Change Discipleship Curriculum Training

The Instruments of Change Training will be Nov. 8, 9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. Mr. Tim Lane, Director of Changing Lives Ministries, and Dr. Paul Tripp, Professor of Practical Theology at Westminster Theological Seminary, will be conducting the discipleship training course. Please see Dr. Sam Williams for registration details.

Friends of Triangle Seniors

Looking for volunteers to provide food and service to senior citizens in the Triangle, including picking up and delivering perishable food. Please contact Mark Prokop at 493-2982.

2004 Southeastern Women's Fellowship Calendar

November 29, 7p.m., Multipurpose Room of Ledford Center: A Holiday Tea, presented by Mrs. Akin.

Women's Aerobics Class

Come join Firm Believers, a women's aerobics class. The class will meet Tues. & Thu. 4:30-5:30 p.m., and it starts Oct. 5. Cost is \$15. Contact Seth Bible at 761-2305 for more information.

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BayLeaf Toy Chest

Scheduled for Nov. 20. Don't miss this chance to be blessed by God through the members of BayLeaf Baptist church. Call the church at 847-4477 if you need information. This is a special gift to Southeastern families with children. Be sure to take your student ID with you!

Great Hills Women's Retreat

Guest speaker: Donna Gaines, a Pastor's wife and mother of four. She is the director of Women's Ministry at Gardendale First Baptist Church in Alabama. She held the office of President of the SBC's Pastor's Wives Conference Luncheon this past year. Registration for Southeastern students/wives will be \$27. The event will start Friday evening with registration beginning at 3:00 - 6:15 p.m. and the sessions at 6:30 - 10:00 p.m.. Saturday morning the sessions start at 8:00 a.m. and continue until approximately 12:30 p.m. Sign up in the Dean of Student's office or at the registration table the day of the event.

Upcoming Events

Dr. Akin's Inauguration Event Schedule

By Andy Lewis

This week, Southeastern will be celebrating the inauguration of Dr. Daniel Akin as President of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

This is going to be a wonderful time of celebration, and with the inauguration there will be multiple events for students, faculty, and staff to attend.

Tuesday, October 26 at 10:00 a.m. will be the first Inaugural Chapel Celebration in Binkley Chapel, which will feature Dr. James Merritt as the speaker.

The main inaugural events will be on Wednesday, October 27. The official Inaugural Ceremony will be conducted at 10:00 a.m. in Binkley Chapel, featuring Dr. Paige Patterson, President of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, as the speaker.

Class Schedule Changes

Wednesday 9:00 a.m.: Classes Cancelled*

Wednesday 11:30 a.m.: Classes in session**

*Please use this time to arrive to Binkley Chapel early for the Inaugural Ceremony.

**Please attend Inaugural Luncheon after attending 11:30 class.

Tuesday, October 26

10:00 a.m.
Inaugural Chapel Celebration
Binkley Chapel
Speaker: Dr. James Merritt

All students are encouraged to attend this event. This will be an excellent opportunity to support President and Mrs. Akin.

Classes that begin at 9:00 a.m. will be cancelled to allow students the opportunity to find seating in the chapel. Dr. Akin encourages students to find seating on the outside of the

chapel to reserve more seats in the middle for guests on campus for the Inauguration.

Students are also asked to park in the purple lot by the high school or in front of the housing office, because the green lot across from Stephens-Mackie and the parking lot behind the Simmons building will be reserved

Inaugural Events

Wednesday, October 27

10:00 a.m.
Inaugural Ceremony
Binkley Chapel
Speaker: Dr. Paige Patterson

for guests.

At 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday there will be an Inaugural Luncheon in the Ledford Center open to all students, faculty, and staff.

There are other inaugural events, and they can be viewed at www.sebts.edu/inauguration.

Dr. Bart Neal, Vice President for Institutional Advancement, and coordinator for inaugural events encourages all students to attend Tuesday's Inaugural Chapel Celebration and Wednesday's Inaugural Ceremony and Inaugural Luncheon. "The inauguration of Dr. Daniel Akin as our sixth president is a unique opportunity for us to honor our Lord Jesus Christ and to celebrate the blessings of God on Southeast-

Wednesday, October 27

11:30 a.m. - 1:30p.m.
Inaugural Luncheon
Ledford Center

ern Seminary. Guests from across the Southern Baptist Convention will be coming to our campus for this historical occasion. The participation of our students will be an important part of this celebration! Their presence in the Inaugural Ceremony on Wednesday morning will be a special encouragement to Dr. and Mrs. Akin."

Student Parking

On the day of the Inauguration, the green lot across from Stephens-Mackie and the parking lot behind the Simmons building will be closed to students. You may park in the purple parking lot by the high school or the lot in front of the Housing Office.

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through email. Dr. Owens has noted the beginning of the spring semester as the "hard date" for the official conversion to electronic communication.

Along with housing and library notices, communication from the business office, and announcements, the *Newsline* will begin to be transmitted electronically instead of being placed in students' boxes.

Through this new process Mr. Shidal encourages students to make suggestions concerning improvement to the system. Students can email their suggestions to email.support@sebts.edu.

Southeastern Email Help
webmail.sebts.edu
919-761-2117

Southeastern's Health Initiative

By Seth Bible

Believing that God has called all Christians to be good stewards of their bodies, the Student Life Office is pressing forward with the Southeastern Fitness Initiative.

Period one which finished up October 3 was a huge success as we recorded 1049 workouts by the 105 + students and faculty who are currently signed up with over 25 people becoming eligible for the 1st level prize.

Even if you are not a "traditional student" with regular access to our facility, you can still be involved. Simply exercise wherever it is most convenient to you and stop by the fitness center to record your results. Please come by the Student Life

Office if you have any questions concerning the Southeastern Fitness Initiative or any of our other fitness programs including the women's aerobic classes which are currently underway.

There are three fitness periods this semester. Period two is currently underway and ends November 7. Period three runs from November 8 to December 12. There will also be three fitness periods during the spring semester.

The goal of the Fitness Initiative is to motivate students to develop a lifestyle of fitness that they can carry with them after they leave Southeastern.

Announcements

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Footsteps of Augustine mission trip

From March 17-27, 2005, there will be a 9 day study tour to the land of early Christianity with Dr. Schemm visiting Tunisia, Algeria & North Africa. Visit early Christian ruins. Upcoming meeting on Oct. 13 at 3:00 p.m. in 2nd floor conference room of Jacumin-Simpson building. Contact Alana Adams at 761-2160 for more details.

Mexico mission trip

The Mexico mission trip will take place Jan. 8-15, 2005. Be a part of what God is doing in Mexico! We will be participating in street evangelism, one on one witnessing, and evening revival services. Hundreds of people are saved each year—don't miss it! See Carolyn in Dr. Cowen's office for more information.

Central Florida Church Planting Trip

Church planting trip from December 31-January 7. Earn three hours credit while helping several church plants near Tampa Florida through survey work, Bible studies, and Servanthood evangelism related to hurricane cleanup. Contact Alana Adams for information at 761-2160 or aadams@sebts.edu.

Summer 2005 Missions Trips

Vietnam/Myanmar (3 hrs. credit)
May 29-June 15, 2005
Cost: \$2472

Chiang Mai, Thailand (6 hrs. credit)
June 30-July 18, 2005
Cost: \$2267

Scholarships are available. Please pick up an information packet at the Center for Great Commission Studies after Oct 1. Questions? Please call or email Michael Byers 596-3831 or omwjc@keptprivate.com.

Paris, France Mission Trip

Paris mission trip January 17-27, 2005. We have been invited to witness to 560,000 students living in Paris. 80,000 of these students come from all over the world to get their education in Paris. Do you want to be part of this exciting venture? Then pray and sign up to go

with us. Call Dr. Josef Sole for more information 761-2162.

Austria Mission Trip 2005

Dr. Woodbridge, a former IMB missionary in Austria, will be taking a group to share the Gospel with both refugees from the Middle East and Eastern Europe as well as with native Austrians. The trip is scheduled for April 16-23. For more information, please contact Alana Adams at 761-2160.

Ministry Referral Office

Dave Howeth, Director of Missions and Church Planter Strategist from Montana will be on campus November 2-4 to interview anyone interested in pastoring, church planting or summer ministry opportunities in the state of Montana. If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity, please schedule an interview through the Ministry Referral Office located in Broyhill Hall.

Missionary Bob Tolliver, pastor of the LIVING VINE International Baptist Church of Kiev, Ukraine, is offering to supervise one or more students in Mentored Internships in Kiev during 2005. To apply, students must be enrolled in the M.Div. degree program, must be fully self-supporting, and must enroll in the M-4740 Mentored Internship program through the SEBTS Registrar for six hours credit for a two-semester term to run continuously for eight months. Contact the Ministry Referral Office for additional information.

The International Baptist Church of Kiev, Ukraine, is also seeking a Baptist minister to become pastor by December 1, 2005, on a self-supporting basis. Missionary Tolliver is scheduled to end his ministry at the end of November 2005. He will be available to meet on the SEBTS Campus in November 2004 with any who are interested in the internships or in the pastoral position. Appointments may be made through the Ministry Referral Office (761-2317).

Bethany Baptist Church of Kenley, North Carolina, is seeking a part-time Minister to Children to develop and direct an Awana program on Wednesday evenings and to direct the chil-

dren's activities and program on Sundays. Contact the Ministry Referral Office for information (761-2317).

Current Opportunities

Full-time

- Woodbine Baptist Church, Mayodan, NC—Assistant Pastor for Music and Youth.
- Christ Baptist Church, Raleigh, NC—Music Minister.
- First Baptist Church, Tifton, GA—Internship in Children's Ministry.
- Dishman First Baptist Church, Spokane, WA—Youth/Associate Pastor.
- First Baptist Church, Scotland Neck, NC—Music and Youth Minister.

Part-Time

- Grey Stone Baptist Church, Durham, NC—Senior Adult Minister
- Union Grove Baptist Church, Albemarle, NC—Youth Minister.
- Cumnock Baptist Church, Raleigh, NC—Pianist.
- Promise Land Baptist Church, Stem, NC—Worship Leader.

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2005 ITAM Spring and Summer Mission Trips

Informational Meeting Wednesday, December 8 at 3:00 pm
Jacumin-Simpson Bldg., Eitel Auditorium. Mission efforts available every week during the summer. All-inclusive price: \$700.00. Specifically for Non-Missions Track Students. ITAM @ SEBTS
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Cross Pointe Church
Duluth, GA

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Ft. Worth, TX
Inauguration of President Akin

October 28

Dr. Chuck Kelley
President, New Orleans Baptist
Theological Seminary
New Orleans, LA

November 2

Dr. Jay Strack
President, Student Leadership
University
Orlando, FL

November 3

Dr. David Beck
Professor of New Testament and
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Southeastern Audit

Independent auditors give Southeastern an "unqualified opinion," the highest regards given by the firm. See story on page 3.

Christmas Events and Ministries

Look to page 3 for announcements for upcoming Christmas events and ministries for the Southeastern community.

Missions Opportunities

See page 4 for an up-to-date list of a variety of mission opportunities both this winter and next summer.

Southeastern inaugurates sixth president

By Kyle Smith

Less than a week before the nation elected its next president, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary inaugurated one of its own.

Surrounded by his family, friends and students, Daniel Akin officially stepped into his role as president on Oct. 27 in an inauguration ceremony "devoted to the Lord Jesus Christ."

More than a thousand people packed Binkley Chapel, in the center of the school's historic campus, to witness the inauguration of only the sixth president in the school's 53-year history.

"On behalf of 42,000 churches and 16 million Southern Baptists," SBC President and Chief Executive Officer Morris Chapman said in his greeting, "I congratulate Dr. Akin on this momentous day from which Southeastern will go forward for the glory of God. This institution will continue to be a lighthouse for the glory of God all around the world. I thank God, as do



Binkley Chapel was filled for President Daniel Akin's Inauguration on Oct. 27.

all Southern Baptists, that this humble servant comes to the helm of leadership."

The chapel ceremony was the culmination of a weeklong celebration at Southeastern, where many Southern Baptist leaders gathered to honor Akin for his character and dedication but reserved the glory for Jesus Christ.

"All that matters in life is that you please Jesus," Akin said. "My sole passion in life is to live under his lordship."

Speakers at inauguration events during the week included Akin's personal friends James Merritt, pastor of Cross Pointe Church in Duluth, Ga., and Albert Mohler, president of The

Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky.

A common refrain from those who know Akin best was that behind the aura of leadership, Akin is a genuine man of God.

"Daniel Akin is a man of 100 percent integrity – absolute integrity," Merritt said.

Delivering the charge to Akin was Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary President Paige Patterson, Akin's immediate predecessor at Southeastern and a man Akin calls his "father in ministry."

Patterson praised Akin as a "matchless communicator, fabulous preacher, fine theologian and exegete of the Scriptures and man of God."

The friendship between the two began long ago when Patterson served as Akin's preaching professor at Criswell College, preached Akin's ordination and hired him to his first teaching position.

Patterson's charge to his former student and successor was simple and heartfelt.

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Southeastern trustees hear audit report, approve new growth

By Jason Hall & Kyle Smith

Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary trustees, meeting in conjunction with the inauguration of the school's sixth president, heard a positive report from an independent auditing firm about the "high degree of integrity" with which Southeastern handles its budget and finances.

President Daniel Akin told trustees he is pleased with the results of the recent audit by independent accounting

firm McGladrey and Pullen, LLP, of Raleigh, N.C. The audit included an exhaustive look at Southeastern's financial practices that Akin said is necessary in America's post-Enron corporate culture.

"Our simple goal was to make sure that this institution has a reputation for doing what it does with the highest degree of integrity," Akin told the board.

During their meeting, trustees also approved a revision of Southeastern's

master plan for campus expansion and renovation, and they heard of the growth taking place in all of the school's degree programs. Ryan Hutchinson, Vice President for Administration, presented a creative plan to the board that will overhaul much of the seminary's historic campus for \$15-20 million over the next few years.

Akin said the revised master plan, which is the seminary's long-range strategy for campus growth, will now

include an extensive renovation to the existing library, rather than the construction of a new one. Whereas a new library building – called for under the old master plan – would cost the seminary \$15-20 million, the new plan estimates that the seminary can complete seven projects for just under \$21 million.

The result, Akin said, will be good financial stewardship and campus facilities

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Southeastern Spotlight: Mr. Tim Shidal



Family: My wife Jennifer of 10 years, and two daughters, Glorianna (4) and Joyanna (1). We also have a baby due in April 2005.

Seminary/College position: Director of Information Technologies

Hometown: Monroe, NC

How you became a Christian: I was saved during a Sunday evening service in June of 1977. I became convicted of my sins after listening to an elderly gentleman, Bill Steele, speak about how sinners cannot escape hell and how Jesus Christ is the only one who has the authority to break the chains of sin.

Current church: Wake Cross Roads Baptist

Most influential person in your life: My father, Jerry Shidal, for numerous reasons but also because he taught me the value of completing a project no matter how difficult the task.

Something surprising about you: I served in the U.S. Air Force for 6 years reaching the rank of Captain.

Education: BS in Computer Science from UNC Charlotte; MS in Computer Information Systems from Phoenix University.

Campus role: I am responsible for overseeing all of the voice and data communications on campus including computers, telephones, email, web-sites, etc.

Classes currently teaching: None, but I'm hoping to begin teaching some computer classes here at the college when the opportunity becomes available.

Favorite author: Jack R. Taylor and Shelby Foote

Hobbies: Spending time with my wife and my children, video editing, and playing my guitar.

Favorite musician: Counting Crows

What influenced you to come to Southeastern: My wife and I spent several years searching for how God wanted to use our lives. I really had a burning desire to use my technical skills for the kingdom when God opened the doors for us to move to Wake Forest.

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BayLeaf Toy Chest

Scheduled for Nov. 20 from 10:00-11:15 a.m. Don't miss this chance to be blessed by God through the members of BayLeaf Baptist church. Call the church at 847-4477 if you need information. This is a special gift to Southeastern families with children. Be sure to take your student ID with you!

Great Hills Women's Retreat

The guest speaker will be Donna Gaines, a pastor's wife and mother of four. She is the director of Women's Ministry at Gardendale First Baptist Church in Alabama. She held the office of President of the SBC's Pastor's Wives Conference Luncheon this past

year.

Registration for Southeastern students/wives will be \$27. The event will start Friday evening with registration at 3:00-6:15 p.m. and the sessions at 6:30-10:00 p.m. Saturday morning the sessions start at 8:00 a.m. and continue until approximately 12:30 p.m. Sign up in the Dean of Student's office or at the registration table the day of the event.

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Trustee Meeting

Audit Finds Integrity

By Jason Hall and Kyle Smith

In reporting to the board about the audit's findings, trustee Philip Mercer, an investment consultant from Columbia, Md., and chairman of the board's audit and investment committee, pointed to several reasons why an extensive audit was necessary for Southeastern.

One was the much stronger accounting standards that have become the norm in corporate America in the wake of major scandals involving Fortune 500 companies like Enron and MCI-Worldcom.

Now, instead of pointing out fraud when they find it, auditors may now assume the existence of fraud until they find evidence otherwise. In Southeastern's case, the auditors found no evidence, Mercer said.

"This is an unqualified opinion, the highest you can receive," he said. "They absolutely said there is a high degree of integrity in what is happening here."

Southeastern also saw the need for extending the scope of its annual audit because a new president has come on board, and the growth in the number of students and staff raised

the need for more efficient accounting procedures.

During the audit process, Akin noted, questions were raised about a car that was transferred to a former staff member more than a year ago, and the taxable status of such a transaction. Because he wanted to make sure all the seminary's dealings were open and honest, Akin directed the officials from McGladrey and Pullen, including senior partner C. Colby Daughtry, to extend their audit as far as necessary to reach the truth behind these questions.

"The auditors were offered documentation of alleged wrongdoing from a former employee," Akin said. "I asked them to accept that offer, which they did, and to thoroughly review the business practices from my administration, the previous administration and during the interim. And they did."

In a draft letter from the firm summarizing the results of the audit, the auditors noted that they made some "constructive suggestions" to the seminary for improving procedures but found nothing that suggested impropriety by administrators.

"We made some mistakes and we

corrected them," Akin said. "We asked the auditors to review our actions, and they found no concerns. We have instituted some new procedures to guard against making the same mistakes again."

Mercer agreed. "There were some issues in procedures but there was no criminality whatsoever," he said. "There were no signs of anything fraudulent or illegal. Our procedures need to be tightened up and we need to be more thorough. We have to do a better job of tracking acquisition of fixed assets, like a car."

David Armstrong, the seminary's comptroller, said he felt confident in the thoroughness of the audit and the administration's attitude toward making procedural changes.

"I really appreciate Dr. Akin's willingness to approach this head-on," Armstrong said. "I have complete confidence in the integrity of Southeastern and in the integrity of its administration."

Though charges of fraud and mismanagement have been directed at seminary administrators because of the gift of the car, trustee chairman Tim Lewis said he hopes this audit report can put such notions to rest.

"It is our conviction that this independent report, in its clear and unequivocal language, will expose these unfounded accusations for exactly what they are," Lewis said.

Members of the trustee board said that after reviewing the audit, they are firmly convinced that Southeastern officials have acted with complete discretion.

"Everything was out in the open," said trustee Terrence Collier of Pound, Va. "We had good discussions on the matter. Everything was transparent. Southeastern took all the right steps in this matter. I have complete confidence in President Akin and the seminary that they have done nothing wrong in this matter."

James Goldston III of Raleigh, a member of the board's executive committee, said he has no concerns about how the seminary has, or will, conduct its business affairs.

"Everything has been under a totally exhaustive audit," Goldston said. "We spent a lot of extra time and money to have this done correctly. Everything is in the proper order. I am totally satisfied by the results of the audit."

Trustees

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that can accommodate the burgeoning student population.

"From where I sit, I'm very excited about this," Akin said. "I think it's a wise plan, and I think it's a responsible plan. I believe renovating this library is a much wiser interim step than building an entirely new one. What's remarkable to me is that for the same amount of money, we can accomplish almost all of our goals. I'm very pleased about this, and it has my very enthusiastic support."

Much of Southeastern's planning has been influenced by the record increases it has experienced in student enrollment, with 2,407 students this fall. Akin mentioned that the school's number of new students is at an all-time high, including record highs in

enrollment in both its D.Min. and Ph.D. programs.

The first step of the master plan is construction of a new facilities management building, which will contain Southeastern's facilities management and housing departments, a shop area for storage and work space and a place to house the Sunshine Seniors volunteer food ministry, which gave almost a half million dollars in food to students last year.

Trustees also voted in the meeting to promote the following professors: Ken Coley, from associate professor of Christian education to professor of Christian education; Greg Lawson, from associate professor of Christian education to professor of Christian education; and Ned Matthews, from associate professor of pastoral ministries to professor of pastoral ministries.

Inauguration

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"Lead God's people with the integrity of your heart," he said. "Like Enoch, walk with Him so closely that it seems you're closer to His house than your own. . . . The same God who gives you life and strength will sustain you in heavy responsibility. May God bless you every day, sweet son, as you serve the Lord."

In the end, many of those in attendance expressed their gratitude for God's work in bringing Akin to Southeastern.

"This is a glorious day in the life of this institution, a day for which we have prayed, planned and sought the Lord's will," said Tim Lewis, chairman of the school's board of trustees.

"Dr. Akin is a man of commitment to the Lord Jesus Christ and to good

thinking about theology based on a firm faith in the inerrancy of God's Word. He is a man of proven character, with a contagious passion for life, living and people. I know of no other man more adequately prepared to be president of Southeastern than Dr. Akin."

Akin was visibly moved by the outpouring of love and support, and he concluded the ceremony by pledging to lead Southeastern in training ministers to take the Word of God to a world in need of Him.

"I pledge to build an institution that will continue to stand on the infallible and inerrant Word of God," Akin said. "Southeastern Seminary will continue to stand for personal evangelism, world missions and the exclusivity of the Gospel. We believe heaven and hell are real and the only difference is Jesus Christ."

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Missionary Bob Tolliver, pastor of the

LIVING VINE International Baptist Church of Kiev, Ukraine, is offering to supervise one or more students in Mentored Internships in Kiev during 2005. To apply, students must be enrolled in the M.Div. degree program, must be fully self-supporting, and must enroll in the M-4740 Mentored Internship program through the SEBTS Registrar for six hours credit for a two-semester term to run continuously for eight months. Contact the Ministry Referral Office for additional information.

The International Baptist Church of Kiev, Ukraine. is also seeking a Baptist minister to become pastor by December 1, 2005, on a self-supporting basis. Missionary Tolliver is scheduled to end his ministry at the end of November 2005. He will be available to meet on the SEBTS Campus in November 2004 with any who are interested in the internships or in the pastoral position. Appointments may be made through the Ministry Referral Office (761-2317).

Current Opportunities

Full-time

- North Jacksonville Baptist Church, Jacksonville, FL—Assistant to Senior Pastor.

- Osage River Baptist Association, Butler, MO—Director of Missions.
- Midway Baptist Church, Gaffney, SC—Pastor of Worship and Outreach.
- Brookwood Baptist Church, Lawrenceville, GA—Worship Leader.
- Belmont Baptist Church, Conyers, GA—Music Minister.

Part-Time

- Middleton Road Baptist Church, Anderson, SC—Minister of Worship & Music.
- Grey Stone Baptist Church, Durham, NC—Senior Adult Minister.
- Ca-Vel Baptist Church, Roxboro, NC—Music and Youth Pastor
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Bi-Vocational

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Christian Counseling and Education Foundation
Glenside, PA

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Dr. Greg Lawson
Assoc. Prof. of Christian Ed.
SEBTS
Faculty Lecture

November 11

Rev. Michael Whitson
Indian Trail First Baptist Church
Indian Trail, NC

November 16

Dr. Stephen Rummage
Associate Prof. of Preaching
SEBTS
Hickory Grove Baptist Church
Charlotte, NC

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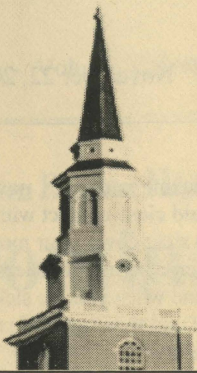
November 18

Dr. J.D. Greear
The Summit Church
Durham, NC

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A Look Inside

Southeastern Spotlight



Mr. Sheldon Alexander, Southeastern's Registrar and Assistant to the Dean, oversees student class schedules and registration. Turn to page 2 to learn more about him.

Newsline Change

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Christmas Events and Ministries

Look to page 3 for announcements for upcoming events and ministries for the Southeastern community.

Missions Opportunities

See page 4 for an up-to-date list of a variety of mission opportunities both this winter and next summer.

Suffering prepares believers for glory, Tripp says

By Stephanie Carter

A Christian's life should reflect an appreciation for the "sweet theology of uncomfortable grace." God's refining work in a believer through suffering, Paul Tripp said in his November 9 chapel message to Southeastern students.

Tripp, a well known author, speaker and the director of Changing Lives International,

based his message on 1 Peter 1:3-9, which is called "one of the Bible's most stunning story summaries... (that captures everything walking with the Lord is about).

"God will take you where you did not plan to go in order to produce in you what you could not achieve on your own," Tripp said. "Very often the moment we're crying out, 'Where is



Dr. Paul Tripp, Director of Changing Lives International, speaks at chapel November 9.

the grace of God?' we're getting it. But it's uncomfortable grace."

The passage demonstrates the "then past, then future, and now construction in Scripture," Tripp said. This axiom summarizes that a Christian's past, future in eternity, and present circumstances should be understood as a whole. He conceded that most churches do well with the discussion

of past and future, but "tend to get lost in the details of now."

Tripp said that Christians often focus on circumstances rather than having "God's view of what in the world is happening now.

"We tend to be so oriented to comfort and oriented to ease," Tripp said.

This causes Christians to view life's struggles as a sign of God's inattention rather than God's refining grace.

Tripp relayed a similar message in his "Instruments in the Redeemer's Hands" conference, held at Southeastern on November 8. The conference was geared toward those pursuing an education in biblical counseling, Tripp's main area of expertise.

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Annual Chili Cook-off a success

By Andy Lewis

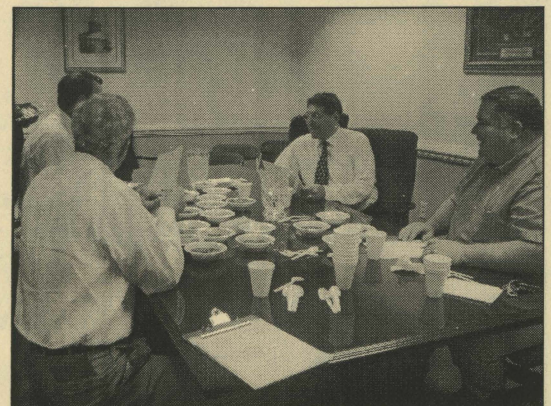
On Thursday, November 9, over 200 students, faculty, staff, and families gathered in the Ledford Center for Southeastern's annual Chili Cook-off.

The chili cook-off was a great family event, that not only featured chili, but also hot dogs, desserts, and live music.

In all, 22 pots of chili were cooked, 18 of which were officially entered into the cooking competition. The

kinds of chili ranged from many beans to beanless, spicy hot to mildly sweet, beef to chicken, and traditional to chocolate. The variety of types of chili was almost overwhelming, and the aroma of chili permeated the Ledford Center.

In the end, a panel of four judges was given the task of determining a winner. Dr. Allan Moseley, Mr. Sheldon Alexander, Mr. Doug Nalley and Dr. Gerald Cowen, were the official judges of the chili.



The judges deliberate at the annual Chili Cook-off.

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Southeastern Spotlight: Mr. Sheldon Alexander



Family: My wife Carolyn of 28 years, Jason (26), daughter-in-law Dinara (25) and Emil (25), and two wonderful grandchildren: Sarah (15 months) and Samuel (2 weeks).

Seminary/College position: Registrar/Assistant to the Dean.

Hometown: Hereford, TX.

How you became a Christian: My banker invited me to a Christian Businessmen's meeting when a man from Jews for Jesus was speaking. He invited me to a Passover Seder the next day—I went and was miraculously saved.

Current church: First Baptist Youngsville.

Current church ministry: Deacon and Sunday School Teacher.

Most influential person in your life: Grandfather Gaston Emil Baer (1899-1994).

Something surprising about you: I was going to be the third generation in our family's retail business and sold shoes through seminary.

Education: BA in Business Administration from West Texas A&M and MDiv from Southwestern Seminary.

Campus role: We count students, work on class schedules, and keep up with the records.

Favorite author: F. F. Bruce.

Hobbies: Racquetball and keeping up with the grandchildren.

Favorite musician: The Gaithers.

What influenced you to come to Southeastern: In 1989 when I graduated from SWBTS, Dean Bush had several openings in administration. He figured being a registrar was something I could do and invited me to come.

A word of wisdom for the readers: Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding, in all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your paths (Prov. 3:5-6).

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Join thousands of college students who are rallying to declare that God is worthy of every ounce of worship their generation has to offer. Hear from speakers like Louie Giglio and John Piper while being led in corporate worship by David Crowder and Chris Tomlin. But more than all of them, imagine sitting at the feet of Christ and treasuring Him above all things for three days. The conference is January 2-5, 2005 in Nashville, TN. Why not enjoy the ride with 50 other students and prepare your heart on the way to Nashville? Take a bus with Providence Baptist. Make the journey worth it. Email Chip Bugnar for more info at chip@pray.org or visit our website at www.pray.org/ college and click the special events link (registration is available online). The cost is going up soon so reserve your spot as soon as possible!

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Chapel Schedule

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South River Baptist Church
Statesville, NC

December 1

Rev. Junior Hill
Evangelist
Hartselle, AL

December 2

Rev. Shannon Scott
Mt. Vernon Baptist Church
Raleigh, NC

December 7

Dr. Alvin Reid
Professor of Evangelism
Bailey Smith Chair of Evangelism/Director of External Studies
SEBTS

December 8

Dr. Stephen Davey
Colonial Baptist Church
Cary, NC

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Dr. Daniel Akin
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At each annual session of the Southern Baptist Convention, the messengers gather for the purpose of reports, votes, meetings, fellowship, and dinners. We gather from every state in the union, every corner of the globe, and every institution that operates within our sphere of ministry. Thousands of loyal Southern Baptists travel the country, check into hotels, eat restaurant food, and collaborate with our friends, many of whom we only see at this one meeting a year.

Admittedly, much of the Convention proceedings can be somewhat dry. Reports and statistics drone on in a parade of accountability. Messengers flow in and out of the meeting halls as interest in the particular presentations ebb and flow. Certain speakers garner much interest, and often the floor is packed when a vote on an officer or resolution is called.

One moment, however, suspends time: the presidential address. For many years, the standing president of the SBC has risen to the platform and addressed the messengers. These presidential addresses... are snapshots of our history. It is incumbent upon each president to speak to the

larger problems and concerns of the day, specifically as they relate to Southern Baptists. In the address the

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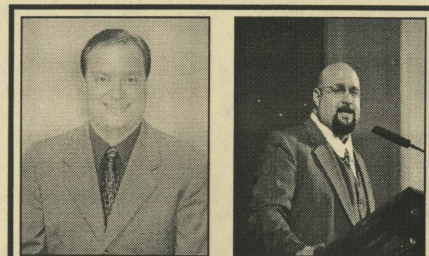
president is given the burden of calling Southern Baptists to the task at hand, often in a rousing and impassioned plea.

These addresses are portraits of history precisely due to their nature. Each president addressed the crisis of the hour and the pressing need. The generational moments in time are reflected by their sermons and serve as a panorama of American history. President Johnson addressed an embryonic denomination, taking its first steps toward denominational effectiveness. Presidents R. B. C. Howell and Richard Fuller faced a denomination on the precipice of Civil War, even as the churches the messengers served were losing their members to the call of the militia. J. B. Gambrell dealt with the devastating effects and

the incredible opportunities afforded by the First World War, just as Pat Neff and W. W. Hamilton would do in the Second World War. E. Y. Mullins faced a Convention forced to formulate its first "Baptist Faith and Message" in light of the expanding teachings and philosophy of the evolutionary hypothesis. Herschel H. Hobbs addressed his generation's drift toward neoorthodoxy and the need for Southern Baptists to delineate their beliefs afresh, just as James Merritt and Paige Patterson had to do a generation later.

Wars, controversies, famine, pestilence, and sword were all broached by the presidents in their annual addresses. Theological conflict, denominational disputes, and spiritual apathy were all within their "line of fire." These addresses are no dry and pedantic restatements of statistics; these are impassioned trumpet calls to service!

We cannot overstate the case for the significance of these sermons to the church historian or the Baptist reader. These addresses pulse with the life-blood of our leaders and often betray their most impassioned convictions. One may not always agree with their



Dr. Emir Caner, Assistant Professor of Church History and Anabaptist Studies, SEBTS (left), and Dr. Ergun Caner, Professor of Theology and Church History, Liberty University (right).

conclusions or hermeneutics. Moderate or conservative, Unionist or Confederate, academic or ministerial, particular or general atonement—they are all herein included! May the reader enjoy the journey through the history of our nation and our cause through the mouths of the men God raised up to lead us through them.

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Tripp

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The conference and Tripp's speaking engagements are the result of his quest to keep church counseling from reducing the Bible to a book of directions.

"Christianity is not a restorative technology,"

Tripp said in a Southeastern class lecture. He urged students to instead view Christianity as life, not applied science.

He concluded his chapel message by calling Christians to "celebrate the refining mercy of a powerful and loving Redeemer."

"Do you want a Messiah who will deliver to you your own personal definition of purpose and pleasure and leave you in your own condition?"

Tripp asked. "Or do you want a Messiah that says, 'I mined you so you will reach that glorious state of beauty I intended for you?'"

Cook-off

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They had to judge each pot of chili on the basis of aroma, appearance, taste, texture, and spice.

In the end, the judges proclaimed Ann Marie Donaldson the winner of the annual Chili Cook-off. As the winner, she received a \$25 cash prize and a gift certificate for a free lunch buffet at Milton's restaurant.

Ann Marie calls her chili "Fire and Torment." She said, "My secret is that I cook it one day and let it sit overnight with habanero and green

chile peppers. I also use chocolate as the final secret ingredient."

Chip Baggett and John Hung, together prepared the second place chili. They received a \$20 gift certificate to the Olde English Tea Room.

Katie Kissinger finished in third place with her "See you in the morning" chili. She received a free lunch buffet to Milton's.



Seth Bible presents Ann Marie Donaldson her prize for being the winner of the annual Chili Cook-off.

All in all, the chili cook-off was a great success. It was a nice event for the whole family with a spicy kick.