

May 15, 1991

Southeastern Graduates 109

Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary graduated 109 students Saturday, May 11. Commencement weekend activities included a commencement worship service on Friday night and a breakfast given by Dr. and Mrs. Lewis A. Drummond Saturday morning in honor of graduating students and their families.

President Drummond bestowed doctor of ministry, master's of theology, master's of divinity, master's of Christian education, master's of church music, and associate of divinity degrees on graduating students attired in traditional black graduation regalia. Dr. Donald E. Cook, professor of New Testament, addressed the graduates and the 1,700+ crowd of friends, family and well-wishers.

"There will be times you will want to quit," Cook said, "when every so-called reasonable analysis of your situation will tell you to quit. Don't! Cross the river; take the land. Run the race. Achieve the prize. And begin with the only One who can go with us to the end."

In Ledford Student Center that morning, graduates and their families feasted on an elegantly catered meal. The more than 400 guests mingled with the president and his wife, who hosted the event. One student said, "I like having this opportunity to introduce my parents to my classmates' parents and to my professors. This is a great idea; it is really special."

Dr. Chevis Horne, adjunctive professor of preaching, presented the commencement worship sermon Friday evening. He stressed the importance of approaching ministry from the servant's perspective that Christ modeled for all His disciples: "We shouldn't be too proud to wash the dirty feet of our world," he said, "nor should we be too squeamish to swab the running sores of our world so it may be healed."

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In keeping with Southeastern's tradition, Dr. L. Russ Bush III, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the faculty, presented the 1991 academic awards. *Mark A. Dooley*, Bartow, Florida, received the Broadman Press Award, the seminary's highest academic honor. This award is given to the graduating senior with the highest academic average in his or her class. Dooley was also co-recipient of the Frances Jackson Durham Hebrew Prize.

In addition, *Terri S. Steed*, Charlotte, North Carolina received the Nannie Bruce Nelson Award in New Testament; *John M. Butler*, Lumberton, North Carolina was co-recipient of the Frances Jackson Durham Hebrew Prize; *Jeffrey W. Meyer*, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, received the Paulino de los Reyes & Joseph Block Greek Prize; *Dawn M. Keller*, Fairmount, Indiana, received the Arthur F. and Olga M. Robinson Language Prize; *James Christopher Schofield*, Bessemer City, North Carolina received the Edward A. McDowell Jr. Greek Award; *David R. Oyster*, Durham, North Carolina received the American Bible Society Award; *Kelton F. Hinton*, Princeton, North Carolina received the J. Lake Williams Award in Christian Ethics; *Phillip L. Baucom*, Kannapolis, North Carolina, received the Williams-White Award for the Practice of Christian Social Concern; *Carrington L. Bailey*, Fairfax, Virginia, received the Elizabeth White Williams Award for Graduate Studies in Christian Ethics; *Lois H. McCoy*, Raleigh, North Carolina received the S.L. Stealey Church History Award; *John V. Lunsford*, Las Cruces, New Mexico received the Bessie M. Sarchet Award in Preaching; *David L. Mansberger*, Bethlehem, North Carolina received the Southeastern Seminary Leadership Award; *Charles D. Carter*, Amherst, Virginia received the Southern Baptist Religious Education Association Award in Christian Education; and *Mardella Berg*, Raleigh, North Carolina received The Associate Excellence Award.

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