

The Inauguration of
DANIEL L. AKIN

Sixth President of
Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary



The Twenty-Seventh Day of October
Two Thousand and Four
Ten O'Clock, Wednesday Morning
Wake Forest, North Carolina

The Sermon of
DANIEL L. AKIN
1998 President





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DANIEL L. AKIN Sixth President

Daniel L. Akin was elected sixth president of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary on January 15, 2004 by a unanimous vote of the seminary's Board of Trustees. As president of Southeastern Seminary, Dr. Akin's great passion is the glory of Jesus Christ and the faithful proclamation of the Gospel to the lost.

A native of Atlanta, Georgia, Dr. Akin was saved at a young age and sensed a call to fulltime ministry while on a mission trip to the Papago Indians of Sells, Arizona at the age of 20. After graduating from Criswell College and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Dr. Akin earned the Doctor of Philosophy degree from the University of Texas at Arlington.

Dr. Akin began his teaching ministry at Criswell College in 1986 and, in 1992, he came to Southeastern Seminary as Dean of Students where he served until leaving for The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1996. While at Southern Seminary, Dr. Akin was Dean of the School of Theology and Vice President for Academic Administration.

A popular author, Dr. Akin has penned commentaries on the letters of John in the New American Commentary series and the Song of Songs in the Holman Old Testament Commentary series; an exposition of the Song of Songs, entitled *God on Sex*; and a Bible study on the person and work of Jesus Christ, called *Discovering the Biblical Jesus*.

As part of his ministry to the churches, Dr. Akin maintains an active speaking schedule. For the past 15 years, Dr. Akin has held numerous marriage/family conferences; every summer he presents worldview conferences for Student Leadership University; and twice each year he teaches week-long seminars on expository preaching at the Stephen Olford Ministries Institute. Apart from these speaking engagements, Dr. Akin preaches frequently in our Baptist churches.

Dr. Akin is the devoted husband of Charlotte, his godly wife of 26 years, and the father of four sons: Nathan, Jonathan, Paul, and Timothy. A testimony to their parents' godly example and the grace of God, all four sons are following the Lord and planning to serve in some form of church or education-related ministry.

Soon after assuming his duties at Southeastern, Dr. and Mrs. Akin joined Wake Cross Roads Baptist Church, where he leads a Wednesday night Bible study.

In life and word, Dr. Akin encourages the seminary family to live the truth that "All that matters in life is that you please God."



Seated: Dr. and Mrs. Akin
Standing (left to right): Timothy, Paul, Nathan, Jonathan



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ORGAN PRELUDE Nannette M. Godwin
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“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”arr. Nannette Minor Godwin

“Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him”arr. Anna Laura Page

*PROCESSIONAL Seminary Orchestra
Lawrence W. Mayo, Conductor
Associate Professor of Music

“All Creatures of Our God and King Fanfare”arr. Camp Kirkland

Platform Guests
Faculty of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary
Delegates from Academic Institutions

*HYMN Congregation

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”Perronet, Rippon, Holden

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem, And crown Him Lord of all;
Bring forth the royal diadem, And crown Him Lord of all.

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, Ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, And crown Him Lord of all;
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, And crown Him Lord of all.

Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe, On this terrestrial ball,
To Him all majesty ascribe, And crown Him Lord of all;
To Him all majesty ascribe, And crown Him Lord of all.

O that with yonder sacred throng, We at His feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song, And crown Him Lord of all;
We'll join the everlasting song, And crown Him Lord of all.

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READING OF GOD'S WORD: PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11	Peter R. Schemm, Jr. Associate Professor of Theology
FEATURED MUSIC	Seminary Choir and Orchestra John R. Boozer, Conductor Associate Professor of Church Music
"At the Name of Jesus"	Cindy Berry
INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER	Timothy D. Lewis
MESSAGE	Paige Patterson President, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary Fort Worth, Texas
INTRODUCTION OF PRESIDENT AKIN	Timothy D. Lewis
PRESENTATION OF THE PRESIDENTIAL MEDALLION	Paige Patterson
INTRODUCTION OF THE PRESIDENT'S FAMILY	Timothy D. Lewis
PRAYER OF DEDICATION	R. Albert Mohler, Jr. President, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary Louisville, Kentucky
RESPONSE	Daniel L. Akin President, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary



*CHORUSCongregation

“Our Heart”Chisom, Searcy

Our heart, our desire is to see the nations worship;
Our cry, our prayer is to sing Your praise to the ends of the earth.
That with one mighty voice ev'ry tribe and tongue rejoices;
Our heart, our desire is to see the nations worship You.

*BENEDICTIONPaul M. Akin
Son of President and Mrs. Akin

*RECESSIONALSeminary Orchestra
Lawrence L. Mayo, Conductor

“Lift High the Lord Our Banner”arr. Camp Kirkland

POSTLUDENannette M. Godwin

“Toccata, from Symphony No. 5”Charles-Marie Widor

MUSIC DIRECTOR: David P. Nelson, Associate Professor of Theology
PIANIST: Anne G. Basden, Adjunctive Instructor of Voice and Piano

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Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary began with a vote by the Southern Baptist Convention, meeting in Chicago in 1950, to establish a school for training Southern Baptist ministers on the east coast of the United States. The seminary was founded on the former campus of Wake Forest College, one of the most beautiful and historic campuses in the southeast, and opened its doors to its first class in September of 1951. Through the years, Southeastern's campus, as well as its student body, has grown and developed with the blessings of God.

Fulfilling the Great Commission has always been more than a slogan for Southeastern Seminary students, faculty, and staff. The school's first endowed chair was a chair of evangelism, established in 1994. In 1995, Southeastern partnered with the International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention to begin an international church planting program. A similar partnership was established in 1998 with the North American Mission Board to begin a North America church planting program. In 2001, the seminary constructed a new missions center which serves as the headquarters of

Southeastern's evangelistic and missionary effort. Each year, hundreds of students and dozens of faculty members engage in short-term mission trips around the globe, leading to countless seeds sown and thousands won to Christ.

Five presidents have served Southeastern Seminary prior to Daniel Akin: Sydnor L. Stealey, 1951-1963; Olin T. Binkley, 1963-1974; W. Randall Lolley, 1974-1988; Lewis A. Drummond, 1988-1992; and Paige Patterson, 1992-2003.

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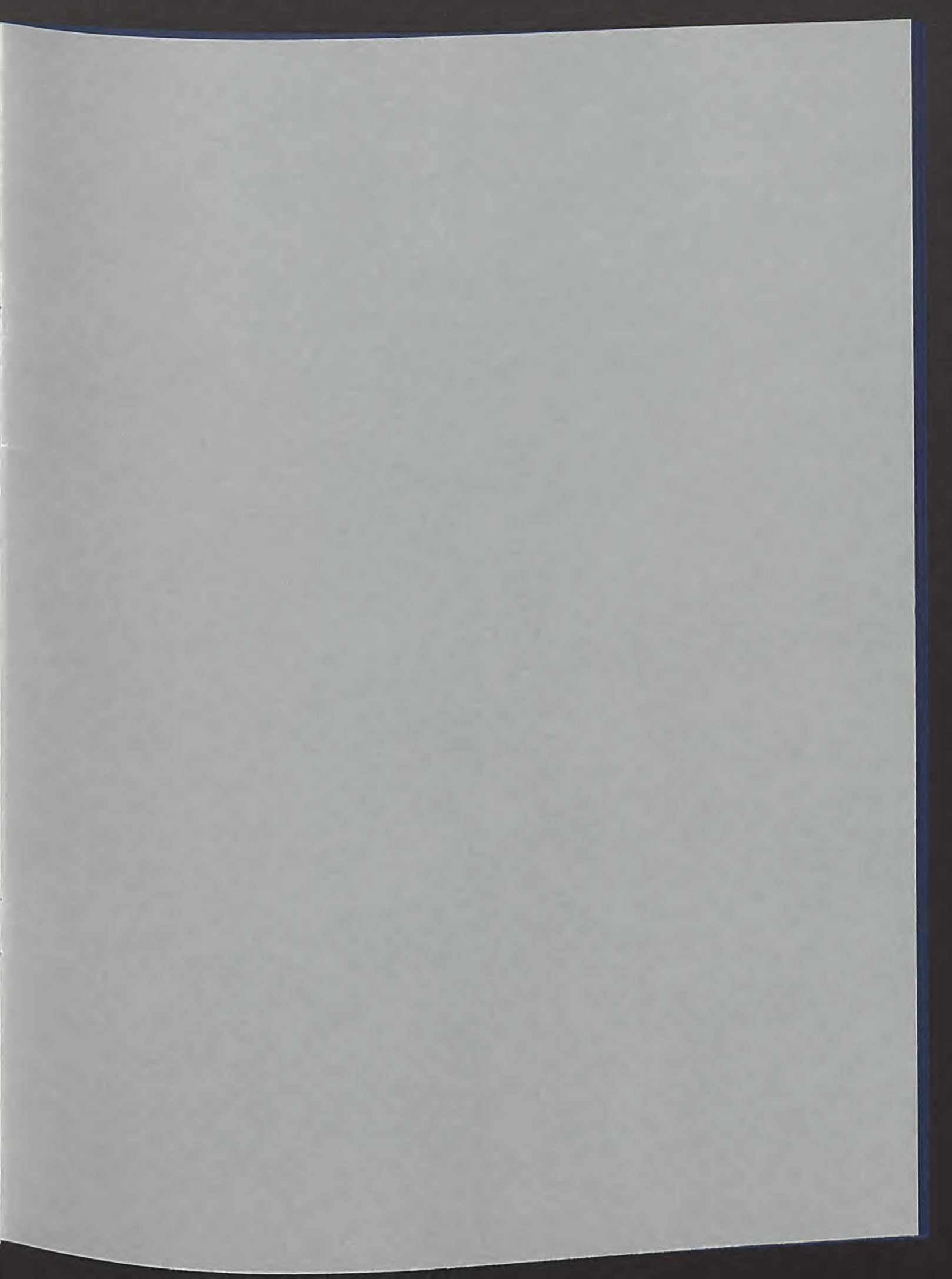
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