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a letter from **THE PRESIDENT**

THE OPERATION OF ANY SEMINARY IS NOT A QUESTION MERELY OF THE INTERACTION BETWEEN faculty and students. To the contrary, it is a complex union of the churches, the trustees, the students, the faculty, and the Board of Visitors. This issue of Southwestern News tells just such a story as we follow the remarkable ministries of some of those who serve as trustees and members of our Board of Visitors, as well as friends from the churches.

The Living Water ministry of trustee Gary Loveless is a remarkable example of what one man can do in providing what communities need in parts of the world where drinking water is difficult to find. Digging wells and providing fresh water allows remarkable opportunities to tell the story of the real Water of Life. Drinking this water means a person will never again thirst.

Gina and Richard Headrick, members of our Board of Visitors, have had a varied ministry that is difficult to encompass in this small amount of space. But the Mission at the Cross and Hellfighters have involved the Headricks with a portion of humanity who are often simply written off by many churches. The Headricks have had compassion on these people and have not felt them to be at all beyond the reach of God's mercy. Their story is recounted in this issue of Southwestern News.

Many other such ministries are magnified in this issue. These stories of churches working together with the seminary and with individuals in extensive ministries that literally circle the globe are told here. I pray that reading these accounts will engender in each of you the desire to be involved directly in the mission assignment.

There is no doubt about the fact that Southwestern Seminary needs your prayers. There is also little confusion about the fact that the sacrificial gifts of God's people maintain Southwestern. But what has not been considered is the degree to which we must work together arm-in-arm to get the Gospel to the 7 billion people who live on the face of this globe. To that end, this issue is dedicated. Join us in the exciting prospect of taking the Gospel to every individual.



Until He Comes,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Paige Patterson". The signature is written in black ink and has a long, sweeping underline.

Paige Patterson





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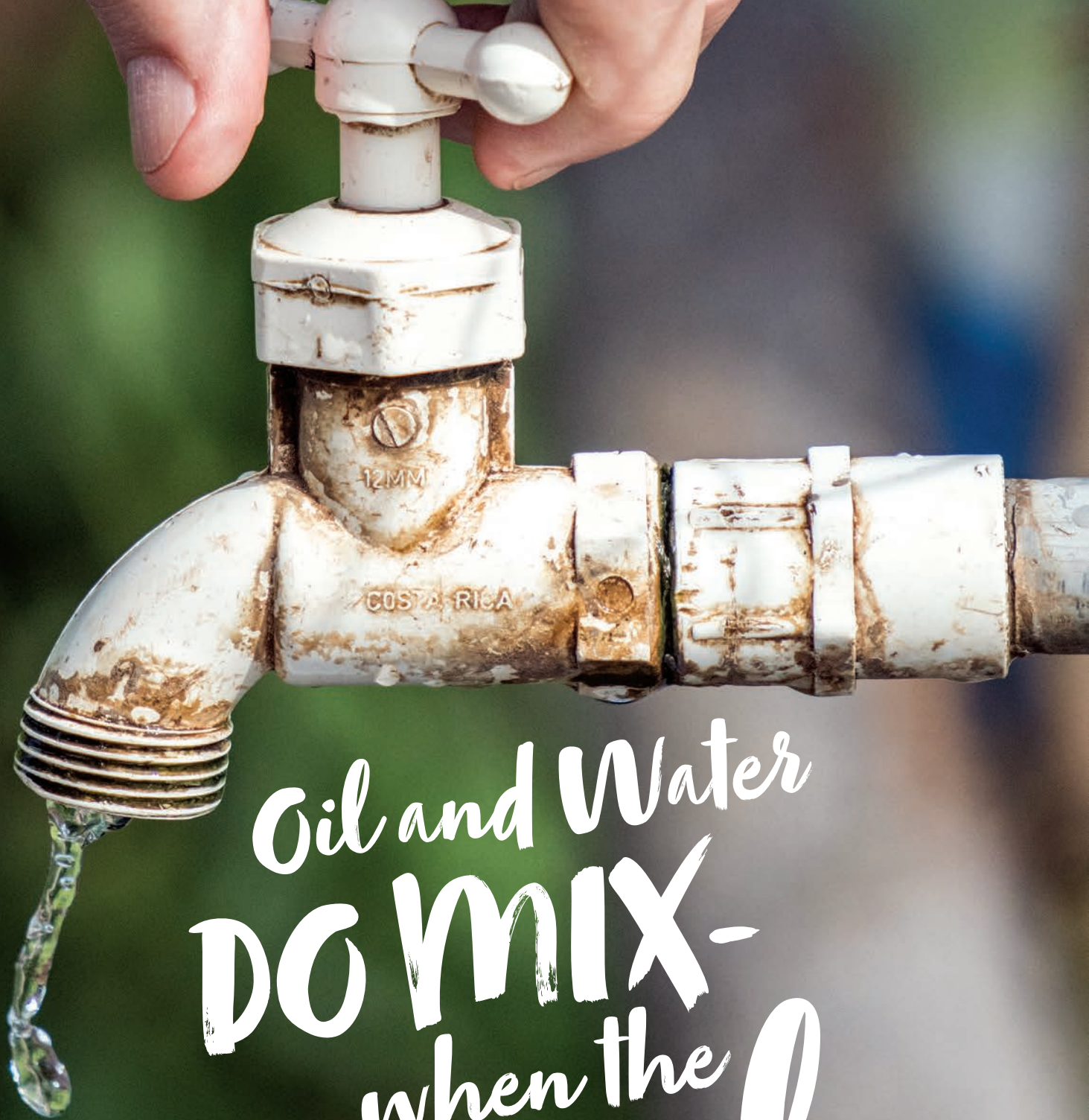
The people of Juan Davila celebrate Living Water International's recent installation of a water well, which supplies the community with much-needed clean water. LWI has been active in Nicaragua since 2004 and has drilled water wells for more than 400 communities. Worldwide, they have completed approximately 18,000 water projects in more than 20 countries.



LAUREL, MISSISSIPPI

Mission at the Cross co-founder Richard Headrick (right) and MATC-Laurel director Mike Shirley (left) discuss ministry plans for the two dozen men under their physical and spiritual care. Since MATC's founding in 2008, more than 700 men have come up through the mission, and many can now testify to the saving grace of God, who alone can rescue them from the pit of brokenness.





Oil and Water
DO MIX-
when the
Gospel
is at stake



STORY BY CHARLES PATRICK JR. | PHOTOGRAPHY BY MATT MILLER & ADAM COVINGTON

Consider two startling facts, one spiritual and one physical. First, there are 7.38 billion people within 16,543 people groups on the globe, yet 42 percent remain unreached, having never heard about the saving grace of Jesus Christ.¹ Second, there are 1.67 sextillion water molecules in a drop of water, yet 1.8 billion people still drink water contaminated with human and animal feces.² Fifty percent of the hospital beds around the world are filled with people suffering from water-borne disease.³ These facts are startling given that we live in a modern, global society overflowing with technological advances.

In 1990, a vision was birthed to offer a physical cup of water to the poor and needy in the name of Jesus and to use access to clean drinking water as a platform for sharing the Gospel to meet the spiritual need. This is a story about the vision realized and, like many good stories, this is a story about a man and a woman.

The man is Gary Loveless—a humble Texas oil man with a passion to share Christ with the lost. Loveless is founder and CEO of Square Mile Energy, an energy exploration company that provides oil and gas drilling services. Moreover, he has served on Southwestern Seminary's board of trustees since 2005, impacting

¹ From joshuaproject.net. Unreached denotes Evangelicals <= 2%, Professing Christians <= 5%.

² <http://www.who.int/mediacentre/factsheets/fs391/en/>.

³ Mike Mantel, speaking at Living Water International's 2016 Gala.



5,200 students who have graduated under his trustee tenure. He and his wife, Stephanie, are members of Second Baptist Church Houston. The Lovelesses have played a critical role in the life of Southwestern beyond his role as a trustee. They are active members of Southwestern's Board of Visitors and have had a part in financially undergirding numerous programs, including the School of Church Music, Women's Auxiliary, Women's Studies, the J. Dalton Havard School for Theological Studies (Southwestern's Houston campus), MacGorman Chapel and Performing Arts Center, Mathena Hall, the Southwestern Dead Sea Scroll Collection, and student scholarships.

Twenty-six years ago, Loveless helped co-found Living Water International (LWI, www.water.cc), which helps communities in developing countries to create sustainable water, sanitation, and hygiene programs in response to the global water crisis. It all began in 1990 with a spring mission trip to Kenya by Sugar Creek Baptist Church (Sugar Land, Texas) as part of then-pastor Fenton Moorhead's goal to lead his congregation on mission.

One of those members on the inaugural mission trip, Gary Evans, called Loveless to invite him on a follow-up trip to leverage his drilling expertise. "I had no idea when Gary Evans called me and asked me to go on the trip to Africa in 1990 that the Lord would use the trip to open my eyes and heart as to His plans for me," Loveless says.

That November, Evans, Loveless, and Harry Westmoreland traveled to Kenya, and their lives would never be the same. Observing firsthand the extreme poverty and rampant disease resulting from unclean drinking water and the hopelessness people had without Jesus, the men realized that they had the

Gospel-driven compassion and engineering ingenuity to change the earthly and eternal lives of the people.

Their lives were forever transformed to serve the physically and spiritually thirsty. God had spoken, and they obeyed and acted. They returned to Houston and immediately founded LWI.

By 1991, LWI purchased its first drilling equipment, a Jaswell drill rig. LWI currently utilizes Lone Star drill rigs, which are designed by a company founded by Westmoreland. Since then, LWI has developed processes required to operate as a non-governmental organization (NGO), effectively administer global logistics, facilitate the participation of church mission groups, involve community and church leaders to mitigate dependency on LWI, and proclaim the Gospel using indigenous people.

LWI is now a flourishing, \$27-million operation and is in 20 countries. They have completed 18,000 water projects and estimate that half a million people have come to know Christ.

Loveless has been intentional since the beginning to ensure that water and the Word are married together in the ethos of LWI. "I realized early on that people need Christ," he says. "You know we are going to spend eternity somewhere. We are going to spend it in hell or spend it with the Lord.

"Life is not very long. We have to ask ourselves, 'Am I really a child of the Savior?' If you are, you are going to care about people, you're going to love people. You're going to want them to meet the Savior."

The driving biblical text for LWI is John 4:1-42, where Jesus has compassion for the Samaritan woman drawing water from a well, and He offers her living water:







Jesus answered and said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again; but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him shall never thirst; but the water that I will give him will become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life." The woman said to Him, "Sir, give me this water, so I will not be thirsty nor come all the way here to draw." (verses 13-15)

"The mission of LWI has always been the same, namely having communities access safe water and experience the living water, the Gospel of Jesus Christ," says Mike Mantel, president and CEO of LWI. "Water access is for a purpose. It's to share God's love certainly through demonstration, but it's also to share God's love through proclamation. This balance of integrating water with the Word has been at the center of LWI since the beginning."

This ethos of physical and living water is so ingrained in LWI that they have an acronym that describes a metric assessed for each community: CMGP. CMGP stands for "church mobilization, Gospel proclamation."

LWI learned early on that they cannot just show up with a drilling rig, drill a well, and then leave. To develop an effective discipleship strategy, they had to mobilize churches and develop a sustainable method of proclaiming the Gospel. The CMGP strategy develops relationships between church partners and community

structures, trains and models oral Bible storytelling, and facilitates churches being involved in integral mission.

As Mantel states, "Water opens the door to the Gospel and attracts people to churches that are actively engaged in addressing the needs of their people. We work with and through local churches so that the church can respond to Christ's call

to proclaim the Gospel and to heal the sick."

Now for the heroine of the story—Ira Leta Phillips, Loveless' grandmother. Loveless made a profession of faith at age 12. It was around this time that his grandmother began to have a critical and prayer-drenched impact on Loveless.

"She was a warrior for Christ," Loveless says of his grandmother. "She told us about Jesus and led by example. She was one to tithe whether we had money to eat at school or not."

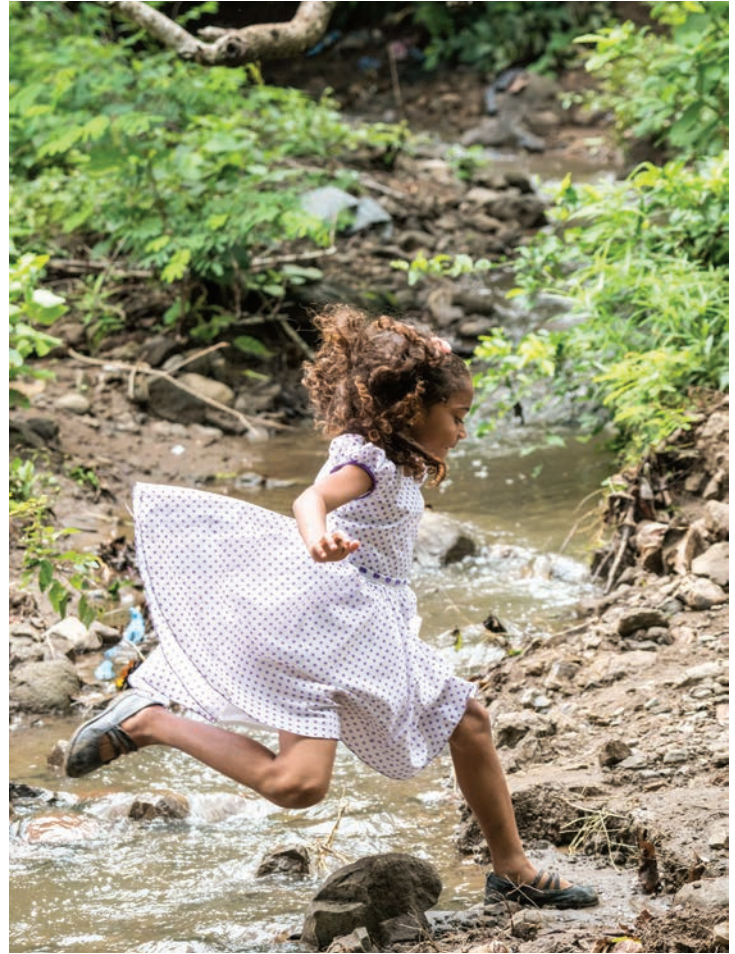
Phillips was a prayer warrior, often praying three to four hours a day. "She told me, 'I've been praying for about five years that the Lord would use you to help the needy, the poor people. The Lord is going to use you some way,'" recounts Loveless. "Looking back, my little grandmother was right. She had a plan, and she liked to pray, so I guess she wore the Lord out and He had to use me."

Phillips' prayers continue to impact the spiritual legacy perpetuated in the Loveless family. Loveless recalls his

“Water opens the door to the Gospel and attracts people to churches that are actively engaged in addressing the needs of their people. We work with and through local churches so that the church can respond to Christ’s call to proclaim the Gospel and to heal the sick.”







grandmother's constant reminder, which he has tried to live out over the years. "No matter where you go, whether you achieve a little or whether you achieve a lot, it's what you do for Christ that will really count when you meet the Savior," he says.

Recently, 13-year-old Ava Grace and Hunter Loveless accompanied their father to Nicaragua, where LWI has drilled since 2001. It was their first mission trip and first hands-on exposure to LWI. They lovingly interacted with the people; witnessed the conditions surrounding unsafe drinking water, communities transformed by access to clean drinking water, and church and community leaders working together; and they became muddy roughnecks for a day, participating in drilling a 120-foot water well for a community. When asked why it was important for his children to experience LWI firsthand, Loveless stated, "I wanted to instill in them why it was important to me."

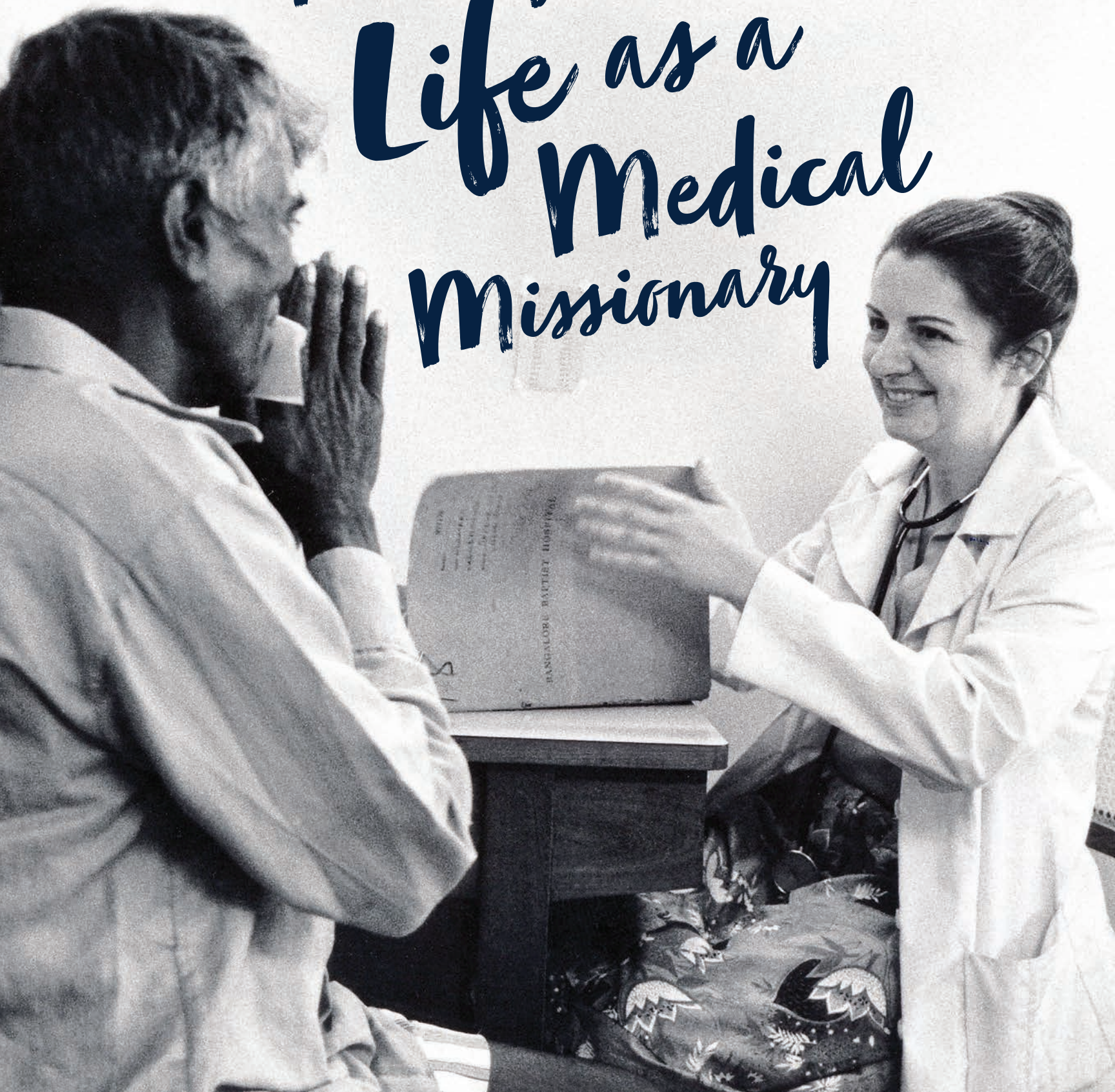
Scripture attests in 2 Timothy 1:5 to the impact a praying and faithful grandmother can have. Like a drop of water creating expanding ripples in a pond, Phillips' faith created ripples through generations of people and around the world. Phillips has not only impacted the fourth generation of the Loveless family or the more than 5 million people who now have clean drinking water, but, more importantly, she has impacted the countless millions who have been given the living water of Jesus Christ through LWI and Southwestern students. This one grandmother has a spiritual legacy of millions.

Loveless honored his grandmother's memory with the creation of the Ira Leta Phillips Women's Auxiliary scholarship and the dedication of the Leta Phillips Library, which houses Southwestern's Dead Sea Scroll collections.





*Saving souls,
healing bodies:
Life as a
Medical
Missionary*





STORY BY EUNSUN HAN | PHOTOGRAPHY BY NEIL WILLIAMS
HISTORICAL PHOTOS COURTESY OF IMB ARCHIVES

Rebekah Ann Naylor has been blessed with many prestigious titles and positions over the years—general surgeon; professor of anatomy, physiology, and surgery; administrator; counselor—but one calling has stood above the rest throughout her life. Be it in Bangalore, India, or in Fort Worth, Texas, Naylor’s highest calling has been to live as a missionary for the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Naylor confesses that ever since God called her to be a medical missionary when she was 13 years old, serving the lost with the Gospel in one hand and healing love in the other has been the foremost priority in her life.

Born as the third child of Robert E. Naylor, the fifth president of Southwestern Seminary, Rebekah professed

faith in the Lord Jesus Christ when she was 5 years old. The call to missions came eight years later during a Lottie Moon missions-emphasis week at her church. Specifically, Naylor felt God calling her to become a medical missionary. Although she says that she knew “nothing about doctors or how you became one” at the time, she decided to commit her life to God’s direction.

Upon graduation from Baylor University in 1964, Naylor, in pursuit of her calling, entered Vanderbilt University School of Medicine in Nashville, Tenn. After graduating from Vanderbilt in 1968, she underwent surgical training from 1968 to 1973.

In 1973, Naylor was appointed as a missionary to India by the Foreign Mission Board (now International

"Jesus was going through all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the Kingdom, and healing every kind of disease and every kind of sickness. Seeing the people, He felt compassion for them, because they were distressed and dispirited like sheep without a shepherd."

- Matthew 9:35-36, which Naylor says are the key verses for the Mercy Clinic





Mission Board). Following a 13-week orientation that prepared her for the mission field and a semester of studies at Southwestern Seminary, Naylor launched out to serve in the south Asian country as a general surgeon, evangelist, and church planter. She arrived in Bangalore, India, to work at the Bangalore Baptist Hospital (BBH) on May 29, 1974.

Naylor says studying at Southwestern helped prepare her to become a missionary. “It was quite different from medical studies,” she says. “I was really challenged to gain more knowledge about my faith and about Scripture, that then I could be better able to apply it in my mission career. One of the most challenging courses was the personal evangelism course I had with Dr. [Roy] Fish—very practical in how one could share his faith and where one could share his faith.”

BBH had been opened and dedicated on Jan. 15, 1973, 16 months prior to Naylor’s arrival. A two-story building with three wings, BBH was initially equipped with 80 beds and staffed by both foreign missionaries and nationals. Its clientele included people from both the city and the surrounding villages, and to reach an even wider populace, BBH launched a mobile clinic in December 1975 in order to visit those who could not come to the hospital by themselves.

BBH experienced significant growth during the time Naylor served there (1974-2002). While Naylor’s initial appointment was as a clinical surgeon, she eventually assumed the positions of chief of medical staff, administrator, and medical superintendent. Under her supervision, BBH expanded patient care services and

increased its capacity to 160 beds. Today, the hospital provides healthcare service to roughly 250,000 patients and delivers more than 2,500 babies a year.

Naylor also supervised the construction of the Rebekah Ann Naylor School of Nursing in 1996. She later became its professor of anatomy and physiology and saw the first class graduate in August 1999. Today, the school has seen more than 350 graduates, many of whom came from low-income backgrounds.

Besides serving as a missionary surgeon and professor, Naylor also worked as IMB strategy coordinator and church planter for the state of Karnataka, India, from 1999 to 2009. During this time, Naylor worked with the medical ministry and Indian pastors to help plant 900 churches in the state.

When she returned to the United States in 2002, Naylor taught five semesters of missions and cross-cultural ministry at Southwestern Seminary. She also joined the faculty at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School in Dallas and taught in the surgery department. She was promoted to associate clinical professor of surgery in 2007 and served in that capacity until her retirement in 2010. Currently, she serves as a global healthcare consultant for Baptist Global Response, mobilizing and training healthcare personnel to meet needs around the world.

Back in Fort Worth, Texas, Naylor has continued to serve those around her who desperately need access to healthcare. In 2011, she helped found Mercy Clinic, a free medical clinic for the uninsured, low-income population of a southern Fort Worth neighborhood. Now open two nights a week, Mercy



Clinic treated more than 2,000 patients in the past year and is continuing to grow.

“I knew from my Indian experience how well medicine opens doors for evangelism,” Naylor says. “My church is Travis Avenue Baptist Church, and the neighborhood had many people without insurance. I realized that probably they had difficulty with access to healthcare. I knew how you integrated meeting needs and sharing the Gospel, so I had this vision of Mercy Clinic, which we were able to implement.”

The Mercy Clinic project first began when Naylor called a meeting of healthcare personnel in Travis Avenue Baptist Church in January 2011. The church offered the clinic a two-story building on its property, and many church members volunteered to help. In March 2013, the Mercy Clinic officially opened its doors to the neighborhood, and today, 150 active volunteers serve the institution.

“We have a 2020 vision,” Naylor says. “We have now bought property across the street from the church, on Hemphill Street. We anticipate a building that will be much more adequate, and we hope to be open perhaps five days a week. We hope that we will draw patients from a much broader area.”

To many people of the surrounding community, Mercy Clinic is playing an increasingly vital role in saving both lives and souls. Several months after Mercy Clinic opened, a

57-year-old woman visited and received healthcare for the first time in her life. She had children and grandchildren, but she had never been able to see a doctor in her entire life. The woman found much-needed care and comfort through the serving hands at Mercy Clinic.

Another woman who came to the clinic realized that God was convicting her through the words of Scripture framed on the walls and asked the translator about the verses. When she walked out of the clinic that night, she had a new Bible in her hands.

“We definitely care for the whole person,” Naylor says. “Almost all patients are prayed with. People are there [at the clinic] sharing the Gospel every time the doors open. People are being saved, and we are able to integrate them into our Spanish or English congregations. It is a wonderful model of preaching and healing integrated together.”

Naylor advises students who seek to advance the Kingdom of God to study Scripture diligently and find ways to serve the needs of those around them. “Be a good steward of your educational opportunity and learn all you can,” Naylor says. “There is tremendous opportunity, both in our own country and all over the world, to meet needs. This is what Jesus did—He both met needs and preached the Kingdom. ... He sent us out to preach and heal, and that is for every believer.”

More of Dr. Naylor’s story is available in
Rebekah Ann Naylor, M.D.: Missionary Surgeon in Changing Times by Camille Lee Hornbeck.





Keeping Satan

TICKED OFF:

Restoration of the BROKEN
through saturation
of the GOSPEL



STORY BY ALEX SIBLEY | PHOTOGRAPHY BY ADAM COVINGTON

Next door to Mission at the Cross (MATC) in Laurel, Miss., is a bike shop. There, residents of the mission—former drug addicts, alcoholics, the homeless, ex-convicts, etc.—take damaged, broken-down motorcycles and totally rebuild them.

Lest anyone miss the clear parallel between these motorcycles and the residents of the mission who work on them, the repaired bikes are referred to as “born-again motorcycles.” MATC founder Richard Headrick explains the connection: “The devil tears these guys down till there’s nothing left, [but] then Jesus builds them back again.”

One need only browse through the testimonials posted on MATC’s website to affirm that the men who come to Mission at the Cross are, indeed, “torn down.”

Stories of addiction, brokenness, and emptiness abound. Their undeniable need, in the words of one MATC employee, is “a touch from the Master’s hand.”

“These boys come in there lost, distraught,” Headrick says. “They have no hope; they’re just floundering out there in society. And the whole purpose [of MATC] is to see them be restored.”

This restoration comes about through saturating these residents with the message of Jesus, disciplining them to grow in their faith, and equipping them with skills to make it in the world. MATC’s website (www.missionatthecross.com) declares, “If a person going through a hard time has the ‘want to’ to get back on their feet, get a job, kick their bad habits, restore their





marriage, rebuild their home, get their kids back, or whatever their godly desire is, we have the ‘want to’ to help them do it.” Essentially, Mission at the Cross aims to see men get their lives right, and the hope is that others will see Jesus in them.

Founded by Richard and Gina Headrick, the first Mission at the Cross opened in Sturgis, S.D., in 2007. The location in Laurel followed in 2008, and there are now locations in Arkansas, Indiana, North Carolina, Florida, and even Germany as well.

The Laurel location, specifically, was born out of the Headricks’ burden for their hometown and the men who found themselves in need of a hand up from the pit of brokenness. Though it was initially conceived as a short-term facility for those in need of temporary shelter—and the Gospel of Jesus Christ—the mission employees quickly discovered that an extended, more intensive program was needed.

“It’s one thing to offer salvation, pray a prayer, and send someone on their way, but discipleship takes time,” explains Michael Smith, who worked at MATC-Laurel before coming to Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth. “MATC inevitably became a six-month, in-house facility. Now, men not only hear and see Jesus working day-to-day from the moment they enter the door, but they have the opportunity to learn how to walk through those trials and tests that come our way after we accept Christ.”

The mission provides residents—up to 25 at a time—a structured daily schedule featuring a variety of activities that build character, labor skills, and leadership qualities. Each day begins and ends with Bible study and prayer. Many of the activities in between are community service projects, including mowing lawns, cleaning out sheds, and building handicap ramps for the elderly.

Smith, who graduated from Southwestern with both his Master of Theology and master’s in biblical counseling in 2016, says that through the course of these activities and the numerous opportunities for mentoring that they present, the men learn what brotherhood is and what it means to be a man of God. “They learn what it is to be sons, husbands, fathers, brothers, and employees,” he continues, “and what it is like to walk out our faith day-to-day and how to be light in this world, which seems to be growing increasingly darker. ... At MATC, it’s so much more than just learning to live a clean and sober life; it’s about learning how to live a full and abundant life centered around God and the truth of His Word.”

Another of the activities that allows for a “full and abundant” life is vocational training. Gina Headrick, who, along with her husband, is a member of Southwestern Seminary’s Board of Visitors, says the mission’s detox program is “a Bible in one hand



and a hammer in the other.” She continues, “The program is free of charge, but they learn to work.”

The men receive training in, among other things, engine mechanics, carpentry, masonry, manufacturing, and landscaping. In addition to equipping these men for life outside the mission, this vocational training, coupled with a loving and supportive Christian environment, “can help these men find purpose in their lives.”

Roger Tucker, whose written testimony is available on MATC’s website, serves as just one example of how impactful this comprehensive program can be. He writes, “When I came to the mission in 2009, my family had given up on me because of my history with drugs and alcohol. And I, too, had given up on myself. I thought the mission would be just another rehab program—I didn’t think it would work for me.

“However, by the grace of God, I have not only overcome the debilitating hold that alcohol had on my life, [but] my relationship with my family has been restored, and I am now the house leader at Mission at the Cross-Laure! It is my joy to now help other men who are struggling as I did and share with them what Jesus can do for them and how He can give them a new life.”

Numerous other testimonies accompany Tucker’s online, detailing how God used MATC to rescue them from Satan’s grasp and guide them into the freedom found in Christ Jesus.





Evan Sparks, another of the more than 700 men to have come through the mission, writes, “I was alone in a dark world, fighting tooth and nail, trying to obtain just a speck of hope. ... During my nine-month stay at Mission at the Cross, I learned many useful tools that are helping me to succeed in my daily walk as a Christian and as a college student.

“The Lord has put me on a path that I never thought could be possible. It definitely is not easy, but I know for a fact that had I not been prepared by God at Mission at the Cross, I would not be sitting here today.”

Director of MATC-Laurel Mike Shirley says these testimonies serve as great tools for evangelism. “Some of [these men] don’t know Job from job or Psalms from palms, [but] they can get up and say, ‘Oh, He touched me.’ And that’s the mission speaking. I tell them, ‘If we speak about Him, we lift His name up on high, if all you do is get up and say, “The Lord Jesus Christ

has changed my heart,” then it just went out of the park.”

During a presentation in Southwestern Seminary’s chapel service on April 21, 2015, Richard Headrick said his aim in life is “to keep Satan ticked off.” Though not everyone who comes through MATC goes on to become the man God called him to be, the mission’s numerous success stories from the past eight years—each comprising how Jesus became cemented in the heart and mind of yet another man in whom Satan previously “had his hooks”—undeniably serve to glorify God and keep Satan “ticked off.”

Smith affirms, “There’s nothing like being part of someone coming to know Christ and watching them learn to walk in obedience while the Lord restores their lives, their families, their jobs, and all the other things that Satan has stolen and destroyed. This is what’s at the heart of MATC: restoration of the broken, hope to the hopeless.”



Prophets of **HOPE:**

ministry inside

PRISON

WALLS





STORY BY ALEX SIBLEY | PHOTOGRAPHY BY MATHEUS OLIVEIRA

“ ‘ve been in prison before,” Michael Rios humbly reflects. “I came in when I was very young. I had the right ideas, I had the right intents: get out, get married, have a life.”

Dressed in a white prison uniform, Rios speaks slowly but directly, his tattooed hands slowly gesturing to accentuate his points. He has been in prison longer than some of his fellow inmates have even been alive. Though Rios had the “right intents,” bad choices have kept him locked up, and he is currently serving a life sentence.

A sense of weariness can be detected in his voice, but curiously, it is overshadowed by a much stronger sentiment: hope. His years behind bars afford him a unique insight into prison life, and this insight opens doors for him to provide

the other inmates exhortations of eternal value.

“I see a lot of myself in these guys,” Rios says. “They want to go home, but if they have no foundation in God, they’re going to fail. ... God gave me a chance and I failed, so I try to reach out to others so they won’t fail.”

Rios serves as one of four “field ministers” at Estelle Unit in Huntsville, Texas. Deployed from Darrington Unit in Rosharon, these ministers are graduates of Southwestern Seminary’s baccalaureate prison program, which equips life-sentence inmates with a theological education and then sends them to other prisons across the state so that they may invest their lives in the inmates in those locations. They go forth as prophets of hope, preaching a message of repentance for the forgiveness of sins through the blood



of a Savior who loved them enough to die in their place and is now alive and highly exalted, offering eternal life to all who put their faith in Him. In short, these ministers know that what those inside the prison walls need more than anything else is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

“We weren’t born to live in this box,” Rios declares in his common counsel to fellow inmates. “We were born to be fathers, husbands, leaders, and servants in our community.

“You’ve made maybe 3,000 decisions to get you over here. All you have to do is make that one decision to help you get out, which is [to follow] Christ.”

Southwestern launched its Darrington extension program in 2011, and Rios—along with fellow Estelle field ministers Raymond Ramirez and Michael Ryan—was part of the inaugural class. This first class of 33 inmates graduated in May 2015 with Bachelor of Science in Biblical Studies degrees. An additional 33 inmates—among them Billy Jones, Estelle’s fourth minister—graduated the following year. These 66 men have since been deployed to other units—or, as they view them, mission fields—with Rios, Ramirez, Ryan, and Jones all assigned to Estelle.

All four of Estelle’s ministers, who surrendered their lives to the Lord while in prison, attest that Southwestern impacted them greatly. “It really has taken me out of my shell,” Rios says. “It’s molded me and shaped me to be what God wants me to be.”

Ramirez adds, “A lot of my questions were answered. And that has impacted me so much that it has given me a desire to teach, to pass on what I’ve received. So now, that’s actually what I’m doing. I’m doing a lot of mentoring, a lot of discipling, a lot of teaching.”

Since arriving at Estelle, the four ministers have each set about passing on what God has entrusted to them. Ramirez learned sign language in four months in order to minister to the prison’s deaf community. (He is often asked how he managed to accomplish such a feat, and his response is simply, “Man, I don’t know. I’m freaking out about it myself.”)

Ramirez also works with the unit’s Spanish community and runs a “mini-seminary” within the English-speaking community, walking his students through a theological curriculum he himself wrote based on his seminary education. The experience is complete with exams, quizzes, book reviews, and presentations.

Rios, meanwhile, has become the guards’ go-to counselor for inmates in need, even gaining access to the high-security wing of the prison; Ryan leads Bible studies and does room visitations in the medical facility; and Jones “tier walks” the north end of the prison, walking the runs from cell to cell and engaging the inmates in conversation. He also does counseling and teaches a discipleship class, covering such topics as biblical history, text criticism, and how to do evangelism.

Through the course of their ministry, the ministers have found that simply being there for the inmates and assuring them that they are loved can reduce even the most hardened criminals to tears. The experience of having such people open up and share their deep, intimate thoughts has led Rios to conclude that “it has to be God doing these things.”

Ryan continues, “People over here really need somebody. So God didn’t just put me over here and give me this education for no reason; He gave it to me not just for the knowledge, but so I









can go be available for somebody. ... If there's anybody who can use some of Jesus' love, it would be [these inmates]."

Chris Carter, senior warden at Estelle, says the efforts of these ministers have transformed the culture of the prison. A basketball tournament this fall, for example, saw people of every race participate, and there were no fights or issues of any kind. Previously, the warden says, these inmates would have been unwilling to stay in the same room with one another, but because of the field ministers' influence, they not only had fun together during the tournament, but in between periods of play, they all prayed together as a family.

"When you introduce God into a culture, they stop fighting; the aggression goes away," Carter says. "They start looking for ways to build each other up as brothers. They don't look at each other as enemies anymore."

In line with this changing of culture, the ministers have begun to observe an eagerness in their disciples to make disciples of their own. After teaching his class an evangelism method called the "3 Circles Life Conversation Guide," Jones witnessed one of his students approach a member of a gang known as "the Aryan Circle."

The student asked if the gang member had ever heard of "the three circles." Intrigued simply because of the word "circle," which he assumed related to his gang in some way, the gang member said "no" and then inquired about them.

"And so the [student] was able to present the Gospel using the three circles to him, and now the [gang member] comes to church

every Sunday," Jones says. He joyously reflects, "That [evangelism method] was something that I taught the guy."

Similarly, Rios is often told, "I want to do what you do. You need to go ask the warden if I can get a [security pass] and just come walk with you."

Although honoring such a request may not be possible, Rios nevertheless affirms the sentiment. "That's one thing I try to do—encourage them to seek the gifts that God gave them," he says. "And I try to help them grow and become good servants and good leaders and just stay humble."

A key verse for all the ministers—that is evidently being fulfilled at Estelle—is 2 Timothy 2:2, which says, "The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also." In light of this exhortation, the ministers, who have been redeemed by the blood of Christ and equipped to accomplish Kingdom work, use their unique skills, backgrounds, and interests in order to teach, counsel, evangelize, disciple, and love those whom society has more or less written off, and the recipients of this ministry, in turn, set out to do the same. Such a prospect fills these prophets of hope with a fresh hope of their own.

"I believe that by helping them instill the [the values and principles from the Bible] in themselves, they can accomplish what I've accomplished, but even beyond me," Ramirez says. "They can accomplish more than I even have, because that's what the Bible is able to do."



Compassion
for the **NATIONS:**
ministering to practical
and spiritual needs of
refugees in
Fort Worth, Texas



STORY BY KATIE COLEMAN | PHOTOGRAPHY BY NEIL WILLIAMS & MATHEUS OLIVEIRA

Within a five-mile radius of Southwestern Seminary's campus, two apartment complexes are home to many of the hundreds of refugee families resettled in Tarrant County, Texas, each year.

Escaping conflict and persecution and uprooted from community, these relocated families face the challenges of learning a new language, securing work, helping their children succeed in school, and navigating new cultural barriers.

Many of Southwestern's students, including Southwestern alumnus Adam Lee (Master of Arts in Islamic Studies, 2010; Master of Arts in Christian Education, 2013), have seen the unique opportunity

to assist these families in some of their practical needs, offer them a sense of belonging, and ultimately share the Gospel with them. In so doing, these Southwesterners demonstrate biblical compassion for refugees from nearly a dozen countries.

As families seek self-sufficiency in a new culture, Lee says that parents sometimes see their children struggling to keep up in school and are often discouraged that they do not have the education to offer assistance or the language skills to express their concerns. They desire opportunities for their children to grow academically and to develop new skills necessary for success in a new culture, but they oftentimes do not know how to find such opportunities, or they simply cannot afford them financially.





Taking notice of this particular desire and struggle, Lee and fellow Southwestern student Spur Jeon founded Ethnic Group Academy (EGA) in 2011. Partnering with Hanmaum International Baptist Church to utilize its facilities, Lee and Jeon established weekly classes on a variety of subjects for children and one weekly adult ESL class. Lee now serves as EGA's director, and their ministry has grown from four weekly classes to 11 classes on subjects including English, computer skills, SAT math tutoring, music, art, and sports.

EGA operates entirely through volunteer labor. As their ministry has grown, Lee says one of their primary challenges has been the recruitment of volunteers to keep up with the growing need for teachers and various administrative tasks. However, Lee adds, God is always faithful to provide the number of volunteers needed to serve the growing number of refugee children who are registered for EGA classes. One source for volunteers has turned out to be Southwestern Seminary, as many Southwestern students have discerned the ministerial need and stepped up to meet the challenge.

Advanced Master of Divinity student Joshua Taekjun Jung joined EGA in 2014 after prayerfully seeking an opportunity to utilize his gifts and passion for missions in a local context. Now serving as a music teacher and website manager, Jung says he was first drawn to EGA because of his own understanding of the challenges of acclimating to a new culture.

Although his family was not forced to flee their country, Jung recalls the difficulties of growing up as an immigrant. After moving to the United States at a young age, Jung says his family struggled to adjust to a new language and new customs. They often felt out of place and were without community to help them with daily tasks or navigating the new culture. Jung's parents wanted to register him for piano classes and additional academic help, but they did not know how to access such resources.

Similarly, Jung says, many of the refugee families that EGA serves want to provide opportunities for their children to receive additional help with school or enroll them in extracurricular activities. "Like immigrants, refugees have a hard time in the United States," Jung says. "So, EGA is here for refugees so parents do not have to look hard to find the education for their children and don't have to pay for classes."

As important as providing these services are, Jung adds, EGA's primary goal is to use their programs as a platform for a greater message of hope. "We want them to excel in those areas, but our main goal is to share the Gospel," Jung says.

One of the ways in which EGA volunteers are able to engage in Gospel conversations is through songs and Bible stories in music and art classes. Choosing to be intentional witnesses, Jung says, is reflective of Southwestern's heart for evangelism and mission of reaching the world. "Southwestern has taught me to be more intentional in sharing the Gospel," he says.



"We encourage our teachers to share the Gospel during their programs and classes."

Even as EGA has grown to serve more than 185 children in their classes, another challenge continues to be the hostility of many families and their unwillingness to be associated with a Christian ministry. However, as EGA establishes trust among many other refugee families, barriers continue to be torn down, allowing for new relationships to be built.

Lee recalls one Iraqi couple who first showed hostility and coldness toward EGA volunteers because of their Christian beliefs. But as they proved their trustworthiness and showed compassion for their family, the couple eventually became more open to EGA, eventually inviting volunteers to dinner in their home and enrolling their daughter in an EGA class.

During weekly gatherings, EGA welcomes people from more than 10 countries including Iraq, Somalia, Nepal, and Burma. Although grieved for the circumstances that have brought them to Fort Worth, Lee says God is using this time to create opportunities to minister to the nations in their own city.

"In a spiritual sense, most of the refugees are trapped in spiritual blindness because they never had a chance to hear the Gospel message," Lee says. "I believe God sent refugees to our neighborhoods and wants us to share His good news with the lost in every ethnic group."



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MORE THAN

800



NUMBER OF TREES ON MAIN CAMPUS



(THE NUMBER IS CLOSER TO 1,000 WHEN COUNTING THE YOUNG TREES PLANTED IN RECENT YEARS)

207

NUMBER OF
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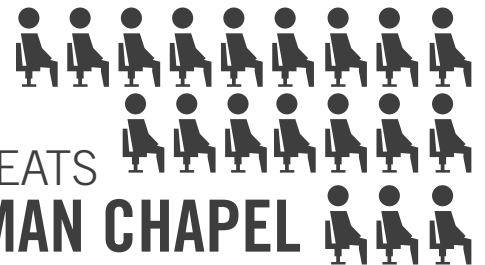


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BUILDINGS

17

NUMBER OF
ELEVATORS

3,500



NUMBER OF SEATS
IN MACGORMAN CHAPEL



2,500

NUMBER OF YARDS

MAINTAINED BY FACILITIES CREW

32

NUMBER OF
NAMES IN
CAST STONE

AROUND THE TOP OF COWDEN HALL

(THESE ARE THE NAMES OF MUSIC COMPOSERS WHO WROTE IMPORTANT HYMNS)



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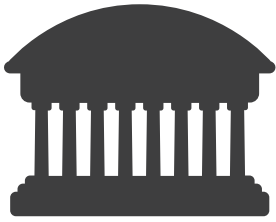
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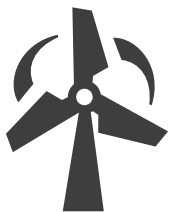
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CONFERENCE ENCOURAGES WOMEN TO CONDUCT CHRIST-CENTERED LIVES

By Eunsun Han, Katie Coleman, and Alex Sibley

The 2016 Art of Homemaking Conference at Southwestern Seminary, Oct. 27-29, highlighted the importance of trusting and serving God in all circumstances and exhorted women to find strength and joy in the Lord Jesus Christ during every season of life. Comprising six plenary sessions and multiple breakout sessions, the conference offered ample opportunity for increasing knowledge in specific areas of life as well as receiving spiritual encouragement and nourishment from renowned speakers.

Alan and Lisa Robertson, who appear on the television series “Duck Dynasty,” spoke during the conference’s first plenary session on the subject of “Biblical Reconciliation in Marriage.” The session was open to the public, welcoming all to hear the Robertsons’ story of brokenness, hope, and forgiveness.

“Our marriage was forged through the fires of pain,” Alan said during his presentation in MacGorman Chapel, noting that the first 15 years of their married life were marked by pain and brokenness. “And now, after 32 years [of marriage], we can both say with confidence what we could never say before: we would go through everything

we’ve gone through again for the last 17; it’s been that good—because of God’s glory, and not because of anything we’ve done.”

Other plenary session presenters this year included Lorna Reeves, Rhonda Harrington Kelley, Candi Finch, Monica Patrick, and Dorothy Kelley Patterson. On Friday, to complement the plenary sessions, conference participants chose four breakout sessions from a roster of 20 different offerings, which touched on such realms of life as spirituality, family, home, hospitality, politics, and gender issues. One track was led by Barbara O’Chester, who has led countless marriage retreats across the country. Her sessions provided women the opportunity to probe deeply into biblical principles concerning submission, marital intimacy, parent-child relationships, and the Holy Spirit.

The Southwestern Bazaar was also open to attendees throughout the final day of the conference. Southwestern students and families engaged in cottage industries and home businesses were able to bring out homemade goods to exhibit and sell, including items such as jewelry, paintings, baked goods, clothes, and children’s books.

TRUSTEES APPROVE PHILOSOPHY DEGREE, REAFFIRM MEDIA POLICY

By Alex Sibley

Southwestern Seminary's board of trustees approved a new master's degree in philosophy; reaffirmed the seminary's media policy; promoted and elected faculty; and conducted other business during their fall meeting, Oct. 17-19.

Master of Arts in Philosophy

Trustees approved a new 48-hour master of arts in philosophy degree. The program includes 11 hours of theology and ministry studies, 31 hours of philosophical studies, and 6 hours of elective courses.

Regarding why a theological seminary would teach philosophy, Southwestern President Paige Patterson explained, "Everybody is a philosopher. The question is, are you a good one or a bad one? We have already seen what bad ones can do; they are a dime a dozen. And so we are committed to having good philosophers and to making good thinkers and philosophers out of our people."

Media Policy

In response to the motion at the most recent meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention to examine the media policies of SBC entities, Patterson, speaking on behalf of the executive committee of the board of trustees, affirmed that Southwestern continues its longstanding policy of welcoming press to the general sessions of trustee meetings. He added that, when helpful, the seminary will also provide a press conference at the conclusion of the meeting.

Sale of Garrett Manor Apartments

Trustees approved Vice President for Business Administration Kevin Ensley to market and sell the Garrett Manor apartment complex, located south of the Southwestern campus. Much like the previous sale of the



E.D. Head apartments, this sale is motivated by a desire to bring student housing closer to the main campus, which will allow the provision of greater security for students.

Faculty Promotions

Deron Biles, associate professor of pastoral ministries and preaching, was promoted to professor of pastoral ministries and preaching.

Evan Lenow, assistant professor of ethics, was promoted to associate professor of ethics.

Tony Maalouf, professor of world Christianity, was promoted to distinguished professor of world Christianity and Middle Eastern studies.

Faculty Elections

Michael Crisp was elected assistant professor of collegiate ministry in the Terry School of Church and Family Ministries.

Timothy Deahl was elected dean of the Southwestern Center for Extension Education and professor of Old Testament.

Steven James was elected assistant professor of systematic theology in the College at Southwestern.

Katie McCoy was elected assistant professor of theology in women's studies in the College at Southwestern.

Mark A. Taylor was elected professor of conducting in the School of Church Music.

Kyle Walker was elected assistant professor of preaching in the School of Preaching.

Hongyi Yang was elected assistant professor of theology in women's studies in the School of Theology.

All faculty promotions and elections are effective immediately.

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STUDY OF RUTH HIGHLIGHTS GRACE, SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD

By Alex Sibley

This year's Advanced Expository Preaching Workshop, the first such workshop under Southwestern's new School of Preaching, explored how to preach the Old Testament book of Ruth. Though this text tells the story of Naomi, Ruth, and Boaz—ancestors of King David—Dean of the School of Preaching David Allen clarified that the book is not actually about any of these characters; rather, the book is about God.

"I think the book of Ruth is about God and His grace and His sovereignty," Allen said. "It's [about] God and how He brings His grace through His sovereignty to preserve His people and to prepare for the coming of the Messiah."

Allen led the opening session of the daylong workshop, Oct. 10, providing an overview of the book. Other School of Preaching faculty—including Steven Smith, Barry McCarty, Matthew McKellar, Vern Charette, and Kyle Walker—led the remaining sessions, covering each of the four chapters as well as the topic of how to preach Christ from the book.



FORT WORTH NEIGHBORHOODS REACHED THROUGH EVANGELISTIC PARTNERSHIP WITH LOCAL CHURCH

By Eunsun Han

Southwestern's motto is "Preach the Word, Reach the World," and one way to do this is through evangelistic partnerships with local churches. When Larry Shuler, associate pastor of the First Baptist Church of Lakeside, Texas, requested assistance from the seminary in community evangelism, Southwestern agreed to pursue a joint initiative during the 2016-2017 academic year in order to deliver the Good News to every home within a five-mile radius of the church.

"Larry was seeking trained men and women to come alongside the members of FBC Lakeside to help train them and reach the community around the church with the Gospel," says Instructor of Evangelism Brandon Kiesling, who helped organize the evangelistic partnership. "Southwestern is about preaching the Word and reaching the world, so when a church asks us to partner with them in evangelism, this is a win-win for all involved."

On Sept. 17, Oct. 15, and Nov. 19, Southwestern and FBC Lakeside held joint outreach days to spread the Gospel in the west Fort Worth community through door-to-door evangelism. More than 300 homes were visited, and nearly 100 people heard full Gospel presentations.

One of the participants in the Oct. 15 outreach was Joshua McCullough, a student in the College at Southwestern. During the effort, McCullough was able to share a deep evangelistic conversation with a Buddhist man named Dylan, who had grown up in a strict Christian home but had become rebellious toward religious rules and constraints.

Careful not to get into an argument that might drive Dylan further away from the Gospel, McCullough presented the Good News in a way that drew Dylan closer to Christ and challenged him to rethink his spiritual beliefs. Although Dylan was hesitant about giving his life to Christ that day, he said he would continue to think about the Gospel message and visit FBC Lakeside.

"Partnering with local churches for evangelism allows our students to get practical field training in witnessing, and they also train laypeople to do the same," Kiesling says of the initiative. "My hope and prayer is that experiences like these will help equip our students to train future generations to preach the Word and reach the world."





SOUTHWESTERN CELEBRATES FIRST KEYBOARDS & CAROLS AS 'ALL-STEINWAY SCHOOL'

By Katie Coleman

The beginning of December marks a special time of year for the Southwestern School of Church Music. During the annual Keyboards & Carols at Christmas concert, Dec. 2, the nearly sold-out MacGorman Chapel and Performing Arts Center resonated with the sounds of favorite Christmas songs. Concertgoers were treated to a variety of music styles from the International Children's Choir, the Southwestern Master Chorale, and 59 pianists who played on 19 Steinway grand pianos, which filled the stage of MacGorman Chapel.

Special guests Marquis Laughlin and Dino Kartsonakis performed alongside Southwestern musicians. Laughlin, performance artist and founder of Acts of the Word ministries, delivered moving recitations of verses from Genesis, Matthew and Luke. Kartsonakis, two-time Grammy Award nominee and one-time Grammy Award winner, joined in with his own piano performances of songs including "The Christmas Song" and "Birthday of the King."



BONN SEMINARY BECOMES DEBT-FREE

By Alex Sibley

After the news broke, the room full of German businessmen and seminary faculty quickly began to whisper among themselves the word “miracle.” Then, as the weight of the news began to truly register with them, the men began to weep.

These tears of joy, quite the rarity in that part of the world, were brought about by the presentation of a small piece of paper by Southwestern President Paige Patterson, Oct. 3. This paper, a check generously contributed by Harold and Patricia Mathena to Bibelseminar Bonn (BSB), indicated that BSB’s debt, for the first time in the institution’s history, would be cleared.

“Debt-free!” exclaims Heinrich Derksen, president of BSB, which has been Southwestern Seminary’s partner institution in Europe for 11 years. “Being debt-free means to us that we are freed to do even more in our work for Christ in Germany from [our now-fully paid-off residence]



Haus Wittgenstein. We want to grow as a theological seminary so that even more effective Kingdom workers will be used by our God to change the world for Christ in an unprecedented way.”

BIBLICAL COUNSELING EXPLAINED, ADVOCATED BY GRINDSTONE PANEL

By Alex Sibley

Addressing a room of Southwestern students and faculty, Professor of Counseling John Babler noted that, because they are men and women called by God to minister to others, God will eventually bring to them people who are seeking their counsel. “When that person comes to you for counsel,” he continued, “you’re faced with two choices: you can either minister the living and active Word of God, or you can minister the dead thoughts and ideas of humans.”

Babler was one of a panel of speakers from Southwestern’s Terry School of Church and Family Ministries who spoke at Grindstone, Sept. 20, on the topic of biblical counseling. Joined by Waylan Owens, dean of the Terry School, and Dale Johnson, assistant professor of biblical counseling, Babler advocated biblical counseling as the methodology for helping people overcome their problems, noting that Scripture is both sufficient for the counseling task as well as superior to anything the world has to offer.

In addition to providing an overview of what biblical counseling is, the panel also fielded questions from the audience. One such question related to the use of medication, such as antidepressants. While Johnson agreed that people exhibiting symptoms of depression should get a medical workup in order to rule out issues such as hypothyroidism, beyond that, he argued, Scripture is sufficient to deal



with the problem.

“When we start to think about depression, we often act like depression is not normal to the human condition,” Johnson said. “[But] we live in a very broken world, and you’re going to experience grief and pain and struggle and ‘this is not the way it’s supposed to be’ moments.”

“It is our job [as biblical counselors] to begin to prod the soul; to look deeply within,” Johnson continued. “Hebrews 4:12 says that the Word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword for the division of joint and marrow, soul and spirit, and able to judge the thoughts and the intentions of the heart. There is nothing known to man, nothing on the planet, that is able to discern and see and expose man to the degree that Scripture is.”



STEEL CITY POPS MANAGER EXPLORES KINGDOM IMPACT OF SMALL BUSINESSES

By Alex Sibley



Ryan Childress, general manager of the Fort Worth location of Steel City Pops—a dessert shop with multiple locations across the country—spoke at Southwestern Seminary’s first Land Center luncheon of the fall semester, Sept. 20, on the topic of “Seeing the Big Kingdom Impact of Small Business.” He used his experience at Steel City Pops as an illustration of how God uses ordinary things and ordinary people to do extraordinary things.

“We had really big plans about what we were going to do one day for the Kingdom,” Childress said, “but where we began to see the Lord work most was through the small things; through the very ordinary; through things that we weren’t even aware could be used for Kingdom impact. I have seen the Lord work the most in our small business context through daily faithfulness in meetings, emails, and simple interactions with employees. ... We’ve learned to be faithful in the daily work to let Him open the doors for redemptive work.”



CHURCH PLANTERS BANQUET PRESENTS NORTH AMERICA AS CRITICAL MISSION FIELD

By Eunsun Han

With the spread of atheism and postmodernism and the influx of other religions, North America has become a vast mission field in need of urgent evangelism and church planting. On Oct. 13, Southwestern Seminary hosted the Fellowship of North American Church Planters fall banquet in order to challenge students and faculty to meet the escalating spiritual need for church planters in the continent. The evening’s speakers were Shane Pruitt, director of missions for the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention, and Chad

Vandiver, a Send Montreal missionary with the North American Mission Board.

“These conferences are wonderful opportunities for students to learn about North American missions and church planting,” says Professor of Baptist Church Planting at Southwestern Steve Lee. “We have to penetrate the darkness on this continent. We have to take the Gospel to the ends of not only the earth, but to North America as well.”



SBC PRESIDENT EXHORTS STUDENTS, FACULTY TO PRIORITIZE PRAYER

By Katie Coleman

President of the Southern Baptist Convention Steve Gaines preached during chapel, Nov. 10, delivering a message from Daniel 9 on the topic of prayer. “You can change the world if you will pray,” Gaines said. “You can shape history if you will pray. You can be a catalyst for spiritual awakening and revival if you’ll pray.”

Gaines, who is also a Southwestern alumnus (M.Div., 1984; Ph.D., 1991), explained that Daniel was a man of prayer who was committed to praying in a pagan culture during a time in which it would have been illegal to do so. “Because Daniel prayed,” Gaines said, “God did things in his life that He didn’t do in other people’s lives.”

Gaines shared that his hope for the Southern Baptist Convention is that its people become “a praying people and that we would have the sense to talk to God.” He then reminded Southwestern students and faculty that it is imperative for them to pray and to do so often.

GRINDSTONE PANELISTS DISCUSS PASTORAL MINISTRY

By Katie Coleman

“Ministry is probably the most exciting thing a person can be called to do,” said Pastor of Mesquite Friendship Baptist Church Terry Turner to an audience of Southwestern students and faculty at a Grindstone discussion, Nov. 7. Discussing various topics relating to pastoral ministry, Turner was joined by Pastor of Northeast Houston Baptist Church Nathan Lino and Pastor of First Baptist Church Euless John Meador. Associate Professor of Pastoral Theology Tommy Kiker moderated the discussion.

Addressing the challenges of balancing the numerous responsibilities a pastor has, all the panelists agreed that one’s family takes priority over ministry, and the management of a demanding schedule requires intentional planning. Meador, who recognized the temptation to commit to too many things in ministry, described this challenge in his first years of ministry.

“The mistakes I made in the first church I pastored was thinking I had to do everything myself. I wanted to pastor well and I had good motivation, but I didn’t understand multiplying myself,” Meador said. “I learned that you have to set your own schedule, and I mean that in the way of priority. You determine the number of hours you spend with your family.”



STUDENTS CHALLENGED TO JOIN GREAT COMMISSION WORK IN SOUTH ASIA

By Katie Coleman

During Southwestern Seminary's International Church Planting Week, Sept. 12-16, visiting International Mission Board missionaries emphasized missions among the South Asian affinity group. Throughout the week, missionaries visited students in classes and nightly events, sharing about the unique opportunities and needs in this region. Students and faculty also heard the testimonies of missionaries during all three chapel services regarding the numerous ways in which God is moving in South Asia. Through all of this, the missionaries conveyed the need for more workers ready to take the Gospel to unreached people groups.

"Our vision in South Asia is to see a vast multitude from every South Asian nation, tribe, people, and language knowing and worshipping our Lord Jesus Christ," said missionary Darren Cantwell* in chapel, Sept. 13. "Millions are waiting in darkness for the light to come to them. Join us in reaching that massive humanity."

**Name changed to protect mission work.*



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CAMPUS ACTIVITIES PROVIDE FUN ESCAPE FROM CLASSROOM

By Alex Sibley

If students need a fun escape from the classroom, a relaxing break from studying, an opportunity to mingle with fellow students, or perhaps the chance to (humbly) triumph over their friends through (hopefully) friendly competition, then Southwestern has them covered. Indeed, with the combined efforts of Student Life and the team at the Recreation and Aerobics Center (the RAC), Southwestern students have plenty of activities to keep them occupied (in addition to their studies, of course). This semester offered a Fall Festival; three Café Nights (featuring games, trivia, and an open mic); the seventh annual Chili Cook-Off; and intramurals in flag football, soccer, and volleyball. Those who participated in these events would surely agree that they served as a welcome distraction from the normal flow of campus and academic life.





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Less traditional student ministry might mean more disciples

By Richard Ross | Professor of Student Ministry

If student pastors were to stop doing about two-thirds of what they are doing, we might begin producing more disciples. Why? Because if they stop doing some things, then they will have time to do other things that offer even more promise. I have much confidence in the student pastors as leaders, but the time has come for their workweeks to change.



regard to any concrete explanation of the text of Scripture. In some cases, the use of Scripture in the preaching event has become non-existent. Thus, is there really a need for extending an invitation at the conclusion of the contemporary sermon?

... What the contemporary pulpit requires is a return to the semantic understanding of the biblical text communicated in a relevant fashion that engages the hearer. The proper approach to text-driven preaching mandates a response that cannot be avoided.

What if this is the end of freedom in America?

By Malcolm Yarnell | Research Professor of Systematic Theology

A quick review of recent news headlines in the United States reveals an increasing number of incidents where governmental executives, legislators, and judges have borrowed from the intolerant presuppositions of secular progressivism to restrict the religious liberties of believers. These incidents are strong signs of not just a lack of respect for the "first freedom," but of an insidious, incipient hostility toward believers in traditional religion.



The Bible, the preacher, and the presenting issue

Steven Smith | Vice President for Student Services

As any counselor will tell you, the real issue is most often not the presenting issue. The presenting issue seems to be strategies for preaching and evangelism in the local church setting. But the real issue is a global confidence in the Word of God.



Should we assume that believers trust Scripture when we preach? Of course not. We, therefore, reason with them. We argue for the text. However, in assuming they do not believe it, should we concede that is it unbelievable? Of course not.

... The evidence indicates something has shifted in American culture: intolerance toward religious believers, and in particular toward evangelical Christians, is on the rise. And this intolerance is being manifested in all three branches of government and at the local, state, and federal levels. One need not be a prophet to read a cultural swell building against believers in Jesus Christ.

Is extending an invitation really relevant for today?

Denny Autrey | Dean, J. Dalton Havard School for Theological Studies

The contemporary pulpit of the 21st century has become silent. Not in regard to story-telling, pithy sayings, anecdotes, and illustrative pictures of everyday life, but with



An appeal to pastors—Please call out the called

Charles Patrick Jr. | Vice President for Strategic Initiatives and Communications

Pastor, you are the greatest influencer for a man or woman who is sensitive to God's call. There are approximately 7,300 students in the six seminaries from 46,500 churches. This is roughly one student per six churches being sent to be equipped. Imagine the cohort of church planters, missionaries, pastors, children's ministers, music ministers, etc. that could be raised and equipped if each of the 46,500 churches committed to sending at least one student. We'd instantly have a sixfold increase in students being equipped and deployed around the globe. The harvest is there if churches will send the laborers.



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COLUMN SIGNING SIGNIFIES UNIFIED COMMITMENT TO FUTURE MINISTERIAL EQUIPPING

By Alex Sibley

“For no man can lay a foundation other than the one which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.” (1 Corinthians 3:11)

This verse was one of dozens of Scriptures that Southwestern trustees, faculty, and ministry partners affixed to several foundational columns of Mathena Hall, Oct. 18. This formal signing represents each of the signers’ commitment to the future of equipping God-called men and women for ministry.

Mathena Hall is the future home of the Roy Fish School of Evangelism and Missions and the College at Southwestern. It is named for Harold and Patricia Mathena, who graciously bestowed a \$12 million lead gift toward the building’s construction, which began in 2015 and is scheduled for completion next year. The Mathenas were the first to sign the building’s foundation.

Harold Mathena says the ultimate purpose of the building is to further the cause of Christ and to communicate the Gospel around the world. “It’s going to be a fantastic tool for God to use to train up and teach young men and women how to share the Gospel and inspire

them to do it,” he says. “We’re looking forward to when it’s finished and when the students start going out from it.”

The column signing took place during the board of trustees’ fall meeting, and so each trustee was able to sign his/her name on a column of the building, along with Scripture verses, prayers, and encouraging messages for future generations. Faculty members were also invited to sign, and by the end of the 30-minute ceremony, such Scripture references as John 14:1-7, Hebrews 10:23, and Matthew 28:18-20 covered the foundational columns standing at what will be the main entrance to the building.

In addition, because students are intimately part of the Southwestern family and her legacy, current students were also welcomed to the construction site in order to write short messages on dated paper that will be placed in the building’s time capsule. Many students turned out in order to provide messages of encouragement to future students.

President Paige Patterson of Southwestern says the involvement of so many parties is “a reminder that we don’t do anything by ourselves—it takes a whole body of trustees and it takes a whole lot of people giving to it. We’re so thankful for the Mathena family for the contribution that they made here to give us half of the money with which to build this building. And so anything this building accomplishes in the Kingdom of God will be a unified effort of many.”

Alumni Updates

1980

William D. Nordan (MM 1983) to First Baptist Church, Hillsborough, N.C., as associate pastor.

David L. Lowrie, Jr. (MDIV 1986) to First Baptist Church, Decatur, Texas, as senior pastor.

2000

Blake Hooks (MDIV 2000) to First Baptist Church, Gaffney, S.C., as minister to children.

Zana J. Kizzee (MM 2002) to Hull's Memorial Baptist Church, Fredericksburg, Va., as minister of music.

Retirement

W. Clayton Hoffman (MDIV 1971) retired, living in Amarillo, Texas.

Billy R. Bissell (MDIV 1979) retired with wife, Kathey Jean Bissell, nee Looney, living in Oklahoma City, Okla.

William H. "Bill" Drees (MDIV 1980) retired with wife, Cathy Drees, living in Columbia, S.C.

Anniversaries

Earl C. Berry (ARE 1962, DIPCM 1966) and Marie Berry, 75th wedding anniversary.

David R. White (MDIV 1971) and Connie L. White, nee King, 50th wedding anniversary (August).

Charles Mayo (EX-RE 1954) and Gloria Mayo, nee Hink, (MRE 53), 63rd wedding anniversary (July).

Memorials

Janie Bryan

F. Richard Burt

James E. Day

Charlie C. Ditmore

Jerry W. Dykes

Elvis F. Hamous

Hazeldean H. McClure

Merideth E. Wilfong

1940

Arlene Todd (BRE 1940)

Eva A. Henley (MRE 1942)

Winnona W. Parrish (MARE 1944)

Alma H. Rohm (MRE 1949)

1950

Adrian W. Coleman (BDIV 1952)

John C. Howell (BDIV 1952, THD 1960, PHD 1975)

John E. Jolly, Jr. (BDIV 1952, BSM 1952)

Roy E. Ladd (BDIV 1953)

Robert W. Mayes (BDIV 1954)

Wayne E. Dickerson (BDIV 1954)

Gene W. Davenport (BDIV 1956)

James M. Robertson (BDIV 1957)

Addison J. Green (MRE 1958)

1960

Cloyd R. Sullins (BDIV 1960)

Ray E. Williams (BDIV 1961)

Donald O. Burnett (BDIV 1964)

1970

David S. English (MRE 1971)

Tony G. Latham (MDIV 1971, MARE 1989, PHD 2001)

Roy D. Alexander (MRE 1974)

Gordon J. Molengraf (MDIV 1979)

1980

Rhonda E. Buescher (MACM 1982)

Timothy E. Hoyle (MRE 1988)

2000

Preston A. Harris (MACE 2004)

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UNTO THE LEAST OF THESE

By O.S. Hawkins

Ed Enriquez, a Southern Baptist pastor who has gone on to his heavenly home, served the migrant farm workers who crossed the border into Texas and New Mexico each year. One day, early in his ministry, a migrant worker approached Ed and asked, “Pastor, next time you come, could you bring me a pair of shoes? I have never had a pair of shoes.” Ed looked at him and asked, “What size are your feet?” Of course, the man didn’t know. So, Ed took off his own shoes and said, “Here, try these on.” The man slipped Ed’s shoes on, and a smile crossed his face. “They fit,” he said. Ed told him, “They are yours. You didn’t have shoes, but now you do.”

What kind of man would give the clothes off his back, or the shoes off his feet, in order to minister to the least of these? Ed didn’t earn much tromping through those fields, witnessing to the lost. He served churches that often paid him more in poultry and produce than in dollars and cents. It was our privilege at GuideStone to serve him and his widow, Ramona, during their declining years through our Mission:Dignity ministry, with whom he shared this story.

The year 2018 will mark the centennial for GuideStone Financial Resources of the Southern Baptist Convention, which I am privileged to lead. Two years before our launch, our founder, a Nashville pastor named William Lunsford, stood before a local preachers’ meeting and sounded a call: “Our churches have created the conscience in government and industry to cause them to provide for their disabled and aged workers. Why don’t we practice what we preach?”

Lunsford was moved by the plight of so many worn-out and weary pastors—those Southern Baptist preachers who, at the end of their ministry, had little or nothing to provide for their declining years. He watched the thousands of men returning from World War I and realized Southern Baptists could care for their “soldiers of the cross” in much the same way the government cared for old soldiers and sailors. Lunsford believed that men who dedicated their lives to the Gospel should have the love and care of their brethren in their later years.

Our privilege is to guide this God-birther ministry almost a century later. As you likely know, it has grown now to encompass retirement plans, life and health programs, and property and casualty coverage for churches, ministries and their employees, as well as individual and institutional investment options. But at our heart is an unwavering commitment to the least of these, those men and women who went where God called without concern for their pay or benefits.

Mission:Dignity provides a sense of financial dignity to retired Southern Baptist pastors and, in most cases, their widows in their declining years. John Carter, one of those served by Mission:Dignity, describes well the situation of many of the scores we help when he recalls one church he served: “This man that was running the church would meet us every week at a service station and fill our car up with gas and give us a live chicken.”

Throughout our ministries, we will encounter many of the least of these—those who are hurting, those who are poor; those in prison or sick; those suffering injustice;



those who are hungry, thirsty, or in need of basic necessities. These individuals are not roadblocks to our ministry; they do not deviate us from our calling. They are our calling.

In my time as pastor of the First Baptist Church in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., we had a man who came every week. He lived in an institutional retirement center near downtown. His pants were about two sizes too big, and the cuffs were rolled halfway up his calves so that his sockless feet and worn tennis shoes showed. His shirt was usually buttoned in the wrong holes. There he would sit on the front row. Only heaven recorded how many times I looked down into his face and breathed a prayer of thanksgiving to God for that man’s presence. It constantly reminded me of how welcome the outcasts of society should be in God’s house.

Micah 6:8 reminds us that “He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?” As we walk humbly with our God, let us remember with gladness that to serve the least of these is to truly serve Him.

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