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MATTHEWS AWARDED SEMINARY CITATION FOR EXCELLENCE

WAKE FOREST, NC - Lawrence E. Matthews, pastor, Vienna Baptist Church, Vienna, Va., has been awarded the Citation for Excellence in Christian Ministry by Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary here.

Matthews, a native of Norfolk, Va., and pastor of the Virginia church for more than 15 years, was cited for his work in developing a high degree of members' participation in the varied ministries of the church.

In making the presentation, Southeastern President W. Randall Lolley, said of Matthews: "You typify in your person and you incarnate in your ministry the whole reason for the purpose of this school and its founding. This is the most prestigious award for excellence in ministry in this school's life. We're grateful to you and we are honoring ourselves as we honor you."

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