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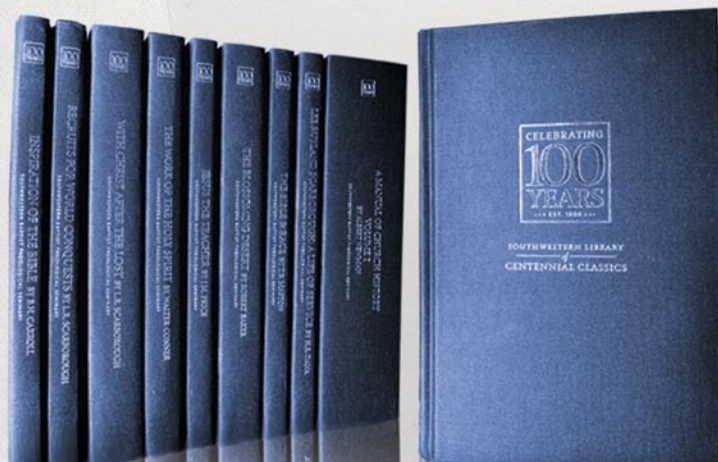
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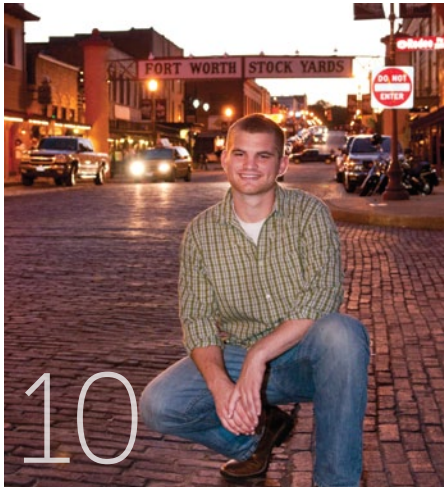
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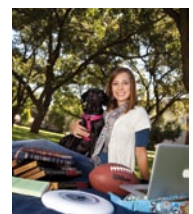
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a letter from **THE PRESIDENT**

THREE MOTIVATIONS

The distraught parents had an urgency about their question, which revealed itself in the tone of their voices. I understood why. One son had gone to a Christian college and was now a pronounced atheist living the life of a playboy in Las Vegas. A daughter, who had attended a different Baptist university, had become so enamored with liberal theology that she had become a follower of Bart Ehrman and his philosophy of unbelief. Now their baby, the apple of their eyes, was about to go to college, and they simply wanted to know: Is there no place that we can send our child where he will be exposed to every aspect of the world's knowledge and yet come away with a Christian worldview, a love for Jesus, and a loyalty to God's inerrant Word?

The paucity of such schools has been the occasion of many such questions and, therefore, provided my first impetus to add the College at Southwestern to the work of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. There was no intention to make it compete with the universities but rather to provide a program of instruction that would fully acquaint the student with his Western heritage as well as with the Scriptures themselves from a point of view that expresses full confidence in the Bible.

As many worked at the curriculum of this program, I was further motivated by the desire to provide a program that I wish had been available—but simply was found nowhere—when I was a college student. To become thoroughly conversant with the great books of the Western world, to study such things as classical Latin and classical Greek, and to avail myself of the very best in biblical scholarship was not a possibility. I had to play “catch up” all through seminary and suffered from the unavailability of this kind of study in my college and high school years.

Admittedly, there was a third motivation. I had grown weary of having students arrive to do graduate level work, who, though with degrees from some of the finest universities in the country, were unable to produce a viable essay. Consequently, we decided to present a program that would uniquely prepare the student called of God to the Lord's work for seminary to follow.

The College at Southwestern has exceeded my dreams. Graduates coming out of our college are already making themselves known significantly in graduate programs, not only at Southwestern but also elsewhere throughout the nation. They are able to carry on enlightened conversations with people in post-graduate programs wherever they go. Their witness for Christ is stellar, and for that I am grateful.

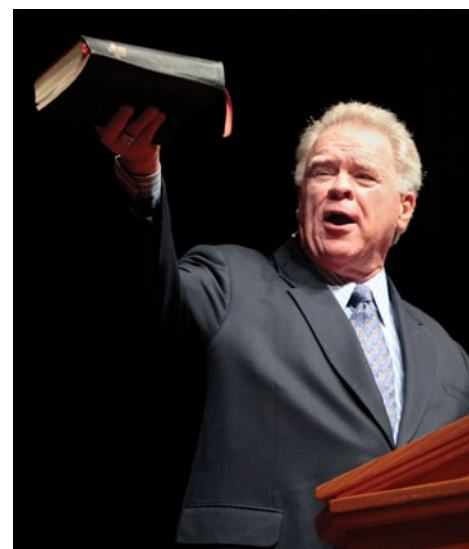
Dr. Steven Smith, who with a Ph.D. in communications provides leadership as the dean of the College at Southwestern, is one of the most gifted young scholars in America today. He already has published monographs that have established him as a significant author. Steven Smith provides the remarkable leadership under which the college can flourish. Colorful faculty members include New York Jew Harvey Solganick, who found the Lord a number of years ago; Lee Williams, who served brilliantly as a missionary teacher in the far east; David Bertch, who is one of the most profound advocates of this kind of education found anywhere; or Donald Kim, who has degrees from Yale and the University of Texas at Austin. These men are just typical of the many who serve with such distinction in the college. What a privilege for students to come and study with them!

The College at Southwestern is a tough school, but it is really fun. The comradery of the students with both faculty and fellow classmates is the way college life ought to be. Undoubtedly, the College at Southwestern is the best kept secret in the Southwest. For that reason we are devoting this issue to college life in order that all will know what God is doing in this truly remarkable young institution.

Until He Comes,



Paige Patterson



Nothing New Under the Sun

STUDY THE PAST
CHANGE THE FUTURE

A TRUTH WORTH



KNOWING



DEFENDING



SHARING





A wise man once said, “What has been is what will be, and what has been done is what will be done, and there is nothing new under the sun.” When Solomon wrote those words found in Ecclesiastes 1:9, he may not have recognized the profundity of that statement.

At first glance, it appears that much has changed over the course of time. Yet, as one studies the history of Western civilization, he realizes that the more things change, the more they remain the same. The innovative philosophies of today are merely recycled versions of yesterday. Thus, if you understand the progression of thought over the past three millennia, you will better understand the worldviews of today and influence the world of tomorrow.

Alongside this, Scripture says, “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever” (Heb. 13:8). His unchanging nature and the unchanging nature of His Gospel reach through time and space to address every thought and worldview.

Cultures change. Worldviews come and go. Jesus remains constant.

This simple premise serves as the bedrock for the bachelor’s program in the College at Southwestern. The Bachelor of Arts in Humanities equips students with the skills to explore and discuss the great books of Western thought alongside a biblical foundation so they can confidently engage the culture with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The college years bombard fresh minds with a multitude of truth claims, which often question Christianity and undermine the truth of Scripture. Statistics show an alarming number of young adults who abandon their faith during their college years, many of whom never return. Sadly, even some historically Christian universities have succumbed to liberal theology and

cast doubt on the reliability of the Bible, leaving unsuspecting students adrift on the sea of skepticism.

The College at Southwestern aims to stem the tide. Southwestern’s integrated classical education grounds students in the truth, equips them to evaluate and counter opposing truth claims, and instills within them a passion to see all nations come to Christ. Students graduate with a head full of wisdom and a heart for the world.

All students take a 60-hour core in “History, Life and Thought,” which integrates class lectures with small group breakout sessions. They read influential authors such as Plato, Aristotle, Darwin, Freud, and Nietzsche as well as Christian authors like C.S. Lewis, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, and Francis Schaeffer. Additionally, students receive a solid biblical foundation with 24 hours in Bible and theology classes. Remaining hours in the humanities degree allow for optional concentrations in music, the history of ideas, homemaking, education, and missions.

“Students with our B.A. are equipped with navigational skills to understand the times,” Greg Smith, assistant professor of Bible, says. “There are very few original ideas any more. Most have already been considered in history.

“In our history courses, students are learning about the great questions that have been asked by the greatest thinkers of all time. In our theology courses, students are learning about the 66 greatest books that also deal with most, if not all, of those same

questions. Thus, our faculty recognizes this and brings the two worlds together.”

Educating the Mind

Unlike specialized degrees that prepare students for specific vocations, Southwestern’s program prepares students for all walks of life. This holistic approach creates well-rounded graduates who can adapt to an ever-changing job market and make the greatest impact on their world.

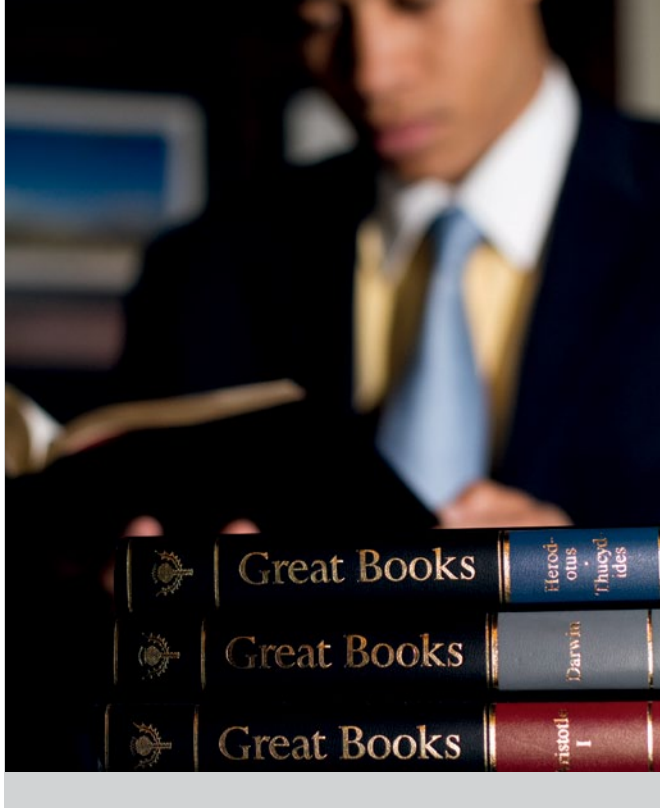
“This degree is grounded in the liberal arts,” says humanities professor Harvey Solganick, “so it prepares the student with a general education—it is not specialized education—so that the student can go out into the world and encounter any kind of problem and solve it with intelligence, solve it with a biblical as well as an academic foundation. That is our whole mission.”

Lee Williams, associate dean and history professor in the college, agrees. In his 25 years of experience as a professor and administrator in higher education both in the United States and in Asia, Williams says the College at Southwestern’s approach is the best he has seen based on the change he sees in his students.

“Most curriculums are pick-and-choose,” Williams says. “Maybe I’m a history major, so I have to have 36 hours of my major, but then I have to take astronomy and sociology and anthropology, I have to have all these little pieces.

“But here we have an integrated curriculum, so over the eight semesters





“They’re reading 48 of the major works of Western culture—they’re not reading books about things, they are reading the books themselves. They are talking about the ideas, and they’re comparing them to the Christian paradigm and their own Christian worldview.” ~ Lee Williams

that the students are here, they are dealing with Western culture chronologically through eight periods of time. They’re reading 48 of the major works of Western culture—they’re not reading books about things, they are reading the books themselves. They are talking about the ideas, and they’re comparing them to the Christian paradigm and their own Christian worldview.”

“We teach students how to think and live for God’s glory, regardless of their particular calling,” says professor Michael Keas. A scholar in the fields of science and Intelligent Design, Keas teaches science, reasoning, and interpretation classes.

“Many of our students are being called to fields beyond formal

Christian ministry such as law, journalism, and teaching in public schools. Our program prepares them to think consistently as Christians and to communicate with a fallen culture.

“The majority of our students wish to pursue full-time Christian ministry. Again, we prepare them for such callings by teaching them to take every thought captive to Jesus Christ. All of reality belongs to God, both ‘secular’ and ‘sacred.’ They will learn how theological truth has implications for ‘secular’ life. This will enable them to show how the Bible connects with the pressing issues of life outside the walls of the church. Their congregations will appreciate such a comprehensive articulation of a Christian worldview.”

Invigorating the Soul

While students grow in their understanding of the history of ideas, they also strengthen their faith through biblical studies and theological exploration. The 24-hour study focus on Bible and theology, combined with regular chapel worship as well as ministry and evangelism opportunities with other students, provide fertile ground for spiritual growth.

“The humanities have to do with the arts, or with the disciplines of history, literature, philosophy, and, actually, theology is a part of the humanities,” says professor David Bertch.

“We’re trying to give our students a liberal arts background. And of course, at the center of that is knowing Jesus Christ and walking with him as the truth and the true one.”

Bertch says the Bible is the lens through which all other books should be viewed. “In my classes, I’m using the Bible from the get-go, and I ask the student to bring the book we’re reading and bring the Bible, because we’re going to go to the Bible to evaluate what we’re reading.”

Along with championing the Bible as the inerrant, inspired Word of God, professors take time inside and outside of class to pray with students and discuss their walk with the Lord. While filling students’ heads with knowledge, they also nurture their souls.

“We pray in class, and I try my best to foster community with the students. I try to share my life with my students,” Smith says. He and other professors challenge students to encourage one another in their faith. Often times, professors serve as mentors, walking alongside students on their Christian journey and modeling godly behavior.

Professors also believe that college should be fun, which is why on any given day, you may see Donald Kim’s Greek class wearing togas around campus or professors and students engaging in a game of ultimate Frisbee on the seminary lawn.

This enthusiasm for life and learning spills over into the classroom as professors foster lively discussions on the day’s subject matter.

→ HISTORY OF IDEAS OVERVIEW

FIRST YEAR

Early Western Civilization | Church & Empires

Aristotle >
Plato
Sophocles



Athanasius
Augustine >
Aquinas



SECOND YEAR

World Religions | Renaissance & Reformation

Buddhism >
Confucianism
Hinduism
Islam
Judaism



Calvin
Copernicus
Erasmus/Luther
Hubmaier
Shakespeare >



Bertch even likes to make class assignments more interesting, such as having students write a metaphorical story about their salvation similar to John Bunyan's classic *Pilgrim's Progress*.

Igniting the Heart

Through the study of the history of Western thought and how the church engaged the worldviews of their day with the Gospel, students are challenged to live out their faith in the current cultural context.

The culmination of spiritual and intellectual emphases in the college is expressed through hearts set ablaze with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Professors and curriculum alike challenge students to put their faith into action—serving humbly and sharing confidently.

"The ultimate goal, I think, is that we want to see students involved in evangelism and missions, but not just evangelism and missions," Bertch says.


"We want to see them involved in discipleship and growing in their spiritual lives to bring this teaching to the local body of believers, to the local church, but also to their own homes, to their own marriages."

Professors not only inspire students with their words, but they also challenge students by their example. Whether they are sharing the Gospel door-to-door in the community surrounding the campus or village-to-village in an international context, professors serve and share alongside students, helping them catch the fires of evangelism and a heart for the nations.

Every student in the college, as part of the degree program, is required to participate in an international mission trip. In recent years, students have had opportunities to share the Gospel in countries on five continents. Additionally, students enrolled in the missions concentration complete a six-month internship alongside veteran missionaries in an international context.

KNOW, DEFEND, SHARE

Steven Smith, dean of the College at Southwestern, summarizes the goal of the B.A. in Humanities by telling students they will encounter a truth worth knowing, a truth worth defending, and a truth worth sharing. This statement encapsulates the vision to produce men and women grounded in conservative theology, competent in defending the faith, and passionate about spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ to every person on the planet.

The following stories of students and professors in the College at Southwestern provide a glimpse of what God is doing in Fort Worth that will ultimately impact the world. What is happening now might just change the course of history. 



Where in the World? COLLEGE STUDENTS ON MISSIONS

CAMEROON

ROMANIA

UKRAINE

MONCLOVA, MEXICO

LONDON

ZIMBABWE

PARIS

VANCOUVER

URUGUAY

HONG KONG

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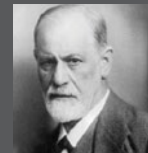
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Lewis
Niebuhr
Vatican II





STOCKYARDS



Kody Alvarez

SHINING LIGHT **ON** DISCIPLESHIP

Story by Benjamin Hawkins
Photography by Ben Peacock

Quotable

“I love making the Old Testament come alive and feel very strongly about casting this same vision in our students.”

GREG SMITH | ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF BIBLE



“When Peter was called to walk on the rolling sea, he had to get up and risk his life,” Dietrich Bonhoeffer writes in his classic work, *The Cost of Discipleship*. “Only one thing was required ... to rely on Christ’s word, and cling to it as offering greater security than all the securities in the world.”

Although Kody Alvarez has never walked on the open sea or risked his life for Christ, he abandoned his own security to follow God’s call to the College at Southwestern.

Having professed faith in Christ at age 8, Alvarez surrendered to the ministry during a youth camp when he was 16. After high school, he jumped from college to college. A few days before he started classes at Stephen F. Austin State University in the fall of 2008, Alvarez heard a sermon that changed the course of his life. In this sermon, the preacher stressed the importance of an academic training for ministry.

Convinced that God was calling him to ministry training, Alvarez abandoned his security to follow God’s will. Researching Southern Baptist colleges, he discovered that the College at Southwestern was still taking students for the semester. He applied online, and, the day before classes began, he packed his truck and drove to Fort Worth.

“Whatever God wills, God provides for,” Alvarez says. As he began his third year at the college, Alvarez read *The Cost of Discipleship*, which challenged him not only in his own spiritual life but also in his efforts to make disciples in Fort Worth.

Two years ago, however, Alvarez struggled with reading, and he rarely picked up a book. A student in the Bachelor of Arts in Humanities program with a concentration in the history of ideas, Alvarez says his education at Southwestern has taught him to read, to write, and to engage people from various cultures and religions with the truth of Christ.

“I went to three colleges before I came here, and this, by far, is the hardest college I’ve gone to,” Alvarez says. “But I’ve learned to read and write academically.”

“When I first got here, it seemed overwhelming,” he admits. In his first semester, professors required the reading of such prominent, yet hardly easy, authors as Plato and Aristotle. By doing so, they taught Alvarez to pay attention to what men of the past actually said rather than immediately accepting what others say about the past. They also taught him a love for reading.

“I don’t want to say reading is a hobby,” he says with a smile, “but I read as much as I can.”

Through the college, Alvarez has gained an interest in apologetics and the worldviews of both the Western world and of other cultures. Traveling to Chicago this summer, for example, he visited a Baha’i temple. As he toured the temple, he used his college education to challenge the guide’s belief system and direct the tour group toward the truth of Christ.

Since he came to the College at Southwestern, Alvarez has endeavored to make disciples, and he feels the college has better prepared him for this task.

“The college will equip you to share the Gospel,” he says. “Obviously, it is the Holy Spirit giving you courage and power to do such a thing, but He has also prepared us. Nobody whom God has blessed with musical abilities just picks up a guitar and automatically plays it. It takes work.”

Alvarez actively shares his faith at malls, in the communities surrounding the seminary, and while running the spotlight at the Cowtown Coliseum, a rodeo in Fort Worth’s historic stockyards. In the process, he has led many people to faith in Christ. He urges them not simply to pray a prayer but to follow Christ wholeheartedly. Ultimately, he sees discipleship as the goal of evangelism.


“I’ve gotten to see a lot of people make professions of faith, but I’ve only seen one of them desire to be discipled. And it is worth the hours and hours walking down roads, getting told no, or getting told yes.”

In addition to personal evangelism, Alvarez makes disciples by speaking at Disciple Now programs at various churches. He became connected to this form of ministry through Imagine Ministries, an organization spearheaded by Southwestern alumnus Matt Hubbard.

Alvarez also coordinates Disciple Now weekends, connecting churches with college students who can help with their events. Recently, Alvarez organized a group of students to travel to Lane Prairie Baptist Church in Joshua, Texas, where another College at Southwestern student, Cameron Strange, serves as an associate pastor.

As he makes disciples in the communities of Fort Worth, Alvarez also grows as a disciple in the classroom. Professors at the college, he says, have challenged him to grow not only academically but also spiritually.

“My favorite thing about the college is its really small classes,” Alvarez says. “For 30 minutes to an hour, sometimes, I will sit after class and talk to a professor. You don’t get that everywhere, and the professors are genuinely interested.”

Older students in the college and seminary, Alvarez adds, have befriended him and encouraged him by incorporating Scripture into their own lives. Through his experiences in the College at Southwestern, Alvarez pursues not only an academic education, but he is learning how to cling to the Word of God and how to lead others to Jesus Christ. 



Donald Kim

Love the Lord With All Your Mind

Story by Keith Collier
Photography by Matthew Miller

Marshall



With degrees from the University of Texas and Yale Divinity School, Donald Kim knows what it means to think critically in the face of opposing truth claims. As an assistant professor of Bible in the College at Southwestern, he draws from his own experiences in order to equip students in the truth of God's Word.

Kim's own theological questions began as a young boy after a car accident claimed his father's life.

"I really struggled with the theodicy question at 11 years of age," Kim says. "How does a good God allow evil? That's the question I started asking." Negative experiences in church and unanswered questions during high school continued to push him away from God.

"I realized I didn't need a God, and I became atheist. But it was there and then that God called me back and said, 'You may question all these things, but I'm still there.'"

Kim's despair deepened in college as he encountered anti-intellectualism within the church. He was introduced to historical criticism with a liberal theology bent in a class titled "Paganism & Christianity," but when he discussed it with his conservative pastor, his pastor avoided his question. Dissatisfied with the church, Kim attended Yale Divinity School and hoped to bury himself in academia.

great love for it. He eventually changed his degree program at Yale from a purely academic track to one that included ministry in the church.

Yale Divinity School also became a proving ground for conservative theology in Kim's life.

"You really had to think on your own," Kim says. "What the school ultimately does is give you tools with which you can think and process information. A professor may have a certain stance on certain things on doctrine or theology, but he's already given you the tools, so you can actually critique what he's saying.

"Having that foundation allowed me to read other theologians without feeling threatened or feeling insecure and be able to shape those tools."

Kim hopes to instill the same tool sets and confidence in his students in the College at Southwestern. Kim accomplishes this as he presses students to dig deep into the language and theology classes he teaches. He even makes it fun. Last semester, for example, he had his Greek class wear togas around campus to earn extra credit.

Along with other professors, Kim sees his role as one who facilitates spiritual growth both inside and outside the classroom. As faculty sponsor and bass player of the band that leads the college's worship gathering called "Second Front," Kim has led the students through the biblical paradigm of worship, which includes worshipping God with one's mind.

Kim believes the integrated humanities approach in the


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"I went to Yale really thinking that I wanted to get away from the church," Kim says. "There were enough problems in the church that I didn't want to deal with it. I just wanted to be left alone. But it was a Southern Baptist church there in New Haven, Conn.—Trinity Baptist Church—God placed that church in my life to turn my life around."

Kim's pastor at Trinity Baptist, Josh Moody, engaged his concerns and confidently answered his questions. In the process, Kim fell in love with the church as he realized God's

college provides students with a solid foundation in biblical truth and the tools to address all matters of life.

"I promise you that those who graduate with a finance degree are wishing that they had spent more time developing themselves and growing and thinking," Kim says.

"We have a society that's run easily by the media. The media shapes the way we think because we don't have a filter. We're not able to discern very well. So, I think this is a great place to figure ourselves out and to grow." 



Thai Nguyen

SEARCHING FOR AN UNKNOWN GOD

Story by Benjamin Hawkins
Photography by Nic Hervey



The city of Chiang Mai, Thailand, competes with the Athens of Paul's day for its religious diversity. Situated in the mountains, the city is peppered with hundreds of mosques and ancient Buddhist temples and shrines. Three years ago, when Thai Nguyen met Southwestern Seminary professor Keith Eitel in a shopping mall in Chiang Mai, he—like the Athenians—had long been praying to an unknown God.

Although Thai was born in Vietnam, his family fled the country after the North Vietnamese overtook South Vietnam. Fleeing first to Indonesia, his family finally settled in Brisbane, Australia, where Thai was raised. While growing up, he never heard the Gospel, and he only heard negative reports about Christianity. Nevertheless, he sought for truth.

"I always felt like there was more to life than what the world tells you, what society tells you," Thai says.

After finishing school, Thai pursued a career in rugby that took him to Canada. When he returned to Australia, he studied the culinary arts and took a chef apprenticeship. Through this apprenticeship, he received a scholarship to work as chef at a five-star hotel in Paris.

Still unfulfilled, he pursued a career in Muay Thai kickboxing. At the age of 22, he was invited to Thailand, where he trained with other professional Muay Thai boxers. This form of kickboxing, entrenched in the beliefs and customs of Buddhism, is Thailand's national sport.

"Being exposed to (Buddhist spirituality) sparked more of my interest in spiritual things and in trying to understand and figure out that there was more to life," Thai says. At one gym, the group would pray before and after training, and Thai began to wonder why they prayed, and to whom. Soon, he began to pray, although he refused to accept any established religion, including Buddhism and Christianity.

"I was more determined to find God, but I guess I wanted to find God on my own terms," Thai says. "I was completely adamant: I was going to find God without any outside influence, without anyone pressuring me toward anything."

Knowing nothing about prayer, Thai prayed for his daily needs. He prayed for success in his career, and he sensed what he then thought were signs of God's favor: He won a fight in Thailand and received media attention that guaranteed a fight in Singapore, all expenses paid. He then fought the Canadian champion of Muay Thai in Calgary, Canada.

"After everything I had tried," Thai says, "I was sure this was the one thing that was going to define my life. I was going to be a fighter, and that was what was going to make me happy," Thai says.

But when Thai returned from his fight in Canada, he felt empty. "I definitely think it was God showing me that nothing

in this life is going to bring the joy that is found in Him," he says. Confused, he packed his bags and bought a ticket to Chiang Mai. He again joined a gym, but his misery grew daily.

"One day, I just didn't go to training," Thai recalls. "I never usually missed training at all, but that one day, I went down to the shopping mall and was just sitting outside and just feeling awful."

While sitting in the mall, Thai noticed a group of Western-looking people who seemed to be lost. One of the people, a student at Southwestern, approached him and handed him a Gospel tract in the Thai language. Ten minutes later, Keith Eitel, professor and dean of the Fish School of Evangelism and Missions at Southwestern Seminary, approached Thai and asked if he spoke English.

"Ya, mate," Thai replied. "I'm Australian."

With this introduction, Thai told Eitel about his own search for God and for truth, and Eitel shared the Gospel with Thai and gave him a Bible to read. It was the first time Thai had heard the Gospel. Upon Eitel's suggestion, he began to read the Gospel of John, and he was struck by its truth.


"I think when the truth speaks out to you, it sticks to you," Thai says. "I've read a bunch of different books, and it felt like everything else was just like plagiarism on the Bible."

After Eitel returned to the United States, he stayed in touch with Thai. For a time, Thai struggled with the message of the Gospel, but in March 2009 he confessed Christ as Lord and asked for the forgiveness for his sins.

Soon after this, Thai accepted Eitel's suggestion that he move to the United States to study in the College at Southwestern. He moved to Fort Worth in the fall of 2009, where he is working toward his Bachelor of Arts in Humanities degree with a concentration in missions. Before he came to the college, many of his friends told him that he would receive only a one-dimensional degree.

"But it has been the complete opposite," Thai says, "being able to study world religions, and looking ... at the whole development of human thought. To have the Christian view underlining all this and to see how Christianity makes sense of everything else has really strengthened my own faith."

Thai says his studies have taught him to think for himself and to recognize truth and falsehood in a way he once could not: "I was really unable to discern what was wise and unwise, what was truth and not truth, and what was biblical and unbiblical," he says. "I think so many people just go through life, aimlessly wandering and just swallowing everything they're fed." At the college, he is learning to assess the truth for himself— "learning how to chew before you swallow would be a good way to put it."

This summer, Thai returned to Chiang Mai. This time, however, he traveled as a participant in the same missions program that led to his salvation and ended his search for an unknown God three years ago. Having come to Christ through missions, he says, "I can't see myself doing anything but missions." 



Michael Keas

A Creative Approach to Apologetics

Story by Rebecca Carter
Photography by Matthew Miller

→ **Michael Keas sees a harmony existing between science and faith. As professor of the history and philosophy of science in the College at Southwestern, Keas uses his convictions, built over 26 years in academia and personal involvement in the science-faith debate, to help his students evaluate truth and defend it against opposing claims.**

"I have come to appreciate how around the world and up and down my own street, people need clarification on how science and Christian theology are actually in harmony—once you get the whole story," Keas says.

Keas started his academic journey toward teaching during the volatile 1980s when he studied as a Fulbright scholar in Germany. There, he witnessed firsthand the dismantling of the Berlin Wall and the beginning of the end of the communist gridlock in Eastern Europe.

As a Christian and as a professor, Keas aims to tear down the same sort of misunderstandings about the incompatibility of science and faith.

"It's like there are huge erasers that have erased our cultural memory of all of the incredible, rich Christian theological roots for science," Keas said during a plenary session at the Science and Faith conference, held at Southwestern in 2009.

In addition to his work as a professor, Keas participates in shaping culture's understanding of Darwinism and Intelligent Design. He uses his expertise to create curriculum for various groups, including Focus on the Family's new DVD-based apologetics curriculum and website, TrueU. He also has the opportunity to speak as a professional on the issue through his writing and as a senior fellow of the Discovery Institute.

Keas says his passion allows him "to interact with a number of


reporters on the topic of Intelligent Design. I have helped [them] understand that Intelligent Design is a scientific, not religious, theory. Even so, like all origin theories, it has religious implications. ... I bring all of these resources from my personal and professional life into the classroom so that my students may learn to share their faith effectively and engage in today's culture wars."

Keas earned his M.A. (1989) and Ph.D. (1992) in History of Science from the University of Oklahoma, where he served as a graduate research and teaching assistant and then an associate professor. He also served as professor for the history and philosophy of science department at Biola University before joining the faculty at Southwestern in 2008.

"The mission of Southwestern corresponded remarkably well with my own convictions and academic training," says Keas. "It seemed a match made in heaven."

Two of Keas' favorite courses to teach are freshmen-level Reasoning and Interpretation because he enjoys helping new students think critically and interpret texts, including the Bible, within the appropriate principles of grammar, history, literature, logic, and philosophy. As they learn to interact on a synthesis level of learning, it "helps students to better appreciate the majesty of the inerrant Word of God in comparison to other literature," Keas says.

"My students tell me that they enjoy this integrated approach to thinking about the world and spiritual truth for the sake of the Gospel. This hunger for truth and the apologetic defense of the truth among College at Southwestern students amplifies my joy in teaching here."

Keas models his convictions for his students by bringing those convictions with him out of the classroom and into the community. In addition to being a pinch-hitting Sunday school teacher and AWANAS leader at his local church, he says, "I especially enjoy deploying [my] expertise in Christian apologetics and personal evangelism, as my neighbors have discovered." 

Worldviews From the eyes of a college student

LIFEWAY RESEARCH (www.lifeway.com, Aug. 2009) says the majority (two-thirds) of "Millennials"—people born between 1980 and 1991—call themselves Christian, and 60 percent say their religious beliefs are important in their lives today. However, the same research says:

65% rarely or never pray with other people.

65% do not read the Bible, Torah, Quran, or other sacred writings

21% attend a religious service on a weekly basis

80% rarely or never participate in a Bible study

46% believe God is a real being

50% say Jesus was just a man

31% strongly agreed that Jesus is the only way to Heaven

48% believe they will go to heaven

However, LifeWay's research is optimistic on the reachability of this age bracket, which characterizes the age of the average college student and "twenty-something." In a separate study, LifeWay research says of un-churched young adults (ages 20-29):

89% would listen to what someone believes about Christianity

61% would study the Bible if asked

46% would attend a small group to learn more about the Bible and Jesus

63% would attend church if "it presented truth to them in an understandable way 'that relates to my life now'"



David Bertch

HERESY TO Orthodoxy

Story by Benjamin Hawkins
Photography by Nic Hervey



David Bertch teaches heresy.

A professor of humanities in the College at Southwestern, Bertch urges his students to read widely from “heretical” texts: Adolph Hitler’s *Mein Kampf*, Karl Marx’s *Communist Manifesto*, Charles Darwin’s *Origin of Species*, Bertrand Russell’s *Why I am not a Christian*, and Friedrich Nietzsche’s *Beyond Good and Evil*.

“Nietzsche is one of my favorite philosophers,” Bertch says, “not because I agree with what he teaches, but because he raises all the questions. When you look at what he has to say, you can see his craziness in the midst of what he writes, and yet he’s always had something that can give you a glimpse of the truth. Using the Scriptures, with Nietzsche, you can drive somebody directly back to the faith.

“In the college here, we read some very strange books. We read some of the worst books, written very well, but some of the worst books and ideas in all of history. Both Augustine and Aquinas taught that heresy is necessary. Heresy drives us back to orthodoxy; drives us to Jesus.”

Bertch’s emphasis on heretical books arises from the College at Southwestern’s desire that students read for themselves the influential books of the past. For this reason, Bertch and other professors at the college also lead their students to read the classics, whether pagan or Christian, for themselves—from Plato and Aristotle to the great theologians who have shaped Christianity. No matter what books Bertch tells his students to read, he always urges them to read with the Bible in hand, with a critical mind, and with a willingness to “test all things” and “hold fast what is good” (1 Thess. 5:21). This emphasis allows students to respond biblically to books and movements in contemporary culture as well. Bertch himself has actively interacted with the Emergent movement in its various forms, responding to it with a biblical perspective.

For Bertch, the classics have value not only academically, but also personally. As a high school student, he first began to realize the immense grace of God when he read Victor Hugo’s mammoth novel, *Les Misérables*. In this book, a kindly bishop shows mercy to recently released convict Jean Valjean after he abused the bishop’s hospitality and stole silver from his home. This act of mercy set Valjean on a path of repentance and transformation. This event in the novel also contributed to Bertch’s conversion.


“It was the first time I began to understand the grace of God,” he says. “I wasn’t a believer yet, but I remember weeping in the middle of the book. I wasn’t reading the Bible. I come from a pagan background, but God used *Les Misérables* to get me on the right path.... We come to Christ through the Word, but it is often other things that are pre-evangelistic that lead us to Him.”

A native of California, Bertch earned his Master of Divinity from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in Deerfield, Ill., and completed two doctoral degrees at Southwestern Seminary: one in ministry and the other in education.

Out of a passion for worldwide evangelism, Bertch also co-directed a jungle camp for Wycliffe Bible Translators in Chiapas, Mexico, during the summers of 1969 and 1970. Later, he served both as department chair of pastoral ministries and as a professor of pastoral ministries, education, and ethics at Tyndale Theological Seminary in Amsterdam. He traveled throughout Romania, Hungary, Russia, and other Eastern European countries during the 1980s, bringing theological instruction to lay leaders.

Bertch began teaching in the College at Southwestern in 2005, but his passion for reading has continued outside the classroom. He is involved in nearly a dozen reading groups and also reads books with individuals, both Christian and non-Christian, throughout the world. He stays in touch with some of his former students from the College at Southwestern and continues to read and discuss with them books that will encourage them in their ministries.

“I watch them progress because I want them to read the books,” Bertch says, “but I want them to underline the books and to write their notes in the margins. We have a culture that is not reading. We have a church that is not reading. We are so inundated with technology that we rely upon Facebook, MySpace, twittering, MP3s, DVDs—that’s the way we think we’re learning. And I’m not negative about those things, but we’re losing our ability to study and read, think and meditate—everyone, including the church. We’re not even reading the Bible.”

Whether encouraging students to read the Bible, the worst books of heresy, or the best books in history, Bertch challenges his students to use their educations to grow spiritually and to lead others to Christ. 

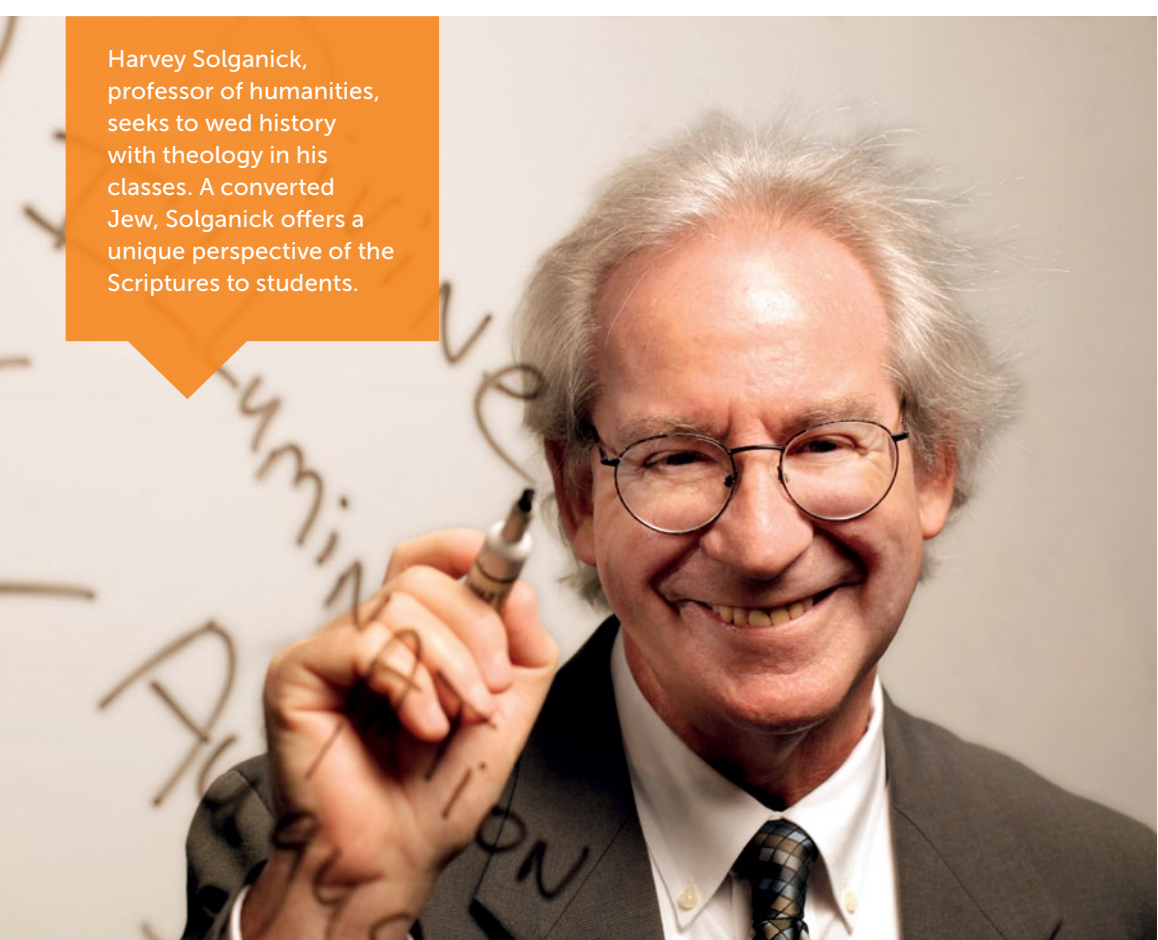
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“I think when we look at the answers that have been provided through this culture over thousands of years, it gives us ammunition to bring that to bear on the culture that we’re in right now. That’s exciting, because they begin to see that, and they begin to see that they can go out and actually talk with people and in love share with them, ‘here’s the truth, and I think it’s warranted.’”

LEE WILLIAMS | ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF HISTORY



Students enjoy a vibrant, Christ-centered campus life at Southwestern, with opportunities to worship with friends and faculty during chapel services, hang out with friends in the student center, become actively involved in student organizations, and travel downtown with professors and students to share the Gospel.



Harvey Solganick, professor of humanities, seeks to wed history with theology in his classes. A converted Jew, Solganick offers a unique perspective of the Scriptures to students.





Are you ready for some dodgeball? The Student Life office organized a dodgeball tournament at the Recreation Aerobics Center (RAC), allowing students to demonstrate their athletic prowess. Students play intramural sports, work out with state-of-the-art equipment, swim laps in the pool, and experience campus camaraderie at the RAC.



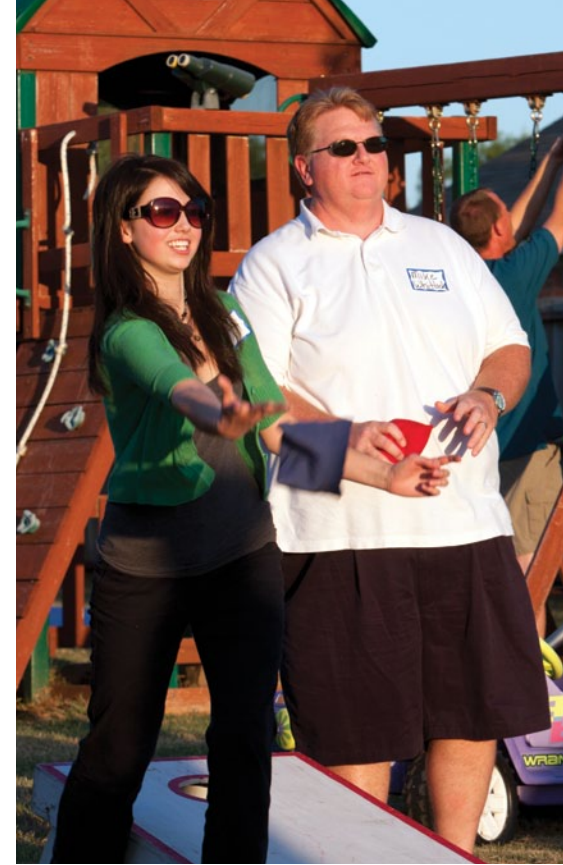
Students practice Karate techniques in the self-defense class, one of several physical education classes in the College at Southwestern.



Homemaking students practice what they have learned. The concentration in homemaking within the Bachelor of Arts in Humanities is a 22-hour focus study in addition to the core curriculum of classical languages, theology, and history of ideas.



Students lead worship during Second Front, a monthly college gathering designed to unify the student body.



Students enjoy games, food, and fellowship at an orientation week barbecue in the backyard of Thomas White, vice president for student services and communications. New students met new friends as current students helped them acclimate to their first semester.





Shawn Billings*

Trekking with the Gospel



Story by Keith Collier
Photography courtesy of Shawn Billings*

Armed with a backpack, GPS handheld device, and the Gospel, Shawn Billings* spent 18 months working among nomadic Middle Eastern Gypsies as part of an innovative, collaborative effort between the College at Southwestern and the International Mission Board (IMB). What he discovered as he ministered to these Arabic-speaking people solidified what he learned in the college and amplified his desire for further training to reach Muslims.

IMB commissioned Billings in its two-year Journeyman program immediately following his graduation from the College at Southwestern in 2008. In conjunction with his service as an IMB Journeyman, Billings became the first student in the Jump Start 2+2 program created by Southwestern's evangelism and missions dean, Keith Eitel.

"I wanted to go overseas to get some practical application and be able to come back and refine that," Billings says.

Billings and his IMB teammates traveled the arid region for nine months aboard cramped buses. They underwent intense Arabic study, developed a broader understanding of the Arabic/Muslim culture, and analyzed team dynamics within the region. Because of the nomadic nature of the Gypsies they were studying, Billings and his team mapped the Gypsies' traveling patterns to equip future missionaries with information necessary to maximize evangelistic efforts among this unreached people group.

Living among these herding wanderers proved an eye-opening experience for Billings, who realized the Middle Eastern mindset differed from his own. For example, he found their aggressive nature toward communication initially offensive until he realized it was rooted in their passion for truth.





Billings says his undergraduate work in the College at Southwestern prepared him for facing these opposing truth claims with confidence and boldness.

The local IMB missionary with whom Billings was working had been sharing the Gospel with Mohammed and his wife for at least six months using solar-powered audio Bibles. Mohammed had become mesmerized by this amazing person named Jesus. He considered Jesus a great prophet and told everyone he came in contact with about Jesus. He even handed out these solar-powered devices to friends and family. However, Mohammed had not put his faith in Christ for salvation.

"He's basically an evangelist before he was a Christian," Billings says. "He was going tent to tent, many places, telling people about how amazing Jesus is. He's going around doing this everywhere, and I thought, 'This is crazy. I know he tells more people about Jesus—and he's not even a Christian—than 99 percent of Christians in the world.'"

Through conversations with Mohammed, the missionary continued to press him on the deity of Christ and what it meant to give his allegiance to Jesus. Finally, Mohammed and his wife put their faith in Christ. Less than a month later, the missionary was forced out of the country, but Mohammed knows he is the indigenous believer who must take the Gospel to his people.

Upon completing his assignments in the Middle East, Billings was sent to Paris, France, to work with North African Muslims for his final six months as a Journeyman. In addition to passing out evangelism packets—which included Bibles, DVDs, and Gospel tracts—Billings and others made friends and shared the Gospel in Arab markets throughout the city. These experiences have further ignited Billings' desire to return to Islamic countries after he completes his M.Div.



"For the Western-minded person," Billings says, "when you want to be more serious and prove your point, you take yourself out of it. You make it unbiased. You try to show logically how it progresses. ... With Arabs, instead of sharing that way, their logic is that if I believe this is true, I'm going to take it to its full extent and put all of my passion behind it, and I won't separate myself from it."

Billings says his undergraduate work in the College at Southwestern prepared him for facing these opposing truth claims with confidence and boldness.

"As far as addressing Islamic issues, there's nothing that they say that I can't debunk," Billings says.

"I'm never afraid of ideas. That's the thing that I can't emphasize enough. In the college, when we're going through all these different time periods and bizarre thoughts like Nietzsche or Freud, you're bringing up stuff that you can hardly wrap your mind around. You learn that not only is our faith reasonable, but that if our faith is true, then the truth will prevail. You just have to go deeper beyond the surface

level."

Still, Middle Eastern Muslims remain a largely closed people group toward the Gospel. Billings says the intertwined nature of language, culture, and religion proves a seemingly insurmountable obstacle for many Gypsies to put their faith in Christ.

"Some of them recognize that if the farmers knew [they were Christians], then the farmers would not let them on their land, and hence the business opportunity goes down," Billings says.

"So, some of them recognize what this message means. Many of them that I talked to, they're not anywhere near making that kind of step, especially when it's just some foreigner who comes in and tells them this message. Getting an 'in' is the hardest part. If you're not considered a part of their family, they don't really trust your word."

Yet, Billings witnessed the power of the Gospel in one Gypsy's life that he prays will eventually pierce the dark veil that shrouds the land. Billings' first encounter with this nominal Muslim, ironically named Mohammed, caught him off-guard.



"I've got a heart for Muslims everywhere," Billings says. "There being a billion to a billion and a half Muslims in the world and not many Christians know how to engage them intelligently—not just share the Gospel, to go further than just saying 'Jesus changed my life.'—it's such a massive goal. One out of five people you meet in the world will be Muslim. ... It's still just such a big endeavor that having the training that I've got and what I have with the college, I think it's ideal in moving more swiftly toward that goal."


Currently, he's refining his theological and missional skills in preparation to return to the field. His degree from the College at Southwestern equipped him to enroll in the Advanced M.Div. program, allowing him to take more focused electives.

"For me, what I learned in the college and putting that into practice, I can see

more clearly what areas I need to study more, what things I might have missed that I need to go back and pick up on."

This refinement takes many forms, including fresh insights about the culture and religion of Islam that Billings did not pick up on the field but will prepare him for future ministry.

"I'm taking a focus class on Islam," Billings says, "and in the first class, I was learning stuff that after countless hours of conversations with Muslims and studying on my own, [I missed]—this means so much more to me now."

As he continues his studies at Southwestern and evangelizes Muslims in the States, Billings looks forward to training believers and churches in how they can best understand and reach those from an Islamic faith background. 



What is the JumpStart Program?

The Jump Start program serves as an additional option to Southwestern's existing 2+2 program in the Master of Divinity (M.Div.) with a concentration in International Church Planting. The existing program allows students to attend classes in Fort Worth for two years and complete their studies while serving as missionaries for their final two or three years. The Jump Start program functions somewhat like a reverse of the traditional 2+2, taking College at Southwestern graduates and placing them on the field for two years at the front end and then returning them to Southwestern to complete their M.Div. studies.

>> www.swbts.edu/jumpstart



Rachel Koenig & *Casey Johnson

REDEFINING A SEMESTER ABROAD

Story by Rebecca Carter
Photography by Ben Peacock



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People from every tribe, tongue, and nation will someday praise God in heaven. This promise is what College at Southwestern students Rachel Koenig and Casey Johnson have put their trust in as they follow God's calling overseas.

Koenig, a college junior, was the first missions concentration student the school ever sent out through its partnership with the International Mission Board's Hands On program. Koenig spent a semester overseas, earning nine credit hours as she shared the Gospel in East Asia.

Since returning, Koenig serves as the student intern for the World Missions Center (WMC) at Southwestern. While she completes her degree, she helps the WMC mobilize fellow Southwesterners, like Johnson, to spend their summers, semesters, or the rest of their lives overseas.

"They need to expect that God is going to drastically change their lives, even if it means that nothing goes the way they planned," Koenig says. "Knowing the privilege that God gives us by patiently helping Him in the process of a person's salvation, I can say that there is no greater experience than that."

While in Asia, Koenig saw drastic change in the life of Samuel* (*name changed), whom she and a friend led to the Lord. A man bitter and vengeful after the death of his father, Samuel's demeanor radically changed after he accepted Christ. Watching this transformation reminded Koenig of God's miraculous power, a lesson she carried back home with her.

Johnson, one of 40 students currently enrolled in the missions concentration, is following in Koenig's footsteps as she prepares to go overseas next semester.

Johnson says her coursework has both edified and confirmed her calling to missions. Additionally, a short-term trip to Africa with her local church cemented her decision to live among an unreached people group in a more long-term setting.

"Every Christian's heart should be for missions, and every Christian's heart should be to do whatever God wants her to do," Johnson says. "I'm really, really excited about what the Lord's going to do, actually being in a country and not just being there for two weeks."

Johnson knows this experience will be challenging, but regardless of the difficulties, she welcomes the change that will come as she takes the message of the Gospel to those who have never heard.

In the process, Johnson looks forward to "encountering the culture and the adventure of going into another culture and trying to figure out how to preach the Gospel to someone who's in a completely different context than I'm in. That will be interesting, challenging, and ultimately sanctifying."

As Johnson goes, she trusts God, who has called her to obey the Great Commission and who has sent her to reach people from distant tribes, tongues, and nations. He promises to fulfill His work through obedient hearts like hers, and He promises to be with her until the task is completed. ^{SN}



"Every Christian's heart should be for missions, and every Christian's heart should be to do whatever God wants her to do."

~ Casey Johnson



Go Tell Camps

What I did with my summer...

Story by Keith Collier
Photography by Nic Hervey

➔ While most college students get summer jobs or return home during the summer months, 10 students in the College at Southwestern experienced the summer of a lifetime as interns with Go Tell youth camps. Over the course of six weeks, they served as recreation staff, small group leaders, and counselors at camps in Virginia, West Virginia, Georgia, and Texas.

"It's just an awesome experience," says Marcus Eaves, a junior in the College at Southwestern. "We counsel kids just about every night; we get a lot of one-on-ones. It's hands-on ministry to the fullest."

Eaves, who served as an intern in 2009 and 2010, had the opportunity to lead about 10 young men to Christ over the summer. He observed the transformation process in these teenagers during the week.

"It's crazy because at the beginning of the week, they're not saved, and you can see it in their attitude," Eaves says, "and at the end of the week, they're completely changed. Week after week you see how God is moving at camp and how lives are changed."

"It's probably the most evangelistic camp, as far as preaching the Gospel every day, that I think I've been to. There's a chance for every kid to have a one-on-one opportunity to talk to and counsel with."

Jordan Morgan, a Bachelor of Arts in Music student and fellow Go Tell intern, agrees. She was impressed with the camp's emphasis on evangelism.

"All the other camps I've been to have done morning services that are just fun and fluff, but they're hitting these kids with the Gospel in the morning and even on the rec field, and then they'll get it at night."

Both Eaves and Morgan feel their studies in the College at Southwestern uniquely prepared them to minister to teens during the summer.

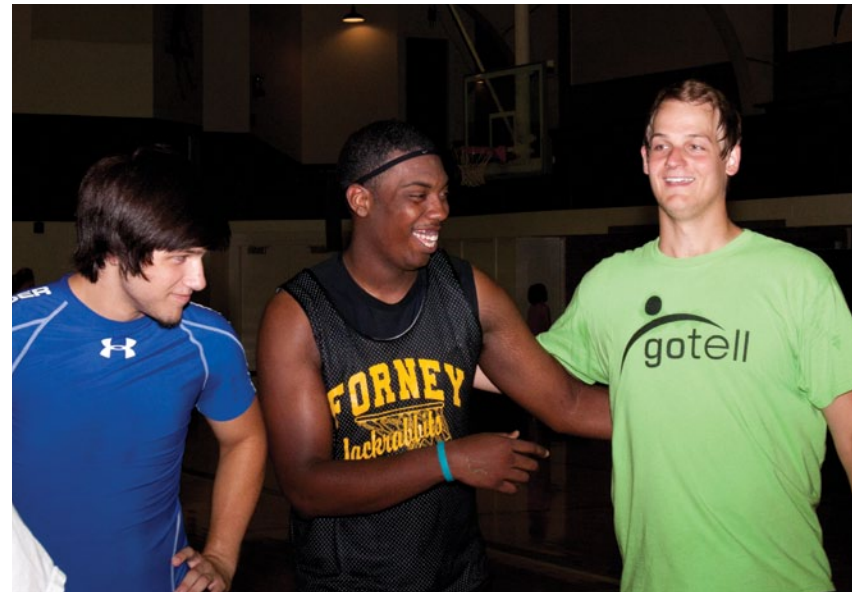
"When I counsel kids, I tell them that you have to ask those hard questions like 'Is the Bible completely accurate?'" Eaves says. "Our faith is reasonable. I use that to talk with them, and it helps. When they ask those hard questions, we've studied that already, and we're better equipped to answer those questions."

"There are so many kids searching for answers," Morgan adds. "These are kids coming to us, and they're preparing to go to colleges like this, and they have philosophy questions, and they have questions about history. That's what Southwestern prepares you for."

While they enjoy seeing teenagers impacted with the Gospel, Eaves, Morgan, and other interns also experienced change in their own lives. Matt Coelho, also a student in the College at Southwestern, went from having never taught a small group to teaching a group of 120 campers his final week. Coelho, himself, was saved at a youth camp as a teenager, and sees it as a great platform for connecting with students.

"It's way out of my comfort zone," Coelho says, "but I'm praising God for it because it's taken me leaps and bounds from where I was."

Evangelist Rick Gage started Go Tell Camps more than 20 years ago. He developed partnerships with Southwestern and other Southern Baptist colleges and universities several years back in order to create mutually beneficial internship opportunities for students.



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Students aid the ministry of Go Tell by serving as camp staff and serving on an overseas mission trip at the end of the summer, and they receive tuition scholarships for the following year. The College at Southwestern provides 10 one-year tuition scholarships to five current and five incoming Southwestern students for their participation in the internship program.

"What that does, that allows us to recruit some real sharp kids to come serve with us during the summer," Gage says.

"You take a young man or a young lady that's 18, 19, or 20 years of age and has a heart for God, perhaps they feel a call to ministry. What better experience than to come spend the summer in a ministry like this where they can see a lot of kids lives impacted for the glory of God and really get down in the trenches and minister to all these kids all summer long?"






"You're talking about six weeks of nonstop ministry, evangelism, discipleship, and seeing a bunch of people's lives changed, and these interns play a major role in the success and spiritual impact that's taking place over these six weeks."

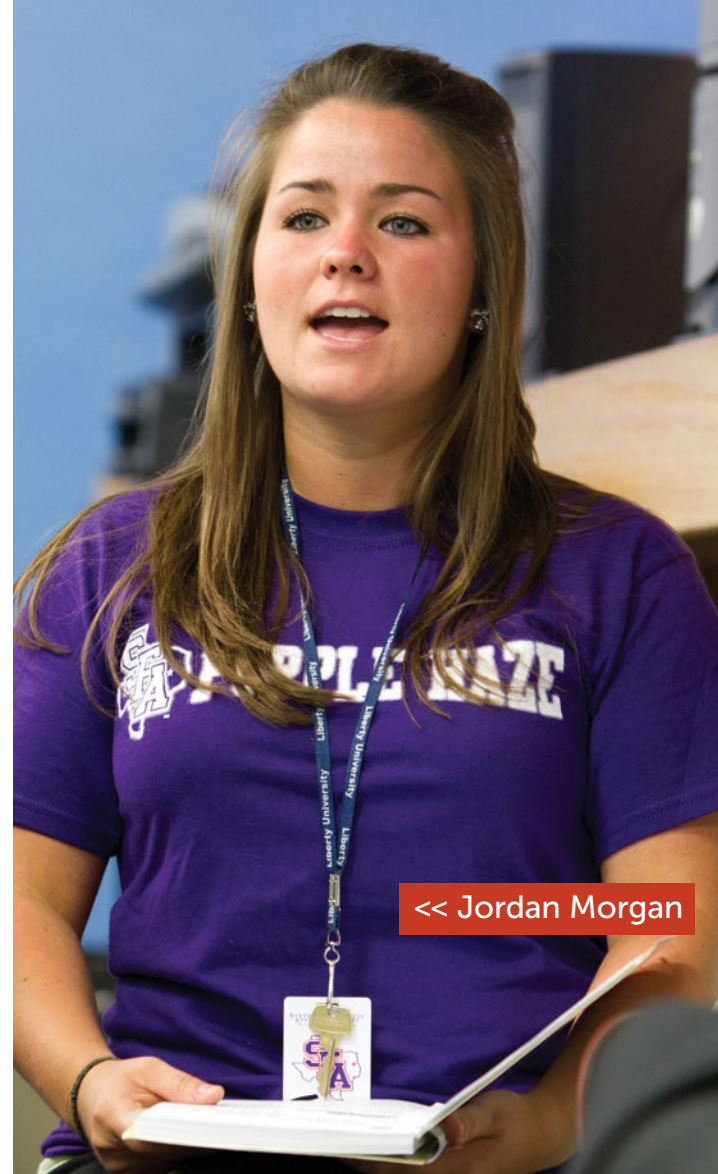
Gage gets excited about seeing these interns wed evangelistic zeal with their theological education during the camps.

"You get a theologian who has the fire and zeal and passion, and you match them together, you've got dynamite."

Following the four weeks of Go Tell youth camps, this year's intern team traveled to Costa Rica for a short-term mission trip, where they worked in orphanages, fed the homeless, worshipped with local believers, and participated in street evangelism. Eaves had the opportunity to lead two women to the Lord through a translator, which, for him, capped off an incredible summer.

"You actually see ministry and are doing ministry," Eaves says. "It's nonstop. It gives you a feel for missions and being a youth pastor all at the same time."

Eaves and his fellow Southwesterners look to bring this practical ministry from the summer back into the classroom and their churches this fall. He has even made plans to return as an intern with Go Tell next summer. 



<< Jordan Morgan

Quotable

"Every course I teach includes discussion of evidence that supports the truth of Christianity. There are many good reasons for our faith and The College at Southwestern celebrates this fact."

MICHAEL KEAS | PROFESSOR OF HISTORY & PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE





Matt Coelho >>

Marcus Eaves >>





Mrs. Dorothy Patterson accepts the 2010 Willie Turner Dawson Award.

Mrs. Patterson honored as 'one of God's choice servants'

The Southern Baptist Convention Ministers' Wives' Luncheon awarded Mrs. Paige (Dorothy) Patterson with the 2010 Willie Turner Dawson Award, June 14. Lanese Dockery, wife of Union University president David Dockery, presented Patterson with the award, which honors a minister's wife who has "made a distinct contribution to her denomination and has rendered distinguished service to her Lord."

"Dorothy has served alongside her husband as a pastor's wife; she has served three different Baptist institutions of higher learning; she has led courses encouraging pastors' wives as each of these institutions; and currently is professor of theology in women's studies at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary," Dockery said.

"On a personal note, whether she's handing out baskets of popcorn to little Dockery boys at a high school football game or if she's preparing tea or gift baskets for faculty and staff at Union University after a devastating

tornado that hit us in 2008, she has the heart and soul of a servant. She is one of God's choice servants."

Patterson praised God for giving her godly parents who reared her in the fear and admonition of the Lord and for blessing her with a godly husband, two wonderful children, and two beautiful granddaughters.

Patterson, who holds two doctoral degrees, sees her primary roles as those of wife, mother, grandmother, and homemaker. She has authored several books, including *A Handbook for Ministers' Wives*, *Where's Mom: The High Calling of Wife and Mother*, and *A Woman Seeking God*. She also served as editor for *The Woman's Study Bible* published by Thomas Nelson Publishers and *The Women's Evangelical Commentary* published by Broadman and Holman Publishers.

Past recipients of the Dawson Award include Goldia Naylor, Joyce Rogers, Rhonda Kelley, and Carol Ann Draper.

In Touch establishes \$500,000 Charles Stanley scholarship fund

In Touch Ministries, the broadcast and teaching ministry of First Baptist, Atlanta, senior pastor Charles Stanley, announced the establishment of a \$500,000 endowed scholarship fund on the campus of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, June 16. In Touch board member Dean Hancock presented Southwestern president Paige Patterson with the first of five \$100,000 checks to be used to fund student scholarships at the seminary.

"It is our desire as a ministry to honor Dr. Stanley by giving \$100,000 each year for the next four years to see the ministry of In Touch bless and be used until our Lord returns," Hancock said.

Hancock spoke of God's provision through a small Southern Baptist pastor in Virginia for Stanley to attend college. Shortly after he graduated high school in 1950, Stanley and a friend were discussing their futures when a local pastor stopped to talk with the two young men. During their conversation, Stanley's friend mentioned that Stanley wanted to attend college but could not afford it. The

pastor saw to it that finances were provided for Stanley to attend the University of Richmond, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts.

"It was the pastor of a small church in a small town that opened the door for this day," Hancock said.

Patterson accepted the check on the seminary's behalf and expressed appreciation for In Touch's investment in future pastors. He noted that when Stanley found out that it would be another year before the endowment would produce the interest to fund student scholarships, he personally donated \$10,000 of his own money to fund students for the coming academic year.

Southwestern honored Stanley as one of three distinguished alumni during the seminary's annual alumni luncheon at the Southern Baptist Convention.

Stanley, whom Patterson said is the most well known Southwestern alumnus in the world, is founder and president of In Touch Ministries, a global broadcast ministry that presents the Gospel in 50 languages on 1,800 television

and radio stations around the world. Stanley also served as SBC president for two terms during the Conservative Resurgence. As a New York Times best-selling author, he has sold 6.5 million copies of his 35 books.

Patterson praised Stanley's steadfast obedience to the Lord regardless of the circumstances. He recounted occasions during the turbulent times of the Conservative Resurgence when someone would suggest a political shortcut, and Stanley would say, "Wait a minute. We don't have to win. All we have to do is please God."

Stanley thanked Southwestern for honoring him with a distinguished alumnus award and gave all the credit to God.

"When I think about all the things that God has done and people ask me why, my answer is very simple: Just do what God tells you to do next," Stanley said.

"I have one goal: Get the truth of the Gospel to as many people as possible, as quickly as possible, as simply as possible, in the power of the Holy Spirit and to the glory of God."

Southwestern honors those who preach the word, reach the world

Southwestern honored three distinguished alumni whose ministries reach around the world with the Gospel during its annual alumni luncheon at the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) annual meeting, June 16. More than 400 alumni and friends gathered to honor Gil Stricklin, Mike Howard, and Charles Stanley in addition to hearing a president's report and electing alumni association officers.

Stanley, whom Southwestern president Paige Patterson said is the most well known Southwestern alumnus in the world, serves as senior pastor of First Baptist Church in Atlanta as well as founder and president of In Touch Ministries, a global broadcast ministry that presents the Gospel in 50 languages on 1,800 television and radio stations around the world. Stanley also served as SBC president for two terms during the Conservative Resurgence. As a New York Times best-selling author, he has sold 6.5 million copies of his 35 books.

"I have one bottom line by which I make all my decisions: obey God and leave all the consequences to Him. He can handle anything He sends my way," Stanley said.

Stricklin is founder and CEO of Marketplace Ministries, a Dallas-based company that provides 416 U.S. corporations with nearly 2,500 chaplains who minister to their employees. Founded in 1984 with contributions from First Baptist Church in

Dallas and the North American Mission Board, Stricklin's company has seen more than 55,000 people come to Christ in the workplace through their ministry.

"That's thrilling to me because that's what we're all about," Stricklin said. "We're all about seeking to bring others to Christ and getting them into a fellowship where they can be discipled for Christ."

Howard and his wife, Lindy, have served with the International Missionary Board (IMB) in the African nation of Zambia since the early 1980s. The Howards worked with national believers to plant 230 churches before being assigned as IMB strategy facilitators, where they mentored missionaries who planted an additional 1,400 churches, resulting in 6,000 new believers.

"We just believe that everyone in the world deserves a chance to have a relationship with Jesus Christ," Howard said, "and the only way that change will come about is if they know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior."

In addition to alumni awards, Patterson told alumni and friends about the work God is doing at Southwestern. He relayed up-to-date information he received from IMB, which indicates that there are currently 948 Southwestern graduates serving with IMB on the mission field. Even more noteworthy, Patterson said, is the 382 Southwesterners serving in secure locations around the world,

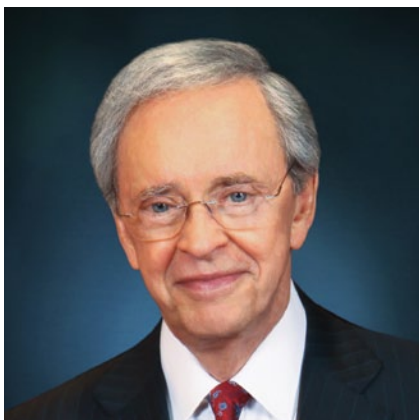
191 of whom are serving in Security 3 zones, countries where the highest level of hostility toward Christianity resides and many are martyred for their faith.

Patterson also invited professors and administrators Steven Smith, David Allen, and Thomas White to share with alumni how Southwestern seeks to impact the world with the Gospel. Smith, dean of the College at Southwestern, shared how the seminary's undergraduate program trains students to be cultural apologists wherever God calls them.

"One of the things you've heard from the convention floor the last two days was that this next generation is more tenacious and more ambitious," Smith said. "So, it's providential that we have this degree that matches their ambition."

White, vice president for student services and communications, told how students are reaching the Fort Worth metroplex with the Good News of Jesus Christ. He even showed Southwestern's free iPhone and iPad apps, which contain multiple evangelism tracts that students and alumni are already using to share the Gospel.

In election of national alumni officers, Hayes Wicker, pastor of First Baptist Church in Naples, FL, was elected president and Tommy French, pastor emeritus of Jefferson Baptist Church in Baton Rouge, La., was elected vice president.



Charles Stanley



Mike and Lindy Howard



Gil Stricklin

By Benjamin Hawkins

Finishing Strong: ‘Taking the Hill’ kindles evangelistic fervor

Professors are witnessing a surge of evangelistic passion on the campus of Southwestern Seminary, following the seminary’s Sept. 7 emphasis on its “Taking the Hill” initiative.

After chapel on Sept. 7, students and faculty members from Southwestern Seminary filled the rotunda in front of the Truett Auditorium in order to pick up assignments for “Taking the Hill,” an initiative designed to share the Gospel to the nearly 6,700 households within a one-mile radius of Southwestern.

During the following week, students and faculty members reached out to 2,000 households in the community, leaving only a few hundred houses to be visited in order to complete the campaign. Some students even risked the rain to take the Gospel to the community immediately. Other students have participated in “Taking the Hill” numerous times since Sept. 7.

Matt Queen, assistant professor of evangelism, said he has heard numerous reports

of how God is bringing people in the community to faith.

“We are observing a fresh fire for evangelism on our campus this semester,” Queen said. “Historically, the contagious and spontaneous practice of evangelism among students has indicated evidence of a movement of God upon a campus. I believe we are observing the emergence of such a movement at Southwestern Seminary. More and more students are intentionally meeting together multiple times a week to pray for the lost and then evangelize them.

Queen recalled the words of L.R. Scarborough, the seminary’s second president, who “referred to those who would surrender to God’s call as ‘Recruits for World Conquests’”: Scarborough wrote, ‘To refuse to witness of a saving Gospel to a lost world day by day is nothing short of high treason, spiritual rebellion, and inexcusable disobedience to God’s holy command.’”

“Clearly,” Queen commented, “this new generation of ‘Recruits for World Conquests’ at Southwestern possesses this same conviction.”

David Mills, assistant professor of evangelism, shared in this excitement.

“‘Taking the Hill’ has proven to be one of the most effective and thrilling evangelistic efforts any institution has undertaken,” Mills said. “Christlike professors and faith-filled students have gone with Christ through south Fort Worth and blazed a trail of evangelism. It is growing increasingly difficult to find anyone on the campus who does not care about evangelism.

“Due to this effort, the dreams of Carroll, Scarborough, Autrey, and Fish are being realized in this student body and faculty. I am so excited that I can barely catch my breath, and I cannot wait to see what will happen next. It is a great day to be a Southwesterner.”



Students share with a young man in his yard.



Undeterred by rain, professors and students visit homes in a one-mile radius of campus.

Principal, monk come to Christ

Professor Harvey Solganick and other Southwesterners welcomed school principal Alexis* (*name changed) into the Kingdom during the Kiev mission trip May 28–June 13. Solganick was encouraged by Alexis' profession of faith, made when the group of 14 was leading backyard Bible clubs with the students of Alexis' school.

Solganick also witnessed the baptism of two Iranian refugees at a local recreational area during their time in the city. "They had escaped death and were being born again into a new family," Solganick said.

During the Thailand mission trip, May 28–June 13, student Adam Southerland remembered to be faithful despite discouragement. Niran* (*name changed), a

young monk, was very open to talking to Southerland about Jesus due to a friendship with one of the local missionaries. Niran was eager to know what 'absolute truth' was, so Southerland and the other Christians encouraged him to go home that evening and ask God to show him if Jesus or Buddha was true.

Southerland followed up with Niran the next week, and learned Niran had encountered Christ during his evening devotions. He made a profession of faith with Southerland when they met together in the temple. Southerland taught from Scripture what it meant to be a Christian.

"As a Buddhist, I believed that I had to do enough good karma to make up for my bad karma, and I was trying to reach this state

of peace," Niran told Southerland. "I never knew what would happen to me after I die, but now that I believe in Jesus Christ and what He did for me—that it doesn't matter that I'm not perfect, that He loves me anyway, and that He died on the cross for my sins and that when I die—I know I'm going to go to heaven."

Conference connects ministers with SBTC

The Southern Baptists of Texas Convention (SBTC) fostered connections between Southwestern Seminary students, the state convention and local churches during the Paul/Timothy Conference, Sept. 9.

The conference introduced students who are approaching the end of their degrees to the resources, ministries, and staff members of the SBTC. It also featured guest speaker John Meador, pastor at First Baptist Church in Euless, Texas. Jim Richards, executive director of the SBTC, told students that the convention is biblically based; focused on the local church, missions, and evangelism; and funded by local churches.

"We want to see all of our churches actively engaged in the Great Commission by being intentionally evangelistic, and if you don't do it on purpose, it won't get done," Richards said. The SBTC helps churches fulfill Christ's call to evangelize and make disciples.

"We count it a privilege to serve you," Richards said. "We are servants to the churches, and it is my joy to be a part of this staff. So let us know how we can help you in your personal ministry, in your local church ministry, as we all do it to the glory of God."

Pastor Nathan Lorick of First Baptist Church in Malakoff, Texas, testified to the value of partnering with the SBTC. The convention, he said, allows ministers to build relationships with people who encourage and advise them throughout their ministries.

Patterson: Ezell models character, integrity

Trustees of the Southern Baptist Convention's North American Mission Board elected Kevin Ezell, senior pastor of Highview Baptist Church in Louisville, Ky., as president of the denominational agency Sept. 14. Ezell, who earned his Master of Divinity from Southwestern in 1988, will provide leadership to the mission board, including responding to the convention's approval in June of the Great Commission Task Force's recommendations.

"Southwestern Seminary is proud of its graduate, Dr. Kevin Ezell," President Paige Patterson said.

"Southern Baptists need above all else at this time leaders of sterling character and absolute integrity. We also need leaders committed to building great churches and to the critical importance of the family. Dr. Ezell beautifully models these virtues. We pray for him as he assumes this great assignment."

According to a news release from NAMB, trustees made the decision during a special called meeting in Atlanta. Following the announcement, Ezell expressed gratitude to God and the board of trustees: "I am honored and humbled that the trustees put this confidence in me. I will do everything

I possibly can to honor the Lord in this and to lead the board to a place where it is as effective as it possibly can be."

Ezell said church planting stands at the top of his list of priorities, and he looks forward to meeting with church planters to encourage and learn from them.

Ezell earned his undergraduate degree from Union University and a Doctor of Ministry degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky. In June, he served as president of the SBC Pastors' Conference in Orlando.



Kevin Ezell

By Keith Collier



Ronnie Floyd preaches in chapel about the reach of the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

Floyd sees bright future for SBC

Ronnie Floyd envisions a surge of Great Commission efforts in response to the overwhelming approval by Southern Baptists of the Great Commission Resurgence Task Force (GCRTF) recommendations in June. Floyd, pastor of First Baptist Church in Springdale, Ark., served as chairman of the task force and sees the historic vote as an emphatic statement about the direction of the convention.

Floyd, a two-time graduate of Southwestern, prays that God will use Southern Baptist seminaries to equip the next generation of Great Commission pastors and missionaries.

As for his role on the GCRTF, Floyd sees Southwestern's influence on his life in several aspects: "First, it is in this school that I began to understand the SBC in a greater way. Growing up in a very small church, I had

little knowledge imparted to me about the SBC. Second, the school taught me to love the Great Commission. I had reaching North America and the World on my heart from the time I left Southwestern. Third, it prepared me as much as it could at that time to pastor a local church. The church is where the action is, and every decision I made in GCR, I made from the heart of a local church pastor motivated by the Great Commission with my target being to reach the nations with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Fourth, Southwestern taught me how to communicate God's message more effectively. I will always be grateful for the wise counsel I received in helping me to be a communicator of God's Word. Without my time at Southwestern, I would not have been even close to being prepared to have led in this huge task."

Pitman: Go West Young Man

Vance Pitman believes the next Great Awakening in America will rise from the West with church planting at the epicenter of the movement.

"I personally believe the last great hope for America to experience a sweeping movement of God will come from the Western United States," Pitman says. "The West is the last pre-Christian culture in America. The Southeast, Northeast, Midwest, they've all seen the movement of God. They've seen revivals, they've seen church explosion."

Pitman planted Hope Baptist Church eight years ago in Las Vegas, a city far removed from the Bible Belt, where he grew up and gained early ministry experience.

Pitman challenged seminary students called to church planting to come to the West. His passion for church planting in the West spawned from the vision God gave him for Las Vegas, which has resulted in Hope Baptist planting seven additional churches in the city as well as two more in Chicago and Tucson, Ariz.

However, Pitman warned prospective planters to verify their calling prior to venturing out. Otherwise, when difficult times arise, they will give up and quit.

"Too many guys and gals," Pitman said, "are out trying to be involved in church planting today because it's en vogue, because they don't like church as it exists in their culture. They're non-traditional, non-conformists, wanting to do something different. It's novel; they're following guys like Driscoll who have planted churches and think it's the cool thing to do. Church planting is the absolute hardest work you'll ever do in your life. That being said, it is the most joyous, rewarding experience of my life."

Pitman was elected president of the 2011 SBC Pastors' Conference, which will be held in conjunction with the SBC annual meeting in Phoenix, June 14-15, 2011. His goal with the conference is to unite older and younger pastors with a vision for church planting and reaching the nations.



Vance Pitman, church planter and SBC Pastors' Conference president, shares his desire for more churches in the West.

Panel discusses sex and the music ministry

The School of Church Music hosted a forum on sexual ethics and music ministry, Sept. 3. Titled "Sex, Lies and Music," the forum opened a series of panel discussions on ethics and music, which the school intends to host each semester.

The first panel discussion featured President Paige Patterson alongside Stephen Johnson, dean of the School of Church Music, and David Thye, professor of church music. According to Johnson, 1,200 ministers were terminated from their church positions in 2009, and sexual misconduct was among the top 10 reasons for these terminations.

"So what that boils down to is that, in 2009, every other day, there was a minister ... who was fired for the reason of sexual misconduct," Johnson said. "It has become quite an issue."

Patterson reminded students that this issue is important because God created sex to be

an outward sign of a deeper intimacy and oneness between husband and wife. He also urged them to remember that God will not bless a ministry defiled by sexual sin.

"Even if nobody knows yet, your own spiritual life is decimated by it," Patterson said. "You will never have the power of the Spirit of God (if this sin exists in your life)." He also told students that a single misdeed "reverberates through the whole community."

Thye agreed: "I fear sin. I want to be an effective tool in the ministry," he said, recounting times that he has seen sexual sin damage the lives of ministers, their families, and the members of their churches.

"It is a trust factor for all of us involved," Thye said. "These things are not just about you. It is about our relationship with Jesus Christ. It is about our relationship as leaders in the community and leaders in the church of God."



David Thye discusses the spiritual life of the minister.

Ex-NFL player challenges teens to shine amid darkness

When Daryl Jones stepped onto the stage, he knew the several hundred youth seated before him may have expected someone bigger.

"I know some of you are shocked," Jones told students at the Go Tell student camp. "You heard about a football player-preacher coming to speak, and you see this short dude standing up here. But I serve a big God, and that big God decided not to make me big, but I can run really fast."

Jones, who played wide receiver on the 2001 NCAA National Championship Miami Hurricanes squad as well as several years in the NFL, spoke to students from Matthew 5:14-16 on the importance of shining as

lights in a dark world. Jones shared how God uniquely placed him on NFL teams in order to shine the light of the Gospel in those locker rooms. Jones led chapel services and Bible studies during his time as a player.

"Your presence is crucial, and the world needs you," Jones urged students. "Don't ever feel insignificant. Never feel like you don't have a place in life."

Jones earned a Master of Divinity from Southwestern and is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in New Testament at the seminary. He serves as youth pastor at Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship in Dallas.



Daryl Jones challenges students to trust God and to live out what the Bible says.

A baby named 'Miracle'

Anna and Keith Jones* welcomed their little girl in a miraculous way, June 27, when their baby was born breach in their little apartment in Student Village. Anna said the story surrounding their daughter's birth has become a great way to share with others about the power of God to deliver in times of need.

The couple came home after church on Sunday afternoon, and Jones started having

contractions in the bathroom. Before the ambulance arrived, Keith helped her deliver their daughter, who was born breach on their bathroom floor.

Anna stayed in the hospital several days to recover, and during that time she and Keith were able to share the Gospel with the doctors and nurses. Anna said one veteran nurse, who has worked in her field for more

than 20 years, told her she had never seen a baby born breach who was so healthy. Keith was then able to witness to the nurse about the reality of a God who hears prayers.

Anna said it is also fitting that their daughter is named Sayani, which means 'miracle' in the Jones' heart language.

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Page: 'Hear the call, heed the command'

SBC Executive Committee president Frank Page urged current students and faculty of Southwestern Seminary, his alma mater, to be sure of the calling of God during his address in chapel, Sept. 8. Page believes that "every day, we need to hear the call and heed the command." He reminded his fellow Southwesterners to be faithful to hear God's still, small voice and to use that conviction as an anchor to their current ministry calling.



Politics not the panacea

Political and social agendas will not ultimately heal the world's problems, Paige Patterson, president of Southwestern Seminary, said during the seminary's convocation chapel service, Aug. 19. Only Christ can do so, by his death and resurrection. Earlier in the convocation service, the seminary welcomed three newly-appointed faculty members and four newly-elected faculty members.



Change of venue requires quick thinking

When huge thunderstorms rolled through around 5 a.m. early Thursday morning, the students and staff who work for the Naylor Student Center and student life offices had to think fast to save Southwestern's Campus Picnic and Church Fair on Sept. 2.



International Church Planting Week: Are you Called?

Mission strategist Mark Edworthy (M.Div. 1986, D.Min.1993), IMB personnel, and professors from the Fish School of Evangelism and Missions helped Southwesterners move closer to answering the call during the International Church Planting Week, Sept. 13-17. Edworthy spoke in chapel Sept. 15.



Orientation Week 2010

Faculty, staff, and current students welcomed new freshmen and first-year seminary students with orientation activities and a cookout during Southwestern Seminary and the College at Southwestern's 2010 orientation week, Aug. 19-25, 2010.

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By Keith Collier

Q&A with David Allen on 'Text-Driven Preaching'

The following is from an interview with David Allen, dean of the School of Theology and co-editor of a new book, *Text-Driven Preaching*. To watch additional video clips of the interview, visit www.swbts.edu/InTheirOwnWords.

Q: Why another book on preaching?

A: I think this book fills a niche that is not out there in two or three senses. First of all, this book calls expository preaching back to its foundation and back to what genuine exposition is all about. Number two, this book covers the gamut of the history of great expositors of preaching, covers the spiritual life of the preacher, and also covers aspects of the actual methodology of how to do exposition, how to do text-driven preaching, followed by the practicality of how to deliver text-driven sermons and so forth. ... There are many good books on preaching. They vary in emphases, but this is a book that really zeros in on the vitality of text-driven preaching, and all of our contributors, regardless of the subject matter of their chapter, they are all committed to text-driven preaching.

Q: How will this book help a veteran pastor?

A: Nobody ever arrives in preaching; we are all somewhere along the scale, learning more about how to do great preaching. There will be a number of things in this book that will not only reinforce what an experienced pastor already knows and does but that actually would stretch him in some areas and give him some new ideas and new ways of going about doing great preaching.

Dean of Theology David Allen

Q: How do preachers balance content and delivery?

A: What we are about is a full-orbed view and vision for preaching, which we believe involves planning, preparation, exegesis, and all of the traditional approaches or aspects of what we would call sermon preparation. But, also, good preaching involves the dynamics of delivery and all of the aspects that go along with the communication of the Gospel. It's important to have something to communicate and to communicate it well. If we have something to communicate, which we do—the Gospel, but yet we are poor communicators of the Gospel, then we are actually going to hinder people from responding to the Gospel, from understanding the Word of God. We stress both.

It's important not to be so academic ... and high brow, where your preaching is a mountain of information and is delivered like

a lecture. That's an extreme we're trying to avoid. And, then we're trying to avoid the other extreme, a lack of preparation: "Well, the Holy Spirit will tell me what to say, and I just want to be natural so that people will respond." ... Generally speaking, that doesn't do much either.

A lot of times, [preachers] will pay close attention to the preparation of their sermons but not think through the implications of the delivery of their sermons. We stress both because we want people to be scintillating, interesting, and creative in their delivery, and to use language well, even to think through how they're going to say what they say in their sermons. Nothing in that prohibits the role of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit can simply take that and enhance it. We believe in good, solid content, but we also believe in good principles of delivery.



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Q&A with David Allen on Hebrews Commentary

B&H Publishing recently released the *New American Commentary on Hebrews* by David Allen, dean of the School of Theology. The following is an edited interview with Allen about the book. To watch video of additional answers from Allen, go to www.swbts.edu/InTheirOwnWords.

Q: How long has this commentary been in the works?

A: In one sense, this commentary has been in the works since 1976, which is when I was a sophomore in college. During a creative writing course, I wrote on the subject of the authorship of Hebrews. A 12-page paper that resulted, and that actually got me interested in studying the book of Hebrews. But, formally, its beginning came when I was asked by Broadman and Holman if I would consider writing the commentary in the NAC series on Hebrews, and that was about 10 years ago. So, the actual research and writing process for this book has been about 10 years.

Q: What is unique about this commentary on Hebrews?

A: First of all, this commentary in recent days is the only one that actually argues for the Lukan authorship of Hebrews, to my knowledge. Most commentaries in their introductory material will discuss all the various theories and views, but it is fairly unusual to have a commentary argue in favor of a particular view. It's not unheard of, but it is somewhat atypical. ... Second, I have attempted to address discourse issues as we have worked through the book of Hebrews—some linguistic aspects of the book that are not normally brought out in more traditional commentaries, and I have tried to bring to bear on the text of Hebrews an approach of discourse analysis, whereby we're getting at the actual underlying meaning the author is conveying, and how that hangs together, and how that is woven through the theology of

the book, the rhetoric that one finds there, and so forth, and what impact that has on interpretation. ... Third, this commentary has a significant discussion on Hebrews 6:1-6, which is one of the knottiest problems of New Testament studies—the concept in the case of “those who have been once enlightened and partakers of the heavenly gift and then have fallen away, it's impossible to renew them to repentance.” What on earth does that mean? Of course, there are four or five major views throughout church history on that subject, and this commentary engages those significantly. In fact, of the 671 pages of the commentary, about 50 or 60 pages is given to a discussion of just those verses in Hebrews 6. ... Last, I would say, I have tried to write this commentary for pastors and show them how one can preach through the paragraph units of Hebrews and how the paragraph units are connected by the author and the conjunctions that he uses to connect the passages and then how that affects your preaching of Hebrews. I do think that Hebrews is a written sermon. I think it's placed in writing. It may have been preached orally first, but I do think that's significant in the impact on pastors.

Q: What is the central message of Hebrews?

A: Many people mistakenly argue that some of the key theological themes are actually the center of the book, and I think that's a mistake. Clearly the book argues for the high priesthood of Jesus and the sonship of Christ, and those are very important themes. ... but in reality the book is a pastoral document. It is actually about encouraging the church during a time of pressure and persecution and tribulation and encouraging people who are undergoing such to stay true to Christ and not to fade away and not to fall back and not to lag behind but rather to press on to spiritual maturity.

Q: How does Hebrews use the OT? What does it teach us about our use of the OT in preaching and theology?

A: Hebrews makes significant use of the Old Testament. There are several interesting things about how the author of Hebrews uses the Old Testament. For example, he always quotes from the Septuagint version of the Old Testament—that's the Greek translation of the Hebrew Old Testament. He never quotes from the Masoretic text, never from the Hebrew text. Another interesting factor is that the author is introducing those quotations usually with some form of the verb “to speak” or “to say,” and then those quotation formulae are usually in the present tense—at least many of them are—emphasizing the fact that the word of God that was written then, the Old Testament, is now applicable to the people of God in the writer's day but also in our day. That is a key theme that is developed as we learn how he actually quotes the Old Testament. But, then what the author is doing in terms of the use of the Old Testament is that he is reading it through Christological glasses. He is seeing Christ in the Old Testament. He is not imposing Christ there. He is showing how, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, Jesus Christ is there already and just being brought out in terms of New Testament revelation. So the author is showing how the Old Testament Scriptures speak of Christ, move toward Christ and have their fulfillment in Christ.



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Missionary, disciple-maker Avery Willis dies from leukemia

After a nearly seven-month bout with leukemia, Avery Willis, former senior vice president for overseas operations of the International Mission Board (IMB) and author of the *MasterLife* discipleship series, died July 30. He was 76.

"My dad graduated to Glory early this morning, July 30," Willis' son, Randy, posted via Willis' Twitter account. "He died peacefully, without pain or anxiety."

Taking Jesus' command to "make disciples of all nations" seriously, Willis dedicated his life to winning people to faith in Christ and helping them mature in their relationships with God. In particular, he had a passion to reach oral learners—individuals who are illiterate or whose most effective communication comes through oral means—and served as executive director of the International Orality Network. Additionally, his *MasterLife* discipleship materials have greatly impacted Christians around the world.

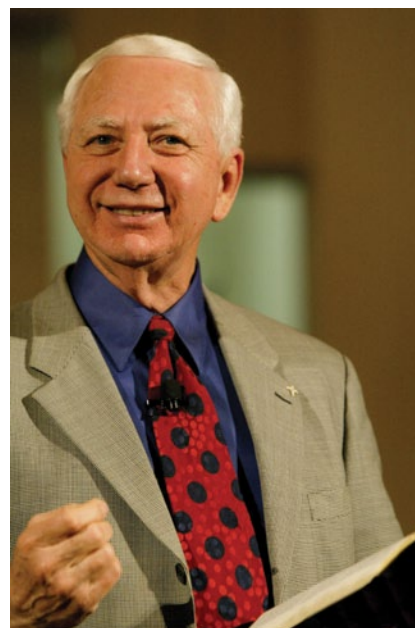
"Southwestern Seminary has lost a dear friend and certainly a worldwide figure in missions and discipleship with the homegoing

of Avery Willis," seminary president Paige Patterson said.

Willis earned a B.A. degree from Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee, Okla., as well as master's and doctoral degrees from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. After pastoring churches in Oklahoma and Texas for 10 years, he served as an international missionary to Indonesia for 14 years, including a role as president of the Indonesian Baptist Theological Seminary.

Upon his return to the United States, Willis led adult discipleship programs for LifeWay Christian Resources before serving on leadership with IMB. He retired in 2004 and continued to be involved in overseas missions through international trips as well as leadership on numerous missions organizations. In 2005, Oklahoma Baptist University established the Avery T. Willis Center for Global Outreach in his honor.

Willis is survived by his wife, Shirley; five grown children; 15 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.



Avery Willis

Professors to participate in science and faith symposium

Southwestern professors Harvey Solganick and William Dembski will join other prominent Christian scientists and theologians during a symposium in Austin, Texas, Oct. 26-28, to respond to the widespread claim that science has disproved the Bible and the existence of God.

The symposium, titled *The Vibrant Dance of Faith and Science*, draws together

Christian experts who hold various viewpoints on how believers can integrate the relationship between faith and science. Speakers at the conference include, among others, Stephen Meyer of the Discovery Institute; Andy Crouch, a senior editor with Christianity Today; Darrel Falk of the BioLogos Foundation; and author and professor Alister McGrath.

The symposium was organized by the Hill Country Institute for Contemporary Christianity, which has organized conferences and forums to discuss not only science and faith but also the arts and parenting.

Professors contribute to HCSB Study Bible iPhone, iPad apps

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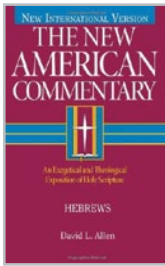
LifeWay Christian Research launched its HCSB Study Bible application, Aug. 31, for

Apple iPhone and iPad users, and several Southwestern professors and administrators contributed to the project.

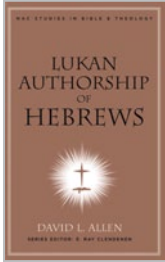
Southwestern president Paige Patterson wrote an article, titled "Salvation in the Old Testament," and Craig Blasing, seminary executive vice president and provost, contributed an article on "Christ in the Old

Testament." Additionally, professors Terry Wilder and Malcolm Yarnell provided introductions and study notes for the books of Jude and Hebrews, respectively.

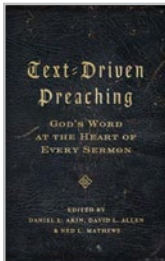
The new HCSB Study Bible app can be downloaded for \$9.99 at <http://bit.ly/cVvoGR>.



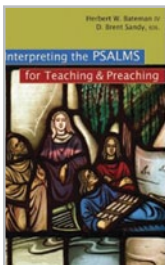
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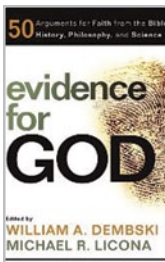
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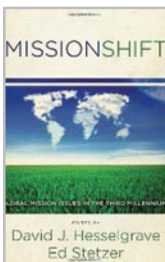
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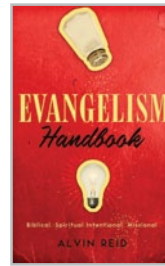
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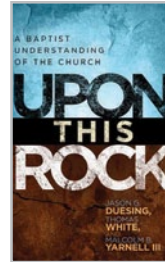
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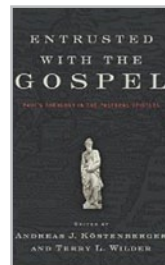
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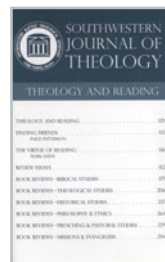
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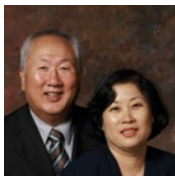


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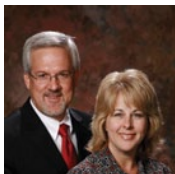
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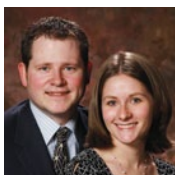
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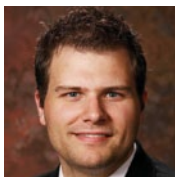
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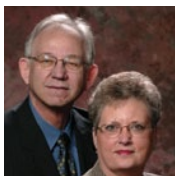
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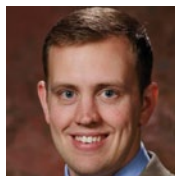
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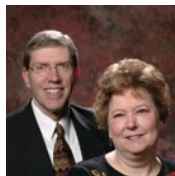
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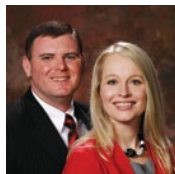
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Leadership Development
Casper, Wyo.



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Church Planting Missionary Pastor
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**JAMES (MARE, 1997)
AND ANGELA ROBERTS**
Strategy Coordinator among
European Peoples
Europe



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

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1950

John M. Wilkes (BD 1954, MDiv 1973) to George Washington Foundation, Fredericksburg, Va., as supervisor of Interpreters for the Education Department.

1970

David F. Green (DIPTh 1973) to Flat Run Baptist Church, Locust Grove, Va., as pastor emeritus.

Franklin S. "Frank" Page (MDiv 1976, PhD 1980) to the Southern Baptist Convention as president of the SBC's Executive Committee.

1980

Timothy M. "Tim" Gentry (MDiv 1982) to Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, Oklahoma City, Okla., as evangelism group leader.

David W. Harbour (MRE 1982) to Lakeview Baptist Church, Belton, Texas, as senior pastor.

Dale R. Cruz (MDiv 1983) to Weidner Road Baptist Church, San Antonio, Texas, as pastor.

Dennis R. Culbreth (MDiv 1984) to Jasper First Baptist Church, Jasper, Ala., as senior pastor.

Marion David "Dave" Edwards, III (MDiv 1985) to Stetson Baptist Church, DeLand, Fla., as pastor of administration/senior adults.

David L. Lowrie, Jr. (MDiv 1986) to First Baptist Church, El Paso, Texas, as senior pastor.

Russell E. "Rusty" Shuler (MDiv 1988) to First Baptist Church, Red Oak, Texas, as pastor.

Jeffrey L. "Jeff" Warren (MDiv 1988, DMin 1995) to Park Cities Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas, as senior pastor.

1990

Douglas R. "Doug" Beck (MDiv 1997) to First Baptist Church, Dorchester, Texas, as pastor, with wife Sonnie **Alcedo Beck (ExMARE 1994)**.

Richard C. Beeman (MDivBL 1997) to First Baptist Church, Winnsboro, La., as pastor.

Paul D. Posey (MARE 1998) to Texas County Baptist Association, Houston, Mo., as director of missions.

David E. Higgs (DMin 1999) to First Baptist Church, Bryan, Texas, as pastor.

Ryan E. Jennings (MDivBL 1999, DMin 2009) to Shadycrest Baptist Church, Pearland, Texas, as pastor.

2000

M. Craig Canton (MDivBL 2000) to Northwest Baptist Church, Gainesville, Fla., as senior pastor.

Charles A. Dean (MM 2001) to First Baptist Church, Batesville, Ark., as minister of worship and education.

Christopher T. "Chris" Irving (MDiv 2005) to First Baptist Church, Gonzales, Texas, as pastor.

Aaron B. Coffey (MACE 2007) to First Baptist Church, Floresville, Texas, as youth minister.

Robert R. Welch (MDiv 2007) to Rock Hill Baptist Church, Brownsboro, Texas, as pastor.

Retirement

Calvin E. Jones (MDiv 1974), living in Enning, S.D.

Marriages

Christine S. Watkins (MACE 2010) to Michael Bennett.

Pamela Smith to **Jonathan Lee Burris (MAIS 2010)**.

Rachel Elizabeth Townley (MAMFC 2010) to Jonathan Heizer.

Katie M. Collett to **Caleb Dwaine Higgins (BAH 2010)**.

Meredith Ashley Akin to **Scot Walter "Walt" Stewart, II (MACE 2010)**.

Marisa Trevino to **William Franklin "Frank" Thomason, II (MDiv 2010)**.

Lacey Dawn Scarborough to **Joshua R. Waggoner (BAH 2010)**.

Anniversaries

Scotty W. Gray (MACM 1959, DMA 1966) and June Burris Gray, 50th wedding anniversary (August).

Roland E. Hill (BD 1962) and **Mary Anne Davis Hill (ExRE 1962)**, 50th wedding anniversary (September).

Charles S. Barham (MRE 1963) and **Mary Kveton Barham (ExTH 1985)**, 50th wedding anniversary (April).

Howell E. Farnsworth, Jr (MDiv 1974) and Sue Farnsworth, 50th wedding anniversary (June).

Kenneth W. Sickels (DIPTh 1977) and **Eileen Hoover Sickels (ExRE 1977)**, 60th wedding anniversary (July).

Memorials**1940**

Evelyn McClure Heard (EX 1946).

W.Y. "Bill" Pond, Jr. (ThM 1946).

J. Ivey Miller (ThM 1946).

William Carl "W.C." Carpenter, Jr. (BD 1947).

James Everett Musgrave, Jr. (BD 1948, ThM 1966, DMin 1976).

John H. Johns (ThM 1949).

1950

Tommy L. Austin (BD 1952, MDiv 1973).

Lester T. Badger (ExTH 1952).

Van Hinton Porter (ExTH 1952).

Bryan A. Ross (BD 1952).

William Donald "Don" Kimbrough (BD 1953).

Margaret Anne McMullen Martin (MRE 1953).

Robert F. "Brother Bob" Norsworthy (BD 1953).

John Henry Propst, Jr. (BD 1953, ThD 1962).

James Arlie Wright (BD 1953, MDiv 1968).

Alec M. Hopper (DIPSM 1954, BRE 1956).

Henry D. Martin (BD 1954).

Wilson L. Stewart, Sr. (BD 1954, ThD 1959).

J.T. "Jess" Hightower (MRE 1955).

Robert B. "R.B." Baker (BD 1956).

Bernice Lee "B.L." Davis (BD 1957).

Joe T. Carrell (MACM 1958).

Rice Eugene "Gene" Watson (BD 1959, MDiv 1973).

James Francis Bond (BD 1959, MDiv 1968).

1960

Joseph Terrell "Joe" Beane, Jr. (ExRE 1960).

Donna Jean Vanwinkle Denton (ExRE 1960).

Marshall O. Southerland (BD 1960).

Roberto Garcia (BD 1960, MDiv 1973).

Cletus E. Lovelady (BD 1961).

Harold J. Parnell (DIPTh 1962).

Neil H. Bradley, Sr. (DIPTh 1964).

Donald Jesse Gilchrist (MRE 1962, BD 1964).

Bobby H. McDermitt (BD 1963, MDiv 1973).

Andrew Jackson Pate (ExTH 1966).

1970

John B. Kinnaird, Jr. (MDiv 1974).

Vivian Gail Hargrove McCaughan (MDiv 1974).

Helen Bates Sherman (MACM 1978).

Helen Sue Fike Williams (MRE 1979).

1980

Tex Jackson Watson (ExTH 1982).

Richard "Gerald" Melton (MDiv 1986, DMin 1993).

Valerie Lynn Richmond (MARE 1988).

1990

Peter C. Yin (ExMDivBL 1997).

2000

T. Gerould "Jerry" Sims (MACE 2000).

THE PERFECT COLLEGE AND THE TYPICAL STUDENT



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The College at Southwestern is an amazing place. We have some of the best scholars with whom students can study; parents can trust this faculty to be faithful to Scripture. These professors, in turn, make themselves

available to students, many of whom serve as mentors as much as professors. The curriculum forces students to be able to defend their faith inside the classroom so that they can defend it outside the classroom. While many colleges bleed their school colors, the College at Southwestern bleeds the Gospel with one of the most aggressive mission degrees possible. The college puts the potential seminary student on a fast track toward his master's degree. Finally, this course of study is about a third of the cost of private school education. But that's nothing. Here's the amazing part: the types of students God sends us.

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The College at Southwestern is not the perfect school, and its students are not perfect. However, more often than not, this is exactly what happens at the college. You could say the students are at once exceptional and typical. More than one of our ordinary students is extraordinary. This is the most exciting part of the campus.

As for the big coffee bar/ropes course/half pipe/mega mall/indoor water park? Well, nobody's perfect ... yet.



Steven Smith, dean of the College at Southwestern and professor of communication, is willing to dive into any challenge, even if it is from 12,000 ft.



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