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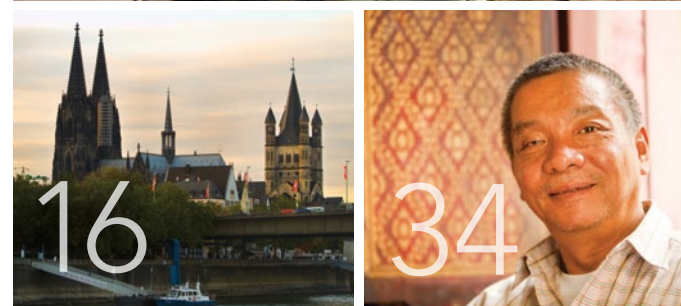
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Looking out an airplane window, one sees the countries below full of people who may have never heard the name of Jesus Christ before. Southwestern is committed to training men and women to reach the world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. *Photo by Adam Covington.*

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# a letter from THE PRESIDENT

Dear Southwesterner,

The task of fulfilling the Great Commission, from the onset of Southwestern Seminary's pilgrimage in 1908, has been the working hypothesis of the seminary, and probably, as no other seminary in history, Southwestern has focused both in its origin and in its current emphasis on all three phases of the Great Commission. Theological training is not merely for the purpose of producing astutely trained minds but rather for the purpose of training men and women to become effective missionaries and evangelists in whatever God's calling may be. However, Southwestern is also keenly aware of its Baptist heritage and hence emphasizes the baptism of only the redeemed who covenant together in a relationship in the local community. Finally, Southwestern also underscores that the local community then becomes the vehicle for teaching the church to observe all the things that Jesus has commanded. The current emphases on the Great Commission in the Southern Baptist Convention is wholesome, and our prayer is that all of our churches will join with Southwestern Seminary and others of like mind in doing what Jesus commanded.

This issue of the *Southwestern News* simply highlights just a few of the ways in which Southwesterners are involved in fulfilling the Great Commission. You will note articles about a mission to Udmurtia, about the unbelievable miracle of God unfolding in Germany, an article about evangelism within a one-mile radius of Southwestern's campus, and two articles about reaching into Buddhist communities as close as Port Arthur, Texas, and as far away as Thailand. Finally, you

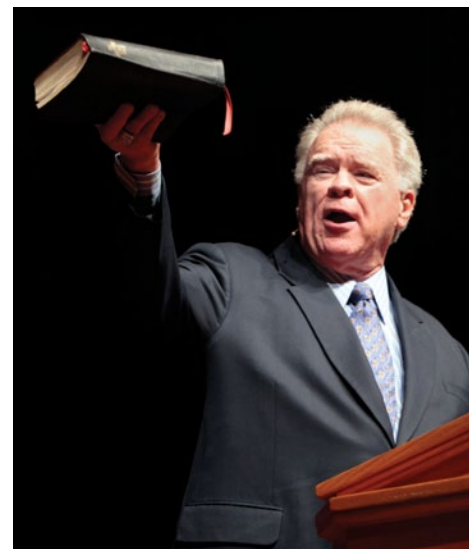
will be introduced to the biker ministry with which we are involved in Sturgis, S.D. What cannot be missed here is that in order to fulfill the Great Commission in our day, our methodologies must be as varied as the people groups and communities to which we bear witness. While your own particular assignment may differ somewhat from any of these, we believe that you will find in this issue of *Southwestern News* an emphasis that will encourage you right where you are.

As will become apparent in the reading of this issue, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary is nothing more than a vehicle. The work that takes place in leading men to faith in Christ is the work of our alumni, students, and faculty; but Southwestern, as an institution, is wonderfully pleased with the constituency of which we are a part. We thank God for the opportunity to join hands with you and reach our world. It will take every one of us. The theme for this issue of the *Southwestern News* and for all Southwesterners everywhere should be "every Southwesterner a personal evangelist." God bless you and may you be encouraged by what you read.

Until He Comes,



Paige Patterson



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Take a trip with Southwestern around the world and discover how the Gospel is spreading to our neighbors and the nations. Students, faculty, and alumni are engaging lostness in every corner of the globe.

Whether it's the backyard, somewhere in the state, a location in the U.S., or foreign soil, Christ has commissioned us to make disciples of all peoples. It is our prayer that God would use these stories to open your eyes to see that the fields are white for harvest. So, get a passport, dedicate it to the Lord, and be obedient to His call to reach the 6.5 billion people on earth.





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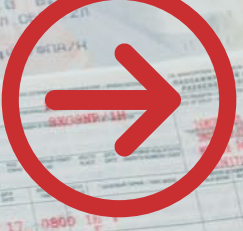
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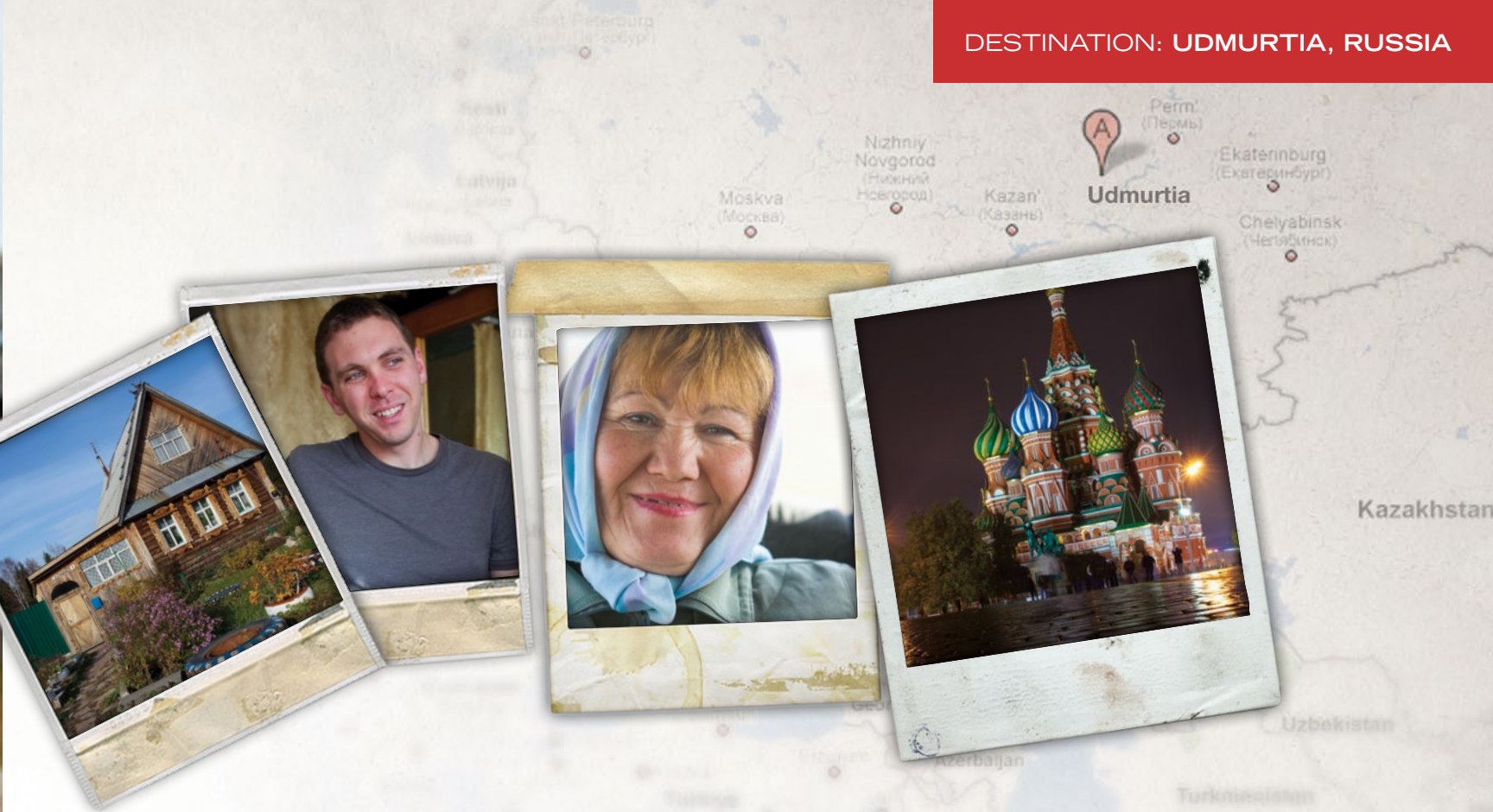
**PASSPORT**





PARTNERING  
TO BRING  
HOPE  
TO THE  
HOPELESS

STORY BY KEITH COLLIER  
PHOTOGRAPHY BY MATTHEW MILLER



**Only in the providence of God** would a friendship started in the sub-Saharan African bush eventually lead two young Americans and their wives to the sub-freezing temperatures of the Eastern European plains. But this is exactly what happened to Charlie Murphy\* and Will Thompson\*. As students at Southwestern Seminary, Charlie and Will met on a mission trip to Cameroon, Africa, in December 2006. The two were randomly paired together as an evangelism team and also shared a room during the three-week endeavor. They immediately became close friends, united by a heart to share God's love with the nations. ➔





Knowing about each student's long-term plans to live overseas and engage the lost, Keith Eitel, dean of the Roy Fish School of Evangelism and Missions, challenged Charlie and Will to consider the possibility of going as a team. Through Eitel's mentorship and ongoing conversations, the two young men and their wives began to pray about the possibility.

One day, Charlie was sitting in the seminary's World Missions Center and picked up a prayer guide for an unreached people group in Udmurtia, a republic in the Russian Federation. Around that same time, Will sat in two of his classes and heard about the great need for people groups in Central and Eastern Europe to hear the Gospel.

It is both the birthplace of Tchaikovsky, the great Russian composer, as well as the AK-47, the famous military assault rifle created in one of Udmurtia's many weapons factories.

The population of Udmurtia is largely Russian, while ethnic Udmurts make up only 30 percent of its inhabitants. They are often recognized by their distinct physical features, such as small stature, high cheekbones, and a high percentage of red-heads. A shy, quiet people, Udmurts initially seem as relationally cold as the region's harsh winter temperatures, which average minus 15 degrees Celsius, but once trust is built, they are a warm and vibrant people.

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*"I loved the Udmurt people before I ever took a trip here, before I ever met one of them, and that really was just a love that came from God."*

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As Charlie and Will shared these experiences with one another, they realized it was not merely coincidence but rather the providence of God. They began to pray for and research the Udmurts, an unreached minority people group in Udmurtia, and God kindled their hearts for the region.

Today, Charlie and his wife, Heather\*, and Will and his wife, Marie\*, are Russian language students in Izhevsk, the capital city of Udmurtia. They believe God has called them to this specific place and given them a unique love for the Udmurts.

"I loved the Udmurt people before I ever took a trip here, before I ever met one of them," says Charlie. "And that really was just a love that came from God."

## UDMURTIA

Nestled along the Western part of the middle Ural Mountains just east of Siberia, Udmurtia boasts a beautiful countryside with birch forests, which accounts for its large timber production. The republic's history is characterized by beauty and tragedy:

Historically, Udmurts practiced nature and ancestor worship. Due to forced conversion in the 16th century, Russian Orthodoxy became the chief religion among Udmurts, although pagan practices still exist. Less than .3 percent is considered Evangelical Christian.

Udmurts are often viewed as outcasts. Due to low employment rates, most Udmurts live in rural villages where they struggle to eek out a meager existence from their family gardens. It is no surprise that a general sense of hopelessness—expressed in depression, alcoholism, and high suicide rates—plagues their culture.

## HOPE TO THE HOPELESS

Into this environment, Charlie, Heather, Will, and Marie are bringing the hope of Jesus Christ.

"Without a doubt," Charlie says, "the thing that burdens me the most about this people is just the depression. You can see it on their faces. They're buying time until they can see what's next. Unfortunately, a lot of the animistic roots still remain in this



region. Some turn to the animism, some turn to the Orthodox Church, but right now very few are turning to Christ.”

Reflecting on the day he read the prayer guide for the Udmurts, Charlie says, “The Holy Spirit moved in me that day when I read that article and said, ‘I love these people and that’s where I want you to go.’”

“Basically, the message for the Udmurt people is that they are special to God. He loves them as much as He loves any of His other creations in the world. Their hope isn’t in alcohol abuse and those things, but in Jesus Christ they can find hope and relief from the depression they have felt for centuries.”

Will echoes these sentiments. Udmurtia, he says, is “a place ready to receive the Gospel because there’s really not as much pride that you have to fight through. Hopelessness is just an open field, open soil for the Gospel. So, that aspect of it all is what called me to them. They need God; let’s bring them Christ and see lives changed.”

Udmurt culture places high value on art and music, with many of their festivals and pagan traditions featuring song and dance. Will hopes one day to see their praise turn from the creation to the Creator. This hope causes him to think about the scene in the book of Revelation, where peoples from every tribe and tongue worship the one true God.

Reflecting on their call to the Udmurts, he says, “I want to be part of a new tribe standing before God, praising His name.”

The two couples have learned to rely on the Lord through prayer in their transition to the new culture and language.

“The most difficult thing is wanting so badly to be able to explain the Gospel to people but not having the vocabulary to do it,” Charlie says.

“I don’t just want to be a language student. I want to be able to share God’s love with people, and right now I don’t have the vocabulary to do that. That causes a lot of tears some days, just weeping over the lostness and feeling like there’s nothing you can really do about it, and then hearing God’s still small voice saying, ‘You can pray. That will forever be the most powerful weapon you have, even when you can speak the language fluently.’”

“There’s a spiritual battle taking place for the hearts and souls of the Udmurt people, and it’s really intense. The sad thing is when you look



WILL SHARES THE GOSPEL WITH AN UDMURT FOR THE FIRST TIME



Charlie and Will



Heather and Marie



at the history of the Udmurt people, if you had to choose who's been winning their hearts and souls over the history, they haven't been turning to Christ, and the enemy has a stronghold here."

The couples pray for the day when more Udmurts will put their trust in Christ and boldly share their faith in their villages. Currently, only seven small Baptist congregations exist in Udmurtia, and many of those are primarily focused on reaching Russians.

Kostya, a local pastor, has a vision for seeing at least 25 new congregations in the next 10 years but realizes they will also need to train pastors to lead

these churches. He believes Charlie and Will can help serve as encouragement to the local believers, inspiring them to evangelize their friends and families. He also sees their seminary education as invaluable in helping train the next generation for ministry.

### PREPARED FOR THE TASK

Southwestern has played a vital role in connecting the Murphys and Thompsons as a team and in providing the theological education needed to engage the Udmurts.



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Will recalls professors who pushed him deeper into the Scriptures, and influenced him through their "knowledge of the Bible, passion for memorizing Scripture, and passion for holiness.

"Having professors who love the Scripture just made me want to feast on it," Will says. "They stressed the importance of not just teaching, but teaching truth. Only in the truth will people be set free."

In addition to his classes, Charlie says he benefited from close relationships with professors like Eitel. Collectively through personal conversations, class time, and working alongside Eitel in cross-cultural contexts, the Murphys and Thompsons learned about the personal, theological, and practical nature of ministry.


"Every time that I met with him," Charlie says, "he was talking about missions and the emphasis that Southwestern has on proclaiming the Gospel, whether it be through the pastorate or in an overseas context or a cross-cultural context. You can't even walk on that seminary campus without expe-

riencing the emphasis to proclaim the Gospel from whatever context you are in and whatever platform you have."

Southwestern is also the catalyst behind the idea for partnering together. "Seminary should be a place where people come and have an opportunity ... to meet and to develop friendships and then consider going out as a team because the benefits are incredible," Charlie says.

The team has been able to work through natural personality differences throughout the process, which makes them more effective and ensures long-term success. They see each other as family who support, encourage, and challenge one another.

"Coming over as a team you have the mindset from day one that you're going to make the team work," Charlie says.

With a mutual love for one another and for the Udmurts, the Murphys and Thompsons are excited to discover the many reasons why God has called them to Udmurtia. 

#### QUICK FACT ...

Unbeknownst to the Murphys and Thompsons, a small group of Southwestern students actually helped lay evangelistic groundwork in Udmurtia in 2005. The team conducted survey work and street evangelism during a short-term trip, which has blossomed into more indigenous Udmurt believers for the current team to work with today.





KOSTYA, A LOCAL PASTOR



# A CONSERVATIVE RESURGENCE IN THE HEART OF GERMANY

STORY BY KEITH COLLIER  
PHOTOGRAPHY BY MATTHEW MILLER



**The pounding of a hammer and nail** on a wooden church door in Wittenberg, Germany, served as a catalyst in 1517 for what would become the Protestant Reformation. German university professor Martin Luther, among others, called for a return to trusting the Bible, God's inerrant Word, as the sole authority for all Christian life and practice. →





REMAINS OF THE BERLIN WALL



SOUTHWESTERN PROFESSOR HELMUTH PEHLKE TEACHES FIRST SEMESTER HEBREW IN AN ATTIC CLASSROOM AT BSB.



As landmark as this movement was in Germany and beyond, a movement away from the fidelity of the Scriptures would occur in subsequent centuries. Under the influences of German theologians such as Friedrich Schleiermacher, Adolf Von Harnack, and Rudolf Bultmann, liberal theology and German higher criticism attacked the accuracy and trustworthiness of the Bible. Eventually, liberal theology spilled over into German churches and universities and today is all but a mainstay in the country.

Nestled atop a hill near Bonn, Germany, a small seminary is working to reverse this trend and return the country to its Reformation roots. Bibelseminar Bonn (BSB), founded by Russian-German Baptists and Mennonites in 1993, trains young men and women in conservative theology and sends them out into churches and mission fields in Germany and around the world.

Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary began a partnership with BSB in 2005 in order to offer an accredited master's program in addition to their undergraduate program. Southwestern president Paige Patterson had always wanted to see a resurgence of conservative theology in Western Europe, and he was pleasantly surprised when BSB approached Southwestern for help.

"When I saw the school, got to visit with all the professors, and saw what God was doing in the churches," Patterson says, "it quickly became apparent that not only was something going on there, but also it was a major miracle in our time."

The presence of strong, conservative Baptist churches in Germany has grown in the past 20 years, in large part due to the migration of Russian-Germans back into the country. Catherine the Great's invitation for Germans to come to Russia nearly 250 years ago offered religious freedom and economic stability. Over time, however, the rise of Communism enslaved the Russian-Germans and restricted them from returning home. Yet, despite persecution, conservative religious groups such as the Baptists and Mennonites were able to preserve their theological heritage.

With the fall of the Iron Curtain and reunification of Germany, the door was opened for them to return to their homeland. Today, approximately 2.5 million Russian-Germans live in Germany.

"This is an incredible example of the Lord at work where we didn't even know it was happening," says Patterson. "By being out of the country, they avoided the liberalism of the German secular university. So when they came back, they came back with a vibrancy of faith that they couldn't have had if they had stayed in the country. God used the Communist party's enslavement of them and their sojourn in Russia to bring the Gospel back to Western Europe."

Heinrich Derksen, president of BSB, moved from Russia back to Germany with his family as a young boy and experienced firsthand the influx of conservative churches to the country. With 400 new churches founded by Russian-Germans in the past 20 years, the need for theological training of pastors is critical.



“The conservative Evangelical movement in Germany is weak,” says Derksen. “Only a few churches and small congregations still hold to the inerrancy of Scripture. With the return of the Russian-Germans, it has changed a little bit.”

“The weakness of our churches is that we do not have enough trained pastors coming out of this Communism time with all this pressure on Christians in Russia. Russian-German pastors did not have the possibility to be trained for their ministry, so we still have a lot of laymen who preach and minister in our churches.”

Southwestern has stepped into this environment to help BSB accomplish its goals. Southwestern provides two full-time professors, who live and teach exclusively at BSB: Friedhelm Jung and Helmuth Pehlke. Jung, professor of systematic theology and director of the Master of Arts in Theology program at BSB, is thankful for Southwestern’s commitment to their work.

“Without Southwestern, we would not have a master’s program,” says Jung. In addition to financial assistance and an accredited master’s program, Jung says he appreciates “the spiritual partnership with the leadership of Southwestern and its professors and staff. It is a privilege for us to learn from the 100 years of experience of this great institution, and we are especially thankful for the conservative position of Southwestern, which is our own.”

Jung says they address higher criticism head-on in the master’s classes, noting, “Former students who are now studying at German universities tell us that they are well prepared to stand strong against liberal theology.”

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Southwestern occasionally sends professors from Fort Worth to BSB to teach intensive three-week master's courses. Jung sees this as both a theological and intercultural benefit to BSB students and faculty. Southwestern professors also have opportunities to preach in German churches while they are there.

Not only does BSB train students in sound theology, but it also equips them and sends them out for ministry and missions throughout Germany and around the world. This wedding of theology and missions is what excites Patterson most about Southwestern's partnership with BSB. A resurgence in conservative theology is the impetus behind a resurgence in the carrying out of the Great Commission.

As Russian-German Christians begin to branch out of their own people group with the hopes of reaching all Germans with the Gospel, BSB has a vision of seeing this accomplished through churches planting churches.

"In the last couple of years," Derksen says, "we have focused our ministry more to areas where we do not know that Christians are, especially in the east part of Germany. We see the need to plant new churches in East Germany where you can drive 100 or more kilometers and won't find any Evangelical church."


BSB serves local congregations by teaching them how to plant new churches. BSB also encourages church planters on the field and provides them with additional training.

Through a partnership with a missions-sending agency in Germany, BSB trains groups of young people for seven weeks each summer before sending them out on four-month mission trips to countries like Russia, Brazil, Thailand, and Malawi. In addition to overseas missions opportunities, practicums in local churches and church plants across Germany strengthen students' ministry experience.

Derksen believes BSB's partnership with Southwestern is an opportunity "to stand shoulder-to-shoulder and to serve the Lord, first of all here by training the next generation, and then going together on the mission field."

"We need strong and big brothers, and for sure we can find them in the States," Derksen says. "To see strong, Bible-believing pastors and professors in the States and to cooperate

with them, to get encouragement by their coming and by their teaching, is much more than any accreditation can give us."

Southwestern's ultimate goal is to help BSB become a self-sustaining, accredited institution, and as that day approaches, both institutions benefit from mutual encouragement and evangelistic zeal. As the partnership moves forward, each school seeks to preach the word and reach the world. 

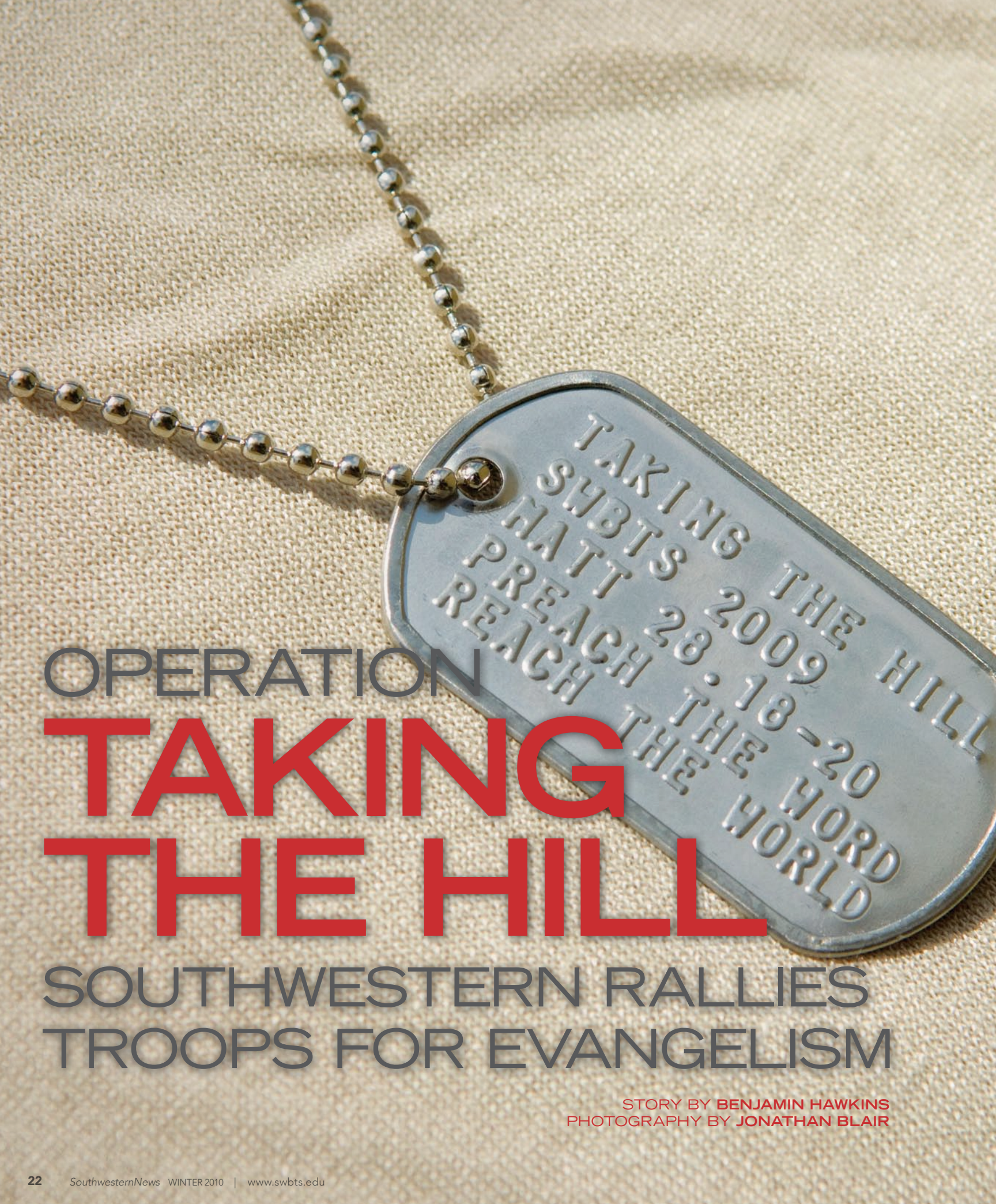


THE HISTORIC CASTLE CHURCH IN WITTENBERG, WHERE MARTIN LUTHER POSTED HIS 95 THESES.



BSB MASTER'S GRADUATES AND THEIR FAMILIES ALONG WITH SOME BSB FACULTY AND PAIGE PATTERSON





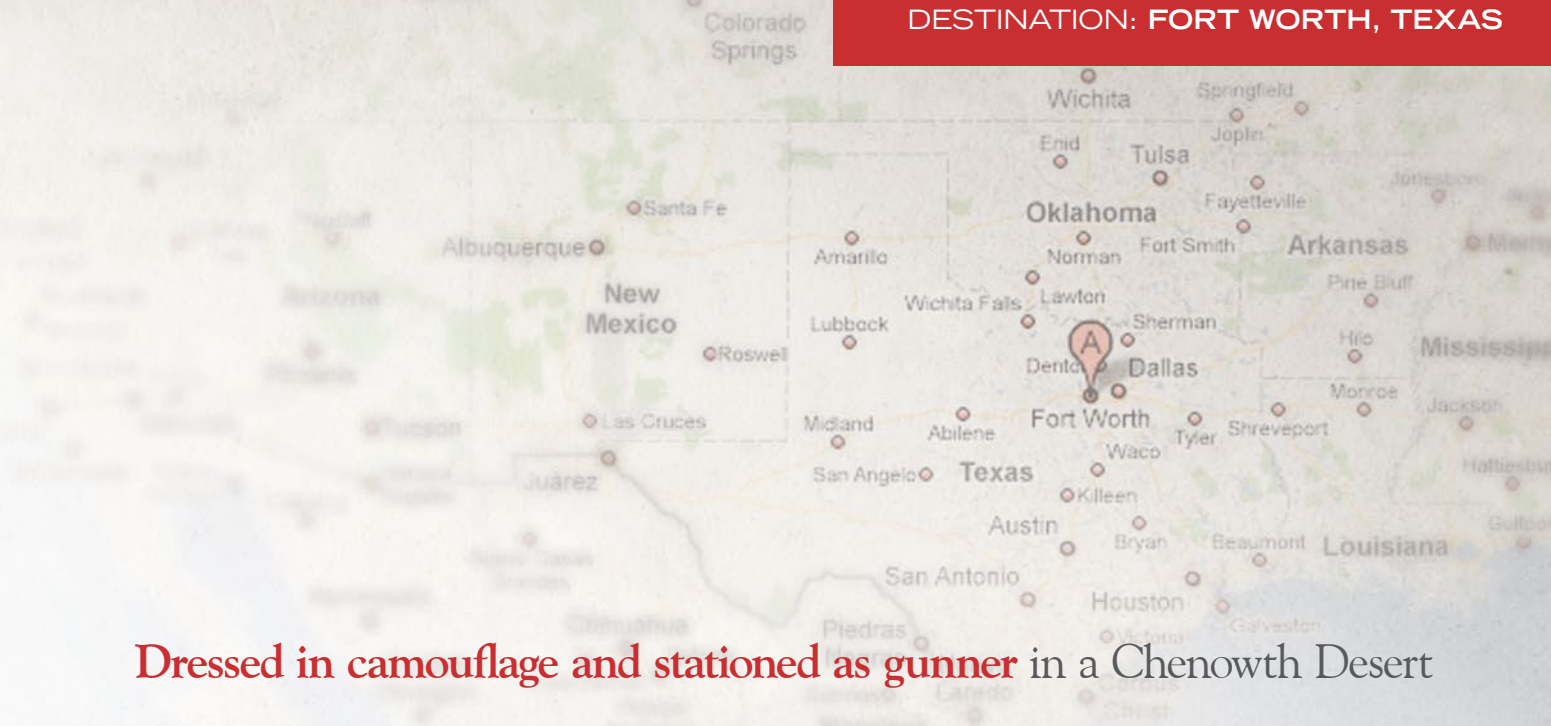
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# TAKING THE HILL

SOUTHWESTERN RALLIES  
TROOPS FOR EVANGELISM

STORY BY BENJAMIN HAWKINS  
PHOTOGRAPHY BY JONATHAN BLAIR





**Dressed in camouflage and stationed as gunner** in a Chenoweth Desert Fast Attack Vehicle (FAV), President Paige Patterson stormed onto the chapel stage at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Sept. 3. After firing a round of blanks from a .50-caliber Browning machine gun, he took his place behind the pulpit and initiated operation “Taking the Hill.”

“We are taking the Hill,” Patterson announced. “Taking the Hill” is Southwestern’s effort to reach the nearly 6,700 households within a one-mile radius of Southwestern Seminary with the Gospel. The initiative involves door-to-door, personal evangelism by teams of seminary students, faculty, and staff members. →





Glancing at his FAV and machine gun, Patterson said the seminary must be well armed for this initiative. Just as the apostle Paul garnished his spiritual discussions with military imagery in Ephesians 6:10-17, 2 Timothy 2:3-4, and elsewhere, Patterson borrowed a military motif as he urged students to fulfill the Great Commission. Like Paul, he also made it clear that Christians “do not wrestle against flesh and blood” (Ephesians 6:12), but their weapons are spiritual, drawing people to Christ and demolishing “every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God” (2 Corinthians 10:4-6, ESV).

“That is quite a bit of fire power up there, but it is totally inadequate,” Patterson said. “As a matter of fact, it’s not even the kind of weaponry that actually works. That weaponry maims and kills. The weaponry that we need is weaponry that brings life. That weaponry brings sorrow and heartache. We need weaponry that brings joy and happiness. This weaponry has the prospect of bringing things to an end. We need weaponry that opens eternity. What kind of weaponry would do that?”

Patterson lifted his Bible, pointing out that God has armed believers with His Word, along with prayer and proclamation. Then, reading 2 Corinthians 5, he urged believers to testify to the Gospel of Christ, and he reminded them of Paul’s own motivation: the “terror of the Lord” who righteously judges all people; and the “love of Christ” who died to save all who believe.

In the early hours of that same morning, student Brandon Graham felt convicted that God wanted him to preach the Gospel in some way. He was reading from the book of Acts about how the apostles preached despite persecution and threats.

“The apostles had just been beaten and flogged and told not to do it again, and they immediately walked right back out and went door-to-door,” Graham said. As he reflected on this story, he desired to have the courage and opportunity to follow their example in preaching the Gospel.

Later that morning, Graham attended chapel and heard Patterson’s appeal for

“Taking the Hill.” He immediately knew that this was the opportunity he had asked for, and he desired to get involved. However, he had never witnessed to anyone before, so he began to search for another student who could join him in sharing the Gospel.

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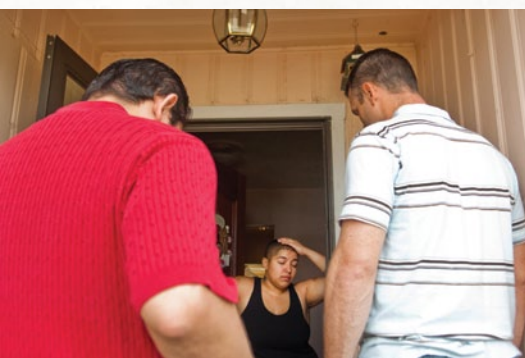
Graham approached Rusty Thomas, a fellow bachelor’s student and church planter from central Missouri with a heart for evangelism. Thomas had also been looking for opportunities to share the Gospel, and he was excited about the potential of operation “Taking the Hill.” Graham and Thomas also joined with bachelor’s students Jeremy Farber and translator William Trigueros.

Shortly after “Taking the Hill” was initiated, these four students—at times, with others—began knocking on doors in the communities around the seminary. Using their lunch period to do so, they have witnessed at least two days out of each week during the semester.

Christ commanded his followers to go with the message of the Gospel, Graham said. “And we can’t share the Gospel by sitting in our dorm rooms or sitting at our houses. We have to go. We have to get out there and get in the community.

“God laid on my heart in a prayer time, ‘If you can’t share the Gospel in Fort Worth, Texas, to some strangers by knocking on their doors, how in the world are you going to share with the rest of the world? How in





the world can you share with other people if you can't be obedient in your own community right around the school?"

Since the commencement of "Taking the Hill," many other students, faculty, staff, and alumni have joined in Southwestern's attempt to reach the neighboring communities for Christ. Nearly 1,500 households have been visited, and more than 50 professions of faith have been reported, with additional reports coming in daily. Secretaries in the School of Theology have planned times for evangelism. Faculty members have dismissed classes in order that students could work in teams to share the Gospel. For example, Thomas White, associate professor of theology, released his class to share the Gospel after they discussed the theological principle of salvation through Christ alone. David Mills, associate professor of evangelism, and his colleagues in the Roy Fish School of Evangelism and Missions have used "Taking the Hill" as practical training for their evangelism classes.


The vision for "Taking the Hill" has even expanded beyond Southwestern

as students and faculty members have involved their churches in evangelism in the one-mile radius around the school or around their churches. For example, John Mark Yeats, assistant professor of church history and an interim pastor at the nearby Hulen Street Baptist Church, is leading this congregation to reach the lost in their community.

Waylan Owens, dean of the Jack D. Terry, Jr., School of Church and Family Ministries, encouraged all of the faculty members to participate regularly in "Taking the Hill." In an e-mail to the school, he described his first time to venture into the communities surrounding the neighborhood. He was joined by his son, Joshua, and two faculty members from the School of Evangelism and Missions: Keith Eitel, dean of the school and director of the World Missions Center, and Cky Carrigan, associate professor of evangelism and Baptist church planting.

"Something happened that in all my door-to-door witnessing over the years has seldom happened," Owens wrote. "Someone open to the Gospel answered the first door upon which I knocked." As he led this man, Omar, and his girlfriend, Victoria, to a profession of faith, Eitel was mentoring another man who desired to follow Christ.

"I do want to encourage all of us to go and to go more than once," Owens wrote. "By far, 'Taking the Hill' is the best organized visitation program I have ever engaged, including all the ones I have organized. The process is simple, and the information is complete. The follow-up is ready to go and connected to local churches....Our Lord will provide the blessing."

For more information on Southwestern's "Taking the Hill" initiative, visit the Web site at [www.swbts.edu/takingthehill](http://www.swbts.edu/takingthehill). An archived MP3 recording of Patterson's message can be listened to or downloaded through Southwestern Seminary's Web site, [www.swbts.edu/chapelarchives](http://www.swbts.edu/chapelarchives). 

*This former Baptist church building in Port Arthur has been converted into a Buddhist temple, with a pagoda replacing the steeple.*

# THE NATIONS ARE HERE

## INTERNATIONAL CHURCH PLANTING IN YOUR BACKYARD

STORY BY REBECCA CARTER  
PHOTOGRAPHY BY JONATHAN BLAIR



**Brent Sorrels knew he was going to serve cross-culturally.** Now a catalytic church planter and strategy coordinator centered in Port Arthur, Texas, Sorrels found that God’s plan for his degree and experience was much different than he had ever expected.

Sorrels earned his Master of Divinity in International Church Planting in 2004 through Southwestern’s ‘2+2’ program, equipping him with two years of on-campus study and two years of international church planting experience. Sorrels served the International Mission Board (IMB) in Costa Rica, helped plant three house churches, and benefitted from the mentorship of a seasoned IMB church planter.

“The 2+2 program was the reason I came to Southwestern. I loved the idea of serving as a missionary while getting my M.Div.,” says Sorrels. “I think it’s a great plan for people who feel called to missions.”

Sorrels expected to serve full time in Central America. As he hoped, IMB offered him and his wife, Savannah, a position in Mexico, but Sorrels did not accept the offer, not sensing the Lord’s leading.





SORRELS SHARES WITH A HOMELESS MAN ON THE STREET.



Though it was a difficult choice to make, Sorrels soon found that God's plan to use them in church planting did not necessitate them going farther than the Gulf of Mexico. Instead, it involved starting a growing Vietnamese ministry in one of the most rapidly changing cities in Texas.

"The nations are here," says Sorrels. "We had that door open to us to serve in Mexico, but God led us here."

Port Arthur is a blue-collar city on the Southeast Texas coast known more for its oil refineries than for its landscape. The most valuable resource in Port Arthur, however, is its ethnic diversity, an asset to the local churches who recognize the biblical mandate to make disciples of "all nations."

Seeking to equip these churches, the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention (SBTC) needed a catalytic church planter who would reach multiple ethnic groups in order to plant indigenous churches. Sorrels was appointed by the SBTC to work in this context, leading Outreach Port Arthur since 2005.

Sorrels encountered Port Arthur's large Vietnamese population as he was laying groundwork for church planting among Spanish-speakers by mapping off the city into quadrants and visiting each house in specific neighborhoods.

"We kept running into different churches that were doing a good job of reaching our Hispanics here, ... (but) we kept running into 5,000 Vietnamese who had little-to-no evangelical witness," he says.

Sorrels' energies are spent reaching this people group. With the help of his small team, he leads four Vietnamese



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Bible studies throughout the week, two of which are with Buddhist families who are exploring the claims of Christianity. He also leads a Bible study of college-aged students on Sunday evenings.



SORRELS LEADS A HOME BIBLE STUDY.



KHANH IS ONE OF THE FIRST BAPTIZED BELIEVERS UNDER SORRELS' MINISTRY.

Sorrels is thankful for the believers who have helped the ministry by bringing their friends to the Bible studies as well as those who volunteer as translators, since he is still mastering the language.

John, a Vietnamese man whom Sorrels met at the beginning of his ministry in Port Arthur, works as Sorrels' assistant and translator. Both men go to the hospitality center in Port Arthur in order to develop friendships and share the Gospel.

John himself benefited from the hospitality center in Port Arthur after being injured in a boating accident. "God really smiled on him," says Sorrels. "That's where he used to go for his one meal a day, and so he knows these guys down there and does a great job helping me get to talk to them and figure out how we can meet needs there among lots of different folks."

Significant strides have been made this past year. In August, two Vietnamese believers were baptized during the ministry's first baptism service. One of these was Khanh, a friend of one of the volunteers. Khanh was initially antagonistic; however, he kept coming to the Sunday night Bible study and after a couple months accepted Christ. He now brings four or more of his friends to the study each week.

The baptism service united the separate Bible studies, foreshadowing a reality that this ministry is working toward: a Vietnamese church with indigenous Vietnamese believers.


Sorrels is thankful for local partner churches, like Ridge-

wood Church and Trinity Baptist. Trinity provides space for the Outreach Port Arthur offices, and Ridgewood provides housing for the couple. Sorrels uses his ability to play guitar to help lead worship at Ridgewood on Sunday mornings as the congregation's worship minister.

Sorrels also uses his degree and experience from Southwestern to provide mission training for these and other local churches. "The whole missiological program at Southwestern has been helpful to me both in Costa Rica and here in Southeast Texas," he says. "Good teaching and training are good teaching and training, regardless of where the Lord calls us to serve."

Partner churches provide help for Sorrels' ministry by sending short-term missionary teams. PowerPlant, a ministry through the North American Mission Board, has made Port Arthur one of its regular project locations and is essential for Outreach Port Arthur's continued ministry. "They give us a huge energy force boost," says Sorrels.

Sorrels has encouraging words for these and other ministers who have a heart for missions but are stateside: "If anyone feels a call to work with internationals, I just encourage them to find a pocket to whom God might draw them and call them.

"Do ministry where you are, and be a missionary wherever God has called you," encourages Sorrels. "God's not surprised at where you are right now – it's not like that's not part of His plan." 


# EVANGELISM CAUSES **WHEELS** TO TURN

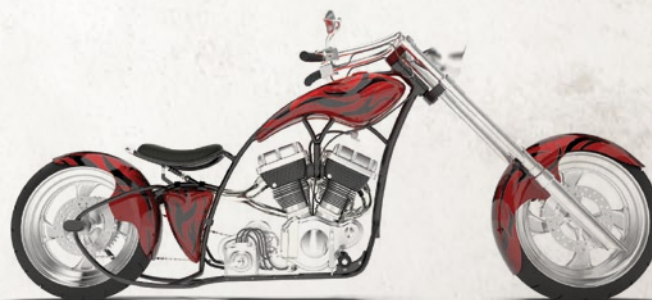
STORY BY KEITH COLLIER  
PHOTOGRAPHY BY MATTHEW MILLER & JONATHAN BLAIR







**One week each summer,** the quiet, sleepy town of Sturgis, S.D., becomes one of the loudest, most raucous places on earth. With an average population of 6,442, Sturgis is seemingly transformed overnight as the thunderous roar of half-a-million motorcycles descends on the Black Hills region for the annual Sturgis Bike Rally. 





Not known as a wholesome, family gathering, the bike rally is famous for its wild parties, excessive alcohol consumption, and licentious activities. It is into this darkness that Southwestern Seminary has partnered with Hellfighters Motorcycle Ministry the past four years to shine the light of Jesus Christ.

This year's team of 25 included 11 Southwesterners, two local church members, and a dozen members of Northeast Houston Baptist Church, where Southwestern D.Min. student Nathan Lino is pastor. Along with other churches and ministries from around the country who partnered with Hellfighters, Southwestern's team participated in street evangelism, bike parking, and a free gas giveaway in order to open opportunities to share Christ with bikers from around the world.



Thomas White, Southwestern's vice president for student services and communications, traded in his suit and cufflinks for a red Hellfighters T-shirt and jeans as he taught an evangelism practicum for students on the trip. Armed with a video camera and microphone, White led students in conducting "Man on the Street" interviews, where they asked rally-goers spiritual questions and then presented the Gospel.

"It was interesting to see people who were in party mode and to start to see some conviction," said Michael Martin, a Master of Divinity student enrolled in the Sturgis evangelism practicum. Martin saw the Gospel pierce the hearts of bikers, which renewed his sense of boldness in sharing his faith.

"It was kind of surprising that often times, they looked really tough and big and bad, but if you could find one thing to relate with someone on, they would be the friendliest people in the world," Martin said.

Eric Garland, a first-semester master's student, felt the experience helped shape his perspectives on ministry and evangelism. He moved to Texas from New York only a few days before the trip, so the evangelism practicum was his first class at Southwestern.

Garland said it showed him Southwestern's commitment "to train young men who want to engage the culture but don't want to give up what they believe when it comes to the Bible and being conservative in their theology."

At the end of the week, Hellfighters sponsored a free gas giveaway at a gas station in downtown Stur-

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gis. After purchasing \$1,000 worth of gas, they filled up people's bikes for free as they shared the Gospel with them. More than 20 people prayed to receive Christ during the gas giveaway, including a member of an outlaw motorcycle club.

"I probably got to share the Gospel 40 times that day just at the gas giveaway," Martin said.

Teams also traveled on motorcycles and in cars to various stops in the Black Hills to engage people in personal evangelism. The region boasts many popular, scenic rides and towns, including Mount Rushmore, Devil's Tower, the Badlands, and Deadwood. At stops along each of these routes, teams passed out Gospel tracts and Bibles as they shared Christ.


Hellfighters, founded by Richard and Gina Headrick in Laurel, Miss., runs The Mission at the Cross, a facility used to meet the physical, mental, and spiritual needs of the underprivileged. Located only blocks from downtown Sturgis, the mission served as a base for ministry for 130 volunteers during the week.

Southwestern campus chaplain Dean Nichols manned the night shift at The Mission during the week. Each night, police officers brought individuals needing help, including those who were intoxicated and some ladies who were abandoned by their boyfriends. After demonstrating the love of Christ to these individuals, Nichols and others sought opportunities to tell them about Christ. Nichols, a former police officer himself, also ministered to the police officers throughout the week.

Several members of Southwestern's office of communications played an integral part in the ministry, including Matthew Miller, a member of Hellfighters and director of photography at Southwestern. Miller took on the responsibility of cooking for and feeding all of the volunteers at the mission throughout the week so they would have the physical fuel to go out each day and share the Gospel.

"It was awesome to see so many groups, from different walks of life, partnering together to share the Gospel for the week," Adam Covington, a recent Southwestern graduate and associate director of videography at Southwestern, said.

Covington took over as president of the Hellfighters chapter in Fort Worth after former vice president for business services, Greg Kingry, left Southwestern to become president of Headrick Companies, owned by Hellfighters founder Richard Headrick.

Headrick expressed gratitude for Southwestern's partnership in Sturgis. "Year after year we are amazed at how Southwestern students go head-to-head with some of the most wicked people in the world and never falter, nor cower down," said Headrick. "They stand firm and defend their faith with uncompromised conviction." 



↑ *Matthew Miller* SHARES ABOUT SOUTHWESTERN AND HELLFIGHTERS AT A LOCAL SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH IN SUNDANCE, S.D.

↓ *Nathan Lino*, PASTOR OF NORTHEAST HOUSTON BAPTIST CHURCH AND SOUTHWESTERN D.MIN. STUDENT, PASSES OUT BIKER BIBLES IN DOWNTOWN STURGIS.





# EDUCATION MEETS MISSIONS IN THAILAND

STORY BY BENJAMIN HAWKINS  
PHOTOGRAPHY BY ADAM COVINGTON

**This summer, Joshua Brown,** a bachelor's student in the College at Southwestern, traveled to Southeast Asia, where his learning was put to the test.

Brown sat in a gazebo near one of the temples at a Buddhist university in Chiang Mai, Thailand. He and another student met in the area to disciple three monks who had recently become Christians. "It was causing a big stir," Brown said. "All the monks could see us."

These monks, dressed in their typical orange garb, formed a line along the gazebo where Brown sat. For six hours he responded to the questions that, one by one, they asked him: How can you know that God exists? After all, you can't see Him. What is Christian morality and how does it differ from Buddhist morality? How can people rid themselves of sin?

"I was exhausted by the end of it," Brown said, "but I was amazed."

Through such experiences, Brown realized the significance of the bachelor's program in the College at Southwestern, which emphasizes the history of Western philosophy, apologetics, and biblical studies. At the college, students learn about the Christian worldview and read the works of such influential Western thinkers as Plato, Aristotle, and Darwin, but they also study world religions and read the key writings of Buddhism and Islam.

Brown traveled to Chiang Mai with 13 other students from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and the College at Southwestern, along with 12 students from Truett-McConnell College in Cleveland, Ga. The team spent the month of June in Chiang Mai, learning about Buddhism and Islam and interacting with the Buddhists and Muslims who populate this diverse city. As the team worked in Chiang Mai, seven people professed faith in Christ, including a transgendered man, three Buddhist monks, and one student from Southwestern.

Brown first realized the value of his training during "Monk Chat," a program sponsored by the Buddhist University to help students improve their English. Early in conversation, he and the monks realized that they all were working on bachelor's degrees in the humanities, with emphases in philosophy. The monks asked Brown to explain the difference between Western and Eastern philosophies.

"That's the perfect bridge," Brown said. "It allowed me to share the Gospel with them, to explain the entire Christian worldview."





“A lot of people don’t see the use of what we’re studying at the college,” Brown said, “but they couldn’t be more wrong. I would say that you’ll have a better pastor, a better missionary, a better teacher out of our college program than any standard Bible college out there.” He explained that the program trains students “how to think, how to critique other people’s thinking and writing,” and it helps them relate the streams of thought that fill the world to the Christian worldview.

“There is a real need for pastors like we had back in the first century,” Brown said. “These guys were apologists. They knew Greek philosophy. They understood how to argue, but they also knew the Scriptures. They understood the Christian worldview.”


In the United States, he added, “We’re moving away from the Christian underpinnings, and we need pastors who are willing to understand the culture ... so that they can communicate the Christian worldview.”

Justin Barrow, one of Brown’s fellow students in the College at Southwestern, also learned the value of his education

during his time in Chiang Mai. During the “Monk Chat,” some monks asked Barrow to explain how Protestantism and Catholicism differ and why they split. According to Barrow, the monks were confused about Christianity’s message because they didn’t understand its history.

“Through the basics of the college,” he said, “we really get the foundation our faith.”

Barrow confessed that, at first, he only attended the trip to Chiang Mai because the College at Southwestern requires all bachelor’s students to participate in one mission trip during their education. Overwhelmed by the crowded city and the new smells of Chiang Mai during the first day of the trip, he was ready to return to the United States. But his attitude quickly changed.

“When you see the faces of these people, your heart goes out to them. Now that I have gone once, I think every Christian should try to do some kind of mission trip. Evangelism, missions, and making disciples are just a part of being a Christian.” 

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## Southwestern Breaks Ground on New Chapel

Harold Riley saw firsthand what sacrifice for the service of the Lord looks like. His father, Ray Riley, left a steady job as an oil field foreman in the Texas panhandle because the Lord called him to ministry. This journey required theological education, which eventually brought the family to Fort Worth, Texas, to attend Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

“Boy, there must be a lot of money in this preaching business,” the naive 13-year-old Harold thought at the time. Over time, though, the young man witnessed his father’s sacrifice and trust in the Lord’s provision for their every need. Many times, it was only through the generosity of others who would give the family enough money to make it through the month.

“I have great admiration, I have great appreciation, and I have great thankfulness for the fact that God called my father into the ministry,” Harold Riley said. “I saw the life that we lived and the struggles that we had getting through the different schools, with seminary being one of them. But, God always provided.”

This impact influenced Harold and his wife, Dottie, to give a substantial lead gift to Southwestern for the purpose of building a new 3,500-seat chapel. Southwestern’s Board of Trustees unanimously approved the



Harold Riley tells trustees about the life experiences that convinced him to give a lead gift for Southwestern’s new chapel.

authorization of the administration to proceed with the construction of the new chapel, Oct. 21, with a ceremonial groundbreaking ceremony held that afternoon.

“I’ve found that as we live our lives, they’re for other people,” Riley said. “And that’s what all of this is about right here—leading other people to follow Christ. We wish all of you well in the development of this project, and we are pleased that we have the privilege of participating in this.”

Currently, the seminary is unable to hold graduation on campus due to a lack of

adequate seating in its present chapel. The new chapel will be one of the largest indoor event facilities in Fort Worth, providing a premier auditorium to serve the campus family for its gatherings and celebrations as well as the city of Fort Worth and surrounding communities.

With steel and construction costs plummeting amid current economic times, local city projects have taken advantage of the opportunity to build for less. Southwestern estimates a savings of at least \$10 million.

## SWBTS Trustees Add Chicago and Danvers Statements to Policy Manual

Southwestern trustees approved the addition of the “Chicago Statement on Biblical Inerrancy” and the “Danvers Statement on Biblical Manhood and Womanhood” to the seminary’s policy manual during their fall meeting, Oct. 21.

In addition to including the statements in Southwestern’s policy manual under “Guiding Documents and Statements,” trustees approved the following resolution:

*We, the Trustees of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary resolve to support our current President in his position with regard to The Chicago Statement on Biblical Inerrancy and The Danvers Statement on Biblical Manhood and Womanhood. It is our understanding that these statements are used as a model with reference to biblical*

*ecclesiology. It is also our understanding that modern culture has migrated away from these ideals; therefore, the training of future churchmen and women is well served by including these statements in the development and implementation of processes that lead to this end. This resolution is an affirmation of our support.*

Southwestern president Paige Patterson was involved in the formulation of both statements. In 1978, Patterson served on the International Council on Biblical Inerrancy, which was a collection of highly respected conservative theologians who formulated the Chicago Statement. In 1987, he and his wife, Dorothy, were part of the Council of Biblical Manhood and Womanhood when they produced the Danvers Statement, outlining

the complementarian position on the roles of men and women in the church.

“We added these documents because the statement of faith that everyone signs is, by definition, reasonably brief and doesn’t have a great deal of explanation,” Patterson said. “These two items continue to come up, with people asking what you mean by the Bible being literally true. Indeed, we do not require the signing of these documents; they are merely documents to give perspective.”

The statements will be used as guides in the hiring and evaluation processes at the seminary, Patterson said, noting, “More than anything else, they establish the general posture of the school.”

To read both documents, visit [www.swbts.edu/affirmed\\_statements](http://www.swbts.edu/affirmed_statements).



## Southwestern Seminary Renames Education School

Trustees at Southwestern approved the president's recommendation to adopt a new name for the seminary's education school during their fall 2009 trustee meeting, Oct. 21. The School of Educational Ministries, one of Southwestern's six schools, was renamed the Jack D. Terry Jr., School of Church and Family Ministries, effective immediately.

"The changing face of church life in America and in the churches of the Southern Baptist Convention has revealed an alarming loss of emphasis on the preparation of families in the local church to accomplish tasks assigned by our Lord," President Paige Patterson said in his recommendation to the board of trustees. "To reverse this trend will require innovative and aggressive strategies."

Patterson said changing the school's name to the Terry School of Church and

Family Ministries will encourage this family-oriented approach to ministry and reflect the variety of programs within the school. It also honors "a man who has given many highly productive years to Southwestern."

"Jack Terry has given an unbelievable 40 years to Southwestern Seminary," Patterson said. "He has taught as a professor, served as the dean of the School of Religious Education and as vice president for institutional advancement, raising significant funds and building long-lasting relationships that continue to benefit the seminary today and into the future."

Terry presently serves as vice president emeritus and special assistant to the president as well as professor of foundations of education at Southwestern.

Before joining Southwestern, Terry was professor of Bible and Religious Education at Hardin Simmons University and served

on staff at several Southern Baptist churches as minister of education and minister of music. He also has served as interim pastor for churches in Texas, as well as in Kaiserslautern, Germany.

Born in Houma, La., Terry graduated from East Texas Baptist University in 1956 and from Southwestern Seminary in 1962, 1967, and 1994. He has been recognized with Outstanding and Distinguished Alumnus awards from both East Texas Baptist University (1974) and Southwestern Seminary (1999).

Terry has authored and contributed to several publications, such as *Leadership in Higher Education: A Handbook for Practicing Administrators* (1983), *The Ministry of Religious Education* (1978), and *The Teaching Ministry of the Church* (1995).

## New Dean Named for College at Southwestern

Southwestern trustees elected a new dean of the College at Southwestern (CSW) during their fall meeting, Oct. 21.

Steven W. Smith, currently assistant professor of preaching and associate dean for the professional doctoral program at Southwestern, will assume leadership of CSW on Jan. 1, 2010.

Smith, who earned his Ph.D. in Communications from Regent University in 2003, will also serve as CSW's first professor of communications.

"We're very delighted to have Steven Smith as the new dean of the College," said President Paige Patterson. "He brings a degree in communications that fits perfectly within the curriculum that we have established. Second, his relative youthfulness will make him very popular with students. He has

shown great administrative skills in the assignments he has had as head of the Doctor of Ministry program. So, we are confident that this is going to be of great benefit to the college."

The College at Southwestern was started in 2005 and provides accredited Bachelor of Arts degrees in humanities and music. Students are prepared through their studies to respond to culture, own their faith, and spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ in any ministry context.

Prior to his time at the seminary, Smith served as pastor at Salem Baptist Church in Richmond, Va., and associate pastor at Hillcrest Baptist Church in Dallas. His first book, *Dying to Preach: Embracing the Cross in the Pulpit*, has just been released.

Smith earned his Master of Divinity from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1994 and his bachelor's in communication from Liberty University in 1989.



Steven Smith



Stephen C. Meyer, director of the Discovery Institute's Center for Science and Culture, speaks in chapel on the dangers of Darwinism.

## Darwin and the Return of Design

Scientists of the 21st century may discover evidence of design within nature, scholars said in an inaugural conference sponsored by the Discovery Institute's Center for Science and Culture, Oct. 23-24.

The conference, titled "Science and Faith: Friends or Foes?" was held on the Southwestern Seminary campus.

"I think we can say that there has been a profound shift away from the materialistic world picture that we inherited from the scientists at the end of the 19th century," said philosopher and geophysicist Stephen Meyer, who is director of the Discovery Institute's Center for Science and Culture.

"The Darwinian view is that things looked designed, but are not really designed because natural selection has the power to mimic a designing intelligence without itself in any way being designed or guided," Meyer said. "Now that was maybe a credible perspective in the 19th century, but increasingly that idea is straining credulity."

According to Meyer, 19th-century scientists like Charles Darwin believed the natural world must be explained "by reference to purely unguided, undirected materialistic processes" and without reference to design. This "scientific materialism," conference speakers said, has had a negative impact on ethics, culture, and religion. Among other things, it has led to disbelief in God and a devaluing of human life.

Although secular scientists have inherited this view of the world, some scholars are breaking loose of scientific materialism. Among them are proponents of Intelligent Design (I.D.), a research program claiming that humans are capable of detecting design and that the natural world shows evidence for an intelligent designer of some kind.

In his 2009 publication, *Signature in the Cell: DNA and the Evidence for Intelligent Design*, Meyer describes how genetic information points to the necessity of an intelligence behind biological life. Conference speaker Jay Richards argued that the universe is not only incredibly adapted to the existence of life, but the earth's place in the universe also best enables the study of the cosmos. Richards developed this argument alongside Guillermo Gonzalez in *The Privileged Planet: How Our Place in the Cosmos Is Designed for Discovery*.

Conference speakers included two Southwestern professors: William Dembski, research professor of philosophy in the seminary, and Michael Keas, professor of the history and philosophy of science in the College at Southwestern. Dembski has written several books explaining the argument for I.D., including *Intelligent Design: The Bridge Between Science and Theology*.

## Graduates Exhorted through Christmas Story

The faith of Joseph and Mary illustrates the obedience required of ministers in the face of opposition, Paige Patterson, president of Southwestern, said during the Dec. 11 graduate commencement.

Amid poinsettias adorning the sanctuary of Travis Avenue Baptist Church in Fort Worth, Patterson exhorted graduates from the Christmas story found in the first chapter of Matthew.

Patterson connected the necessity of acting by faith and obeying the commands of God, despite opposition, with the faith Joseph had in obeying the command of God to take Mary as his wife.

"Whether you're in a church or in a mission field or wherever you may be, you will minister in the face of increasing hostility," he said. "If you minister successfully, you will have to minister as a man, as a woman, of faith, and it will have to be apparent that you are trusting God and God alone."

The seminary conferred degrees on 245 of the next generation of ministers during the commencement, including 12 undergraduate, 220 master's and 13 doctoral degrees. Korea, Kenya and India were among the 15 countries represented by the class.

Music school dean Stephen Johnson leads in congregational singing during graduation.





Students kneel in prayer for the advance of global missions.

## Kneeling and Standing for the Gospel

A vivid representation of the call to missions was seen in chapel services during International Church Planting Week at Southwestern, Sept. 14-18.

The chapel attendees, consisting mostly of Southwestern students, faculty, and their families, knelt in prayer and stood in commitment to the cause of taking the Gospel abroad.

Keith Eitel, dean of the Roy Fish School of Evangelism and Missions, preached from Ephesians 6:18-20 and challenged that “praying at all times” requires a “spiritual focus” that only comes when we are empowered by God.

Eitel then asked the audience to kneel in the aisles of the auditorium, as he knelt near the pulpit, and pray with him for revival and for the Great Commission.

Paige Patterson’s message on Thursday, taken from the book of Jonah, ended with his asking Southwesterners to stand, and then raise their hands, if they would be willing to go, short-term or long-term, to their Nineveh in order to share the Gospel.

Patterson explained that a person’s Nineveh “is where you least want to go. Your Nineveh is where you’re afraid to go. Your Nineveh is wherever you don’t care about right now—and God’s called you to go to Nineveh.”

## Expository Preaching is Life or Death, Reformation Scholar Says

The Reformers who preached in Spain during the 16th century recognized expository preaching as a matter of life and death, Spanish Reformation scholar Emilio Monjo Bellido said during a lecture series at Southwestern Seminary, Aug. 26-27.

“What would our preaching be today if the hearer that accepts our preaching is condemned to death? What a great responsibility to explain (Scripture) well,” Monjo said. “What few preachers would be left today (if) the preacher himself might be condemned to death? That is the Reformation.”

Many scholars do not give attention to the Reformation in Spain, but Monjo argued that Spanish Protestants established a strong reform movement in Spain, especially in

the city of Seville. The Spanish Inquisition was able to oppress this movement, and it condemned many of its leaders to death. However, the Spanish Reformation still lives, Monjo said, “because the Word that sustained it is alive.”

In cities like Seville, Protestants were threatened with persecution, imprisonment and death, and this situation could be “a great temptation not to preach.”

“And in that context, expository preaching then comes out not as artificial, but as the method of the life of Scripture itself,” Monjo said. In this situation, “who would think of preaching to please someone or to announce frivolously a Christ? It is life or death. What weight upon the preacher. And

that is why the preacher only has his rest in submitting to the Scriptures ... The preaching of life and death is expository.”

Monjo is the director of the Center for the Investigation and Memory of Spanish Protestantism, based in Seville, and he coordinates a committee that has made available Spanish Reformation documents in a series titled *Obras De Los Reformadores Españoles Del Siglo XVI*.

The Spanish Reformation Lectures are available online at [www.swbts.edu/mediaresources](http://www.swbts.edu/mediaresources).

## World Congress of Families

The Pattersons and Richard Land affirmed a document that esteems traditional marriage and family at the fifth World Congress of Families (WCF) in Amsterdam, Netherlands, Aug. 10-12.

Land, president of the SBC’s Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission, said the Declaration of Amsterdam was significant.

“[It] reflects the strong consensus of the world’s great faith traditions on the importance of the family and on the harmful

influences bombarding the family in cultures around the world,” he said.

Mrs. Patterson presented her paper, *A Modern Paradigm for Motherhood*, at the congress.

“I am hopeful that future congresses will strengthen their declarations on the value of life in the womb,” she said. “Absolute sanctity of life, especially for the most vulnerable – and undergird in a more positive way the value of a mother’s investment in her

own household with full energies, giftedness, academic training, and creativity in her commitment to producing the next generation.”

Patterson said Amsterdam was a notable choice for this year’s assembly.

“Meeting in a city like Amsterdam, which has so devalued the traditional home and boasted of its sexual licentiousness, underscored the tragedies incurred by the social order when the importance of the biblical family is abrogated,” he said.

# QUICK TAKES

By Staff



## Student Receives Top Counseling Award

Southwestern Seminary doctoral student Mindy May received a first-place award and a \$7,500 scholarship from one of the nation's largest Christian Counseling organizations, Sept. 16-19. She was only one of several Southwestern faculty members and students who received awards during the world conference of the American Association of Christian Counselors.



## Korean Students Serve Seminary Family

Nearly six dozen Korean students and their wives prepared a lunch for the entire seminary in honor of Southwestern's annual Korean Student Day, Oct. 1. They served traditional Korean foods, such as bulgogi, or barbeque. The North Texas Korean Baptist Association sponsored the meal, underwriting all of the expenses.



## Grindstone

An event to foster "iron sharpening iron" among Southwesterners, the Grindstone is a forum designed to discuss theological topics of interest to students. Fall 2009 Grindstone events were "Should I Date, Court, or What?" and "Culture and Christianity."



## Messiah

Southwestern continued its storied tradition of celebrating the holiday season with its 88th annual performance of Handel's *Messiah*, Dec. 3. Southwestern's Master Chorale was joined by the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra.



## Campus Picnic

A small city of bounce houses, picnic blankets, and two rows of tents covered the west lawn on the evening of Sept. 3 for the Seminary Picnic, enabling students, faculty, their families, and churches to interact.



## Advanced Expository Preaching Workshop

Executive Vice President and Provost Craig Blaising explained that singing and preaching the Psalms were integral parts of worship in the early church. Blaising and Southwestern's preaching faculty taught on how to preach through the Psalms during the Advanced Expository Preaching Workshop, Sept. 28. Audio for the conference can be found at [www.swbts.edu/mediasources](http://www.swbts.edu/mediasources).

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# PARTNER IN MINISTRY: ORVILLE C. ROGERS

Since his college days at the University of Oklahoma, Orville C. Rogers has had a passion for missions and a concern for the ministry. It was this concern that led Orville, in 1940, to enroll in classes at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary as a master's student. He attended the seminary for a year, but his theological education was quickly interrupted by World War II. Receiving a draft notice at the end of 1940, he decided to enlist as a pilot in the United States Army Air Corps.

"When the war was over," Orville says, "I never had any leading to go back to the seminary. I think that was the way the Lord was directing me away from the idea of vocational Christian services."

After the war, Orville and his wife, Esther Beth, returned to Texas, where he worked as a pilot for Braniff Airways for 31 years. When he retired in 1977, Rogers linked his expertise as a pilot with his lifelong passion for missions. He flew nearly 40 airplanes throughout the world for Wycliffe Bible Translators and their affiliate, the Jungle Aviation and Radio Service (JARS). He also served as chairman of the board for JARS for 13 years and was on their board for a total of 39 years. In the early 1980s, Orville and his wife served for 13 months as Southern Baptist missionaries in Tanzania. Orville served as a missionary pilot, while Esther Beth operated the radio and managed the finances for the Southern Baptist mission team in Dar es Salaam.

"That has been the highlight of my aviation career," Orville says. "It was very gratifying because the Lord had given me flying, and I was trying to give it back to Him as best I could."

When they moved to Dallas in 1946, Orville and Esther Beth became active members at the First Baptist Church of Dallas, and Orville has served as a deacon at the church since 1953. Orville and his wife also support the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and Baptist institutions like Dallas Baptist University and Southwestern Seminary. In 1993, they received the B.H. Carroll Award from Southwestern as a token of appreciation for their constant support.

In March 2008, Esther Beth passed away. "She was," Orville says, "a very integral part of my life and my work and my witness, of course, and I miss her very much. There are just no words to express that."

In his wife's honor, Orville, at the age of 91, competed in the 2008 USA Masters Indoor Track Championship in Boston. In the process, he broke the world records for the mile and 800-meter races for his age bracket, which is why he was later featured in *USA Today*. He began running after reading Kenneth Cooper's book, *Aerobics*, in 1978. Since that time, he has run more than 38,000 miles and adds as many as 14 miles to this record each week.

Today, Orville not only runs, but he also enjoys time with his family: his three children and their spouses, his grandchildren, and his great-grandchildren. Orville's oldest son, a helicopter pilot for the military, was killed during a rescue mission in the Vietnam War.

Southwestern is grateful for the Rogers family's ministry partnership. With the support of the Rogers family and other friends of the seminary, Southwestern is able to advance its mission of taking the Gospel to the ends of the earth.



By Keith Collier

## Professor Serves God and Country

This fall, Southwestern professor John Laing traded in his academic regalia for a military uniform. He joined about 3,600 citizen-soldiers in the 72nd Infantry Brigade Combat Team as part of the largest Texas Army National Guard deployment since World War II.

Lt. Col. Laing, who serves as assistant professor of systematic theology and philosophy at Southwestern's Houston campus, will serve as the senior chaplain for the brigade during the yearlong mission. The unit will spend nine months overseas, most likely in Iraq, although the troops may be redirected to Afghanistan if needed.

Laing, whose military career spans 23 years and two previous deployments, will provide guidance and supervision over the chaplains within the brigade and serve as an expert on religious issues in the area of operations. Stephen Missick, one of the chaplains under his supervision, graduated from Southwestern in May and served as a chaplain's assistant for Laing.

Laing's journey to faith started shortly after he enlisted in the Army at the age of 17. Soon after his conversion, he began sharing his newfound faith with fellow soldiers. As reconnaissance scouts, his unit rarely saw chaplains. Eventually, he began leading worship services for his platoon, and over a two-year span, about 90 percent of his 30-man unit became Christians.

Sensing God's call to ministry, he served for a year as a chaplain's assistant. Since that time, he has served as a chaplain in the National Guard in North Carolina, Kentucky, Kansas, and Texas.

When asked how his present deployment compares to previous ones, Laing said, "Honestly, I think the biggest one is the stress of a legitimate combat environment will create more situations where counseling might be necessary."

Laing was initially surprised by the great need for counseling soldiers during deployments but realizes many of them are coping with personal issues back home.



(Left): Lt. Col. Laing prays at a special deployment ceremony at Minute Maid Park in Houston. (Below): John Laing with his wife, Stefana, and three children: Sydney, Sophia, and Alasdair.



"The chapel service is certainly a very important part of my ministry, but I've come to realize that counseling is another way of being able to share my faith with soldiers who will not come to chapel but, when they're desperate, will come talk to a chaplain."

Laing is currently writing a book about the theological concerns that evangelical chaplains encounter, seeking to answer the question, "Can evangelicals continue to serve as chaplains without compromising

their commitments?" He believes they can but also notes there are some legitimate areas of concern that must be addressed.

Laing appreciates the prayers and encouragement for him and his family. Recognizing the difficulties associated with being separated from his wife, two daughters, and son for nearly a year, he trusts in the Lord's sovereignty and seeks to serve God and country as he offers hope amidst the crucible of combat.

## Distinctive Awards for Southwestern Professors

Southwestern Seminary education, counseling, and music professors received high honors this fall from nationally recognized Christian and professional organizations.

Music professor William Mac Davis Jr., won the ASCAPLUS award for his 16th consecutive year from the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers.

Davis received his ASCAPLUS award in the Concert Music Division. His compositions and performances were evaluated by an awards panel comprised of three musicians, including one classical music critic for *The New York Times*.

Ian Jones, professor of psychology and counseling, received the Gary Collins Award of Excellence during an evening plenary session at the 2009 world conference of the American Association of Christian Counselors (AACC) in Nashville, Tenn., in September.

The AACC is one of the largest Christian counseling associations with nearly 50,000 members worldwide.

Rick Yount, assistant dean of the Jack D. Terry School of Church and Family Ministry,

was honored for his scholarship and practical contributions to the field of Christian education at the meeting of the North American Professors of Christian Education (NAPCE) in Louisville, Ky, in October.

The NAPCE confirmed Yount as the recipient of the Warren Benson Distinguished Christian Educator of the Year Award, named after Southwestern alumnus Warren S. Benson (1957 MRE).



*William Mac Davis Jr.*



*Ian Jones*



*Rick Yount*

## Southwestern Remembers Students Killed in Wedgwood Shooting

On Sept. 15, 1999, Larry Ashbrook walked into Wedgwood Baptist Church of Fort Worth, Texas, and opened fire during a youth worship service. He killed seven people and injured seven others before killing himself.

Students and faculty members at Southwestern Seminary, only five miles away from the church, were shocked. Students Shawn Brown and Kim Jones were dead, along with alumnus Sydnie Browning and Kristi Beckel, the 14-year-old daughter of another alumnus. Two students, Jeff Laster and Kevin Galey, were wounded in the tragedy. Soon after the shooting, memorial

scholarship funds were established in honor of the two students who were killed.

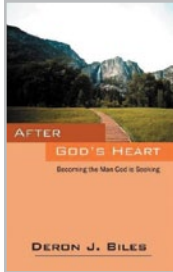
On the night of the tragedy, Kathy Jo Rogers mourned the death of her 23-year-old husband, Shawn. Ten years later, Rogers and many others at the church still recall the pain of losing loved ones, but they rejoice at the impact that God has made through this tragedy. The church honored their loved ones and celebrated God's faithfulness, Sept. 13. For Rogers, the celebration was akin to an Easter service, mixing sorrow with joy.

"If we didn't ever think about the cross, and what Jesus went through, then we wouldn't

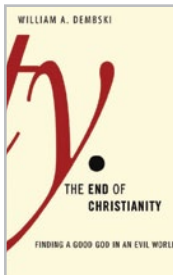
consider Easter so glorious, and it is kind of like an Easter service, in some ways, for us," Rogers said. "If we don't focus on how horrible it was, if we forget, we wouldn't think about how amazing it is that He brought us through it." According to Rogers, Shawn had a passion for ministry and enjoyed his seminary classes.

Kim Jones, 23, enrolled at Southwestern less than a month before the shooting. Since Kim's death, her testimony has reached more than 38 countries through a video titled *Going Home: The Journey of Kim Jones*.

## Faculty Publications



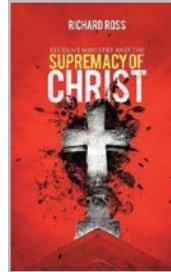
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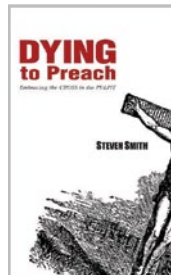
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**THE END OF CHRISTIANITY: FINDING A  
 GOOD GOD IN AN EVIL WORLD**



PAUL HOSKINS  
**THAT SCRIPTURE MIGHT BE FULFILLED:  
 TYPOLOGY AND THE DEATH OF CHRIST**



RICHARD ROSS  
**STUDENT MINISTRY AND THE  
 SUPREMACY OF CHRIST**



STEVEN SMITH  
**DYING TO PREACH: EMBRACING THE  
 CROSS IN THE PULPIT**



JOHN MARK YEATS  
**'THE TIME IS COME': THE RISE OF  
 BRITISH MISSIONS TO THE JEWS,  
 1808-1818**

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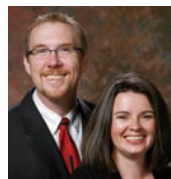
**DAVID (MDIVBL, 1996) AND CORTLAND HENDRICK**  
 Local collegiate evangelism missionary  
 St. Louis, Mo.



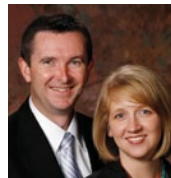
**NATHAN (MDIV, 2009) AND ERIN TEMPLIN**  
 Church planting missionary  
 Ft. Collins, Colo.



**SAMMY (MS, 1990) AND JOYCE CAMPBELL**  
 Church planting missionary  
 Tuscaloosa, Ala.



**DAVID (MATH, 2000) AND CHRISTY MCCLUNG**  
 Innovative New Work Strategist, ABSC  
 Little Rock, Ark.



**KYLE P. (MDIV, 2002) AND CHRISTINE (MAMFC;  
 MACE, 2000) HOOVER**  
 Church planting missionary pastor  
 Charlottesville, Va.



Additionally, three Southwestern alumni were appointed by the IMB, since August, to serve in secure locations around the world. As such, their identities, assignments, and locations have been withheld.



## 1950

**William B. "Bill" Tolar (BD 1955, ThD 1966)** to First Baptist Church of Graham, Texas, as interim pastor.

## 1960

**C. David Matthews (MDiv 1966, ThD 1974)** to Royal Lane Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas, as senior pastor.

**Derrel R. Watkins (MRE 1968, MSM 1968, EdD 1972, PhD 1994)** to Wisteria Place, Abilene, Texas, as chaplain and director of the Compton Geriatric Center; with wife, **Janis Nutt Watkins (DMA 1981)**.

## 1970

**Tom G. Gillespie (MCM 1971)** to Park Hills Baptist Church, Austin, Texas, as associate pastor and worship leader.

**Steve R. Taylor (MDiv 1976)** to First Baptist Church of Borger, Texas, as pastor.

**Don D. Williford (MDiv 1974, PhD 1981)** to Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Texas, as interim chief academic officer.

## 1980

**Thomas L. Baker, Jr. (MDiv 1988)** to Elko Baptist Church, Elko, S.C., as pastor; with wife, **Crystal Faye Trout Baker (MARE 1984)**.

**Guillermo Escalona (MDiv 1987)** to Baptist Health South Florida, Miami, Fla., as director of pastoral education.

**John C. Horn, Jr. (MDiv 1986, ExRE 1986)** to the North American Mission Board for the Southwestern Indiana Baptist Association, Evansville, Ind., as director of missions.

**Kenneth H. "Ken" Letson (MDiv 1988)** to the Church at Shelby Crossings, Calera, Ala., as senior pastor.

**Larry J. Murphy (MDiv 1983)** as field strategy leader for International Mission Board missionaries, Brazillian state of Santa Catarina.

**Joel Salazar (MM 1988)** to First Baptist Church, Grand Prairie, Texas, as Minister to Music; with wife, **Rebecca Salazar (MARE 1986)**.

## 1990

**Bobby W. Bressman (MARE 1992)** to Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, Tyler, Texas, as senior pastor.

**Frederick "Freddy" Cardoza (ExRE 1991)** to Talbot School of Theology at Biola University, LaMirada, Calif., as department chair for Christian Education.

**Kevin S. Forrester (MAMFC 1992, MARE 1992, PhD-E 2002)** to the 172d Infantry Brigade in Grafenwoher, Germany, as brigade chaplain.

**Clive R. Hickman (MDiv 1996)** to Coastlands Church, Peacehaven, East Sussex, Great Britain, as founding pastor.

**Timothy C. McKeown (MARE 1991)** to Gateway Baptist Church, Whitehouse, Texas, as interim pastor.

**Gordon E. Moore (MARE 1990)** to Immanuel Baptist Church, San Angelo, Texas, as associate pastor for music and senior adults.

**Troy D. Moore (MACE 1998)** to Northgate Church, Haslet, Texas, as journey director.

**Thomas L. Sanders (MARE 1990)** to Dallas Baptist University, Dallas, Texas, as director of Master of Arts in Christian Education.

**Mark D. Sibley (MARE 1990)** to First Baptist Church of Trimmier, Killeen, Texas, as pastor.

## 2000

**Ian B. Aipperspach (MACM 2007)** to Midland-Odessa Symphony & Chorale, Odessa, Texas, as chorale director.

**Victor H. Rios (MACE 2003)** to LifeWay Español as resident consultant for the states of New York and New Jersey.

## Marriages

**Kathryn Elisabeth Edwards (MACE 2008)** to Brian Mullany.

**Lara Maria Jones (MAMFC 2000, MACE 2000)** to John Stephenson Jr.

**Lauren Renea Lambiase (MAMFC 2009)** to Brandon Underwood.

## Anniversaries

**Joseph Malcolm (BRE 1961)** and Stella Sample, 60th wedding anniversary (August).

## Memorials

*Martha Laverne Hunt, wife of longtime professor T.W. Hunt*

## 1940

William Jefferson Cooksey (MSM 1948, ExRE 1992).

Elizabeth Cochran McCarty (ExRE 1940).

Rheuben W. Green (ExTH 1948).

Robert S. McCarty (ThM 1946).

## 1950

William G. Etheredge (BD 1954).

Nilson do Amaral Fanini (ThM 1958).

Christopher Jefferson "Jeff" Futrell Jr. (BD 1951, MRE 1951, MARE 1983).

Chester A. Holley (MRE 1951, BD 1953).

Leona Grace Hanners Holley (ExCM 1951).

Joe D. Littlefield (BD 1957).

Howard O. Marsh (BD 1955).

Shelley Posey Marsh (ExRE 1955).

Wayne W. Oeffler (BD 1954, MDiv 1973).

James Richard "Dick" Thornton (BD 1955).

Charles T. Wellborn (BD 1950).

## 1960

Gladys Laverne Hoffman Warden (ExRE 1960).

C.V. Jones, Jr. (DipTH 1962).

Leon D. Simpson (BD 1965, MDiv 1968, ThD 1973).

Robert D. Worley (BD 1963, MDiv 1991, DMIN 1991).

## 1970

H. Ross Luzadder (MRE 1976).

Warren Lee Miers (DipTH 1977).

Lanny S. Robbins (MDiv 1976).

## 1980

Barry A. Graves (MDiv 1982).

## 1990

Jerry Helen Fletcher Worley (MARE 1996).

## NEARNESS OF THE FAR SIDE OF GLOBALISM: SOUTHWESTERN CONTINUES INTO ALL THE WORLD



It was on an old-styled Soviet bend-in-the-middle city bus one summer in Osh, Kyrgyzstan. While standing and holding the hoop en route, an American colleague, a Kyrgyz translator, and I were headed back after a full day of ministry with students in a local university. The driver had

an old-fashioned audio cassette player. Abruptly he disengaged the Kyrgyz cultural music playing over the bus speakers and plugged in a then-popular Backstreet Boys recording. Almost on cue the passengers began singing along with the American English words even though the people were indigenously either Russian or Kyrgyz speakers and represented a variety of ages. Surprisingly Svetlana, the translator, joined right in with the singing. Svetlana simply stated, "no," when asked if everyone on the bus could speak English. Why were they singing that song? Svetlana said, "Because it is American." Additionally, she seemed surprised that the two of us from the U.S. on the bus would be stunned at this turn of events.

Globe-flattening influences are rife. Electronic devices pulsate with communication

of all kinds over a myriad of Internet bands, satellite grids, and ground stations in the background of our lives. Scenes that could be the epitome of life circumstances from past decades and perhaps centuries ago are radically altered by the pop-up appearances of sights, sounds, and electronic social connections that would be the stuff of science fiction just a few brief years ago.

Analysts now dissect these morphing realities, and that is difficult given the pace of such change. There are strata of flattening influences that collapse historic distances between the local and the global, the individual and the whole, or even the private and the public.

As daunting as this may all seem, we ask a simple set of questions, "Where do I fit in all of this?" and "How does a seminary like Southwestern continue in its century-old purpose in this brave new world?" The succinct answer to each question is that we continue engaging lostness when and where we find it, on all fronts. In this issue you have glimpsed varieties of ways Southwesterners are doing precisely that. We may see new avenues of engagement, revised forms of outreach, but all in all we press on in making the Gospel plain in any setting spanning from places like Siberian Udmurtia through into Thailand, Germany, South Dakota, and even right here around our Seminary Hill. It is

all interconnected because the ultimate form of globalism is the Great Commission.

Changes are inevitable, but the most important decisions we all will make about change in the near future concern what needs to remain the same. Since Christ's mandate had only one expiration date attached to it, may it be that until He comes, Southwesterners are found busy, enabled by the Holy Spirit's power, to stay focused on proclaiming the Good News!



*Keith Eitel, director of the World Missions Center and dean of the Roy Fish School of Evangelism and Missions, and a student share the Gospel with a man on the street in Uruguay in 2008.*

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