

COMMENCEMENT  
EXERCISES

SOUTHEASTERN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY  
*Twenty-Eighth of May, Two Thousand Ten*





# COMMENCEMENT

## Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary

Friday, May 28, 2010, 10 a.m., Binkley Chapel

Prelude .....	<i>Toccata on Hymn to Joy</i> Arr. by Mark Thallander
*Processional .....	<i>Am I a Soldier of the Cross</i> Thomas A. Arne, Arr. by Carolyn Hamlin
*Hymn .....	<i>O Worship the King</i> Robert Grant, Johann Michael Haydn
*Invocation .....	David Alan Black Professor of New Testament and Greek
Greeting .....	N. Allan Moseley Vice President for Student Services/Dean of Students/Professor of Old Testament and Hebrew
*Hymn .....	<i>The Power of the Cross</i> Keith Getty and Stuart Townend
Scripture Reading .....	Wayne V. McDill Senior Professor of Preaching
Featured Music .....	<i>Stay with Me</i> Ruth Elaine Schram Donald M. Kyle - Master of Church Music Graduate, 2010
Charge to Graduates .....	Daniel L. Akin President, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary
Prayer of Dedication .....	Mark Thomas Coppenger Professor of Apologetics, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary; Pastor of Evanston Baptist Church, Evanston, Illinois
Conferring of Degrees .....	Daniel L. Akin President Kenneth D. Keathley Interim Dean of the Faculty
*The Seminary Hymn .....	E. A. McDowell, Jr.
*Benediction .....	Brad Waggoner President of B&H Publishing Group, Nashville, Tennessee
*Recessional .....	<i>Prelude and Fugue in G Minor</i> Nicolaus Bruhns

\* Please stand

Music Director ..... John E. Boozer  
Professor of Church Music

Organist ..... Nannette M. Godwin  
Associate Professor of Church Music and Keyboard

Pianist ..... Karen B. Bullock  
Adjunctive Instructor of Piano/Chapel Pianist

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# COMMENCEMENT

## The College at Southeastern

Friday, May 28, 2010, 3 p.m., Binkley Chapel

Prelude .....	<i>What a Friend We Have in Jesus</i> Arr. by Shelley Hamilton
*Processional .....	<i>Toccata on Hymn to Joy</i> Arr. by Mark Thallander
*Hymn .....	<i>Am I a Soldier of the Cross</i> Thomas A. Arne, Arr. by Carolyn Hamlin
*Invocation .....	<i>O Worship the King</i> Robert Grant, Johann Michael Haydn
Greeting .....	Fred M. Williams, III Associate Professor of History and Languages
*Hymn .....	<i>The Power of the Cross</i> Keith Getty and Stuart Townend
Scripture Reading .....	Edward D. Gravely Assistant Professor of Biblical Studies and History of Ideas
Featured Music .....	<i>I Will Go</i> Steve Green/Douglas McKelvey Susan Durham-Lozaw, Instructor of Vocal Music
Charge to Graduates .....	Daniel L. Akin President, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary
Prayer of Dedication .....	Richard C. Seim Senior Pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, Renton, Washington
"The Fletcher and Mildred Driskell History of Ideas Award" .....	Bruce R. Ashford Dean of the College
Conferring of Degrees .....	Daniel L. Akin President Bruce R. Ashford Dean of the College
*The Seminary Hymn .....	E. A. McDowell, Jr.
*Benediction .....	William Jackson Homesley Senior Pastor of Christ Community Church, Huntersville, North Carolina
*Recessional .....	<i>Prelude and Fugue in G Minor</i> Nicolaus Bruhns

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# CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATION

## The College at Southeastern

### *Associate of Arts*

The Associate of Arts Degree provides students with the Christian background and foundation needed for informed lay leadership in the local church. In addition, the degree is designed as a two-year college transfer program. This two-year program includes 27 hours of religion, 33 hours of liberal arts and 6 hours of free electives.

Erin Amanda Sennert.....Apex, NC  
Thomas M. Waltz.....St. Matthews, SC

### *Associate of Divinity*

The Associate of Divinity degree helps prepare students for various Christian ministries through courses in Bible, theology, ministry and liberal arts. The degree is available for students 30 years of age and older. The Associate of Divinity degree requires a minimum of 60 hours.

Kevin Michael Rainear.....Zebulon, NC

### *Bachelor of Arts in Christian Studies*

The Bachelor of Arts degree is built around a core curriculum of biblical, theological and liberal arts studies, including courses in the History of Ideas, resulting in a major in Christian Studies. Students may also choose either a second major from English, History, Humanities, Missions, Music, Pastoral Ministry and Theology, or one or two minors in Apologetics, Biblical Studies, English, History, Humanities, Missions, Music, Organizational Leadership, Pastoral Ministry, Preaching, Student Ministry and Theology. The degree provides students with foundational knowledge in theology, philosophy, literature and history and with essential skills to think and communicate well in their future vocations. The Bachelor of Arts degree requires a minimum of 126 hours.

Michael Bennett Jr.....Lake Charles, LA  
David James Godzisz *ia*.....Clarkesville, GA  
Todd Brian Hamilton.....Monroe, NC  
Patricia Britt Hashemi.....Raleigh, NC  
William Boyd Jackson Jr.....Shelby, NC  
Caitlin Alisha Kilpatrick.....Brunswick, GA  
Adam Daniel Melancon.....Pinetops, NC  
Marshall Pierce Quesinberry.....Columbia, SC  
Christopher A. Russell.....Cary, NC  
Christopher Lee Thurman.....Asheville, NC

### with a Minor in Biblical Studies

Melissa Anne Clift.....Anadarko, OK

### with a Minor in English

Lindsay Katherine Floyd.....Cary, NC  
Shawn O. Main.....Jacksonville, FL

### with a Minor in History

Christopher Michael Joseph Barry.....Brockton, MA  
Jared A. Ownby.....Gatlinburg, TN  
Christopher Glen Scott.....Raleigh, NC

### with a Minor in Humanities

John Matthew Lawrence.....Roxboro, NC

### with a Minor in Music

Christopher Curtiss Clark.....Wilmington, NC

### and Christian Worldview

Michael Lael Parry.....Gainesville, FL  
Timothy James Scott.....King, NC  
Daniel Ray Triplett.....China Grove, NC

### and English

Chelsea Nicole Homesley.....Statesville, NC  
Tiffany Lynn Linquist.....Tampa, FL  
Katelyn Elizabeth Mercer.....Annapolis, MD  
Kelsey Miria Presley.....North Waterboro, ME  
Logan Michael Rogers.....Canton, NC  
Liana G. Seim.....Renton, WA  
Adam Marshall Taylor.....Gilbert, SC  
Alaina Emily White.....Apex, NC

### and History

Anthione Cedrick Cobb.....Cary, NC  
Garry Lloyd Medford Jr.....Rocky Mount, NC

Robert John Strother III *ia*.....Suffolk, VA  
Brett Miller Walker.....Taylorsville, NC  
Christopher Wren Yandell.....Wake Forest, NC

### and the History of Ideas

Jonathan Mark Homesley.....Charlotte, NC  
Chad Louis Huffman.....Morganton, NC  
Christopher Shane Longley.....Rocky Point, NC  
Toby Sky Pegram.....Summerfield, NC  
Amanda Darlene Vuke.....Raleigh, NC  
Melissa Dianne Whiting.....Cary, NC  
Kenneth W. Williams.....Raleigh, NC

### and Humanities

Matthew Keathley.....New Orleans, LA

### and Music

Kristi Susanna Daw.....Chesapeake, VA  
Daniel Jackson Faucette.....Atlanta, GA

### and Pastoral Ministry

Stephen Zackary Furches.....Hockessin, DE

### and Theology

Henry F. Baskins.....Bowersville, GA  
James Isaac York.....Fuquay-Varina, NC

### *Master of Arts in Intercultural Studies*

The College at Southeastern offers the Master of Arts in Intercultural Studies, a campus-based degree program designed to prepare students for effective service in a cross-cultural setting. The curriculum can be completed in two years of full-time study.

Neal G. Bond.....Madison, AL  
Caleb Thomas Coppenger.....Franklin, TN  
Tiffany Threatt Coppenger.....Marshville, NC  
Myron David Duncan.....Pickens, SC  
Michael Russel Dunn, Jr.....Port St. Joe, FL  
Thomas L. Dyson.....Hertford, NC  
Rebecca Ruth Hardeman.....Guatemala City, Guatemala  
Steven Dwayne Heard.....Roland, AR  
Nicole M. McDonald.....Dallas, TX  
James Perry Morgan.....Bulawayo, Zimbabwe  
Paul Franklin Morgan.....Bulawayo, Zimbabwe  
Vicki D. Pierce.....Roanoke, VA  
Lindsay Alexandra Scott.....Raleigh, NC  
Whitney Blair Smith.....Gibsonville, NC  
Tiffany Maryl Young.....Rocky Mount, NC

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# CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATION

## Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary

### *Master of Arts*

The Master of Arts degree has two forms. First there are M.A. degrees that provide a basic understanding of theological disciplines for further graduate study or for general educational purposes. These programs adopt a nomenclature reflecting the goal of the degree, which is to provide survey knowledge of various theological disciplines or focused knowledge of a specific discipline. The second type of M.A. degree will include the nomenclature "in (area of specialized ministry)." The purpose of these M.A. degrees is to equip persons for competent leadership in some form of specialized ministry in the local church or other settings. All Master of Arts degrees require a previous baccalaureate degree and are designed to be completed over two years of full-time study. The Seminary offers two degrees of the first kind: Christian Studies and Christian Ethics; and six degrees of the second kind: in Biblical Counseling, in Christian School Administration, in Christian Education, in Christian Education and Biblical Counseling, in Ministry Leadership and in Women's Studies.

#### Christian Studies

Adam Daniel Alms. .... Greenville, SC  
Jeffrey Scott Carter. .... Burgaw, NC  
Joshua Stinson Honeycutt. .... Indian Trail, NC  
Sally Hudson. .... Land O' Lakes, FL  
Cheryl Elaine Jaeger. .... Valrico, FL  
Sean Michael Pyle. .... Colonial Heights, VA  
Deborah Garriss Stephenson. .... Rocky Mount, NC

#### Christian Ethics

Katherine E. Allison *ia*. .... Hartland, WI  
Thesis Title: *A Critique of Secular Animal Ethics in Favor of a Biblical Animal Ethic*

Carrie Shavonne Avery. .... Bell, FL  
Thesis Title: *A Biomedical Approach to Personhood with Application to Abortion, Euthanasia and Stem Cell Research*

William Rockford Langley. .... Lafayette, LA  
Thesis Title: *From Being to Goodness: Thomistic Metaphysical Foundations for Natural Law*

Kanon Dayleen Raulerson. .... Macclenny, FL  
Thesis Title: *The Relationship between Natural Law and Self-evident Truths: As Seen in the Legal Theories of John Finnis, John Rawls, and Michael Walzer*

James R. White III. .... Fayetteville, NC  
Thesis Title: *Beneficence as a Normative Moral Principle*

#### in Biblical Counseling

Kristel Acevedo. .... Miami, FL  
Tina Michelle Arnt. .... Bartlett, IL  
Jessica E. Brogden. .... Holly Springs, NC  
Natalie Cathleen Burlison. .... Mattawan, MI  
Jennifer Lynne Burnette. .... Tampa, FL  
Eun Hye Chung. .... Seoul, South Korea  
Thomas W. Kofler. .... Jacksonville, FL  
Katie Anne Learned. .... St. Petersburg, FL  
Amanda Dawn McLain. .... Statesville, NC  
Sungtae Park. .... Yecheon, South Korea  
Carl Davis Ray, Jr. .... Wendell, NC  
Beth Ann Robertson. .... Laurinburg, NC  
Melody Phillips Tyler. .... Raleigh, NC

#### in Christian Education

Michelle Louise McRaven. .... Brunswick, GA  
Lindsay Sue Thompson. .... Panama City, FL  
Michael Scott Walters. .... Somerville, AL

#### in Christian Education and Biblical Counseling

Catherine Martin. .... Spartanburg, SC  
Shaun David McMahon. .... Wilmington, NC  
Jamie R. Preveaux. .... Summerville, SC

#### in Ministry Leadership

Jason Arthur Beasley. .... Winston-Salem, NC

#### in Women's Studies

Faye Taylor Dunbar. .... Castalia, NC  
Erin Ashley Gandy. .... Darlington, SC  
Letha Diane Gillihan. .... Kisumu, Kenya  
Bonnie Kathryn Hunter. .... Franklin, GA

### *Master of Church Music*

The Master of Church Music degree equips men and women for the ministry of music, usually in the local church. Church Music students

must have a baccalaureate degree in music or its equivalent as prescribed by the National Association of Schools of Music. The program requires 64 semester hours and is designed to be completed with a minimum of two years of full-time study. Graduates are required to demonstrate musical competence and skill by performing a final performance project.

Curtis D. Conner. .... Marion, NC  
Donald McNeil Kyle. .... Aberdeen, NC  
Jonathan Hugh Woodham *ia*. .... Dothan, AL

### *Master of Divinity*

The Master of Divinity degree prepares men for the pastorate and men and women for other significant leadership roles in Christian ministries both at home and around the world. The M.Div. requires 90 semester hours and builds upon a prior baccalaureate degree. It is designed to be completed within three years of full-time study. Southeastern Seminary offers several specializations within the Master of Divinity degree. It also serves as a suitable basis for further graduate theological studies. The degree program consists of 60 hours of foundational core courses in Theology, Church History, Christian Philosophy, Ethics, Evangelism, Christian Missions, Biblical Counseling, Biblical Studies and Biblical Languages. Other specialized requirements fill out the various tracks or concentrations. Most students attending the Seminary enroll in the Master of Divinity program as their first professional degree. Those students who have satisfactorily completed coursework in both Biblical Hebrew and Greek are noted with an asterisk. Degree specializations are also noted.

#### with Advanced Biblical Studies

Lonnie D. Bell, Jr. \*. .... Durham, NC  
Justin E. Curry \*. .... Asheboro, NC  
Charles H. Dunn III \*. .... Raleigh, NC  
Mathew Limon \*. .... Redding, CA  
Dennis J. Mack, Jr. \*. .... New Orleans, LA  
Seung Ho Park \*. .... Seoul, South Korea  
Randall David Seale \*. .... Slidell, LA  
Randy D. Starkey \*. .... East Bend, NC

#### with Advanced Standing

Brian Keith Jones \*. .... Graham, NC

#### with Biblical Counseling

Melissa Dawn Blankenberg \*. .... Matthews, NC  
Kelly Mark Bullard. .... Durham, NC  
Tasha Melaine Caruthers \*. .... Wildwood, FL  
Russell Wayne Hammack. .... Danville, VA  
Patrick Eli Hearn \*. .... Muscle Shoals, AL  
Vance Richard Matthews \*. .... Momeyer, NC  
Steven Bruce Murray. .... Apex, NC  
Vicki D. Pierce. .... Roanoke, VA  
Robert Michael Rapier II. .... Frederick, MD  
Matthew Richard Stania *ia*. .... Kelayres, PA  
Heather Michelle Susee \*. .... Wake Forest, NC

#### with Christian Apologetics

Robert David Baker \*. .... Belmont, NC  
Catherine Collier Garrison \*. .... Gadsden, AL  
Michael Jason Lankford \*. .... Richmond, VA  
William Jackson Watts \*. .... Turbeville, SC

#### with Christian Education

Jack Houston Causby. .... Morganton, NC  
Joshua David Franklin. .... Wake Forest, NC  
Matthew James Jones. .... Berwick, PA  
Stephen Marshall Kramm. .... State Road, NC

#### with Christian Ethics

Daniel Curtis Jones \*. .... Dothan, AL

#### with Christian Ministry

Daniel Nathan Akin \*. .... Wake Forest, NC  
Christopher Amann \*. .... Stow, MA  
Charles Damon Ammons \*. .... Tampa, FL  
Bryan Steven Barley \*. .... Midlothian, VA  
Michael James Blackaby \*. .... Cochrane, AB, Canada  
Andrew Bowden \*. .... Charlottesville, VA  
John Garyet Carswell \*. .... Morganton, NC  
Hatt Pasit Chan \*. .... Oklahoma City, OK  
Byungjoo Choi \*. .... Seoul, South Korea  
Brian Neal Coates \* *ia*. .... Springfield, VA  
Allison Leigh Cook \*. .... Sevierville, TN  
Stephen Matthew Felton \*. .... Cary, NC  
Lewis W. Fletcher III \*. .... Durham, NC  
Gregory Furman Gambrell \*. .... Princeton, SC  
Patrick Brennan Gilbert \*. .... New Albany, IN  
Harold Pershing Greene III \*. .... Conway, SC  
Jason Lane Gregory \*. .... Durham, NC  
John Patrick Harmon \*. .... Spartanburg, SC  
J. David Hartman \*. .... Roanoke, VA  
Walter R. Hearn \*. .... North Augusta, SC  
Thomas Winston Hudgins \*. .... Apex, NC  
Eddie Bradley Hudson \*. .... Gray Court, SC  
Jade Jones \*. .... Glencoe, AL  
Nicholas Brandon Jones \*. .... Durham, NC  
Daniel Lee Joyner \*. .... Apex, NC  
Robert C. Kruger \*. .... Elmira, NY  
Jong-Hyun Kwon \*. .... Dae-Gu, South Korea  
Adam Grayland Langley \* *ia*. .... Greenwood, SC  
Samuel David Lee \*. .... Lewisville, NC  
Michael Alan Lilly \*. .... Louisville, NC  
Paul David Martin. .... Chesapeake, VA  
Kenneth Grant McCartney \*. .... Scottsdale, AZ  
Andrew Michael Metzger \*. .... Morristown, TN  
Jason E. Mitchell \*. .... Youngsville, NC  
Dale Eugene Myers \*. .... Vienna, WV  
Tyrone R. Palmer \*. .... Harrisonburg, VA



Sungtae Park \* ..... Yecheon, South Korea  
 Jonathan Matthew Parker \* ..... Richmond, VA  
 John A. Pope \* ..... Cincinnati, OH  
 Shawn Patrick Powers \* *ia* ..... Minneapolis, MN  
 Daniel C. Reed, Jr. \* ..... Mobile, AL  
 Jonathan Thomas Rice \* ..... Charleston, SC  
 Daniel B. Richeson \* ..... Chattanooga, TN  
 Stephen Agnew Roberts \* ..... Guntown, MS  
 Daniel Edward Shrader \* ..... Greenville, NC  
 Eric Anderson Sinclair \* *ia* ..... Clover, SC  
 Matthew Jonathan Smith \* ..... Knoxville, TN  
 Michael T. Sterlachini, Jr. \* ..... Virginia Beach, VA  
 Aaron Matthew Still \* ..... Orlando, FL  
 Marshall Wayne Sullivan \* ..... Nashville, NC  
 Luke Watson Tolbert \* ..... Greenwood, SC  
 Brandt Joseph Waggoner \* ..... Franklin, TN  
 Jason Thomas Wilkerson \* ..... Elon, NC  
 Lane Alexander Wood \* ..... Kings Mountain, NC

### with Evangelism

Joshua Brandon Laxton \* ..... Smyrna, GA  
 Renard Meredith Sharrett \* ..... Middletown, OH

### with International Church Planting

Caleb Thomas Coppenger \* ..... Franklin, TN  
 Matthew A. Depp. .... Olney, MD  
 Sarah Elizabeth Falco *ia*. .... Fuquay-Varina, NC  
 Teresa Sanders. .... Jackson, TN

### with Missiology

Craig Dale Eggleton \* ..... Scott Depot, WV

### with Pastoral Ministry

Cecil Eric Avery \* ..... Jacksonville, NC  
 Andrew Joel Beckham, Jr. \* ..... Henderson, NC  
 Louis Edwin Burkwhat \* ..... Wake Forest, NC  
 Christopher McKinnon Fowler \* *ia* ..... Atlanta, GA  
 Ivan Randall Johnson III \* ..... Wake Forest, NC  
 Michael James Lorin \* ..... Huntington, NY  
 Brett Wilson Marlowe \* ..... Columbia, SC

### with Women's Studies

Abbey K. Cook ..... Burlington, NC

## Master of Theology

The Master of Theology degree is an advanced theological research degree open to those who have completed the Master of Divinity or its equivalent with high grades and who show an outstanding potential for ministry.

Master of Theology students major in Biblical or Theological Studies with a concentration in one of the academic disciplines of the M.Div. curriculum. The degree requirements include intensive bibliographical research, some doctoral-level seminar work, some upper level M.Div. specialty work and the production of an acceptable thesis or research project, which is bound and kept in the reference area in the Seminary library.

Robert Oscar Herrington *ia* ..... Tampa, FL  
 Major Professor: Mark D. Liederbach, Associate Professor of Christian Ethics  
 2nd Reader: Daniel R. Heimbach, Professor of Christian Ethics  
 Guided Research Project Title: *Media Ecology and the Church: A Critical Analysis of Media Ecology as it Relates to the Relationship Between Media and Content in the works of Marshall McLuhan, Neil Postman, and Shane Hipps*

John Leslie Morales ..... Temple, TX  
 Major Professor: Daniel R. Heimbach, Professor of Christian Ethics  
 2nd Reader: David W. Jones, Associate Professor of Christian Ethics  
 Guided Research Project Title: *September 11 and the Debate on Torture: A Moral Analysis on the Ethic of Coercive Force as a Tool of Government*

Benjamin Tyler Quinn ..... Corinth, MS  
 Major Professor: Mark D. Liederbach, Associate Professor of Christian Ethics  
 2nd Reader: David W. Jones, Associate Professor of Christian Ethics  
 Guided Research Project Title: *A Study in the Doctrine of Wisdom with Particular Emphasis in Augustine's Thought*

Charles Nathan Ridlehoover ..... Wendell, NC  
 Major Professor: Mark D. Liederbach, Associate Professor of Christian Ethics  
 2nd Reader: David W. Jones, Associate Professor of Christian Ethics  
 Guided Research Project Title: *An Ethic of Prayer: An Examination of How the Lord's Prayer Is Not Only Descriptive in Nature, but Normative for the Disciple of Christ*

Jon Derek Sherrill \*\* ..... Kannapolis, NC  
 Major Professor: Bruce R. Ashford, Jr., Associate Professor of Philosophy and Intercultural Studies  
 2nd Reader: R. Alton James, Associate Professor of Missions  
 3rd Reader: George G. Robinson, IV, Assistant Professor of Missions and Evangelism  
 Thesis Title: *Orthodoxy as an Identity of the Keresben People*

Kevin Andrew Walker ..... Monroe, LA  
 Major Professor: Greg Heisler, Associate Professor of Preaching and Speech  
 2nd Reader: Steven P. Wade, Assistant Professor of Pastoral Theology  
 Guided Research Project Title: *The Impact of Contextualization on Preaching Methodology and Theology*

Jason Michael Whitlock \*\* ..... Winder, GA  
 Major Professor: John S. Hammett, Professor of Systematic Theology  
 2nd Reader: Kenneth D. Keathley, Professor of Theology  
 3rd Reader: Peter R. Schemm, Jr., Associate Professor of Theology  
 Thesis Title: *A Presentation of the Central Arguments for the Imminence of the Rapture*

## Doctor of Ministry

The Doctor of Ministry degree equips students for the practice of ministry at the highest level of professional competency. Candidates for this degree have previously completed the Master of Divinity degree or its equivalent with high academic achievement and have demonstrated competence and potential for ministry. Candidates are expected to have had at least three years of professional experience prior to beginning the Doctor of Ministry program and must be continually engaged in ministry throughout their enrollment for the degree. The program currently consists of four on-campus seminars, four courses completed from the ministry field, one year of supervised field experience in preparation for the final project and a project report, which is evaluated by the faculty committee for approval. The Ministry Project

Report is bound and kept in the reference area of the Seminary library. The program requires a minimum of three academic years to complete.

Randall Wayne Mann ..... Raleigh, NC  
 Faculty Chair: John H. Ewart, Fletcher Professor of Missions  
 Faculty Reader: George G. Robinson, Assistant Professor of Missions and Evangelism  
 Field Mentor: Dr. Don L. McCutcheon, Executive Group Leader of Evangelization, Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Cary, NC  
 Project Title: *Increasing Local Church Members' Understanding of Evangelism as the Expected Outcome of Living a Gospel-Centered Lifestyle*

Christopher Ronald Weldon *ia* ..... Snoqualmie, WA  
 Faculty Chair: John H. Ewart, Fletcher Professor of Missions  
 Faculty Reader: Wayne V. McDill, Senior Professor of Preaching  
 Field Mentor: Dr. Bob Reccord, Executive Director, Council for National Policy, Washington, DC  
 Project Title: *Using Creative Teams in Expository Sermon Preparation*

Grant Whittenbarger ..... Chattanooga, TN  
 Faculty Chair: Wayne V. McDill, Senior Professor of Preaching  
 Faculty Reader: John S. Hammett, Professor of Systematic Theology  
 Field Mentor: Dr. Joel Stephens, Senior Pastor, Westfield Baptist Church, Westfield, NC  
 Project Title: *A Christological Exposition of the Ten Commandments: Christ as the Interpretive Key*

## Doctor of Education

The Doctor of Education is an advanced research degree for those pursuing a career in education. Candidates for this degree have previously completed the Master of Divinity or a master's degree with a concentration in the field of education. Students accepted into the program have demonstrated strong academic performance, the ability to teach and lead in an educational ministry, and the potential to conduct original research and produce scholarly writing. The program consists of a two-year modified residency including instruction in advanced statistics, quantitative and qualitative research, pedagogy, leadership, and theology. Students select an area of concentration and work with a major advisor during their mentorship. Following the completion of the core and elective coursework, students must successfully pass a written comprehensive exam and submit a research prospectus to their dissertation committee. This work includes original data collection that will make a significant and unique contribution in the field of education. When this research is complete, their candidates make an oral defense of their research and findings to their dissertation committee. Following a successful defense, graduates have their dissertations bound and placed in the seminary library.

Henry Luther Bennett ..... Salem, VA  
 Major Professor: James P. Porowski, Professor of Child and Family Development  
 Second Reader: J. Gregory Lawson, Professor of Christian Education  
 Dissertation Title: *Jesus the Rabbi: A Comparative Analysis of the Kingdom Parables of Matthew 13 and the Fleming VARK Learning Styles Theory*

Tanner Franklin Hickman ..... Arlington, TN  
 Major Professor: Kenneth S. Coley, Professor of Christian Education  
 Second Reader: James P. Porowski, Professor of Child and Family Development  
 Dissertation Title: *The Integration of Jesus' Great Commandment within Christian Higher Education: An Analysis of the Leadership Praxis of Dr. David S. Dockery*

Andrew William Johnson. .... Greensboro, NC  
 Major Professor: Kenneth S. Coley, Professor of Christian Education  
 Second Reader: David E. Lanier, Professor of New Testament  
 Dissertation Title: *A Mixed-Methods Study Comparing the Perceived Spiritual Benefits of Topical and Extended Scripture Memorization*

Daniel L. Ray ..... Ringgold, GA  
 Major Professor: Kenneth S. Coley, Professor of Christian Education  
 Second Reader: James P. Porowski, Professor of Child and Family Development  
 Dissertation Title: *A Content Analysis of Jesus' Teaching Methods in Comparison with Current Differentiated Teaching*

## Doctor of Philosophy

The Doctor of Philosophy is the most advanced theological research degree available at Southeastern, equipping students for conducting serious academic research and for teaching at the highest level of academic competency. Candidates for this degree have previously completed the Master of Divinity degree or its equivalent with high academic achievement. Students must have excellent writing skills and an aptitude for teaching and academic research. The program consists of a two-year residency including instruction in research and teaching, involvement in an integrative seminar and other graduate seminars, proficiency in two research languages other than English and in addition to Greek and Hebrew, and a mentorship in the student's concentration conducted by the student's major professor. Subsequent to successful completion of the residency requirements, including passing a written and oral comprehensive examination, a dissertation prospectus outlining and justifying the relevance and originality of the student's proposed topic for research is approved by the dissertation committee. This is followed by the writing of a research-based dissertation that makes a significant contribution to the student's major field of study. This dissertation is submitted to a faculty committee for review and evaluation, including an external reader with special expertise on the topic of the dissertation. The student must then sit for an oral defense of the dissertation and make any changes required for final approval. Once accepted, the student is cleared for graduation and the dissertation is bound and kept in the reference section of the Seminary library. The Doctor of Philosophy degree is the highest degree awarded by Southeastern.

Daniel Leslie Dockery ..... Candler, NC  
 Major Professor: Wayne V. McDill, Senior Professor of Preaching  
 Second Reader: L. Scott Kellum, Associate Professor of New Testament and Greek  
 External Reader: Richard Lischer, James T. and Alice Mead Cleland Professor of Preaching, Duke University, Durham, NC  
 Dissertation Title: *The Theology of Scripture as a Decisive Factor in Homiletical Theory and Methodology: A Comparative Analysis of David G. Buttrick and John R. W. Stott.*

James David Gifford, Jr. .... Lumberport, WV  
 Major Professor: John S. Hammett, Professor of Systematic Theology  
 Second Reader: Kenneth D. Keathley, Professor of Theology  
 External Reader: Bruce A. Demarest, Professor of Theology and Spiritual Formation, Denver Seminary, Littleton, CO  
 Dissertation Title: *Union with Christ: A Third Type of Perichoresis*

James Bennett Hardwicke ..... McAllen, TX  
 Major Professor: Alvin L. Reid, Professor of Evangelism and Student Ministry  
 Second Reader: R. Alton James, Associate Professor of Missions  
 External Reader: Michael Barnett, Professor of Missionary Church Planting, Columbia International University and Seminary, Columbia, SC  
 Dissertation Title: *An Examination of the Life and Work of Forgotten Missionary Pioneer T.J. Bowen*

Evan Christopher Lenow ..... Crowley, TX  
 Major Professor: Mark D. Liederbach, Associate Professor of Christian Ethics  
 Second Reader: Daniel R. Heimbach, Professor of Christian Ethics  
 External Reader: William E. Goff, Professor of Christian Ethics, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, TX  
 Dissertation Title: *Community in Ethics: A Comparative Analysis of the Work of Thomas Aquinas and Stanley J. Grenz*

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\* Master of Divinity with Biblical Languages

\*\* Master of Theology with Thesis



Brian Keith Sandifer. . . . . Siler City, NC  
Major Professor: David P. Nelson, Professor of Theology  
Second Reader: John S. Hammett, Professor of Systematic Theology  
External Reader: Gregory A. Thornbury, Associate Professor of Christian Studies, Union University, Jackson, TN  
Dissertation Title: *A Critical Analysis of the Two Nature View of Regenerate Man: Toward an Understanding of the Cause of Sin in the Life of a Believer*

Stephen Oliver Stout. . . . . Charlotte, NC  
Major Professor: Andreas J. Köstenberger, Professor of New Testament  
Second Reader: David R. Beck, Professor of New Testament and Greek  
External Reader: Bruce A. Ware, Professor of Christian Theology, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, KY.  
Dissertation Title: *"The Man Christ Jesus": The Humanity of Jesus in the Teaching of the Apostle Paul*

Tanner Gordon Turley . . . . . Henderson, KY  
Major Professor: Daniel L. Akin, Professor of Preaching and Theology  
Second Reader: Greg Heisler, Associate Professor of Preaching and Speech  
External Reader: Joel Beeke, Professor of Systematic Theology, Church History, and Homiletics, Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary, Grand Rapids, MI  
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*Academic Regalia*

The hoods, gowns, and caps worn in academic ceremonies today are modified versions of clothing worn by ecclesiastics and students in the 12th and 13th centuries. They wore gowns and hoods to their lectures, probably for warmth in the damp, unheated halls where classes were held. The designs and colors of these costumes have come to symbolize the level of academic attainment and the institution attended.

The bachelor's robe has an elaborate yoke but is otherwise a plain garment with a closed, pleated front and long, full-pointed sleeves. The master's robe is identifiable by its sleeves, cut for the arm at the wrist and just above the elbow, which have a distinctive oblong back and are squared at the ends. The doctor's robe, full cut and with voluminous long sleeves, is distinguished by its rich velvet trim. Robe-length front panels and velvet sleeve bars are either black or symbolize, by their color, the field in which the doctorate was obtained. The mortarboard or tam is worn with tassels that are usually black but may represent the degree held by the wearer. Tassels worn are signified by the following:

Scarlet: Theology, Divinity  
Light Blue: Pedagogy, Education  
White: English, History, Arts, Letters, Humanities  
Purple: Jurisprudence, Law  
Dark Blue: Political Science, Social Ethics, Philosophy  
Pink: Music  
Gold: Physics, Mathematics, Science  
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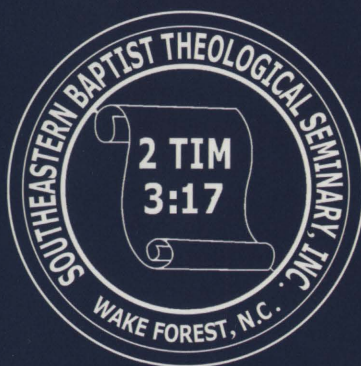
## *Seminary Hymn*

Ordained of God, His prophets rise,  
They seek not gain, nor earthly prize,  
They heed the challenge of Christ's call,  
They ask to give and spend their all.

Anointed heralds bold to speak,  
But in our ways like Jesus meek,  
In lowly place or distant land,  
We go forth now to take our stand.

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

E. A. McDowell, Jr., 1898-1975  
Professor of New Testament, Emeritus



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