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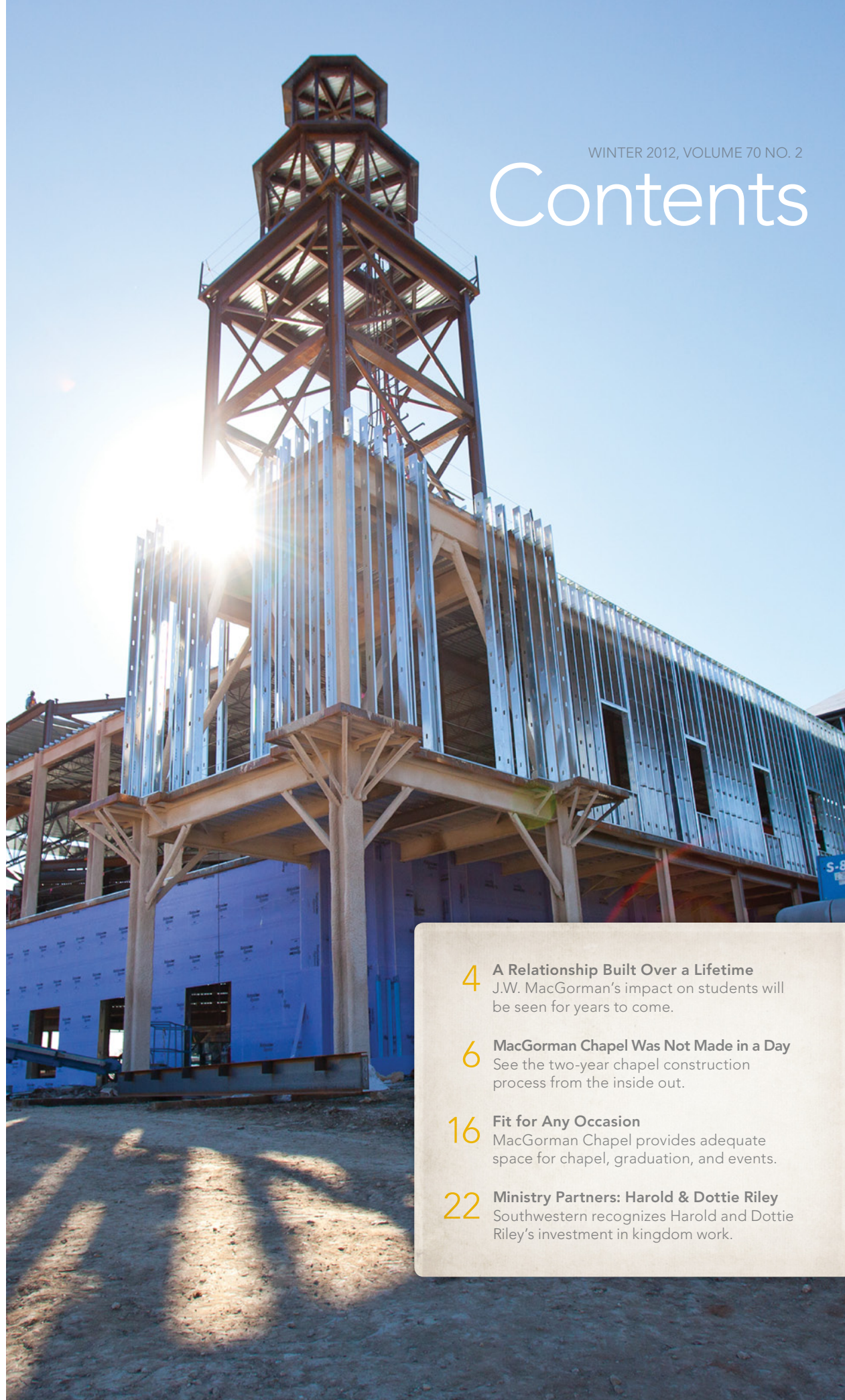
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# a letter from THE PRESIDENT

**T**he current issue of *Southwestern News* introduces our readers, many of whom could not be here for the dedication of the new chapel, to the MacGorman Chapel of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. There are many reasons why a chapel might be constructed. There is the need for a general assembly hall where all 3,000 of our resident students can be gathered at one time. Then, for almost 40 years we have been forced to have graduation at a local church. While we are grateful to Travis Avenue Baptist Church for its hospitality, we lose the joy of having the families and friends of the graduating students on our campus. Larger confer-



PAIGE PATTERSON, *President*

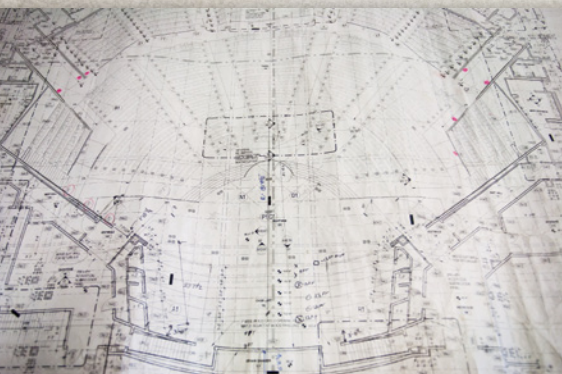
ences numbering more than 500 could not be held on campus because there was no comfortable venue for such a gathering.

Major musical events, such as our annual presentation of *Messiah* and our Gala now have a venue where 3,500 people can gather to hear these magnificent presentations of sacred music. The aesthetic effects of the MacGorman Chapel on campus will be obvious to any who see it. But all of those, either individually or combined, are inadequate reasons for an institution to spend resources for the building of a chapel.

Only three things ultimately make such a chapel building worthwhile. First, though people can pray anywhere and while we have provided two beautiful prayer gardens on the Southwestern campus,

the two prayer rooms located in the new chapel are devoted to praying for the extension of the Gospel to the ends of the world and for revival in our own country. But, even beyond that, I think of this chapel as a house of transaction. Just as one might go to the *agora* in ancient Greece or to the mall in contemporary America to transact crucial business, so MacGorman Chapel is a success only if it is perpetually a house of spiritual transaction. By spiritual transaction, I am describing a place where individuals come seeking spiritual instruction and find the living Lord Jesus Christ. In short, this place is where people are saved on a regular basis; and as part of being a house of transaction, this place will have hundreds of young people across the years come and hear the call of God to depart the fairer shores of America and invest their lives in less salubrious climes where the need is desperate. May God see fit to call many to the world mission endeavor and to reaching the 7 billion people on the face of the earth for Christ.

To this end I am especially grateful to literally hundreds of people who have given small and large amounts to build the chapel. Without Harold Riley and his major lead gift, of course, the chapel never could have become a reality. We must all express our gratitude to him. In fact, how the chapel received its name comes out of the story of Harold Riley's years on the campus. He was not a seminary student but a teenager when his father Ray I. Riley found the Lord and felt God's call to preach. At Southwestern, Ray Riley studied under Jack MacGorman, who influenced his ministerial life forever. In the process, MacGorman became an influence even on Harold, the teenage son who would someday go on to become an All-American foot-



ball player at Baylor University. So, even the name of the chapel tells the story of the importance of missions, study, and ministry. Of course, as you will see in this issue, the chapel will be the permanent home for the important Dead Sea Scroll fragments now owned by Southwestern Seminary. In the Leta Phillips Library, this collection will be displayed as a perpetual exhibit to the importance of Holy Scripture for all that we do. Our indebtedness to Gary and Stephanie Loveless for helping make this exhibition possible cannot be overstated.

The two prayer rooms, the Dottie Riley Prayer Tower and the Don and Libby Miller Prayer Room, located on the northern corners of the complex will be available for all who wish to have a quiet place to seek the face of God in silence. Requests will be continually flowing into these centers for prayer.

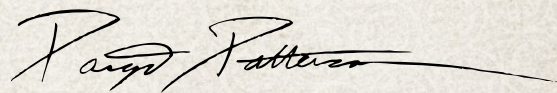
The kindness of the Lockman Foundation, the publishers and distributors of the New American Standard Bible, under the direction of Robert and Phoebe Lambeth, has made possible a lobby area that further emphasizes the importance of Holy Scripture. The Orville and Esther Beth Rogers Library will emphasize the history of the Free Church movement. Visitors to musical performances and other events will have the opportunity to visit the Drumwright Hospitality Suite, and program participants will be welcomed in the Eaves Speaker's Room. One of the finest organs to be built in recent times was given to us by a generous gift of a benefactor who has preferred to remain anonymous, but you will not want to miss hearing this magnificent instrument. The Gerald and Anne Jones Choir Rehearsal Room houses the Dick Baker collection, and the Gary and Kristi Moore Orchestra Rehearsal Room completes

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*Paige Patterson*

the music area with Dr. Moore's memorabilia from three decades of ministry. I have mentioned just a few of the things that are characteristic of this fabulous new chapel. I cannot express adequately my gratitude to the many benefactors and most of all to our Lord. But above all, I pray that this will be from the first service held a house of transaction and a house of prayer. May God grant it to be so.

Until He Comes,



Paige Patterson





# A RELATIONSHIP BUILT OVER A LIFETIME

By Benjamin Hawkins

J.W. MacGorman, distinguished professor of New Testament emeritus, has faithfully attended chapel under six of Southwestern Seminary's eight presidents.

In 1949, four years after he first enrolled at Southwestern, MacGorman witnessed the construction of the B.H. Carroll Memorial Building, and he attended the first chapel services to be held in the Truett Auditorium. Previously, the seminary family met for chapel in Cowden Hall and, before that, Fort Worth Hall. >>>

"Can you imagine the excitement," MacGorman says, "when we moved out of the Cowden Hall chapel? That was one enormous day. There was a great deal of rejoicing."

Once again, only 25 days before his 91st birthday, MacGorman celebrated with the seminary family as Southwestern opened a new chapel named in his honor. Southwestern dedicated the MacGorman Chapel on Dec. 1, 2011.

Harold and Dottie Riley, who gave the lead gift for construction of the chapel, chose to honor MacGorman for his steadfast friendship, passion for God's word, and humble dedication to the Lord's work. Riley said he first met MacGorman in the 1950s as a senior in high school, while his father, Ray I. Riley, was a Bachelor of Divinity student at the seminary.

Later, while helping to plant Willow Meadows Baptist Church in Houston, Texas, Riley came into contact with MacGorman once again. MacGorman served as an interim pastor at Willow Meadows until the congregation called a permanent pastor. Riley met MacGorman again while recruiting and training people for the insurance business. MacGorman helped one insurance salesman build connections in the Fort Worth area.

In 1998, Riley requested that Southwestern name the second phase in its leadership development center, now called The Riley Center, in MacGorman's honor. The seminary changed the name of this portion of the center when Riley later requested that MacGorman's name adorn the seminary's new chapel.

"Jack MacGorman has touched my life in many ways," Riley says. "I do not know any person more deserving than him to name a building on the seminary campus."

The son of a preacher, MacGorman was born in the city of Amherst in Nova Scotia, Canada, on Dec. 26, 1920. At age 7, his family moved about 10 miles across the United States border to Caribou, Maine. From 1937 to 1938, he enrolled in classes at Colby College in Waterville, Maine, but his education was interrupted by a bout with a severe lung disease.

"There were four years between my freshman and sophomore years of college when I was fighting for survival," MacGorman says.




"So I went into a hospital for one month's observation. I didn't get out for 25 months. ... The Lord had led me past the door of death more than once."

After being dismissed from the hospital as inoperable in 1941, MacGorman followed his doctor's advice by catching a ride to the "high and dry climate of Arizona." Instead, he ended up in Texas, where he regained his strength and enrolled at Southwestern in 1945. He completed his Bachelor of Divinity (equivalent to the Master of Divinity) and his Doctor of Theology degrees at Southwestern by 1956. In 1948, he was added to the seminary's faculty. He retired from his post in 2001.

Looking at a journal entry from his first day of classes at Southwestern, Sept. 11, 1945, MacGorman recalls the "deep, deep sense of gratitude to God for his mercy," for sparing his life and bringing him to Southwestern.

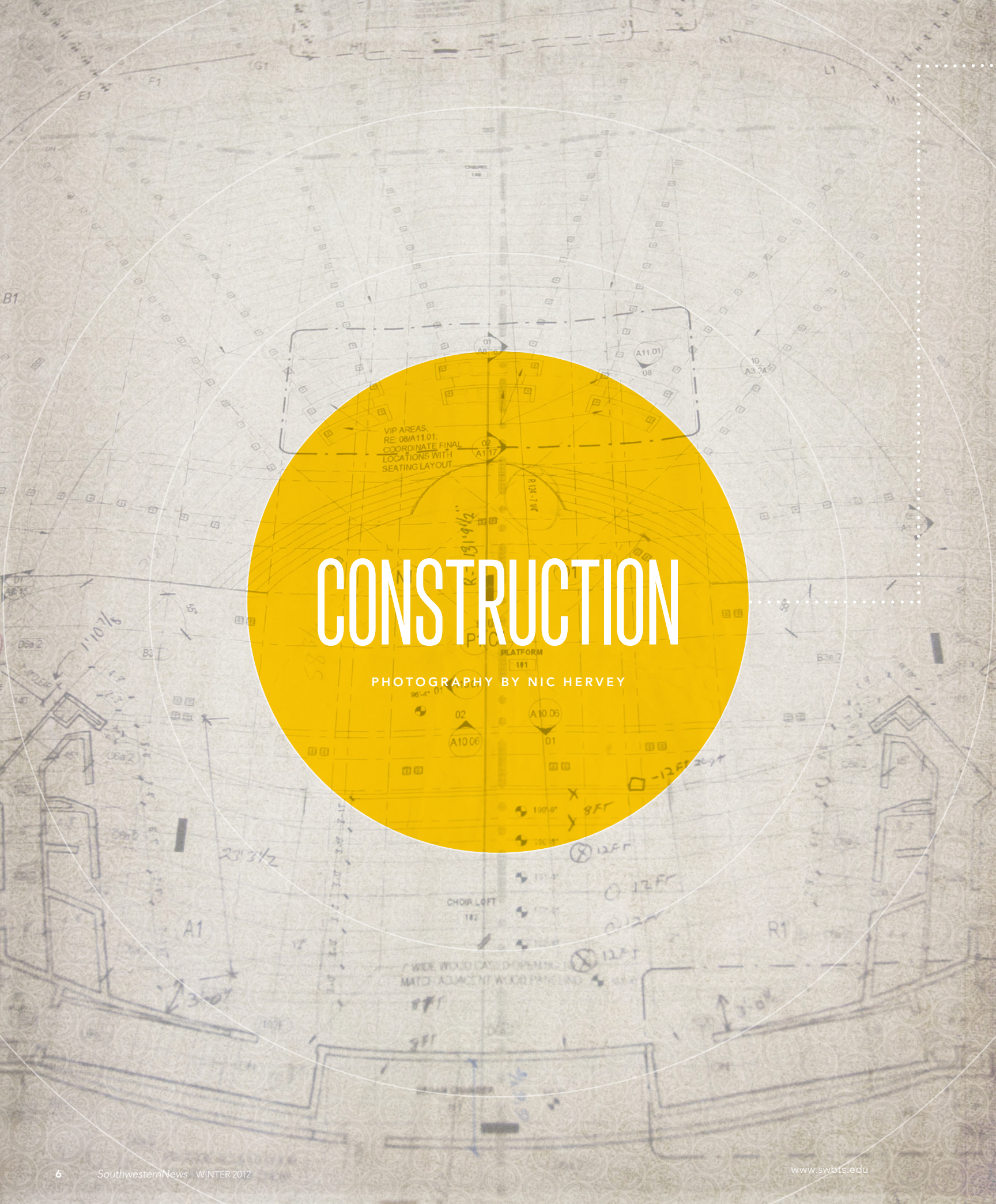
"For somebody who felt such an overwhelming gratitude to God for his mercy and his kindness, chapel was the only place to go," MacGorman says. "Not to show up in a time of worship would have been unthinkable."

"We're counting on the Lord being there no matter who is in the pulpit," he adds, and during the dedication of the new MacGorman Chapel he prayed with a deep sense of the Lord's presence: "Our Father, it is overwhelming to be where your Holy Spirit is at work in the lives of people." 



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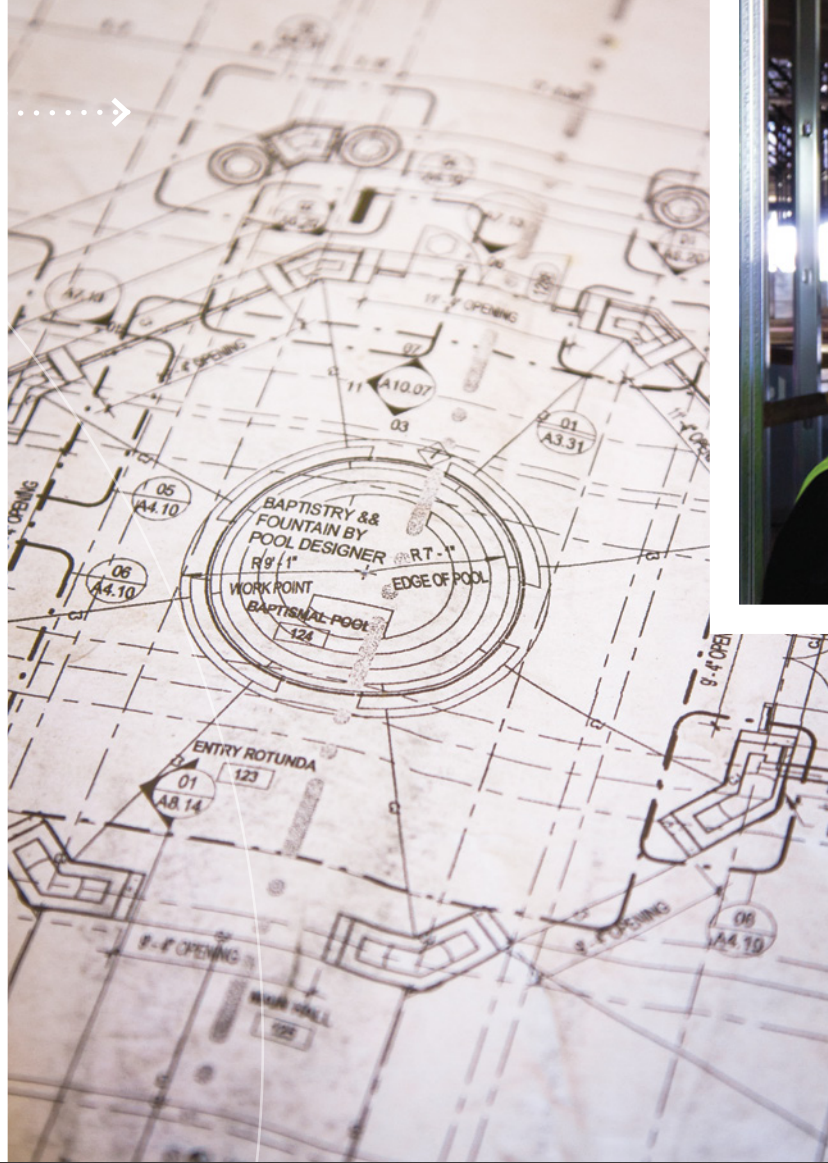
*J.W. MacGorman*



# CONSTRUCTION

PHOTOGRAPHY BY NIC HERVEY





**Above:** Harold Riley and Vice President for Institutional Advancement Mike Hughes discuss progress on the chapel. **Below that,** Southwestern trustees John Mark Caton, Harlan Lee, Tony Mathews, Geoff Kolander, Gary Loveless, and Mike Boyd sign one of the support beams before it is set.

The Rileys financial commitment and Dr. Patterson's vision for the new chapel experienced reality in fall 2009 during a groundbreaking ceremony. The seminary chose Manhattan Construction, the company that also built Cowboys Stadium in Arlington, to erect the building. Construction began right away as heavy equipment moved dirt, workers poured concrete, and industrial cranes hoisted steel beams.







## CONSTRUCTION BY THE NUMBERS

- › **1/4 MILLION** Man Hours (no lost time incidents)
- › **17 MILLION** Pounds of Concrete
- › **2.2 MILLION** Pounds of Steel
- › **414,000** Number of Bricks
- › **54,000** Square Feet of Plaster (enough to cover a football field)
- › **17,400** Square Feet of Glass (enough to cover an Olympic-size swimming pool)
- › **20,000** Clay Roof Tiles
- › **2,400** Light Fixtures
- › **130** Miles of electrical, data, and A/V wire
- › **73** Toilets







Once the chapel exterior was completed in spring 2011, crews worked night and day on interior construction, including drywall, paint, electrical and flooring. Meanwhile, crews landscaped the perimeter, including the O'Neal Prayer Gardens, located between MacGorman Chapel and Pecan Manor.



On Dec. 1, 2011, Southwestern opened its new 3,500-seat chapel with a daylong celebration, including a ribbon cutting, dedication chapel service, baptisms and a free Christmas concert. **Above:** Representatives cut the ribbon in front of the new MacGorman Chapel. *Left-to-right:* J.W. and Ruth MacGorman, Harold and Dottie Riley, Board of Trustees Chairman Hance Dilbeck, and President Paige Patterson.



# DEDICATION





**Above:** President Paige Patterson presides over the dedication of the Leta Phillips Library, which, for generations to come, will house Southwestern's Dead Sea Scroll fragments, the earliest surviving copies of the Hebrew Old Testament. Additionally, the library will display artifacts from the seminary's Tandy Archaeology collections and rare facsimiles of ancient documents. An adjoining translation room provides a location for Southwestern faculty and other scholars to research and translate these ancient pieces.



**Left:** Orville Rogers shares from his life experiences as a missionary pilot. The Orville and Esther Beth Rogers Library will showcase special Southwestern collections, which will be rotated for viewing. Hand-carved panels, memorializing the great figures of Christian and Baptist history adorn the library as a permanent display. The library now features an aviation display that honors Rogers for his service to the Lord as a missionary pilot, as well as a memorial for their eldest son, Curtis, who was killed during a rescue mission in Vietnam while serving as a military helicopter pilot.



President Paige Patterson speaks about the furnishings in the Dottie Riley Prayer Tower. The prayer room contains kneeling benches and places for prayer requests. The tower, located above the prayer room, stretches 100 feet in the air as a testimony to the power of prayer and the role it plays at Southwestern. The tower is lit at night and can be seen from great distances all over the community.

Vice President Emeritus Jack Terry presides over the dedication of the Don and Libby Miller Prayer Room. Don Miller served as a pastor for 20 years before founding Bible Based Ministries. He has traveled throughout the United States and to six continents in order to lead prayer conferences.







The O'Neal Prayer Gardens, located between MacGorman Chapel and Pecan Manor, contain about 40 species of plants, including shrubs, trees, perennials, annuals, and herbs. Plants from each season will ensure that blooms and color can always be found in the garden, which has been designed for contemplation and prayer.



Jim Richards, executive director of the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention, speaks at the dedication of the SBTC Baptismal Pool. The baptismal pool stands in the main entrance of the chapel rotunda and serves as a fountain when not used for baptisms. While the seminary is not a church and therefore does not have the authority to baptize, Richards said the baptismal pool provides a place for churches that do not have a baptismal pool and a place for students to practice administering the ordinance before entering full-time pastoral ministry.



Executive Vice President and Provost Craig Blaising sits with his wife, Southwestern ministry partner Jack Pogue, and Southwestern development officer Travis Trawick during the dedication of the W.A. Criswell Lobby, which honors the longtime pastor of First Baptist, Dallas, and links future generations of preachers with his legacy.



Jimmy Draper, president emeritus of LifeWay Christian Resources, talks with former missionary to Japan, Dub Jackson, in the Huber L. Drumwright Jr. Hospitality Suite. The suite, which honors the late New Testament professor and dean of the School of Theology, features a full kitchen and reception area to be used during intermissions and for private gatherings in the chapel.



President Paige Patterson speaks at the dedication of the Andy and Joan Horner Lobby. The Horners founded Premier Designs, a direct sales jewelry company, in 1985 and have been an integral part of the growth and advancement of the seminary through their service and sacrifice, including scholarships and capital improvements, such as the Horner Homemaking House.

# A HOUSE OF TRANSACTION

By Benjamin Hawkins

Through its chapel services, Southwestern Seminary strives to produce not only excellent scholars but also ministers impassioned for the message of the Gospel. The seminary's founder B.H. Carroll and second president L.R. Scarborough developed this vision a century ago.

"A theological seminary should not be a cold-storage for the preserving of theological eggs," Scarborough once said, "but rather a warm incubator for the hatching of live, burning, shining preachers of the Gospel with souls hot with zeal and full of power."

Students should discover "God as well as His truth in their seminary studies," he added. "Their hearts as well as their heads should grow. We need great souls with spiritual power in our pulpits and pastorates far more than we need great scholars with profound learning but innocent of the power of God."

Today, the seminary operates under the same vision, and its chapel services serve as a "house of transaction" where students come into God's presence and are transformed by His Word.

"The seminary that finds its sole purpose in the academic world, in my estimation, has failed to catch the broader vision," President Paige Patterson says. "The vision of a theological seminary ought to be a community of men and women deeply committed to study but then coming together on a regular basis to exalt the Lord Jesus Christ and to worship our God."


During chapel, the Spirit-filled exposition of God's Word convicts students and draws them to repentance and renewal. Students also find fellowship with other worshippers and refreshment amid life's pressures as they seek God's guidance and clarify their ministry callings. In this "house of transaction," God sets students afire with a passion for taking the Gospel to their neighbors and to the nations, and many surrender to the missionary call.

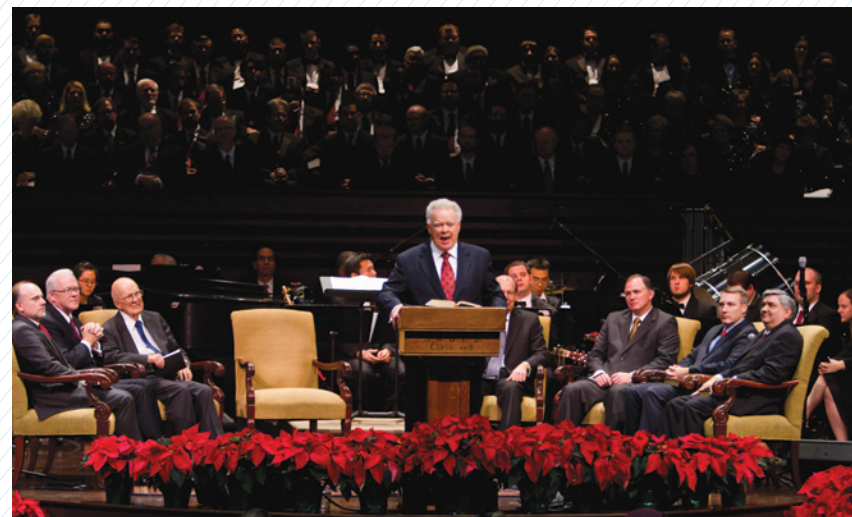
Often called "The President's Classroom," chapel services also serve as a vital part in training pastor-scholars who will preach the Word faithfully. During chapel, students can see, modeled before them, the elements of a local church worship service. In his "classroom," Patterson upholds the text-driven exposition of Scripture, demonstrating this through his spring sermon series and by inviting great men of God to preach each semester.

During chapel services, students gain practical guidance in conducting church services. They learn, for example, that the preacher should not depend on notes and that they should value the orchestra for its contribution to a congregation's worship in song. Moreover, they come to recognize the public reading of Scripture as a fundamental part of worship. They also learn about the importance of sacrificial giving and corporate prayer, as the seminary sets time apart for prayer and, as special needs arise, for raising money through unique boot offerings.

Since the time that Presidents Carroll and Scarborough led the seminary, chapel services have been central to the spiritual training of students. Over the past century, the seminary has held services in Fort Worth Hall, Cowden Hall, Truett Auditorium, and now in MacGorman Chapel. During the dedication of the MacGorman Chapel, Patterson said he could not yet be excited that the building was complete.

"I can't be excited about (the chapel)," Patterson said, "until I see what you've heard from the lips of several today, that it has moved from being a building to a house of transaction—when I see that transactions of eternal consequence begin to take place here."

Patterson and other leaders in the seminary and Southern Baptist Convention prayed and anticipated that services in this "house of transaction" will draw lost men and women to Christ and that it will produce "live, burning, shining preachers of the Gospel." 



# FIRST GRADUATION

## SOUTHWESTERN HOLDS FIRST GRADUATION IN MACGORMAN CHAPEL

By Benjamin Hawkins


Southwestern Seminary celebrated the first commencement ceremony to be held in its MacGorman Chapel, Dec. 16. With the opening of the new 3,500-seat chapel, Southwestern was able, for the first time in 34 years, to host its graduation service on the seminary campus.

This landmark commencement service comes 100 years after the seminary's first graduation ceremony in the city of Fort Worth. Established in 1908 on the campus of Baylor University in Waco, Texas, the seminary moved to Fort Worth in 1910. The following year, Southwestern conferred seventeen diplomas and degrees upon its first class of graduates to complete their degrees in Fort Worth. They celebrated this commencement ceremony in the campus' solitary, but still incomplete, building—Fort Worth Hall.

The graduation ceremony was moved to Cowden Hall upon its completion in 1926 and to the George W. Truett Auditorium after the completion of the seminary's B.H. Carroll Memorial building in 1949. But the expanding student body eventually outgrew this auditorium, and in 1977 the seminary's administration asked permission to hold the commencement ceremony at the nearby Travis Avenue Baptist Church. Southwestern held its last graduation service at this church on May 6, 2011.

In a message based on John 1:14, President Paige Patterson challenged current graduates to imitate Christ Jesus, the Word made flesh, who is "full of grace and truth."

**"Now it is in the combination of the glory of grace and truth," Patterson said, "that your ministry is to be worked out."**

During this first commencement ceremony in the MacGorman Chapel, Southwestern presented degrees and diplomas to a total of 178 students in its various bachelor's, master's and doctoral programs. Since its founding in 1908, more than 42,000 students have graduated from Southwestern Seminary and the College at Southwestern, each of them trained and challenged to proclaim God's Word in local churches and around the world. 



### FALL 2011 COMMENCEMENT VIDEO

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# GOD-GLORIFYING, GOSPEL-SHARING.

New performing arts center opens with  
intent to honor Christ in song and speech

By Sharayah Colter



Just in time for Christmas, Southwestern has given the community of Fort Worth a shiny new present in the form of the area's largest performance hall. Built by the same team Jerry Jones solicited to build Cowboys Stadium in Arlington, the center provides North Texas a fan-shaped 3,500 seat auditorium available for concerts, performances, and conferences.

"We are very excited about the size of the hall because it fits a niche that is generally lacking in the Fort Worth area," School of Church Music (SCM) Dean Stephen Johnson says.

In comparison, the Metropolitan Opera House in New York seats 3,800, and the Isaac Stern Auditorium in Carnegie Hall seats 2,804. Fort Worth's Bass Hall seats 1,800. Johnson says 3,500 seats is the optimal size for such a venue.

"The 3,500 seats is a size that is really as large as you would want to go for a performance event," Johnson says. "The stage space was designed to have a 90-piece orchestra plus room for an organ and piano. There is also a choir loft that was designed to seat 200 people."

Johnson says the large venue significantly expands the opportunities the seminary has not only to train students but also to reach the community with the Gospel.

Christmas at Southwestern, a free concert open to the public on Dec. 1, ran out of tickets prior to the performance, and the Gospel was presented to the near-capacity crowd through word and song.

"We are already seeing a huge benefit to the school at large and to the music school," Johnson says. "On campus we have never done anything that's gone over 1,100 seats. When we do things at Bass Hall and Meyerson [Symphony Center], we would never get that far either.

"So already, this very first evening



concert had more people hearing the hard work of our students and our faculty and the various ensembles than we have ever had. So, really, from a standpoint of large-scale exposure, it is very exciting."

Johnson says several groups have expressed interest in renting the space for conferences and events.

Evan Lenow, director of the seminary's Riley Center, says organizations are already looking as far ahead as 2014 to schedule events. The seminary is optimistic that because of the building's seating capacity, many groups will want to come and use the chapel for performances, graduations, concerts, conferences, and conventions. Southwestern's annual Gala Concert of Sacred Music will be held in the chapel spring 2012.

To provide quality sound to the large room, the building has been fashioned with both line arrays and center cluster speakers and a powerful organ made by the Allen Organ Company.

"It is a combination organ, which means that some of it is electronic and some of it is electro-pneumatic—a combination of electronics and pipes," Johnson says. "What's rare about it is the size and the scope of this instrument is quite notable. It is huge."

In Allen Organ Company's online "Behind the Scenes" video of Southwestern's organ being constructed, the company's representative, Barry Holben, says the organ will put out "upwards of 5,000 watts of audio power."



Gerald Aultman, the seminary's chapel organist and Dick Baker Chair of Music Missions and Evangelism, says the organ has four manuals on the console to support other instruments and voices

in the chapel and to enhance the overall sound in worship.


"The most notable feature is that this instrument will have 30 ranks of wind-blown pipes, of real pipes," Aultman said in comparing the organ to the pipe-less organ currently used in Truett Auditorium. "The presence of the pipes will augment the sound significantly."

Audio and visual crews have been trained on the industry-leading sound and lighting equipment including two Venue D-Show sound boards; more than 50 professional microphones; three high-definition, studio-grade video cameras; a Ross Carbonite switcher; 12 intelligent moving head lights; and several Mac Pro computers with presentation and display software such as Pro Presenter. With the technology in place in the new chapel, crews will be able to record

and isolate 96 channels of audio and select which areas of the chapel they want illuminated and which they want blacked-out.

"We even have the capability to isolate specific seating areas with the lighting," Director of Videography and Event Production Adam Covington says.

Yet, for many events, Johnson and other leaders hope and expect to fill the building, taking advantage of its size and thus the opportunity to expose more people to the Lord through arts and performances that are foremost God-glorifying and Gospel-sharing.

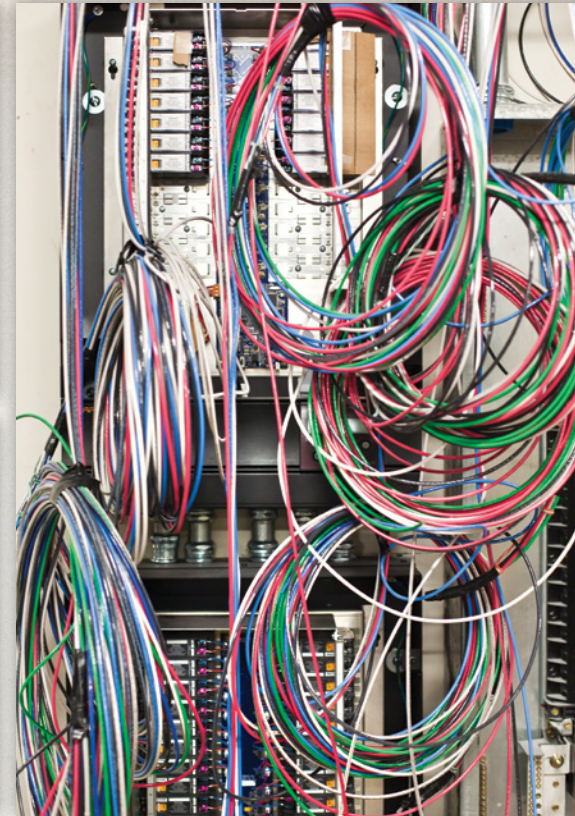
"If we can increase the exposure to the community of all the great things that our students and faculty are doing, it can only help extend the impact of the seminary," Johnson says. 



# TECH SPECS

## AUDIO-VISUAL RESOURCES

- › 2 Video Projection Screens each equivalent to 330" TVs
- › 2 Venue D-Show sound boards
- › Line arrays and cluster speakers
- › 135,000 watts of amplification
- › 96 channels of audio
- › 3 High-definition, studio-grade video cameras
- › 10 video camera locations
- › 150 theatrical lights
- › 150+ house lights
- › 12 intelligent moving head lights
- › 50+ professional microphones
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- › Mac Pro computers & presentation software





# *Ministry Partners*

HAROLD & DOTTIE RILEY

By Keith Collier



# W

hen Harold Riley thinks of the history behind his connection with the seminary, he says, "It all begins with Southwestern Seminary and a preacher boy going out and visiting an oil patch in the panhandle of Texas and inviting a person to come to church."

Harold's father, Ray, was the oil foreman invited to church by a Southwestern alumnus and West Texas pastor. Ray soon put his trust in Christ, felt called to be a pastor, and set off to Waco to pursue his education. His family in tow, Ray completed a bachelor's degree at Baylor University before arriving on the campus of Southwestern and graduating in 1953.

Harold fondly remembers his days on the seminary campus as the child of a student.

"I have great admiration, I have great appreciation, and I have great thankfulness for the fact that God called my father into the ministry," Harold said during the groundbreaking ceremony of the MacGorman Chapel in 2009. "I saw the life that we lived and the struggles that we had getting through the different schools, with seminary being one of them. But God always provided."

Harold followed in his father's footsteps in many ways, including pursuing studies at Baylor University. He founded Insurance Company of America in 1969 and became the chairman of the board and CEO of Citizens, Inc. in Austin, Texas, in 1987. Although he has not served in vocational ministry, like his father, Harold has remained committed to supporting the Lord's work and has a special place in his heart for Southwestern Seminary.

Over the years, Harold and his wife Dottie have prayerfully and financially supported the seminary in many ways including capital improvements and scholarships. The Rileys funded a large portion of the seminary's conference center, which is now named after Har-

old's father as the Ray I. Riley Center. In 2006, the Rileys gave the \$16 million lead gift for construction of the new chapel.

As part of the new chapel construction, Harold wanted to dedicate part of the building in recognition of his wife. At the chapel ceremonies, Dec. 1, the Rileys joined friends, family, and seminary administration in the prayer room below the Dottie Riley Prayer Tower to honor Dottie's faithful prayer life and encouragement of others.


"I chose to name the prayer tower after Dottie because she radiates the love of God and her fellowman," Harold said.

During the dedication ceremony, President Paige Patterson said the prayer room's focus will be on missions. He also expressed his gratitude for the Rileys' investment in Southwestern and the kingdom of God.

"One of the reasons that we are so grateful for him is that he is an example of when God blesses most people with the things of this world, they live and die with them; very few people invest them in the kingdom of God," Patterson said. "Harold's willingness on a long term basis—not only here but elsewhere—to invest resources in the kingdom of God is something that we hope that this prayer room will be a testimony to."

Dottie Riley said she was grateful for her husband's honoring gesture.

"When Harold told me my name would be on the prayer tower and room at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary," Dottie said. "I was overcome with humility and did not know what to say. It is an honor beyond understanding and description."

The prayer room contains kneeling benches and places for prayer requests. The tower, located above the prayer room, stretches 100 feet in the air as a testimony to the power of prayer and the role it plays at Southwestern. The tower is lit at night and can be seen from great distances all over the community. 



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