

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Twelfth of May, Two Thousand Seventeen



COMMENCEMENT
Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary
Friday, May 12, 10 a.m., Binkley Chapel

Prelude..... *Fairest Lord Jesus*
arr. Carolyn Hamlin

*Processional *Medley of Praise*
arr. Don Wyrzten

*Hymn *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*
arr. Richard Huggins

*Invocation Todd Borger
Associate Professor of Old Testament and Hebrew

Greeting..... Mark D. Liederbach
Vice President for Student Services/Dean of Students/Professor of Theology, Ethics and Culture

*Hymn *In Christ Alone*
arr. Dave Cleveland

Scripture Reading Benjamin L. Merkle
Professor of New Testament and Greek

Charge to Graduates..... Daniel L. Akin
President/Dr. Ed Young, Sr. Chair of Expository Preaching/Professor of Preaching and Theology

Prayer of Dedication Chip McDaniel
Professor of Old Testament and Hebrew

Conferring of Degrees Daniel L. Akin
President/Dr. Ed Young, Sr. Chair of Expository Preaching/Professor of Preaching and Theology

..... Bruce R. Ashford, Jr.
Provost/Dean of Faculty/Professor of Theology and Culture

..... Charles E. Lawless, Jr.
Vice President for Graduate Studies and Ministry Centers/Dean of Graduate Studies/Professor of Evangelism and Missions

*Seminary Hymn..... *For the Cause*
Keith and Kristyn Getty, Stuart Townend

*Benediction..... Sam R. Williams
Professor of Counseling

*Postlude..... *To God Be the Glory*
arr. Johan Innes

* Please stand

Music Leader Joshua A. Waggener
Assistant Professor of Music and Christian Worship

Organist Nannette M. Godwin
Professor of Church Music and Keyboard (Retired)

Pianist..... Sophia Son
Staff Accompanist

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COMMENCEMENT
The College at Southeastern
Friday, May 12, 3 p.m., Binkley Chapel

Prelude..... *Fairest Lord Jesus*
arr. Carolyn Hamlin

*Processional *Medley of Praise*
arr. Don Wyrzten

*Hymn *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*
arr. Richard Huggins

*Invocation Ryan Hutchinson
Executive Vice-President for Operations

Greeting..... Mark D. Liederbach
Vice President for Student Services/Dean of Students/Professor of Theology, Ethics and Culture

*Hymn *In Christ Alone*
arr. Dave Cleveland

Scripture Reading John W. Burkett
Assistant Professor of Rhetoric and Composition/Director of the Writing Center

Charge to Graduates..... Daniel L. Akin
President/Dr. Ed Young, Sr. Chair of Expository Preaching/Professor of Preaching and Theology

Prayer of Dedication Steven A. McKinion
Associate Professor of Theology and Patristic Studies

Conferring of Degrees Daniel L. Akin
President/Dr. Ed Young, Sr. Chair of Expository Preaching/Professor of Preaching and Theology

..... James K. Dew
Vice President for Undergraduate Studies and Distance Learning/Dean of the College
Associate Professor of History of Ideas and Philosophy

*Seminary Hymn..... *For the Cause*
Keith and Kristyn Getty, Stuart Townend

*Benediction..... Mike Dodson
Assistant Professor of Church Planting and Evangelism/Associate Director for North American Church Planting for the
Center for Great Commission Studies/National Missionary of the North American Mission Board

*Postlude..... *To God Be the Glory*
arr. Johan Innes

* Please stand

Music Leader Joshua A. Waggener
Assistant Professor of Music and Christian Worship

Organist Nannette M. Godwin
Professor of Church Music and Keyboard (Retired)

Pianist..... Sophia Son
Staff Accompanist

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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 seven degrees of the first kind: Biblical Languages, Christian Studies, Ethics, Theology and Culture, Old Testament, New Testament, and Philosophy of Religion/ Apologetics and Christian Philosophy; and eight degrees of the second kind: Biblical Counseling, Christian Education, Christian Education and Biblical Counseling, Christian Marital, Family, and Individual Counseling, Christian Ministry (Mentored), Church Planting, Ministry Leadership and Women's Studies.

CHRISTIAN STUDIES

Gregory S. Anglen..... Tampa, FL
Karen L. Blankenship..... Tallahassee, FL
Luis C. Jerezbreia..... Raleigh, NC
Aaron Robert Laskey..... Hoffman Estates, IL
Paul M. May..... Springville, IN
Casey Anne Orr..... Annapolis, MD
Mark S. Phetterplace..... Bradford, PA
Jonathan Mark Pifer..... Quito, Ecuador
Matthew Blake Pittman..... Hartwell, GA
Kelton G. Zacharias..... Alexandria, VA

Andrew G. Garner *ia*..... Warner Robins, GA
Christopher Lee Moore *ia*..... Ponchatoula, LA
John Park *ia*..... Gainesville, FL
Jeremy Lawson Tamer *ia*..... Travelers Rest, SC

ETHICS, THEOLOGY AND CULTURE

Lauren Elizabeth Horn..... Ashland, AL
Major Professor: David W. Jones, Director of the Th.M. Program, Professor of Christian Ethics
Second Reader: Daniel R. Heimbach, Senior Professor of Christian Ethics
Research Project: *Holiness in the Imago Dei: How the Gospel Restores Holiness to the Image of God in Man*

Zachary Dan Parks..... Garner, NC
Major Professor: Daniel R. Heimbach, Senior Professor of Christian Ethics
Second Reader: David W. Jones, Director of the Th.M. Program, Professor of Christian Ethics
Research Project: *The Power of Imagination: The Relevance of Moral Revelation for Directing Imagination Toward the Good*

OLD TESTAMENT

Robert Coleman..... Wake Forest, NC
Major Professor: H. Chip Hardy, Assistant Professor of Old Testament and Semitic Languages
Second Reader: Mark F. Rooker, Senior Professor of Old Testament and Hebrew
Thesis Title: *Joshua Fought the Battle of Jericho: The Story of Jericho's Downfall in the Masoretic Text Compared to the Old Greek Text*

PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION

Amber Bowen..... Raleigh, NC
Major Professor: James K. Dew, Vice President for Undergraduate Studies and Distance Learning/Dean of the College, Associate Professor of History of Ideas and Philosophy
Second Reader: C. Ivan Spencer, Professor of History and Philosophy
Thesis Title: *Myths of Reason and Idols of Faith: A Kierkegaardian Dialogue with 21st Century Evangelical Epistemology*

John C. Stickles..... Dothan, AL
Major Professor: Greg A. Welty, Professor of Philosophy
Second Reader: Bruce A. Little, Director of the Francis A. Schaeffer Collection, Senior Professor of Philosophy
Thesis Title: *Divine Atemporality and Static Theory: A United Defense*

Ethan R. Tittle..... Fort McCoy, FL
Major Professor: Bruce A. Little, Director of the Francis A. Schaeffer Collection, Senior Professor of Philosophy
Second Reader: Steven W. Ladd, Associate Professor of Theology and Philosophy
Thesis Title: *An Examination of the Compatibility of the Nature of Hell and the Nature of God*

IN BIBLICAL COUNSELING

Lindsay Foti Baggett..... Fayetteville, NC
Megan Elizabeth Burns..... Madison, MS
Bethany Lee Carey..... Charlotte, NC
Christine Nicole Fowler..... Monroe, NC
Sarah Hope Fowler..... Monroe, NC
Janna Diann Salyers..... Huntington, WV
Virginia Phillippe Smith..... Bedford, VA
April Kimes Thompson..... Greenville, MS
Jeremy Daniel Walters..... Hardeeville, SC
Britney Springer Warren..... Stanley, LA

IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Ashley Lynn Faulkenberry..... Rock Hill, SC
Elizabeth Smith..... Canton, OH

IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND BIBLICAL COUNSELING

Callie Marie Bogle..... Marietta, GA

Christopher Michael Thomas *ia*..... Durham, NC

IN CHURCH PLANTING

Cassandra Davis..... Wake Forest, NC

Chad Chancellor Davis *ia*..... Hattiesburg, MS
Michael B. Kenney *ia*..... Rochester, NY

IN MINISTRY LEADERSHIP

Maliek Juan Blade..... Washington, DC
Auther Jason McCall..... Tampa, FL
Joshua David Puryear..... Evans, GA

Matthew Shawn Atwell *ia*..... Council Hill, OK
Taekgeun Lee *ia*..... Paju, South Korea

IN MINISTRY TO WOMEN

Christina Renee Devlin..... Raleigh, NC
Christine Elizabeth Krauter..... Lynchburg, VA

IN WOMEN'S STUDIES

Amber Marie Spallino..... Washington, DC

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 82 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 70 hours of foundational core courses in Theology, Church History, Christian Philosophy, Ethics, Evangelism, Christian Missions, 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 STANDING

Stephen August Bradley..... Greenville, NC
Joshua Stephen Chapman..... Fayetteville, GA
Trenton Livingston..... Saint Cloud, FL
Devin Thomas Moncada..... Wake Forest, NC
Jordan Todd Newberry..... Woodsboro, TX
Fabian Fortunato..... Miami, FL
Timothy Reen..... Raleigh, NC
Trevor Mac Schubert..... Sheridan, WY

Lucas Gregorio Moncada, III *ia*..... Ball, LA

WITH ADVANCED BIBLICAL STUDIES

Daniel James Hutto..... Minden, LA
Matthew Shane Warren..... Castor, LA
Lawrence L. White..... Philadelphia, MS

WITH BIBLICAL COUNSELING

Johnathon Curtis Baggett..... Fayetteville, NC
John Reid Roberts..... Tupelo, MS

WITH CHRISTIAN APOLOGETICS

Jason Lamar Brown..... Comer, GA

WITH CHRISTIAN ETHICS

David C. Quackenbos..... Raleigh, NC

WITH CHRISTIAN MINISTRY

Brandon Shay Andrews..... Granite Falls, NC
Daniel William Blackburn, Jr..... Selma, NC
Patricia Juan Boquist..... Newport News, VA
Matthew James Bowden..... Dublin, GA
Benjamin Madison Braly..... Dallas, GA
Thomas Calhoon..... Oviedo, FL
Zachary Condie..... Birmingham, AL

Ryan Wilson Doty..... Kings Mountain, NC
Michael Davis Fox..... Greenville, SC
Aaron Pahrís Fullbright..... Sallisaw, OK
Dennis Daren Funderburk..... Cary, NC
Nicholas Burke Gagnon..... Lanett, AL
Joshua Kelly Gibson..... Easley, SC
Joseph Kiah Graves..... Boiling Springs, SC
Christopher Stephen Gravning..... Ringgold, GA
Sheldon Green..... Hickory, NC
Brandon William Henson..... Martinez, GA
James Bradley Holloway..... Covington, TN
Kyle Douglas Huntsinger..... Woodruff, SC
Freddie Gene Jackson, II..... Apex, NC
Bradley David Johnson..... Wilmington, NC
James Jordan..... Greenville, TN
James Ryan Keaton..... Dickson, TN
James Kimmett..... Pontotoc, MS
Sonia Sohyun Krentz..... Rockville, MD
Christopher Krycho..... Raleigh, NC
Zach Long..... Advance, NC
Christopher Joseph Martin..... Murfreesboro, TN
Jeffrey Matthew McCrary..... Elloree, SC
Kevin Moore, II..... High Point, NC
James Kirk Morris..... Tigerville, SC
Adam Muhtaseb..... Salisbury, MD
Robert Steven Nelson..... Lanett, AL
Merrick L. Nunn..... Quitman, LA
Christopher R. Pauley..... Statesville, NC
Tyler Ryan Pearce..... Panacea, Florida
Evan Alexander Phillips..... Charlotte, NC
Joshua Mark Reid..... Cary, NC
Andrew Thomas Sapp..... Jacksonville, FL
Logan Reuss Sides..... Weatherford, OK
Adam M. Soles..... Jacksonville, FL
Jonathan Stafford..... Winston-Salem, NC
James Joseph Steele..... McDonough, GA
Matthew Clark Stone..... Roanoke, VA
Joel Taylor..... Colorado Springs, CO
David McCay Thomas..... Moss Bluff, LA
Scott August Urbanek..... Ft. Lauderdale, FL
Ryan Kendrick Whitfield..... Tallahassee, FL
Mitchell A. Williams..... Spartanburg, SC
Jonathan David Wilson..... Greer, SC
Brian K. Young..... Durham, NC
Dylan Russell Young..... Chattanooga, TN

Joshua Mosley *ia*..... Soperton, GA
Jonathan M. Phillips *ia*..... Naples, FL
Timothy J. Stephenson *ia*..... Bradenton, FL
Zachary Edward Whitt *ia*..... Spartanburg, SC

WITH INTERNATIONAL CHURCH PLANTING

Jennifer Ann Beadle..... Norene, TN
Jonathan Darby Cole..... Dallas, TX
Brian Mark Goodwin..... Kings Mountain, NC
Jeffrey Dwayne Reed..... Bolivar, MO

Nathaniel Arms *ia*..... Cookeville, TN

John Richard Boyle *ia* Knoxville, TN
David Cox *ia* Greenville, SC
James Daniel Crim *ia* Huntsville, AL

WITH MINISTRY LEADERSHIP

Thomas Daniel Parke, Jr. Miami, FL
Christopher R. Underhill Coats, NC

WITH MISSIOLOGY

Bradley Bridges Clarke Immokalee, FL
Meredith Lynn Cook Greer, SC
Brian K. James. Ponca City, OK

Andrew Dickinson Howell *ia*. Jacksonville, FL

WITH NORTH AMERICAN CHURCH PLANTING

Brant Gannon Boldon Greenwood, MS
Christopher Guy Poirier Rutland, VT

WITH PASTORAL MINISTRY

Julius Jun An Tampa, FL
Robert Eugene Walker, III Wake Forest, NC
Norman Willard Wilson Cayce, SC

WITH WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Angela Gloria U. Erum Metro Manila, Philippines
Jonathan D. Stout Wake Forest, 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. The thesis is bound and placed in the Seminary library.

Philip Hugh Beasley Hartsville, SC
Major Professor: Bruce A. Little, Director of the Francis A. Schaeffer Collection, Senior Professor of Philosophy
Second Reader: Steven W. Ladd, Associate Professor of Theology and Philosophy
Guided Research Project: *A Consideration of Theistic Conceptualism: Recognized Problems and a Possible Solution*

Jeremy Kyle Bell Anderson, SC
Major Professor: David W. Jones, Director of the Th.M. Program, Professor of Christian Ethics
Second Reader: Mark D. Liederbach, Vice President for Student Services/Dean of Students, Professor of Theology, Ethics and Culture
Guided Research Project: *A Person's Dignity Trumps a Person's Autonomy: A Response to the Issue of Physician Assisted Suicide*

Matthew Brian Foshee Wake Forest, NC
Major Professor: Charles E. Lawless, Jr., Dean of Graduate Studies, Vice President for Graduate Studies and Ministry Centers, Professor of Evangelism and Missions
Second Reader: George G. Robinson IV, Richard and Gina Headrick Chair of World Missions, Associate Professor of Missions and Evangelism
Guided Research Project: *Understanding "Apostolic" for the Fulfillment of the Great Commission*

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Lyle Alexander LaFountain Tampa, FL
Major Professor: Tony C. Merida, Johnny Hunt Chair of Biblical Preaching, Associate Professor of Preaching
Second Reader: Alvin L. Reid, Bailey Smith Chair of Evangelism, Professor of Evangelism and Student Ministry
Guided Research Project: *Preaching to the Heart: Application in Tim Keller's Preaching*

James Roh. Chicago, IL
Major Professor: Andreas J. Köstenberger, Senior Research Professor of New Testament and Biblical Theology
Second Reader: David R. Beck, Associate Dean of Biblical Studies, Professor of New Testament and Greek
Guided Research Project: *New Creation Theology in the Passion and Resurrection Narratives of the Gospel of John*

Jonathan Susee Belfast, ME

Carl Ronald Morris, II *ia*. Clemson, SC
Major Professor: Steven P. Wade, Field Ministry Coordinator, Hunt Scholars Program Coordinator, Associate Professor of Pastoral Theology
Second Reader: Scott Hildreth, Director of Lewis A. Drummond Center for Great Commission Studies, Assistant Professor of Global Studies
Guided Research Project: *Holistic Ministry According to the Imago Dei*

Kevin Michael Stone *ia* Macclenny, FL
Major Professor: Steven A. McKinion, Associate Professor of Theology and Patristic Studies
Second Reader: Alvin L. Reid, Bailey Smith Chair of Evangelism, Professor of Evangelism and Student Ministry
Guided Research Project: *Developing an Evangelical Ecclesiology from the Patristics*

Joseph Lee Thigpen *ia* Raleigh, NC
Major Professor: Keith S. Whitfield, Vice President for Academic Administration, Assistant Professor of Theology
Second Reader: Steven A. McKinion, Associate Professor of Theology and Patristic Studies
Guided Research Project: *Grace and Certainty: Herman Bavink's Reception and Application of Friedrich Schleiermacher's Religious Self-Consciousness in Theological Method*

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 Seminary library. The program requires a minimum of three academic years to complete.

Kelly Mark Bullard. Fayetteville, NC
Major Professor: Brian S. Upshaw, Adjunctive Professor of Christian Education and Leadership
Faculty Reader: George G. Robinson; IV, Richard and Gina Headrick Chair of World Missions, Associate Professor of Missions and Evangelism
Faculty Reader: B. Tate Cockrell, Assistant Director of D.Min. Studies, Associate Professor of Counseling
Project Title: *Determining the Influence of Micro Community Groups in Spiritual Formation and Growth in Select Individuals at Temple Baptist Church*

Joshua David Franklin Wake Forest, NC
Major Professor: James L. Shaddix, W. A. Criswell Chair of Preaching, Professor of Expository Preaching
Faculty Reader: Benjamin L. Merkle, Professor of New Testament and Greek
Faculty Reader: R. Al James, Associate Dean of Ministry Studies, Professor of Missions
Project Title: *The Enhancement of Expository Preaching Without Notes of the Pastor at Good Hope Baptist Church in Cary, North Carolina*

Derrick Shad Hicks Monroe, NC
Major Professor: J. Gregory Lawson, Professor of Christian Education
Faculty Reader: Kenneth D. Keathley, Director of the L. Russ Bush Center for Faith and Culture, Jesse Hendley Chair of Biblical Theology, Professor of Theology
Faculty Reader: Charles E. Harvey, Director of D.Min. Studies, Professor of Christian Education
Project Title: *Formulating a Servant Leadership Strategy Model to Develop Leaders at Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church in Monroe, NC*

Terry Brian Hoffman, Jr. Fredericksburg, VA
Major Professor: Charles E. Lawless, Jr., Dean of Graduate Studies, Vice President for Graduate Studies and Ministry Centers, Professor of Evangelism and Missions
Faculty Reader: Benjamin L. Merkle, Professor of New Testament and Greek
Faculty Reader: Charles E. Harvey, Director of D.Min. Studies, Professor of Christian Education
Project Title: *Developing a Ministry Strategy to Lead People to Become Fully Devoted Followers of Christ at Community Heights Church*

Jeffrey Michael James. Arlington, TN
Major Professor: Mark D. Liederbach, Vice President for Student Services/Dean of Students, Associate Professor of Ethics
Faculty Reader: George G. Robinson, IV, Richard and Gina Headrick Chair of World Missions, Associate Professor of Missions and Evangelism
Faculty Reader: R. Al James, Associate Dean of Proclamation Studies, Professor of Missions
Project Title: *Developing a Strategy to Lead Parents of the First Baptist Church of Fisherville, Tennessee to Become the Primary Disciple Makers in the Home*

James Telford Kendall Apex, NC
Major Professor: J. Gregory Lawson, Professor of Christian Education
Faculty Reader: H. Chip Hardy, Assistant Professor of Old Testament and Semitic Languages
Faculty Reader: R. Al James, Associate Dean of Proclamation Studies, Professor of Missions
Project Title: *Designing a Strategy for Salem Baptist Church, Apex, North Carolina, to Assist Parents in Guiding the Spiritual Development of Their Children*

David B. Kruse Cookeville, TN
Major Professor: B. Tate Cockrell, Assistant Director of D.Min. Studies, Associate Professor of Counseling
Faculty Reader: George G. Robinson IV, Richard and Gina Headrick Chair of World Missions, Associate Professor of Missions and Evangelism
Faculty Reader: Kenneth S. Coley, Director of Ed.D. Studies, Professor of Christian Education
Project Title: *Developing a Strategy to Include Families with Special Needs Children in the Sunday Morning Activities at Stevens Street Baptist Church*

Michael Christopher Nerney Bel Air, MD
Major Professor: Joel O. Rainey, Adjunct Professor
Faculty Reader: Charles E. Harvey, Director of D.Min. Studies, Professor of Christian Education
External Reader: Kevin Smith, Executive Director of the Baptist Convention of Maryland/Delaware
Project Title: *Facilitating a Missional Mindset through the Development of a Greater Commitment to the Local Church at Calvary Baptist Church, Bel Air, Maryland*

Jacob Ryan Phelps Houston, TX
Major Professor: Benjamin T. Quinn, Associate Dean of Institutional Effectiveness for the College at Southeastern, Assistant Professor of Theology and History of Ideas
Faculty Reader: Alvin L. Reid, Bailey Smith Chair of Evangelism, Professor of Evangelism and Student Ministry
Faculty Reader: Kevin Smith, Executive Director of the Baptist Convention of Maryland/Delaware
Project Title: *Equipping Select High School Students of Houston Northwest Church for Organic Disciple-Making*

Kevin Dean Phillips Sumter, SC
Major Professor: R. Al James, Associate Dean of Proclamation Studies, Professor of Missions
Faculty Reader: J. Gregory Lawson, Professor of Christian Education
Faculty Reader: Kevin Smith, Executive Director of the Baptist Convention of Maryland/Delaware
Project Title: *The Development of a Strategy for a Pastor to Assess Accurately a New Ministry Setting After a Difficult Transition from Another Church or Ministry*

George B. Sweet, IV Randolph, VT
Major Professor: Sam R. Williams, Professor of Counseling
Faculty Reader: H. Chip Hardy, Assistant Professor of Old Testament and Semitic Languages
Faculty Reader: B. Tate Cockrell, Assistant Director of D.Min. Studies, Associate Professor of Counseling
Project Title: *Motivating, Training, and Encouraging Vermont Church Leaders' Involvement in Biblical Counseling*

Jonathan K. Tillman Savannah, GA
Major Professor: Larry J. Purcell, Associate Professor of Leadership and Discipleship
Faculty Reader: David E. Lanier, Professor of New Testament
Faculty Reader: R. Al James, Associate Dean of Proclamation Studies, Professor of Missions
Project Title: *A Strategic Plan for the Members of Life Church at Ardsley Park in Savannah, GA to Cultivate Relationships with Unchurched Persons in Savannah, GA*

Joshua Dean Via Rolesville, NC
Major Professor: Alvin L. Reid, Bailey Smith Chair of Evangelism, Professor of Evangelism and Student Ministry
Faculty Reader: George G. Robinson IV, Richard and Gina Headrick Chair of World Missions, Associate Professor of Missions and Evangelism
Faculty Reader: B. Tate Cockrell, Assistant Director of D.Min. Studies, Associate Professor of Counseling
Project Title: *Cultivating a Missional Ethos within the Journey Church Worship Team in Raleigh, NC through the Development of an Intentional Discipleship Strategy*

Roy J. Ward Parkersburg, WV
Major Professor: R. Al James, Associate Dean of Proclamation Studies, Professor of Missions
Faculty Reader: J. Gregory Lawson, Professor of Christian Education
Faculty Reader: B. Tate Cockrell, Assistant Director of D.Min. Studies, Associate Professor of Counseling
Project Title: *Equipping a Team to Develop a Vision for Revitalization of Tri-City Baptist Church*

Ingrid Woodbridge Munich, Germany
Major Professor: Sam R. Williams, Professor of Counseling
Faculty Reader: Charles E. Lawless, Jr., Dean of Graduate Studies, Vice President for Graduate Studies and Ministry Centers, Professor of Evangelism and Missions
Faculty Reader: B. Tate Cockrell, Assistant Director of D.Min. Studies, Associate Professor of Counseling
Project Title: *Equipping a Select Group of Member Care Consultants and Team Leaders Within the IMB to Care for Grieving Missionaries on the Field*

Kevin Scott Wright Gardner, MA
Major Professor: B. Tate Cockrell, Assistant Director of D.Min. Studies, Associate Professor of Counseling
Faculty Reader: Benjamin T. Quinn, Associate Dean of Institutional Effectiveness for the College at Southeastern, Assistant Professor of Theology and History of Ideas
Faculty Reader: Kenneth S. Coley, Director of Ed.D. Studies, Professor of Christian Education
Project Title: *Equipping a Select Group of Leaders at Heritage Bible Chapel in Biblical Confrontation and Restoration*

Steven Nicholas McClellan *ia*. Easley, SC
Major Professor: Steven P. Wade, Director of the Great Commission Equipping Network and Student Field Ministry, Associate Professor of Pastoral Theology
Faculty Reader: David E. Lanier, Professor of New Testament
Faculty Reader: B. Tate Cockrell, Assistant Director of D.Min. Studies, Associate Professor of Counseling
Project Title: *Equipping a Select Group of Brushy Creek Baptist Church Members to Pray for the Pastor's Preparation, His Delivery, and the Overall Impact of the Weekly Sunday Morning Sermon*

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.

Samuel Thomas Currin Oxford, NC
Major Professor: J. Gregory Lawson, Professor of Christian Education
Second Reader: Kenneth S. Coley, Director of Ed.D. Studies, Professor of Christian Education
Dissertation Title: *An Educational and Policy Analysis of Hart v. State: North Carolina's Landmark School Voucher Supreme Court Decision*

Brian K. Haack Green Bay, WI
Major Professor: James P. Porowski, Professor of Child and Family Development
Second Reader: Kenneth S. Coley, Director of Ed.D. Studies, Professor of Christian Education
Third Reader: Travis H. Bradshaw, Adjunctive Professor of Education
Dissertation Title: *Autism, the Church, and the Image of God: A Social Distance Study*

Andrew I. Ham Wake Forest, NC
Major Professor: Mark D. Liederbach, Vice President for Student Services/Dean of Students, Professor of Theology, Ethics and Culture
Second Reader: Bruce R. Ashford, Jr., Provost/Dean of the Faculty, Professor of Theology and Culture
Dissertation Title: *What Does it Mean to be Human Male?: A Critical Analysis of the Models of Manhood in Paul Jewett's Man as Male and Female, Stephen Clark's Man and Woman in Christ, and Stanley Grenz's Sexual Ethics*

Chris Hans Hulshof Goode, VA
Major Professor: J. Gregory Lawson, Professor of Christian Education
Second Reader: James P. Porowski, Professor of Child and Family Development
Dissertation Title: *Jesus and the Disabled: Inclusive Leadership and the Disability Effective Pastor*

Mary Ann McMillan Mission Viejo, CA
Major Professor: Larry J. Purcell, Associate Professor of Leadership and Discipleship
Second Reader: J. Gregory Lawson, Professor of Christian Education
Dissertation Title: *True Religion Cares for Orphans: Creating and Sustaining an Orphan Care Culture in the Local Churches in Rwanda*

Donald Paul Sapp Dillon, SC
Major Professor: Kenneth S. Coley, Director of Ed.D. Studies, Professor of Christian Education
Second Reader: Larry J. Purcell, Associate Professor of Leadership and Discipleship
Third Reader: Travis H. Bradshaw, Adjunctive Professor of Education
Dissertation Title: *The Pastor as Leader of Learning Communities: A Frames Analysis of Pastoral Leadership in Church Related Christian Schools*

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 Seminary library.

Peter Micah Anderson Wake Forest, NC
Major Professor: Mark D. Liederbach, Vice President for Student Services/Dean of Students, Professor of Theology, Ethics and Culture
Faculty Reader: David W. Jones, Director of Th.M. Program, Professor of Christian Ethics
External Reader: William Edgar, John Boyer Chair of Evangelism and Culture, Professor of Apologetics (Westminster Theological Seminary), Associate Professor (Faculté Jean Calvin)
Dissertation Title: *The Presence of the Peaceable Kingdom: Shaping Christian Social Ethics from Jacques Ellul and Stanley Hauerwas*

David Carter Crowther Pittsboro, NC
Major Professor: Andreas J. Köstenberger, Senior Research Professor of New Testament and Biblical Theology
Faculty Reader: David E. Lanier, Professor of New Testament
External Reader: Charles A. Ray, Jr., Professor of New Testament and Greek (New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary)
Dissertation Title: *The Rhetorical Function of Jesus' Session: The Exaltation of Christ as the Ground for Moral Exhortation in the Epistle to the Hebrews*

Robert O. Herrington Greensboro, NC
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The major in English promotes an understanding of literature, trains students to think critically and write effectively, and encourages them to reflect on the central issues of the human condition-all from a Christian perspective. Core curriculum classes in composition emphasize the skills of effective research and writing. English major classes present literature from within a Christian worldview. Students who major in English will be equipped to understand culture and to communicate the gospel to others clearly and effectively.

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The major in Justice and Social Ethics assists students in constructing a biblical framework through which to understand and evaluate how God’s righteousness applies to ethical topics important in personal life, family relationships, the Christian community, and contemporary society. Further, it equips students to engage in culturally relevant and personally meaningful moral

discussions from a Judeo-Christian worldview by speaking biblical truth, reflecting God’s justice, and spreading God’s kingdom. This degree is designed to provide foundational preparation for students who desire to serve in para-church ministries, denominational service, public policy advocacy, and general moral witness in the culture. Further, in combination with other credentials, this major can be useful to students who desire to serve in fields such as law, politics, journalism, and public education, among other venues in the public square. Additionally, the major in Justice and Social Ethics can give a prophetic edge to students called to pastoral ministry, missionary evangelism, and various forms of chaplaincy.

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The major in Pastoral Ministry introduces students to the knowledge and skills central to the work of pastors through classes in pastoral ministry, discipleship, counseling, and Bible exposition. The major also provides students opportunity for additional classes in biblical and theological studies beyond those of the Core Curriculum. The program is designed to begin the formation of the student’s life for pastoral ministry, and prepares students for continuing studies in the Master of Divinity, the standard degree for the equipping of pastors.

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The major in Philosophy introduces students to the major issues and problems in philosophy. It fosters the intellect so that students are better equipped to critique, analyze, and argue various perspectives. Students will learn the basic skills of logic and rhetoric, will be introduced to various fields of philosophical debate, and learn how to engage these matters from a Christian perspective. This degree program is perfectly suited for students who wish to continue on to graduate school or pursue a career in philosophy, theology, ministry, classical studies, or law.

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The major in theology introduces students to the discipline of theology and selected Christian doctrines. Students will study biblical theology, theological methods and systems, great works in the history of theology, and the role of contextualization in Christian theology. Theological selectives allow students to study specific Christian doctrines.

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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 signify 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



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