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Commencement Exercises

Twentieth of May, Two Thousand Eleven



COMMENCEMENT

Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary

Friday, May 20, 2011, 10 a.m., Binkley Chapel

Prelude	<i>Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise</i> Traditional Welsh Hymn Melody Arr. Matt Limbough
*Processional	<i>Trumpet Maestoso</i> Giovanni Coperario Edited and Arranged by S. Drummond Wolff
*Hymn.	<i>All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name</i> Edward Perronet and John Rippon/Oliver Holden
*Invocation	Robert L. Cole Associate Professor of Old Testament and Semitic Languages
Greeting	Mark D. Liederbach Associate Professor of Christian Ethics/Vice President for Student Services/Dean of Students
*Hymn.	<i>In Christ Alone (My Hope is Found)</i> Keith Getty and Stuart Townsend
Scripture Reading	Steven P. Wade Associate Professor of Pastoral Theology, Director of the Great Commission Equipping Network and Student Field Ministry
Featured Music	<i>I Will Go</i> Steve Green/Douglas McKelvey Susan Durham-Lozaw - Instructor of Music
Charge to Graduates	Daniel L. Akin President
Prayer of Dedication	Kenneth D. Keathley Senior Vice President of Academic Administration/Dean of Faculty
Conferring of Degrees	Daniel L. Akin Kenneth D. Keathley
*The Seminary Hymn	E. A. McDowell, Jr. (see back panel)
*Benediction	Sam George Emmanuel Ministries, Tenkasi, India
*Recessional	<i>Postlude of Faith</i> Arr. Don Wyrzten

* Please stand

Music Director John E. Boozer
Professor of Church Music

Organist Nannette M. Godwin
Professor of Church Music and Keyboard

Pianist Laura Laird
Graduating Master of Church Music Student

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COMMENCEMENT

The College at Southeastern

Friday, May 20, 2011, 3 p.m., Binkley Chapel

Prelude	<i>Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise</i> Traditional Welsh Hymn Melody Arr. Matt Limbough
*Processional	<i>Trumpet Maestoso</i> Giovanni Coperario Edited and Arranged by S. Drummond Wolff
*Hymn.	<i>All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name</i> Edward Perronet and John Rippon/Oliver Holden
*Invocation	Kenneth S. Coley Director of Ed.D. Studies, Professor of Christian Education
Greeting	Mark D. Liederbach Associate Professor of Christian Ethics/Vice President for Student Services/Dean of Students
*Hymn.	<i>In Christ Alone (My Hope is Found)</i> Keith Getty and Stuart Townsend
Scripture Reading	Larry J. Purcell Associate Professor of Leadership, Associate Dean of Ministry Studies, Interim Director of Doctor of Ministry Program
Featured Music	<i>Who Will Go for Me</i> Lloyd Larson Susan Durham-Lozaw - Instructor of Music
Charge to Graduates	Daniel L. Akin President
Prayer of Dedication	Bruce R. Ashford Associate Professor of Theology and Culture/Dean of College
Conferring of Degrees	Daniel L. Akin Bruce R. Ashford
*The Seminary Hymn	E. A. McDowell, Jr. (see back panel)
*Benediction	J. Gregory Lawson Professor of Christian Education
*Recessional	<i>Postlude of Faith</i> Arr. Don Wyrzten

* Please stand

Music Director John E. Boozer
Professor of Church Music

Organist Nannette M. Godwin
Professor of Church Music and Keyboard

Pianist Shanda Boswell Proctor,
Staff Accompanist

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CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATION

The College at Southeastern

Certificates and Diplomas

The Certificate and Diploma programs offer courses that are both practical and personally enriching to non-degree students and student spouses. The Christian Studies Program helps to prepare students who desire training for ministry in the local church but who are not pursuing a full-time ministry position. The program offers three levels of certification: the Certificate of Christian Studies (12 semester hours), the Advanced Certificate of Christian Studies (24 semester hours), and the Diploma in Christian Studies (36 semester hours). The Certificate in Missions Studies is designed for students who are not seeking a degree, but desire a basic theological background for international ministry. The Certificate in Women's Studies is a Seminary program designed for women who are preparing for Christian service to other women in the local churches as well as through their homes or other ministry settings. In addition to the standard certificate, women may opt for an advanced certificate or a diploma, and those who qualify may pursue a certificate with a focus in international missions. The Church Music Certificate is a 20-hour program of study offered through the College for bi-vocational ministers of music who serve in local churches who have not attained an undergraduate degree. The Church Music Diploma entails 38 hours of courses in a program of study offered through the College providing the equivalent of an undergraduate music major for students who have an undergraduate degree but did not pursue an undergraduate degree in music.

Church Music Certificate

Debra Hall Menard Bahama, 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.

Donovan Levi Taylor Greenville, SC

with a Minor in Biblical Studies

Kenneth Lee Branch Raleigh, NC
Nicholas Ray Majors..... Gastonia, NC
Jordon Willard Mount Airy, NC

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with a Minor in History

Andrew Patrick Rice.....Lincolnton, NC

with a Minor in Student Ministry

Joshua Reid Wake Forest, NC

and Christian Worldview

Mark A. Hunt..... Wilmington, NC
Burton William Vezina II Leland, NC
Christopher Michael Zinicola Maysville, NC

and English

William Watson Birch Chincoteague, VA
Sarah Marie Carr Wake Forest, NC
Tracy Lynn Combs..... Hillsborough, NC
Henry Isaac Dutton *ia* Bristol, TN
Andrew James Heintz..... Oxford, NC
Gregory Daniel Lawrence Trenton, NJ

and History

Shaina Marie Duncan..... Johnson City, TN
Bradley Ezra Norris Whiteville, NC

and Humanities

Kayley M. Cromwell Raleigh, NC
Eunice Pazmino Deal Guayaquil, Ecuador
Jonathan Lee Faucette..... Raleigh, NC

and Missions

Jennifer Renee Neiman.....Mechanicsville, VA

and Music

Brittany Lee Pence Middlesex, NC

and Pastoral Ministry

Ronald M. Bell Durham, NC

and Theology

Jonathan Moss Apex, 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.

Amy Darlene Baldwin Oklahoma City, OK
Laura Buonanduci..... Virginia Beach, VA
Mallory Nicole Capps..... Aynor, SC
Heather Rose Darnell..... Moodus, CT
Michael Russel Dunn, Jr. Blountstown, FL
Frank Wayne Ellington, Jr. Henderson, NC
Dilara Amanturovna Izbassarova..... Almaty, Kazakhstan
Marshall Lynn Mitchell, Jr. Athens, AL
Thiago Montanher De Queiroz Campinas, Brazil
Reema Nicole Nasrallah Cincinnati, OH
William Casey Norkett..... Charlotte, NC
Candie Katie Rose Stockbridge, GA
Alan William Salisbury Dover, DE
Brittany Nichole Salmon *ia* Raleigh, NC
Courtney S. Tepera..... Wake Forest, NC
Michael S. Thornton..... Statham, GA

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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 four degrees of the first kind: Christian Studies, Christian Ethics, Old Testament and Philosophy of Religion; and seven degrees of the second kind: Biblical Counseling, Biblical Languages, Christian School Administration, Christian Education, Christian Education and Biblical Counseling, Ministry Leadership and Women's Studies.

Christian Studies

Sabrina Kay Crawford Starke, FL
William Stephen Grubbs Lanett, AL
Jonathan Joseph Guffey *ia* Rocky Mount, NC
Jonathan Keith Hunt Raleigh, NC
Robert E. Lourcey Kissimmee, FL
Courtney Quick Bennettsville, SC
James Glenn Sanchez Rocky Mount, NC
Adam Mark Sewell *ia* Fairfield, PA
Michael Jay Smith Winterville, NC
Brent Noel Williams Raleigh, NC
Lucas Glen Wilsey Rogers, AR

Christian Ethics

Jason Truett Glen Chattanooga, TN
Thesis Title: *The Critique of the Epistemology, Eschatology, and Ethics of Emergent Theology in Relation to Reinhold Niebuhr's Criticism of Liberal Theology*

Lansdale Arthur Jones North Port, FL
Research Project Title: *American Fathering in the New Millennium: What It Is, What It Should Be, and What the Church Must Do About It*

in Biblical Counseling

Nicole St. John Allen Conyers, GA
Ricky Lee Aulds Baxley, GA
Philip Neale Davis III Cary, NC
Natalie Renée Floyd Great Falls, VA
Samuel Wayne Gore Conway, SC
Patricia O. Holmes Jacksonville, FL
Thane Robert Kendall Gastonia, NC
Grace Lee No Raleigh, NC
Katherine Marie Prendergast New Castle, PA
John Leonard Rafidi Raleigh, NC
Ryan Dupre Vaughan Lexington, SC
Gena D. Wilson *ia* Beaufort, SC

in Christian Education

E. Keith Beck *ia* Mableton, GA
Rodney C. Bragg Pineville, LA
Joanne Elizabeth Brown Charleston, SC
Michael Andrew Camire Midlothian, VA

in Christian Education and Biblical Counseling

Diane Denise Blake Knoxville, TN
Lorena C. Gomez Mexico
Virginia Anne Marstin Brookneal, VA
Kristin Jones Van Bever Hedges, FL

in Christian School Administration

Michael Bradshaw Long Raleigh, NC
Madai Soca Wake Forest, NC

in Ministry Leadership

Michael Parks Waldorf, MD

in Women's Studies

Mary Patricia Fleming Staunton, VA

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.

Laura Leanne Laird Lynchburg, VA
Steven Clark Moore, Jr. Dillon, SC

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.

with Advanced Biblical Studies

Adam G. Darnell Plano, TX
Jordan Grant Haupt Mobile, AL
Blake Michael Hollander Bartlesville, OK
Yamin Park Busan, South Korea
Michael Barrett Sexton Colonial Heights, VA

with Advanced Standing

Jacob Nathaniel Cerone Holly Springs, NC

with Biblical Counseling

Richard Anthony Donato Wake Forest, NC
William Emory Hall III Ellijay, GA
Leila Michelle Horton Kingstree, SC
Richard Alan Szekely Pittsburgh, PA

with Christian Apologetics

Rion Marc Bell Atlantic Beach, NC
Alexandra Jean Harper Timberlake, NC
Jerrod Paul Marshall Hendersonville, NC
Aaron P. Miller Raleigh, NC

Deidre M. Richardson Louisburg, NC
Christopher Ryan Shumate Greenville, TN
Joshua Gene Taylor Macclenny, FL
Justin Robert Wright Greenville, SC

with Christian Education

Johnny Larry Bridges Gaffney, SC

with Christian Ethics

Reginal M. Harrell *ia* Easton, MD
Jeffrey Keller Kautz Hickory, NC

with Christian Ministry

David Wayne Anderson Wake Forest, NC
Trevor Matthew Atwood Murfreesboro, TN
Hefflin Bai Republic of Palau
Michael Shane Bowers Easley, SC
Brian Dean Boyles Charlotte, NC
David Aaron Bradshaw Hartford, AL
Joel Murdock Branscomb Winston-Salem, NC
Ray Augustus Carr Kingstown, St. Vincent
Robert Thomas Christy Jacksonville Beach, FL
Mickey A. Codgill Arden, NC
Shane N. Colwell Cherry Hill, NJ
Thomas Scott Crane Wake Forest, NC
Patrick Thomas Cunningham Chesapeake, VA
Timothy DeGroot Greensboro, NC
Patrick Carter Edwards Richmond, VA
Brian Emond Pensacola, FL
Mitford Anthony Fontaine, Jr. Tuscaloosa, AL
Whitney Nicole Franklin Richmond, VA
Phillip James Hays *ia* Shreveport, LA
Robert Andrew Henard Lexington, KY
Jacob Eugene Hicks Panama City, FL
Kenny E. Hilliard III Fountain Inn, SC
Brandon Taylor Hudson Durham, NC
Christopher James Jones Oakdale, LA
Derek Craig Kiser Newton, NC
Edward Paul Mermilliod Gray, TN
Carl Ronald Morris II Spartanburg, SC
Seth D. Osborne Durham, NC
Jack Hunter Pattillo II Chesnee, SC
Douglas Brent Ponder *ia* Richmond, VA
Israel Lyles Prine Crawfordville, FL
Carey Lee Purdom Chattanooga, TN
Matthew James Purdom Clarksville, TN
Cleveland C. Ragsdale II Douglas, GA
Kyle Stuart Richter *ia* Greenwood, SC
Daniel M. Rothra *ia* Raleigh, NC
John Benjamin Salmon *ia* Rose Hill, NC
Wayne Abraham Sam Tenkasi, Tamil Nadu, India
Robert Clinton Scholes, Jr. Conway, SC
John Michael Shelton Jacksonville, NC
Matthew Joseph Sigmon Fort Mill, SC
Nathan Dennis Smith Melbourne, FL

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Jeffrey K. Smitherman Satsuma, AL
Andrew James Spencer Wake Forest, NC
Eric Springer. Haleyville, AL
Adam Richard Tanner Roanoke, VA
Jason Lamar Thomas. Chattanooga, TN
Stephen Andrew Tillis Palmetto, FL
Seth Gordy Wachtel Raleigh, NC
R. Shane Waters *ia* Jacksonville, FL
James Tyler Weed Beech Island, SC
Michael Ethan Welch. Raleigh, NC
Thomas Andrew West Montgomery, AL
Robert Eugene Wise. Lincolnton, NC

with Evangelism

Byron Grady Dasher, Jr. Augusta, GA

with International Church Planting

Coleman J. Curry *ia* Durham, NC
Lindsey Evans Davis. Elizabethton, TN
Ronald Edward Millender *ia* Baltimore, MD

with Missiology

Kevin Jacob Ard Manning, SC
Stephen Andrew Folker Griffin, GA

with North American Church Planting

James A. Sones St. Joseph, MO

with Pastoral Ministry

Michael Dwayne Hyde. Statesville, 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.

John Kevin Drake *ia* Fernandina Beach, FL

Joshua Nicholas Dryer Dubuque, IA
Major Professor: Kenneth D. Keathley, Professor of Theology
2nd Reader: John S. Hammett, Professor of Systematic Theology
Research Project Title: *A Defense of the Complete Inerrancy of Scripture*

Catherine C. Garrison *ia* Gadsden, AL
Major Professor: Bruce A. Little, Professor of Philosophy
2nd Reader: Greg A. Welty, Associate Professor of Philosophy
Research Project Title: *Nonreductive Physicalism as an Explanation of the Mind-Body Problem: A Critique*

Ronald Carroll Nordan. Bristow, VA
Major Professor: Daniel R. Heimbach, Senior Professor of Christian Ethics
2nd Reader: David W. Jones, Associate Professor of Christian Ethics
Research Project Title: *An Examination of James B. Nelson's Justification of Homosexuality as a Matter of Christian Ethics*

Jonathan David Six. Screven, GA
Major Professor: Mark D. Liederbach, Associate Professor of Christian Ethics
2nd Reader: David W. Jones, Associate Professor of Christian Ethics
Research Project Title: *The Effects of Immanuel Kant's Moral Philosophy Upon Evangelical Ethics with Specific Attention to Natural Law and Biblical Ethics*

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.

Jeremy Karl Amick Mocksville, NC
Major Professor: Kenneth S. Coley, Professor of Christian Education
Faculty Reader: Edward A. Buchanan, Emeritus Professor of Christian Education
Field Mentor: Kenneth S. Hemphill, National Strategist for Empowering Kingdom Growth, Executive Committee, SBC, Nashville, TN
Project Title: *Using a Qualitative Approach to Explore the Phenomenon of Spiritual Gift Usage for Ministry in the Local Church*

John Edward Goudelock Little River, SC
Major Professor: L. Scott Kellum, Associate Professor of New Testament and Greek
Faculty Reader: Steve W. Ladd, Associate Professor of Theology and Philosophy
Field Mentor: Hugh Thomas Gore, Senior Pastor, River of Life Baptist Church, Myrtle Beach, SC
Project Title: *Using Expository Preaching to Disciple Men through Sermon-Based Small Group Bible Study, Specifically at Living Water Baptist Church in Longs, South Carolina*

Gregory Eugene Hyler Florence, SC
Major Professor: Steven P. Wade, Associate Professor of Pastoral Theology
Faculty Reader: David W. Jones, Associate Professor of Christian Ethics
Field Mentor: Dr. William Curtis, Senior Pastor, Cornerstone Baptist Church, Florence, SC
Project Title: *Improving the Believer's Prayer Life through the Expository Preaching of The Lord's Prayer Found in Luke 11:2-4*

Andre A. Ickes Wilmington, NC
Major Professor: J. Gregory Lawson, Professor of Christian Education
Faculty Reader: L. Scott Kellum, Associate Professor of New Testament and Greek
Field Mentor: Dr. Donnie Lovette, Senior Pastor, Calvary Baptist Church, Wilmington, NC
Project Title: *A Contextual Model to Increase Understanding and Development of a Kingdom Focused Lifestyle in the Local Church*

Michael W. Kwiatkowski Fernandina Beach, FL
Major Professor: Greg W. Heisler, Associate Professor of Preaching and Speech
Faculty Reader: David W. Jones, Associate Professor of Christian Ethics
Field Mentor: Dr. H. Neil Helton, Senior Pastor, Amelia Baptist Church, Fernandina Beach, FL
Project Title: *Developing an Understanding of a Theology of the Hearer and the Practical Implications for the Congregation of Celebration Baptist Church*

Darren C. Lambert. Lenoir, NC
Major Professor: Greg W. Heisler, Associate Professor of Preaching and Speech
Faculty Reader: Larry J. Purcell, Associate Professor of Leadership, Associate Dean of Ministry Studies, Interim Director of D.Min. Studies
Field Mentor: Edward A. Buchanan, Emeritus Professor of Christian Education
Project Title: *The Effectiveness of Communicating Doctrine through Expository Preaching Of Enterprise Baptist Church*

Sangman Lee Seoul, South Korea
Major Professor: J. Gregory Lawson, Professor of Christian Education
Faculty Reader: Larry J. Purcell, Associate Professor of Leadership
Project Title: *Equipping Home Cell Church Leaders in First Korean Baptist Church*

Airton F. de Moura. Atibaia, Sao Paulo, Brazil
Major Professor: Sam R. Williams, Associate Professor of Counseling
Faculty Reader: Steven P. Wade, Associate Professor of Pastoral Theology
Field Mentor: Dr. David J. Merkh, Professor, Word of Life Bible Seminary, Atibaia, San Paulo, Brazil
Project Title: *Teaching and Beliefs Regarding the Ministry of Caring for Souls in Six Baptist Theological Seminaries in Brazil and Its Effect Upon Pastors*

Robert Chadwick Tucker Hickory, NC
Major Professor: John H. Ewart, Associate Vice President of Project Development
Faculty Reader: Larry J. Purcell, Associate Professor of Leadership, Associate Dean of Ministry Studies, Interim Director of D.Min. Studies
Field Mentor: Dr. Carl Poole, Senior Pastor, Wellford Baptist Church, Wellford, SC
Project Title: *Great Commission Resurgence Principles for Missional Living through Expository Preaching and Sermon-Based Small Groups*

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.

Barry Page Drum Youngsville, NC
Major Professor: J. Gregory Lawson, Professor of Christian Education
Second Reader: James P. Porowski, Professor of Child and Family Development
Dissertation Title: *The Wesleyan Way: John Wesley's Understanding of Christian Discipleship*

Craig Steven Freeman. Asheboro, NC
Major Professor: J. Gregory Lawson, Professor of Christian Education
Second Reader: John E. Boozer, Professor of Church Music
Dissertation Title: *Effects of Teaching Intensity on High School Band Student's Music Achievements and Attitudes*

Michael Terry Peyton Ann Arbor, MI
Major Professor: Edward A. Buchanan, Emeritus Professor of Christian Education
Second Reader: Kenneth S. Coley, Professor of Christian Education
Dissertation Title: *Leader Development Among Secondary School Students in the Mid-Atlantic Region of the United States*

Bruce Thomas Price Gaffney, SC
Major Professor: James P. Porowski, Professor of Child and Family Development
Second Reader: Kenneth S. Coley, Professor of Christian Education
Dissertation Title: *Reaching the Lost for Christ: A Comparative Analysis of Christ's Example of Meeting Human Needs and Openness to the Gospel as Perceived by SBC Church Members*

William Alexander Seeler Upper Arlington, OH
Major Professor: James P. Porowski, Professor of Child and Family Development
Second Reader: Travis H. Bradshaw, Adjunct Professor of Research and Statistics
Dissertation Title: *Differentiating Worship: A Pilot Study Investigating the Use of Differentiated Instructional Techniques in Corporate Worship*

Bedilu T. Yirga Dallas, TX
Major Professor: Edward A. Buchanan, Emeritus Professor of Christian Education
Second Reader: Kenneth S. Coley, Professor of Christian Education
Dissertation Title: *Effects of a Basic Leadership Development Program on Participants at Dallas County Community Colleges District*

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

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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 Keith Campbell. Centerville, NC
Major Professor: Andreas J. Köstenberger, Senior Professor of New Testament and Biblical Theology
Second Reader: Heath A. Thomas, Assistant Professor of Old Testament and Hebrew
External Reader: Joel Williams, Professor of New Testament Studies, Cedarville University
Dissertation Title: *The Appropriation of the Psalmic Lament in the Synoptic Gospels: A Study in Characterization*

Steven Mark Edworthy. Houston, TX
Major Professor: Wayne V. McDill, Emeritus Professor of Preaching
Second Reader: Josef Solc, Professor of Evangelism and Missions
External Reader: Michael Barnett, Professor of Intercultural Studies, Columbia International University, Columbia, SC
Dissertation Title: *An Examination of the Work of the International Mission Board in Eastern Europe from 1988-2000*

Matthew Yates Emerson. Huntsville, AL
Major Professor: David S. Hogg, Associate Professor of Theology and Medieval Studies
Second Reader: David R. Beck, Professor of New Testament and Greek
External Reader: Dale C. Allison, Errett M. Grable Professor of New Testament Exegesis and Early Christianity, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, Pittsburgh, PA
Dissertation Title: *Christ and the New Creation: A Canonical Approach to the Theology of the New Testament*

Dwayne Anthony Milioni Raleigh, NC
Major Professor: Wayne V. McDill, Emeritus Professor of Preaching
Second Reader: L. Keith Harper, Professor of Baptist Studies
External Reader: Thomas G. Long, Bandy Professor of Preaching, Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Atlanta, GA
Dissertation Title: *The Concept of Self in the Preaching of Harry Emerson Fosdick*

J. David Stark Dickson, TN
Major Professor: Andreas J. Köstenberger, Senior Professor of New Testament and Biblical Theology
Second Reader: Benjamin L. Merkle, Associate Professor of New Testament and Greek
External Reader: James Charlesworth, George L. Collord Professor of New Testament Language and Literature and Director of the PTS Dead Sea Scrolls Project, Princeton Theological Seminary.
Dissertation Title: *The Hermeneutical Roles of the Teacher of Righteousness and of Jesus of Nazareth in the Qumran Sectarian Manuscripts and in the Epistle to the Romans*

Christopher Lee Thompson Charlotte, NC
Major Professor: Paige Patterson, President, Professor of Theology, and L.R. Scarborough Chair of Evangelism, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
Second Reader: John S. Hammett, Professor of Systematic Theology
External Reader: Russell S. Woodbridge, Professor, Kiev Theological Seminary
Dissertation Title: *The Life and Writings of Erich Sauer (1898-1959): His Relationship To and Influence Upon American Dispensationalism*

Faculty Marshals

Dr. Sam R. Williams, Chief Faculty Marshal
Associate Professor of Counseling

Dr. Fred M. Williams, Faculty Marshal
Associate Professor of History and Languages

Student Marshals

- Michael Lawrence Brake, Jr.
- Christopher Curtiss Clark
- Courtney Joy Henson
- Brandon Scott Jordan
- Benjamin Michael Palka
- Sheena Elizabeth Sam
- Sarah Danielle Vaughan

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
- Lemon: Library Science

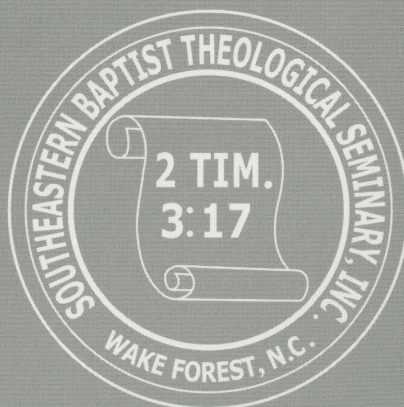
Seminary Hymn

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



The seminary expresses its special appreciation to The Lockman Foundation, to Dr. and Mrs. Bob Lambeth, and to former Southeastern Trustee Edwin Bailey for the gift to every graduate of a new leather-bound NEW AMERICAN STANDARD BIBLE.