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SOUTHWESTERN FAMILY,

Greetings from Seminary Hill. It is my privilege to write to you for the first time as president of The Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. On February 27 of this year, the Board of Trustees entrusted me with leading an institution that has impacted the world for Christ in immeasurable ways. This task is indeed humbling, but one for which I am both eager and grateful.

Twenty years ago this summer, I moved to Fort Worth to enroll as a Master of Divinity student. It was here that I was first pronounced a “Southwesterner” in convocation that fall. It was here that I met my wife Carla, a Southwestern alumna herself. I love this school with everything I have and am committed to seeing Southwestern Seminary once again be the leader in theological education in every way possible.

In my first few months on the job, I have laid out a renewed vision for Southwestern Seminary best represented by the imagery of a big tent upheld by four poles providing stability and allowing for structural integrity. At Southwestern Seminary, the “four poles” of our “big tent” vision are 1) a commitment to the full authority, truthfulness, sufficiency, and inerrancy of the Bible as the written Word of God; 2) our confessional fidelity to the Baptist Faith and Message; 3) our passion and priority for the Great Commission; and 4) a commitment to the Cooperative Program and a spirit of cooperation in all that we do.

A priority during these first months of my presidency has been to reconnect Southwestern Seminary to our rich heritage while also presenting a clear vision for our future. Our past has helped make us who we are, and when I consider the legacy of individuals like B.H. Carroll, L.R. Scarborough, Roy Fish, Malcolm McDow, James Leo Garrett, and so many more, I realize that we are indeed living in houses we did not build and drinking from wells we did not dig.

The opportunity before us is to extend this great legacy into the future. There is a new generation of students—future pastors, missionaries, and church leaders—who stand ready to impact the world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Their callings demand robust theological education that will prepare them for the challenges that await.

I am more convinced than ever that the future of Southwestern Seminary is bright. To date, we have received more applications for admission and enrolled more new students for our upcoming fall semester than at any comparable point in time going back to at least the year 2010. Their commitment to following God’s call to come and enroll as students on our campus will be met with the provisions of a world-class faculty, a long line of faithful servants who have gone before them, and a seminary community committed to deploying them for maximum Kingdom impact.

Our fifth president, Dr. Robert E. Naylor, famously said that the sun never sets on Southwestern Seminary, and it’s true—because all around the world at all hours of the day, Southwesterners are accomplishing the work of the Kingdom. Our seventh president, Dr. Kenneth S. Hemphill, often said that together, we can touch the world and impact eternity. That hope is my prayer, and I ask you to join with me in keeping Southwestern Seminary in your prayers.



Adam W. Greenway
President





Southwestern Seminary President Adam W. Greenway holds a press conference following his election, joined by trustees Kevin Ueckert and Danny Roberts. Addressing those who attended in-person as well as those who watched via livestream, Greenway shared his vision for the seminary. "We desire nothing less than to see a movement of God beginning right here on Seminary Hill," he said. "And it will begin as everything begins: with prayerfulness, with an utter sense of dependence upon the Lord, with a confession of our inadequacy for the task, and with the desire that the hand of God's favor would fall upon us afresh and anew, as has happened so many times in this rich and vibrant history of Southwestern Seminary."





Adam W. Greenway converses with retired SWBTS faculty members Dan Crawford and Gary Waller, whom Greenway invited to the spring commencement ceremonies. Greenway says he is "very motivated" to bring the Southwestern Seminary family back together, to where all Southwesterners feel loved and appreciated and valued by the seminary.

THE ROAD TO

SOUTHWESTERN SEMINARY

Part One

By Alex Sibley

"I knew it was where God wanted me to be, and I wanted to be where He wanted me to be."



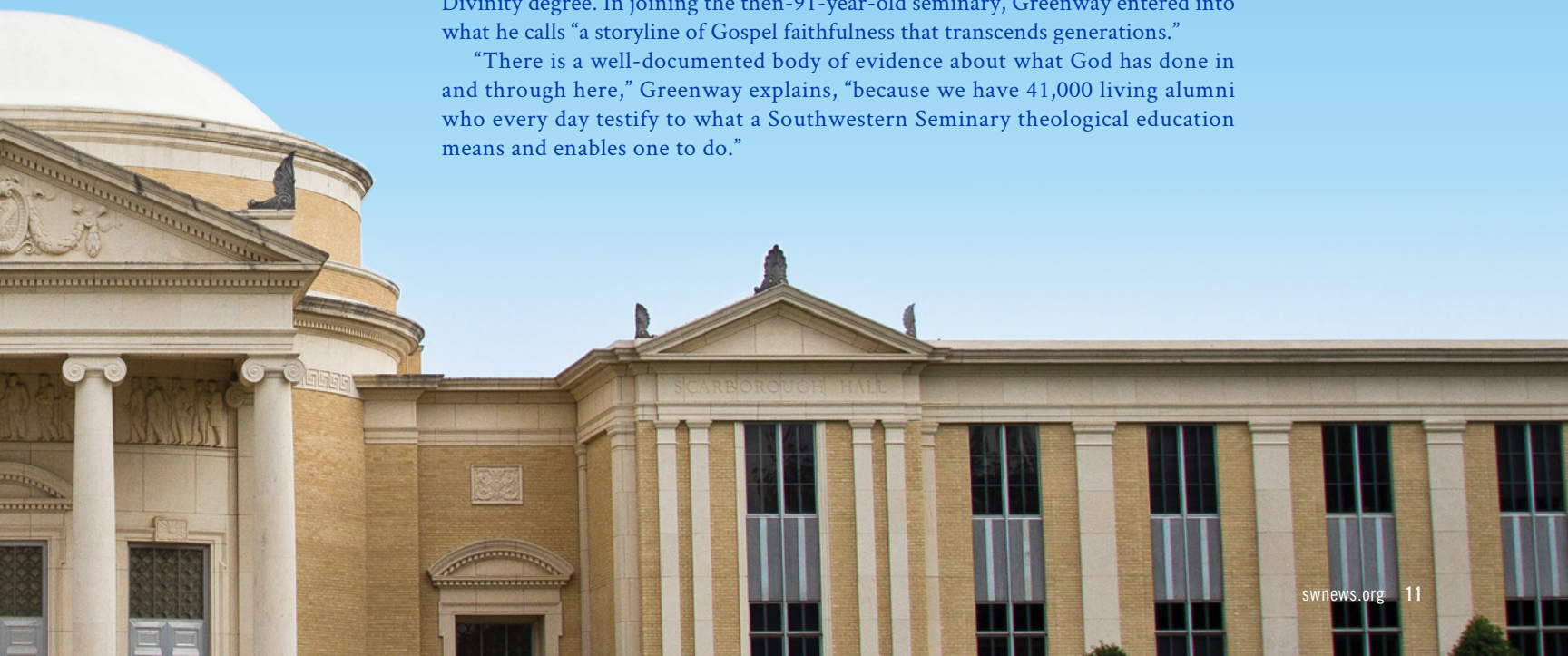


Adam W. Greenway first stepped foot on the campus of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary as the first spade of dirt was turned for what is now the Riley Center. In the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex for the 1997 annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, Greenway, then an undergraduate student at Samford University in Alabama, accompanied his college pastor to the seminary for its Alumni and Friends Luncheon. When he arrived, Greenway says, it was as if God spoke to him and said, “This is where you’re going to seminary.”

“I knew it was where God wanted me to be, and I wanted to be where He wanted me to be,” says Greenway, who was elected as Southwestern Seminary’s ninth president 22 years later.

Following his graduation from Samford, Greenway received his acceptance letter from Southwestern Seminary’s admissions office on March 25, 1999. That summer, he packed up and moved to Fort Worth to begin studying toward his Master of Divinity degree. In joining the then-91-year-old seminary, Greenway entered into what he calls “a storyline of Gospel faithfulness that transcends generations.”

“There is a well-documented body of evidence about what God has done in and through here,” Greenway explains, “because we have 41,000 living alumni who every day testify to what a Southwestern Seminary theological education means and enables one to do.”





Riley Center groundbreaking, 1997



2003



As a product of the institution himself, Greenway's own testimony of progressing from M.Div. student to president in 20 years' time stands alongside those of the other 46,000-plus God-called men and women who have been equipped for ministry at Southwestern Seminary since its founding in 1908, effectively testifying to what kinds of ministries the institution, by God's power and blessing, enables its graduates to do. And as president, Greenway invites others to consider joining this same storyline.

"I'm never going to ask a prospective student to do what I was unwilling to do," Greenway says. "Twenty years ago this summer, I moved here to begin my Master of Divinity studies at Southwestern Seminary. Twenty years later, now as president, I can't think of a better thing for students thinking or considering God's calling upon their life in theological education than to do the same thing I did: come—move here, live here, learn here, love it here, be changed here, be equipped here, and go from here to touch the world and to impact eternity."

Greenway grew up in a moral though non-Christian home in Frostproof, Fla. At age 8, a couple came to his house via "traditional Baptist door-to-door evangelism" and offered to take him to church. He went the following Sunday and "heard the Gospel for the first time in a way that an 8-year-old child could understand it," he says. He was led in a sinner's prayer, and, as best he knew how, he turned from his sin and trusted in Christ for salvation.

Though initially undisciplined, Greenway returned to an understanding of his earlier decision through an invitation to join his church's choir at age 14. He was baptized at that time, and he began to pray, "Lord, what do you want me to do in life?"

Greenway himself desired to enter politics. In the summer of 1994, before his senior year of high school, Greenway went as his school's delegate to Florida American Legion Boys State, a week-long educational program whereby students participate in and learn about state government. Among the first opportunities Greenway encountered was to become the Boys State chaplain. After applying via a written prayer that he prayed with the selection committee after an interview, he was selected for the position.

"So that did two things immediately," Greenway says. "One was it ended my political ambitions before they were fully able to develop. And two, at age 16, I was in some level of spiritual responsibility for 2,000 of my fellow emerging high school seniors. And the Lord used that week in an extraordinary way to remove the desire to do anything else in life and find meaning or satisfaction or fulfillment in it."

Among his responsibilities that week, Greenway led a biblical devotional for the Florida state senators and prayed "in Jesus' name." Afterward, two senators said to him, "You know, you're really offending us, because you're reading from the Bible and you're praying in Jesus' name, and that's just not very inclusive. We really wish you would refrain from doing that."

The 16-year-old Greenway respectfully replied, “Well, I hear you, but I met with the chaplain selection committee; I told them who I was and how I do things. They picked me and gave me their blessing. So, until I hear differently from them, I’m going to keep doing what I’m doing.”

A member of the selection committee overheard this exchange and encouraged Greenway, “You just keep doing what you’re doing, son.”

After Greenway returned home, on Sunday, June 26, 1994, he walked down the aisle of his home church and publicly surrendered to vocational ministry. His prayer became, “Lord, wherever you lead, whatever you want me to do, however you call me, the answer is ‘yes.’”

On March 19 of the following year, Greenway preached his first sermon on a youth Sunday at his home church. Fittingly, he preached on 1 Timothy 4:12—“Don’t let anyone despise your youth...” He did not realize at the time how quickly, and how often, he would have to put this teaching into practice.

Not long after Greenway’s first sermon, another church reached out to his church’s associate pastor to ask for a preacher for Easter Sunday. That pastor recommended Greenway, who accepted the assignment. Impressed by his preaching, the church then asked the 17-year-old Greenway to become their interim pastor. Again, Greenway accepted, and for the next five months, in addition to focusing on finishing his senior year of high school and planning for college, he pastored the church.

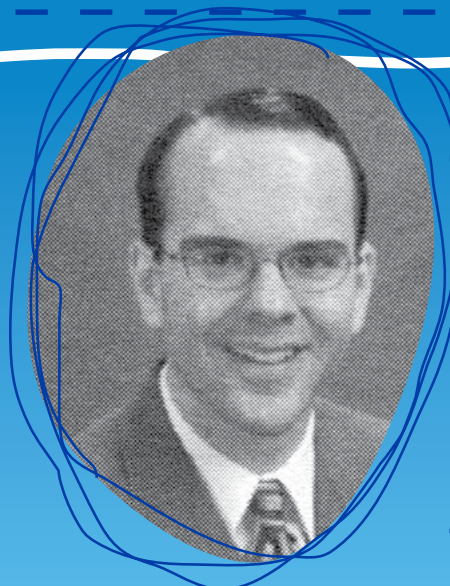
Preaching every Sunday morning and Sunday night as well as engaging in evangelism outreaches and a nursing home ministry, Greenway says these five months were an extraordinary learning experience. “There are certain things about ministry you’re never going to learn if you don’t just get out and do it and if you don’t have a willingness to be used,” he says. “It would have been a whole lot easier for me to stay at my home church with all the comforts there, in a youth group, in a place that I knew. But when I surrendered to the ministry, my prayer became, ‘Alright, Lord, what do you want me to do?’”

Though Greenway enjoyed his time there and could have stayed, following his high school graduation, he sensed God calling him to prepare. “I knew there was a lot I didn’t know,” he says. So, he enrolled in Samford University in Birmingham, Ala., in 1995 to study toward a Bachelor of Arts in Religion.

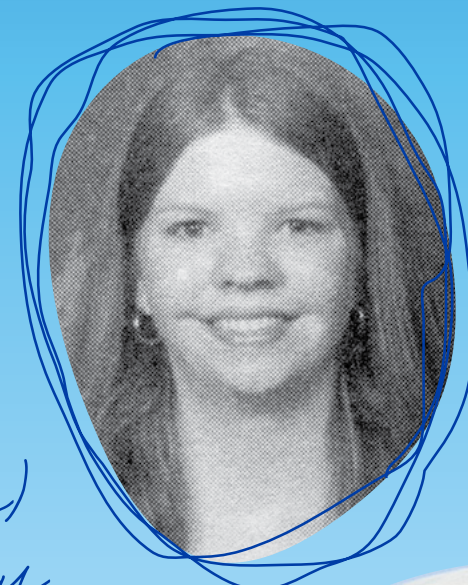
When Greenway arrived, he had only recently learned about the Conservative Resurgence that was still occurring in the Southern Baptist Convention at that time. And while he says the college provided him “an extraordinary education” and “tremendous ministry opportunities” (including Sunday preaching and summer revivals across the state), it also exposed him to the issues at the forefront of the Resurgence, including neo-orthodoxy and higher criticism. So, in considering his next step of master’s-level theological education, he knew he wanted to find a theologically conservative institution with a high view of Scripture.

A year before his graduation, Greenway’s college pastor brought him to the campus of Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, and Greenway immediately sensed the Lord leading him to attend. He did not apply or even look anywhere else. He enrolled in the fall of 1999, completing his Master of Divinity in 2002.

Greenway studied under “some of the greatest faculty who ever walked these halls,” he says, referring to such “giants” as



Adam W. Greenway



Carla (Peppers) Greenway



Counting his first interim pastorate in Florida as a 17-year-old high school student, Greenway has served in 13 interim pastorates in 12 churches in 6 states—Kentucky, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Texas, and Florida. In one of these churches, he served as interim on two different occasions, and in another, he served as both interim and full-time pastor.

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Curtis Vaughn, James Leo Garrett Jr., Roy Fish, William Tolar, Malcolm McDow, and William Reynolds.

Though the institution was still dealing with some of the ramifications of the Conservative Resurgence, Greenway says the professors “were focused upon teaching students, doing scholarship, serving in church ministry, and focusing upon what was best.”

Furthermore, there remained a spirit of camaraderie in the student body, Greenway says. “There was nothing like gathering underneath the dome at 9:45 on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday for chapel.”

“The place was packed; you could hardly move,” Greenway recalls. “And you could roll right from there into Truett Auditorium.”

Greenway says the greatest impact of Southwestern Seminary upon his life is that it reinforced the importance of community and relationships in ministry. In particular, Greenway says he benefitted greatly from getting to know professors not just for their academic credentials and teaching abilities, but for their pastoral hearts.

“That was the beauty, I think, of the faculty of Southwestern Seminary that I remember as a student—these were churchmen and churchwomen,” Greenway explains. “They were a faculty who were extraordinarily committed to ministry. And the thing that I think was most valuable was they were talking about their preaching engagement ‘this past Sunday,’ ‘the deacon’s meeting last Sunday’; it wasn’t what they had done 25 years ago or 20 years ago—it was fresh.”

“That is at the core of what I believe our faculty ought to be about,” Greenway says. “Obviously, we have to have the greatest scholars and teachers, but we also have to have men and women who are committed to vibrant ministry and service in local churches.”

Greenway cites this relationship-building as his primary incentive for moving to the Fort Worth campus, and why he encourages future students to do the same. “There were people here and there were things here that I could not get otherwise unless I was here,” he says. “And that’s part of what seminary ought to be about. It’s not just the transmission of information; it’s the transformation of life that occurs. . . . For anybody who can come here, they ought to come here, because there are things you get here that you cannot get any other way.”

Though Greenway had every intention of staying at Southwestern Seminary to pursue doctoral work, two factors coincided to lead him elsewhere. First, his college pastor recommended him for a full-time pastorate in Lexington, Ky., and he and his future wife, Carla (who was completing her Master of Arts in Christian Education at Southwestern Seminary), sensed that God was leading them to accept. Second, a conversation with a former administrator from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky., encouraged Greenway to consider the Ph.D. program there.

So, despite the fact that “it got into my DNA that I never wanted to leave,” Greenway says, he accepted the pastorate in Kentucky and enrolled in the Ph.D. program at Southern Seminary. But even though his path had led him away from Southwestern Seminary, “there was never a time when I left here where a part of my heart was not here,” he says. “I can’t tell my story apart from the indelible imprint and impact of Southwestern Seminary upon me.”

Over the next 17 years, as he used his seminary training across multiple ministry roles, Greenway hoped that his path would someday lead him back to Fort Worth. “I prayed that in God’s time and if God would allow it, He would one day allow me to come back here—home—to my seminary,” he says.



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Your application for admission to Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary has been approved by our Admissions Committee. You will receive a **\$100 Admissions Grant** which will be credited to your account for the first semester you are enrolled. This is a one-time grant.

As you are a new student for Fall 1999, your first responsibility is to attend the required orientation.

Detailed information regarding orientation and registration from the Office of the Vice President for Student Services will be sent at a later date.

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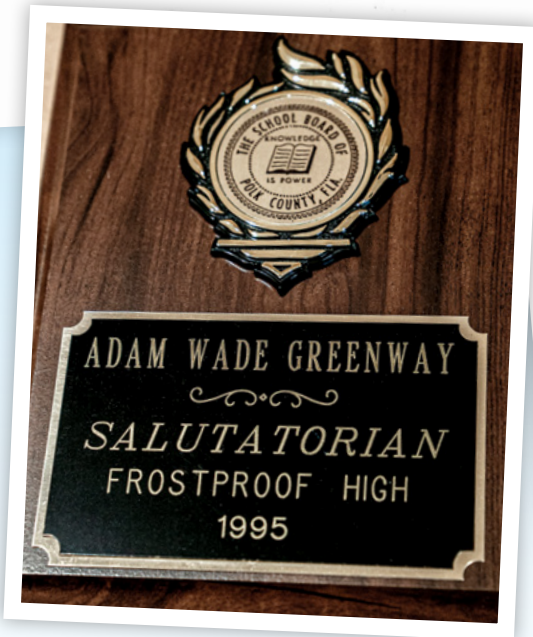
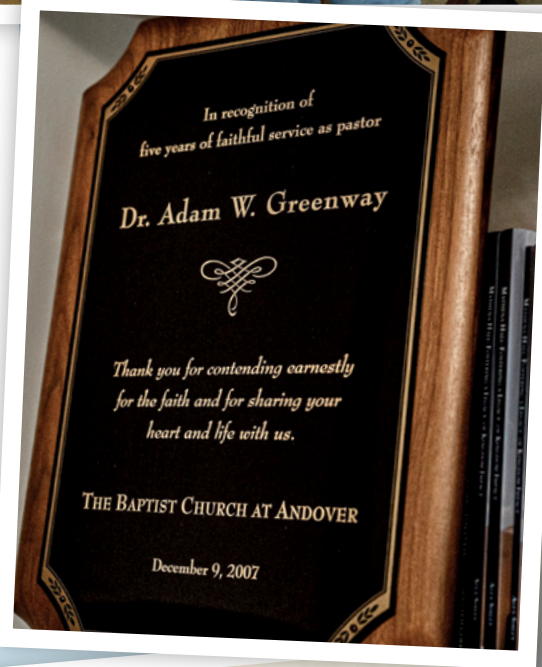
We welcome you to Southwestern and the Seminary family. Our best wishes and prayers are yours as you make the transition.

Sincerely,

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June 21, 2002

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Dear Graduate:

Congratulations! We are pleased to welcome you as an alumnus of Southwestern Seminary. I have included an alumnus' pin as a gift for you. When you first came to Southwestern, you became a "Southwesterner." I hope you will wear this pin with pride. It will help other Alumni recognize you as a fellow "Southwesterner" wherever God leads you in ministry.

As a new graduate we know that most of you are experiencing the financial strain brought on by "life after seminary." Some of you are in a new job, some are still looking for a ministry position and some are considering a doctoral program. If you feel that even a small financial contribution is not possible at this time, please support the next generation of students through your prayers and involvement in the Alumni Association.

Many people will come to know about Southwestern as you share stories of your seminary days. Perhaps because of what they see in you, they will become supporters of your seminary. As you serve in churches and other ministry positions all across the world, you will be in a unique position to identify and recruit that next generation.

If you have any news, such as marriage, a new baby, change of address or employment, we would like to know. Please keep in touch with us through e-mail at alum@swbts.edu, fax at 817/921-8766, telephone at 817/923-1921 ext. 7260 or mail to P.O. Box 22500. We will try to keep you informed as to what is happening on "the hill" and with your fellow alumni through the *Alumni News* and *Southwestern News*.

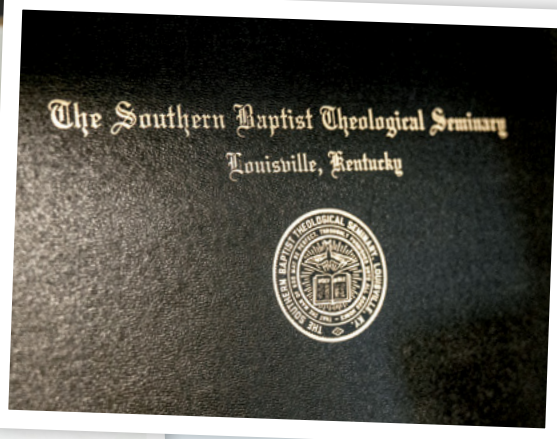
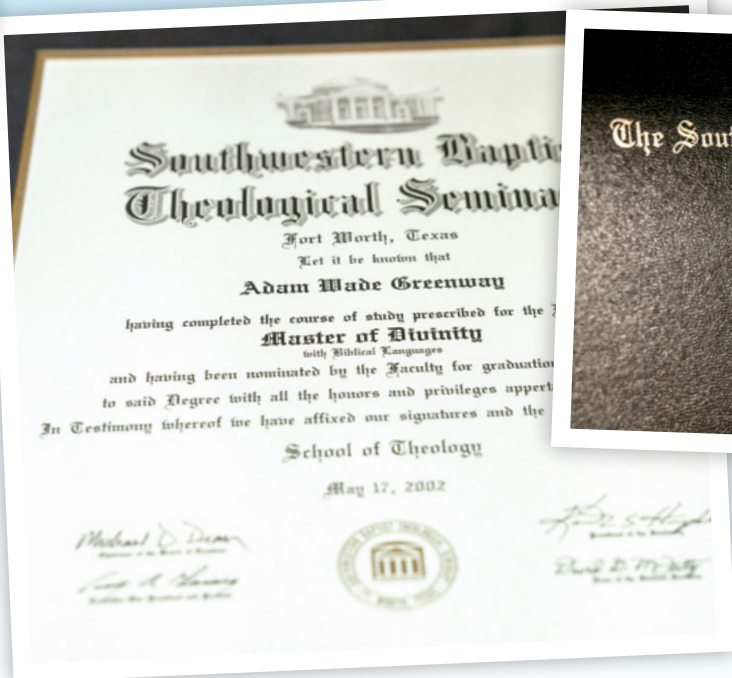
We hope to see you at your state alumni meeting in the fall. And don't forget to let us know where you are serving.

Sincerely,

Judy Welch

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A photograph of a man in a blue suit kneeling in prayer, with his hands clasped and eyes closed. He is surrounded by several other men in suits, some of whom have their hands on his shoulders, suggesting a supportive or prayerful gathering. The background is a dark green curtain. The text 'The Road to SOUTHWESTERN SEMINARY' is overlaid on the image in a white, cursive font for the first part and a bold, sans-serif font for the second part.

The Road to
SOUTHWESTERN SEMINARY

Danny Roberts
At-Large



COMING *Part Two* HOME

By Alex Sibley

Adam W. Greenway met his future wife, Carla, in March of 2002 while they were both master's students at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He graduated in May of 2002, they got engaged that August, he was called to pastor a church in Kentucky that October, she graduated that December, they got married the following March, and Greenway began his Ph.D. studies at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary the next January, 2004.

Thus, in the span of two years, Greenway's life had undergone significant changes, and his intention of staying at Southwestern Seminary had been thoroughly undone. Even so, he continued to pray that God might someday bring him back to Fort Worth, and in the meantime, he put the theological education he obtained there to good use, first as a pastor and Ph.D. student, then as a professor, dean, and denominational statesman. Furthermore, these years away from Southwestern Seminary helped to prepare him for the God-sized task that he could never have realized was awaiting him: becoming only the ninth person in the history of the Christian church to be called president of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Reflecting on the road he has taken to his current position, Greenway says, "June 26 will be my 25th anniversary of having surrendered to vocational ministry. And what a quarter-century it has been."



Having learned the importance of relationship-building in his Master of Divinity studies at Southwestern Seminary, Greenway made this among his top priorities during his five-year, full-time pastorate of a church in Lexington, Ky. “I may have had the title of pastor when I showed up there in 2002,” Greenway says, “but I didn’t become the pastor for a few years into my ministry there.”

Earning the people’s trust and confidence that he had their best interest at heart took time, Greenway explains, but he strove to demonstrate that he sought the Lord’s interests for all of them as their pastor-shepherd. Beyond preaching each Sunday, his ministry was thus characterized by “spending time with the people, getting to know them, getting to hear their stories, and walking slowly in the crowd, as it were.”

“As a pastor, you’re far more effective if you’re using the language of ‘we’ and ‘us’ rather than ‘me’ and ‘you’—‘We’re in this

“There’s nothing like being a pastor. There’s nothing like having the relational connections you forge as a pastor. There’s nothing like being able to share life together with a body of believers in a community like that.”

together. I’m not going to ask you to do anything I’m not willing to do,” Greenway explains. “That’s made an indelible impact on me in terms of how I choose to lead and to do things. And I think it faithfully represents what our Lord meant when He said the Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”

With the Lord’s hand of blessing upon them, the church saw significant evangelistic results and “story upon story of life change.” Greenway also led the church to pay off a large portion of its debt and free up more money for ministry.

“We didn’t know what church revitalization was then, but we were basically doing it, by God’s grace,” Greenway says.

During his pastorate, Greenway commuted from Lexington to Louisville multiple times a week for Ph.D. seminars at Southern Seminary. Though he initially hoped to someday return to Southwestern

Seminary to teach, near the end of his doctoral studies, an opportunity arose for Greenway to teach in the Billy Graham School at Southern Seminary as an evangelism instructor. He quickly went from being one of several candidates being considered to the only candidate being considered, and he and his wife “felt the Lord was in that.”

“Part of what motivated me was thinking back to the impact my professors at Southwestern had made upon me,” Greenway says. “And that as a pastor, I obviously had the chance to impact significantly one congregation, but like my professors had done for me and for others, as a professor, I could impact hundreds or thousands of congregations through the students I taught.”

Greenway taught his first class—Personal Evangelism—in January of 2007, and he resigned his church to join the faculty after completing his Ph.D. that summer. In addition to teaching, from the beginning, Greenway had administrative responsibilities as well. He worked with the professional doctoral programs, then the research doctoral programs, then the extension centers, then field education and applied ministry. He then became senior associate dean in the Billy Graham School for three years before finally becoming dean in 2013.

“The six years that I served as dean of the Billy Graham School were the greatest years of my professional ministry thus far,” Greenway says. “I loved every moment of being dean. I loved being able to have the opportunity to lead at that level; to, in a sense, help shape and craft the culture in which our faculty could succeed.”

During his tenure, enrollment in the Billy Graham School increased (becoming the largest graduate school at any Southern Baptist seminary), and they expanded their reach to include program offerings in biblical counseling and apologetics.

Beyond his seminary work, Greenway also engaged in denominational service, becoming the youngest person ever elected to the board of trustees of LifeWay, the youngest person ever to be named chairman of the board at LifeWay, and the youngest person ever elected president of the Kentucky Baptist Convention in its 175-year history. (His first sermon on letting no one despise his youth thus continued to prove relevant.)

Furthermore, Greenway has served in multiple positions in the Southern Baptist Convention, including vice chairman of the Committee on Nominations, vice chairman of the Evangelism Task Force, and current chairman of the Committee on Order of Business.

“I have been fortunate to be involved with every level of denominational life—I love it, believe

“As pastor, I was chief servant of the congregation.

As president, I am chief servant of the institution.

The seminary does not exist for a president. If anything, the president’s responsibility is to be the chief architect of the culture and climate by which our faculty, our staff, and our administrative team can succeed in their callings. Because we’re all in this together; it takes all of us to make this work.”

Adam W. Greenway

“We’re living in a house we did not build; we’re drinking from a well we did not dig. There is not a day that goes by that I am not reminded of the incredible legacy and stewardship with which we have been entrusted and that I have the unique privilege to shepherd as president.”

Adam W. Greenway





Adam W. Greenway with wife Carla, son Wade, and daughter Caroline.

in it, am committed to it, and want to see our seminary leading and providing leadership for our convention of churches in every right way,” Greenway says.

By 2019, Greenway had made strong relational ties at Southern Seminary and with the Kentucky Baptist Convention, but his path suddenly made another significant turn, for all of his pastoral and administrative experience had apparently been preparing him for another, bigger task. Specifically, Southwestern Seminary’s Presidential Search Committee contacted him about becoming president of his alma mater.

“Just like the joy of serving as the dean of the graduate school in which I earned my Ph.D. was an honor, there is no honor to compare with the opportunity to come back to my alma mater, where I met my wife—her alma mater—and to serve as only the ninth person in the history of the church to be called President of the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary,” Greenway says.

At 41, Greenway is the youngest president in Southwestern Seminary’s 111-year history. Respectful of the seminary’s legacy and heritage, he sees himself standing in “a line of faithfulness” extending from B.H. Carroll to L.R. Scarborough to E.D. Head to J. Howard Williams to Robert E. Naylor to Russell H. Dilday to Kenneth S. Hemphill to L. Paige Patterson and, finally, to himself.

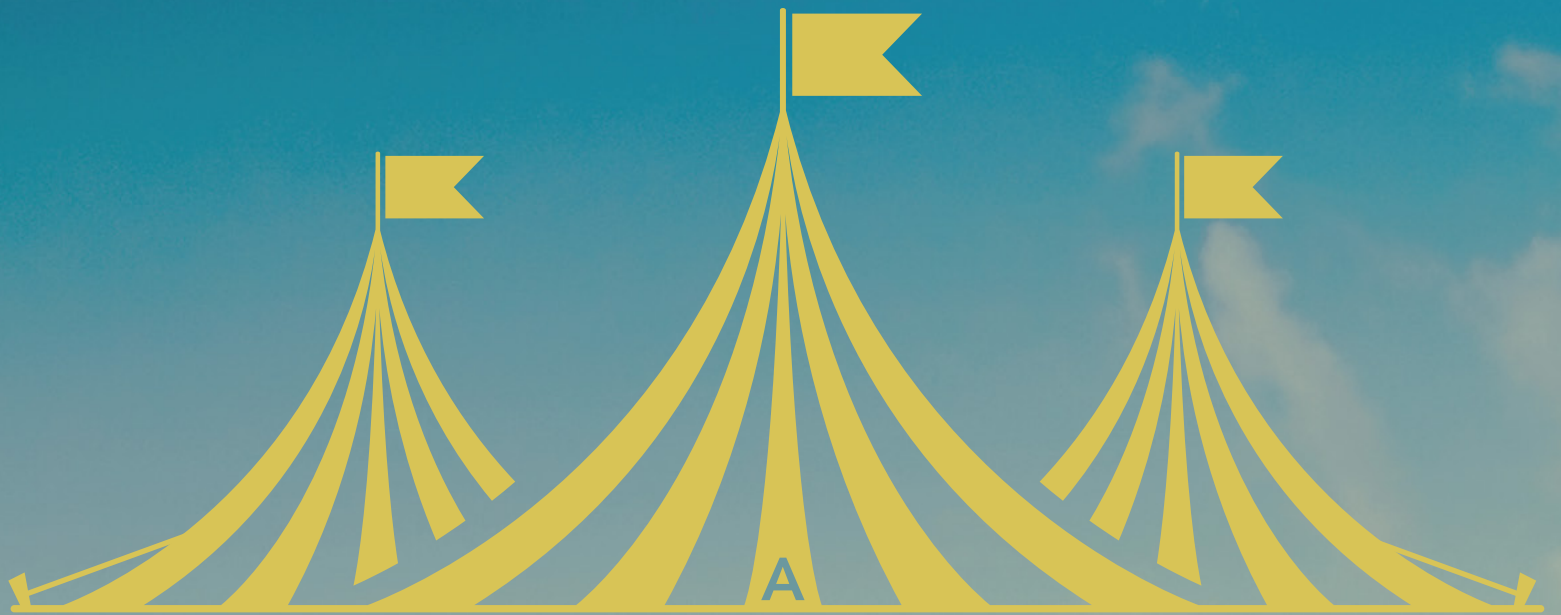
“Every president has made a contribution; they had their challenges, they had their struggles, and they are all worthy of

honor in terms of what they did as president,” he says. “I want to take the best of what my predecessors have done and to lead in the way that I believe God has gifted and called me to be able to lead. I am deeply indebted to all of them, though I am not exactly like any of them.”

Though Greenway has only just begun his presidency, he rejoices in the successes the Lord has already allowed, especially reconnecting with retired faculty, staff, and alumni. “I am very motivated to bring the Southwestern family back together, to where all Southwesterners feel loved and appreciated and valued by our seminary, whoever they may be and wherever they may be serving,” he says.

Being the first alumnus to sit in the president’s chair in a quarter-century informs this perspective, Greenway says. “You lead differently when you’ve walked through these halls as a student and you’ve sat in these classrooms and you’ve studied with the professors; and when you can tell the stories—that’s not just talking points on a script, but it’s in the heart and, frankly, it’s in the soul.”

Having followed a road that led him to Southwestern Seminary first as an M.Div. student and then later brought him back as president, Greenway now leads the institution as a member of the “storyline of Gospel faithfulness that transcends generations.” And he encourages current and future students to pray a prayer similar to his own, wherever their roads may take them: “Lord, wherever you lead, I’ll go. Whatever you call me to do, I’ll do.”



A

BIG-TENT VISION

FOR SOUTHWESTERN SEMINARY

By Alex Sibley





“I believe Southwestern Seminary historically has been at its best when it’s been known as the big-tent seminary of the Southern Baptist Convention,” said Adam W. Greenway during his first-ever chapel sermon as president of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, March 21, 2019.

Evoking the imagery of big-tent revival meetings, Greenway laid out his vision for the future of the seminary, explaining that just as a tent has four pegs, so Southwestern Seminary holds to four points of conviction and commitment—a high view of Scripture, the Baptist Faith and Message, the Great Commission, and cooperation.

“I think it’s important to say even in the midst of uncertain, changing, transitional times, some things ought never to change,” Greenway said. “... I don’t come in with some radical new vision and complete discontinuity from the glorious 111-year history of the crown jewel seminary of the Southern Baptist Convention.

“If anything, I believe the Lord called me here to help reinvigorate and to retell the great legacy of our seminary for a new generation. That is my passion and my desire as a Southwesterner.”

Addressing the Southwestern Seminary family as well as prospective students and ministry partners, Greenway preached Acts 1:1-11. As a former interim pastor of 12 different churches, Greenway acknowledged his personal interest in the subject of transitions, noting that Acts 1 recounts the first major transition of the New Testament church, from the ascension of Jesus to the giving of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Within this text, Greenway noted two unchanging commitments of the early believers: a commitment to the truths of the faith (vv. 1-3) and a commitment to their task (vv. 4-11).

From this foremost commitment, Greenway derived his first two tent pegs:

1. Commitment to the full authority, truthfulness, sufficiency, and inerrancy of the Bible as the written Word of God.

“I want you to know, at Southwestern Seminary, the primary textbook in every class is the Bible,” Greenway said. “That may not show up on the syllabus, but that is our presidential presupposition.

“We are a Bible-centered, text-driven seminary—not just in our preaching, praise God, but in every class. The Bible is our core textbook.”

Greenway explained that this is why the seminary is “unapologetic” about the need to know the biblical languages—Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek—“so you can rightly divide the Word of Truth.” He especially emphasized the “newly refurbished, revitalized” 82-hour Master of Divinity degree, which “gives you the most comprehensive preparation for however God may call you in the ministry.”

“But our degrees, all of them, are committed to helping you know how to articulate, to present, to defend, to advance the absolute truthfulness of our faith, committed to the full authority, reliability, trustworthiness, sufficiency, inerrancy, infallibility, inspiration, and every other adjective I could pile on to describe the unsurpassable richness of the written Word of God, the Bible, that testifies to us of the saving power of the living Word of God, Jesus the Christ.”

2. Confessional fidelity to the Baptist Faith and Message.

“We are unapologetically committed to the great truths contained in the Baptist Faith and Message,” Greenway said. “In fact, dare I say, the Baptist Faith and Message is our faith and it is our message. It is a sufficient confession for us in articulating who we are as the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.”

Greenway noted that we live in a day and age where people desire to “run away” from doctrinal distinctives and denominational identity. Though acknowledging that he does not believe in “denominationalism for denominationalism’s sake,” he said he does believe that “when we say we’re Baptist, that’s just a synonym and a shorthand for New Testament truth; for the New Testament church; for biblical theology; for biblical fidelity. And I want our seminary to be unapologetically committed to the best of our Baptist history and heritage.”

Greenway clarified that the Baptist Faith and Message does not take a position on every contested issue, but that it “majors on the majors.”

“And on the finer points,” he said, “we can have spirited debates and disagreements, but we can still love each other and work together.”

Greenway elaborated, “On the issues where our confession speaks with clarity and conviction, we are going to speak with clarity and conviction; but on the issues where there is a latitude confessionally, we’re going to have a big-tent vision at Southwestern Seminary.

“... We are not a tribal seminary or a parochial seminary; we are the national seminary of Southern Baptists. We welcome all those who find themselves in alignment and agreement with the Baptist Faith and Message.”

Returning to Acts 1, Greenway highlighted the disciples’ commitment to their task—specifically, to the Great Commission. From this, he derived his final two pegs:

3. Passion and priority for the Great Commission—evangelism, missions, church planting, church revitalization, discipleship.

“This was the original Great Commission seminary of the Southern Baptist Convention,” Greenway said of Southwestern Seminary. “The first professorship of evangelism at any seminary in North America was established here by B.H. Carroll and held by L.R. Scarborough, our second president—a great man of God. Our Great Commission roots run deep.”

Noting that evangelism and missions are woven throughout all of the institution's degree programs, Greenway characterized Southwestern Seminary as a dangerous place—not because of any safety concerns, but “because we're not much into sitting in a classroom to theologize and philosophize; we're going to get you out,” he explained.

“I will not be able to hand you a diploma here as president, no dean is going to call your name, without you having to actually go out and to personally tell people about Jesus. And as long as I'm president of this seminary, that will never change.”

“We want you to be here because we want to equip you to go forth,” Greenway concluded. “To be able to tell men and women and boys and girls so they can have their lives changed for eternity; to see new churches planted and existing churches strengthened and revitalized.”

4. Cooperation.

“No one person, no one local church, no one seminary can fulfill the entirety of the Great Commission mandate in and of ourselves,” Greenway said. “We need partners who can co-labor together. We cannot stand in isolation.”

Greenway said that Southwestern Seminary must stand with its five sister seminaries, as well as with all SBC entities and, most importantly, with the 40,000-plus churches of the Southern Baptist Convention, “working together in every community across this land to push back the darkness of lostness, that the light of the Gospel may shine.”

Cooperation shows up in two primary ways, Greenway said. First, Southwesterners always say a word of gratitude and thankfulness to the Cooperative Program of the Southern Baptist Convention, which lowers tuition for Southern Baptist students at Southwestern Seminary by nearly 50 percent.

“Every dime, every dollar that comes to our seminary through the Cooperative Program is a dollar we do not have to charge students in tuition, and so I am an unapologetic champion for the Cooperative Program, and you should be too,” Greenway said, encouraging those who benefit from such funds to thank local churches at every opportunity.

The second manifestation of cooperation, Greenway said, is “a disposition and a spirit.”

“We have to be very intentional to say we're not going to be the cranky seminary,” Greenway said. “We're not going to be the combative seminary. We're not going to be the place that's taking potshots and firing offenses and drive-by tweets and other things out there. We're going to be irenic; charitable; believing the best, not the worst, about people; modeling that spirit of cooperation under that big-tent vision.”

Greenway encouraged his fellow Southwesterners to not get caught up in theological debates about nonessential matters, but rather build bridges as agents for reconciliation and unity in the Southern Baptist Convention.

“As much as it depends upon me, I want to lead in such a way here that when people come to Southwestern Seminary, even as they're driving up James Avenue or they're driving down Seminary Drive, the closer they get to this sacred 200 acres, they sense the power of the Spirit of God; they sense a community of people who love one another.”

Greenway emphasized that this “big-tent vision” is neither new nor novel; on the contrary, he said, it is the founding vision of the seminary. “I believe that was the heart of B.H. Carroll and L.R. Scarborough. I believe it's the heart of the New Testament.”

“As much as it depends upon me, this is where we're going to stand,” Greenway concluded. “And any way that our seminary can serve you, can help you, can equip you, that's what I desire for our seminary to be.”

“... Our seventh president, Dr. [Ken] Hemphill, said that together, we can touch the world and we can impact eternity. That is my prayer. May God bless us, may God use us, may He find us faithful, and may He make us fruitful for His Kingdom's work.”



AN INESCAPABLE *RESPONSIBILITY*

BY ALEX SIBLEY

Sometimes, when sitting in the close quarters of an airplane cabin, it is difficult not to glance over and see what the person next to you is typing on his or her phone. As it happens, Adam W. Greenway noticed that the woman sitting next to him on a recent flight was typing a text message about filing for divorce.

Greenway struck up a conversation with the woman, and in the course of making small talk, the woman shared that she was looking for a “reset” in life. As they continued, Greenway learned that the woman had children in Fort Worth, and so they spoke about the area and eventually narrowed down the conversation topic to what she was living for. She answered that she was essentially living for her children and grandchildren.

“I asked her if she had any spiritual beliefs, or where she was with respect to spirituality, and then started talking about God’s plan and God’s design for life, and began sharing the Gospel with her,” Greenway says.

Midway through his Gospel presentation, the woman asked, “Are you a counselor?”

Having recently been elected president of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Greenway answered, “Well, in a sense.”



“She had kind of a nominal church background,” Greenway says, “but it was clear that there really had never been a serious encounter with the Gospel of Christ. And so I witnessed to her.”

The woman did not respond by professing faith in Christ, but she did express the desire to follow up on their conversation, and so Greenway gave her some of his social media contact information.

A few days later, the woman wrote him a message on one of these social media channels, explaining that she had been reflecting on their plane-ride conversation. She then shared her belief that their sitting next to one another was not an accident, but rather a God-ordained event.

For Greenway, this experience evoked a particular New Testament teaching: “I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth” (1 Corinthians 3:6).

“All of us want to drive 100 yards to take the ball all the way down the field. That just doesn’t happen that often,” Greenway says.

“On one hand, if we end up leading somebody to faith in Christ, we may have thought we were starting in the opposite end zone, [but] we may have been starting on the 20, in the red zone. We were building upon work others had done; we just didn’t realize it. We just got to be the ones who benefitted from that, being able to lead that person in a prayer of salvation.

“On the flip side, when we have a conversation with someone and they don’t pray to receive Christ, we sometimes think we’ve

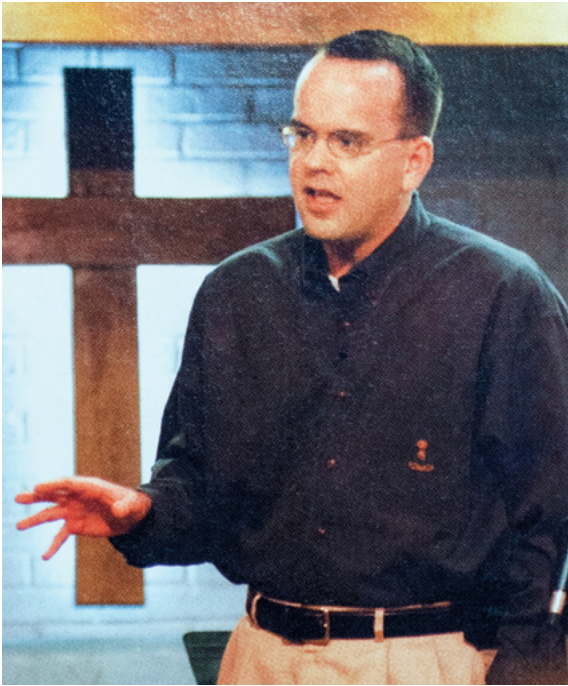
failed. Well, we may have actually advanced the ball down the field significantly. [This woman] is going to be in a different position the next conversation she has with somebody the Lord puts in her path than she was when we were on the plane together having a conversation.”

“You never know how the Lord can use you and whom He is putting in your path,” Greenway concludes. “And I’ve learned to give God the benefit of the doubt on that and to be willing to engage in that kind of conversation.”

As a Christian since age 8 who surrendered to vocational ministry at 16, Greenway has numerous testimonies like this, wherein God provided him opportunities to speak the Gospel to broken, hurting people. Now, as president of Southwestern Seminary, evangelism remains a priority for him, and he aims to maintain an intentional, evangelistic lifestyle as a model for his seminary family, that they might be inspired to plant and water the seed of the Gospel and then rejoice when God gives the growth.

“If we really are committed to biblical authority and sufficiency,” Greenway says, “and we really do take the Great Commission seriously, it’s inescapable—the evangelistic responsibility that is upon us.”

Greenway says his passion for evangelism was developed most acutely during his Master of Divinity studies at Southwestern Seminary. Evangelism professors like Dan Crawford, Malcolm



McDow, Roy Fish, and Frank Harber not only taught evangelism but practiced it, and invited students like Greenway to participate alongside them.

When Greenway later became a pastor, he learned of the struggle all pastors have of finding time for intentional evangelism. His solution on a day-to-day basis was to focus on relationship-building.

“One of the things that I tried to do was find ways where I would be regularly able to meet lost people and get to know them and engage in conversation with them,” Greenway says. “Honestly, restaurants and coffee shops are ways that can happen, because, particularly if you’re in a community where you can frequent the same place and if you are willing to be kind and to converse, it’s amazing the way you can connect with people and the way that you get to hear their stories.”

During his time as a pastor in Lexington, Ky., Greenway frequented a Famous Dave’s barbecue restaurant in town, essentially eating there every week.

“I got to know all the staff,” Greenway says. “They’d come and sit down, and we would have conversations about spiritual things, and I would share the Gospel with them.”

When the restaurant later closed down, the manager acknowledged Greenway as their second most frequent customer.

Greenway also had the chance to lead people to Christ who were brought to his office or who came to the church, “and that’s great joy and great fun,” he says. “Seeing life change in that way—there’s nothing like that.”

Greenway says his most interesting evangelism experience occurred while he was in college. One summer, he served as a revival evangelist with the

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QUOTED DURING HIS TIME AS AN M.DIV.
STUDENT IN THE SUMMER 2002 ISSUE
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Alabama Baptist Convention. His last revival of the summer spanned a Sunday night through Wednesday night.

On Sunday night, Greenway concluded with an invitation, and a dark-haired woman with glasses came forward. “You could tell she was deeply moved by what had happened,” Greenway says. “She prayed with the pastor and she prayed at the altar and sat down. That happened again Monday night, it happened again Tuesday night, it happened again Wednesday night.”

After the Wednesday night service, the woman asked to speak with Greenway.

“I really just wanted to tell you how the Lord has used you to impact my life this week,” she said. “I’m a different person because of your ministry here. Thank you for what you’ve done.”

After Greenway expressed his appreciation for the woman’s encouragement, she continued, “I mean that. I really want to show you that. I want to give you something.”

The woman, who was wearing lots of jewelry, removed one of her rings.

“No, no, no—you don’t need to do that,” Greenway told her.

“No, I want to do that,” she said. “God has told me that I need to give you this ring, and so you need to take it.”

Realizing that the woman would not relent, Greenway accepted the ring. As the woman walked away, she turned back and said, “Oh, by the way, last time I had that ring appraised, it was worth \$1,500.”

Later, at the advice of a friend, Greenway got the ring appraised himself, and he was given a signed, typewritten appraisal of \$2,800.

Two years later, Greenway was preaching at a nearby church and ran into the pastor who had prayed with the woman each night. But when Greenway reminded him of the story, the pastor replied, “I have no idea whom you’re talking about.”

Greenway stressed the fact that this distinctively adorned woman had come forward to pray with him every night and had presumably been a member of that church for many years, but the pastor insisted that he had no recollection of her.

“I don’t know who you’re talking about,” the pastor repeated. “I don’t even remember that.”

When Greenway later came to Southwestern Seminary, his first class was Personal Evangelism with Frank Harber, and as an ice-breaker, all the students had to share an interesting fact or tidbit about themselves. Greenway shared this story. Harber jokingly responded, “Man, I need to talk with you about how to get rings when I preach revivals!”

“So that’s by far the most interesting incident, I would say, evangelistically, of my ministry,” Greenway says. “I don’t know if she was an angel ... I don’t know what went on. But that was unique.”

After years of accumulating stories like this one while serving as a pastor, interim pastor, and professor and dean of evangelism at another institution, since Greenway became president of Southwestern Seminary, he has taken efforts to keep evangelism at the forefront of his ministry.

“It was important to me in working with the search committee when I was elected not just to be elected president, but to be elected as a full professor of evangelism and apologetics,” Greenway says. “To say that that’s something I want to not just talk about but to hopefully model as president, and to always look for ways to get our students connected to opportunities for evangelism, outreach, and missions. That’s very critical.”

During his first-ever chapel sermon as president, Greenway spoke on this topic, saying, “I, frankly, would not want to see anybody receive a diploma from this seminary who could not produce a stamped passport when they walk through the line, because they went overseas on their first mission trip and had a chance to tell people in a cross-cultural context about Jesus. And maybe God might call them to global service so they might go through our International Mission Board and give their lives to proclaim Christ where He is not yet known.”

“Our seminary has been the greatest partner in history with our International Mission Board,” Greenway continued, “and I want you to know that this president is committed to seeing men and women be called of God from Seminary Hill to go to the nations, but also to go all across Tarrant County.”

Speaking of the opportunity for local missions, Greenway says there is no more providentially situated seminary in the Southern Baptist Convention than Southwestern Seminary. “Think about being here in the Fort Worth/Dallas metroplex: a vibrant area of culture, of mission, of opportunity that is unparalleled. ... [There are] 320 unreached people groups here in North Texas.”

As president of the original Great Commission seminary of the Southern Baptist Convention, Greenway aims to fan the flames of evangelism that have burned brightly among the Southwestern Seminary family since the days of B.H. Carroll and L.R. Scarborough, and he welcomes all who want to join this mission of cultivating the seeds of the Gospel in the lost, that God might bring a harvest.

“Whatever your favorite -ism may be, it is not as important as evangelism, the -ism of Jesus,” he says.





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My heart resonates and rejoices with the news that Dr Adam Greenway is being recommended for the Presidency of my alma mater, SWBTS. He is a Southwesterner, one of us. He is intellectually astute, straight as an arrow theologically, & has a hot heart for evangelism and missions. 1/1



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Major congrats to @AdamGreenway & @swbts. May the Lord lead this man & institution into a future of health, growth, and tremendous accomplishment.



David L. Allen
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Congratulations to Dr. Adam Greenway on his nomination to serve as the next president of @swbts! I have known and worked with him on different occasions throughout the years. His heart for scholarship, evangelism, and preaching is a great match for @swbts!

By Julie Owens

EXAMINING THE VEHICLE UNDER THE HOOD

BRINGING HUMILITY AND PATERNAL WISDOM TO ACADEMIC OVERSIGHT





“It’s always about people—my parents, my wife, my children; mentors in my life who have been in my life, our marriage, and our parenting; the incredible people God has put in my life, who have been there for me.”

As this statement indicates, Randy L. Stinson, who was elected provost and vice president for academic administration at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in February 2019, cherishes the people in his life foremost. Those people in his life would say the same about him. Ask them about Randy Stinson, and primarily you will hear that he is a treasure who has been placed in their lives—sincere, approachable, and a man of God who is eager to help others.

“Randy Stinson is a man of integrity, industry, and ingenuity,” says Ken Whitten, pastor of Idlewild Baptist Church in Lutz, Fla., where Stinson was ordained. “He has deep convictions about raising godly families and models the balance of parenting and preaching extremely well.”

“It has been my joy to have been his pastor and friend for years,” Whitten continues. “It has been my experience to observe Randy as a strong, organized leader who loves the local church and lives the Gospel out in the everyday arenas of his life.”

“Randy and Danna Stinson are two of the most unpretentious, sincere, godly leaders that Nicole and I know,” says Nathan Lino, senior pastor of Northeast Houston Baptist Church and a



long-time friend of Stinson. “They are full of grace and truth. They are kind and compassionate. They are Kingdom-focused.”

These attributes make Stinson a master of outreach and an inspired selection for provost by Adam W. Greenway, the seminary’s newly elected president. “I could not be more excited to have Randy Stinson with me to serve as provost at Southwestern Seminary,” Greenway said when announcing Stinson’s appointment.

“Having worked for him for the previous six years,” Greenway continued, “I’ve seen first-hand his leadership, humility, and desire to serve faculty and students in his previous position. I have every confidence that with Randy Stinson as Southwestern Seminary’s provost, this institution will be known for academic excellence within a deeply Christian culture where servant leadership is not only taught but modeled.”

A solid path of service to God led Stinson to this post. He previously served as senior vice president for academic administration and provost at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky., where he also was the Basil Manly Jr. Professor of Leadership and Family Ministry. A recognized authority on the subject of biblical manhood and womanhood, he regularly speaks at conferences on the subjects of parenting, marriage, and men’s leadership.

Before becoming its provost, Stinson served Southern Seminary in other administrative roles, including dean of the

School of Church Ministries. He is also a senior fellow for the Council on Biblical Manhood and Womanhood, research fellow for the Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission, and member of the Evangelical Theological Society.

Stinson grew up in Lutz, Fla., in a typical home—he had a younger sister; his dad was a power company lineman. He heard the Gospel as a boy while attending First Baptist Church of Lutz, and when he graduated from high school, he heard the Gospel again. This time, it touched his heart.

“I just knew that I knew,” he says. “I repented of my sins, trusted in Jesus, and believed.”

After heading to the University of Florida, Stinson connected with an individual from Campus Crusade for Christ, “and I grew in my faith there,” he says. While studying gerontology, he took the path to become a nursing home administrator. But the Conservative Resurgence in the Southern Baptist Convention shaped his thinking, and he heard the call to ministry.

Stinson completed his bachelor’s degree at USF, his Master of Divinity at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, N.C., and his Master of Theology and Ph.D. at Southern Seminary. He was then asked to fill a deanship at Southern Seminary. Six years ago, he was asked to become provost.

“None of this was part of my original plan,” he says. “I’d planned to pastor a church. “

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- ☑ Youth Director, First Baptist Church, Lutz, Fla., Summer 1989

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- ☑ *Stand Up! A Guide to Biblical Manhood* (co-authored with Dan Dumas). Louisville: SBTS Press, 2011.
- ☑ *Trained in the Fear of God* (co-edited with Timothy Paul Jones). Grand Rapids: Kregel, 2011.

DENOMINATIONAL SERVICE

- ☑ The Council on Biblical Manhood and Womanhood (CBMW), Senior Fellow
- ☑ The Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission (ERLC), Research Fellow
- ☑ Evangelical Theological Society (ETS)
- ☑ Crossings Ministries (of the Kentucky Baptist Convention), Board Member



“... I have every confidence that with Randy Stinson as Southwestern Seminary’s provost, this institution will be known for academic excellence within a deeply Christian culture where servant leadership is not only taught but modeled.”
- Adam W. Greenway

As he accomplishes much, the treasured people in his life remain his anchor. He still grieves the loss last fall of his mentor, Pete Sharber, who pastored churches in Georgia and served with the North American Mission Board of the SBC.

“He was a gracious, winsome encourager, a faithful Christian pastor, a military chaplain, a denominational leader, and a personal friend,” Stinson says. “He disciplined me and mentored me, and he provided leadership for Southern Baptists at the associational, state, and national levels.”

In September 2018, Stinson preached at the memorial service for his former pastor and friend. “I took my text from 2 Timothy 2:1-8, because Dr. Sharber was able to take the Gospel and impart it to others as effectively as anyone I have ever known,” Stinson says. “I was his youth pastor in the early 1990s, and Pastor Sharber was my first mentor in ministry. He is the one who taught me the do’s and don’ts of ministry and marriage. I am eternally indebted to him and his wife, Faye, for their guidance and leadership.”

Stinson is also anchored spiritually by his marriage since 1991 to Danna, whom he met at Idlewild Baptist Church. The couple has eight children—Gunnar, Georgia, Fisher, Eden, Payton, Spencer, Willa, and Brewer. Their home revolves around godliness, love, and learning to meet the needs of others. “The kids have done more for us than we have done for them,” he says.

As provost, Stinson brings that spirit of humility and paternal wisdom to Southwestern Seminary. He has direction over academics and budgetary oversight over the entire academic division. Since arriving, he has been on alert, attuned to every aspect of Southwestern Seminary life that he can nurture or improve.

“I’m examining the vehicle under the hood,” he says. “Every day, I discover what’s broken or not broken and what needs to be improved.”

Regarding the future of the seminary, Stinson says he intends “to put resources in front of our professors to help them in their writing, their teaching, and other external projections.”

“I will be evaluating degree programs this summer,” he continues. “I will have more clarity then. There will be a stronger emphasis on the Master of Divinity. Our online presence will strengthen, but on-campus studies will still be our focus.”

Since arriving at the Fort Worth campus, Stinson says he has been most affected by the inimitable “spirit of Southwestern”—the pride that students, faculty, and staff have in this institution and their heartfelt outreach to newcomers.

“I’ve been very surprised by the overwhelming ownership that people have here for their school,” he says. “It’s heartwarming.”



A HISTORY OF SOUTHWESTERN SEMINARY'S ACADEMIC SEALS

Academic seals have historically been used by institutions to authenticate important messages, documents, etc., as they signify their respective institutions and what they represent. Since its founding in 1908, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary has had nine seals, each of them representing in their own way the seminary's dedication to equipping God-called men and women for Christian service. Here is a history of these seals:



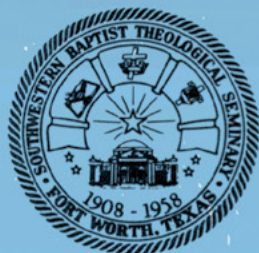
The original SWBTS seal, signifying founder B.H. Carroll's vision of equipping ministers to "preach the Gospel." This seal was placed on the diplomas of students who graduated during the tenures of both Carroll and his successor, L.R. Scarborough.



This seal was presumably an updated version of the first, adding a solid border and the image of a Bible, the first artwork to appear on a seal. Although this version of the seal is found in the SWBTS archives, no recorded history indicates whether it was used on any official items or papers.



The first to include a depiction of the B.H. Carroll Memorial Building, this seal was added to the cover banner of Southwestern News beginning in September 1948. This version of the seal remained on each edition of the publication's cover banner the following year. The Greek words are from Matthew 10:7—"As you go, preach."



This enhanced seal made its debut in 1958, when it was used on diploma holders for graduates during SWBTS' 50th anniversary year. Featured are the distinctive logos of the School of Gospel Music, the School of Religious Education, and the School of Theology, as well as the iconic Memorial Building.



On March 14, 2019, newly elected president Adam W. Greenway announced the return to the historic seal featuring the Memorial Building and emphasizing SWBTS' home in Fort Worth, Texas. The announcement via Twitter coincided with Founder's Day, and was followed by a news release featured on Baptist Press.



This seal was introduced at the 2009 annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention and was announced by a news release from the seminary that August. Dave Wright, director of creative services in the Office of Communications, designed the seal. The seal features SWBTS' motto from 2009-2019, "Preach the Word, Reach the World," alongside relevant Scripture.



This seal was first featured in Southwestern News in October 1978, coinciding with the inauguration of president Russell H. Dilday, who was presented with a presidential medallion that also featured this seal. It is unclear whether the seal was officially adopted in 1978, or had previously been implemented but not publicized. The seal was featured on commencement programs from fall 1979 to spring 2009.



Apparently a precursor of the next official seal, this logo was first featured in Southwestern News in May 1962 and featured the iconic dome of the Memorial Building. The background color varied with whatever the predominant color of the accompanying material happened to be. It was used prominently on promotional materials and commencement programs into the 1970s.



In the school's 51st year, the anniversary seal was modified to reflect SWBTS' ongoing mission to advance theological education, with most elements maintained on the seal except the 50th anniversary year date. Also, the Memorial Building was replaced with Fort Worth Hall. This seal was used on commencement programs and promotional materials until at least 1969.



GREENWAY ELECTED 9TH PRESIDENT OF SOUTHWESTERN SEMINARY

By Alex Sibley

Adam W. Greenway has been elected the ninth president of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. The election occurred during a special called meeting of the seminary's board of trustees on the Southwestern Seminary campus, Feb. 26-27.

Greenway, 41, comes to the seminary from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky., where he served as dean of the Billy Graham School of Missions, Evangelism and Ministry. Greenway's election signifies a return to Southwestern Seminary, as he completed his Master of Divinity on the Fort Worth campus in 2002.

Greenway was selected as a candidate by Southwestern Seminary's Presidential Search Committee, which was chaired by trustee Danny Roberts. Other members were Denise Ewing (IL), Jamie Green (At Large, search committee secretary), Guy Grimes (CA), Todd Houston (NC), Tom James (KY), Philip Levant (At Large), Andre Palmer (NY), and Calvin Wittman (CO, search committee vice chair). Trustee chair Kevin Ueckert and vice chair Connie Hancock served on the committee ex officio.

During the special called meeting, Roberts recommended to the board that Greenway be elected president as well as professor of evangelism and apologetics. The board affirmed the search committee's selection, electing Greenway the seminary's ninth president.

Trustee Bart Barber, speaking on behalf of the Academic Administration Committee, then recommended that Randy L.

Stinson become the provost and vice president for academic administration of Southwestern Seminary. The board then elected him to this position.

Prior to these elections, Ueckert, chairman of the board, thanked D. Jeffrey Bingham amidst a standing ovation for his leadership of the seminary during this academic year.

"No matter when our applause would have stopped, it would have been insufficient," Ueckert said. "Dr. Bingham, you have been exemplary in your godliness, fearless in your leadership, and the greatest example for those who aspire to trust the Lord. We are grateful. In our seminary's history, we will include a huge asterisk by your name to the significance of how you led us at a time where only God chose to use you.

"And as much as you will defer those accolades to those around you, I want it to be publicly known that the trustees of Southwestern Seminary believe that God uniquely used you in the most amazing way. And we are forever indebted. Thank you."

The meeting concluded with the board gathering around Greenway and Stinson for a time of prayer. Danny Roberts voiced the prayer on behalf of the board, asking for the Lord's blessing upon Greenway and Stinson's families and ministries, the Lord's guidance through the coming months, and a bright future of Great Commission fulfillment by the Southwestern Seminary family.





TRUSTEES ‘RECALIBRATE’ SEMINARY, RETURN TO CORE PRIORITIES

By Alex Sibley

Adam W. Greenway, president of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, said the consistent theme of the spring meeting of the seminary’s board of trustees, April 8-10, was to “recalibrate and to reposition our seminary in every way to strengthen the core of what we do.” Business included approving the budget for the 2019-2020 academic year, approving a change to Scarborough College’s degree offerings, electing a new vice president, and approving a change in the administration of the seminary’s endowment.

Addressing Southwestern Seminary’s full board for his first-ever president’s report, Greenway stressed the importance of recalibrating the seminary in order to return the institution to its core priorities—chief among them residential theological education.

“At the end of the day,” Greenway said, “our core of strength is what we do right here on Seminary Hill. It is the experience that happens here in the classroom and on this campus. Theological education in the context of a vibrant, worshiping, learning, living together community—that is of first importance.”

Greenway personally committed “to do everything I can to make sure that we have the resources and are making the investments to strengthen our residential theological education and to reprioritize our core degree programs of strength,” which he identified as the Master of Divinity, the Master of Arts in Christian Education, and the Master of Music. Though affirming the seminary’s other degree programs—including doctoral degrees, other master’s programs, and other specialized training—Greenway said all of these things must be done “out of a clear core of strength.”

In light of this priority, Greenway characterized the budget for the upcoming fiscal year as a recalibration and a reset to get back to the institution’s core strengths.

“In a time where we must be extraordinarily judicious in conserving the resources entrusted to us by our Southern Baptist Convention of churches, by the donors and friends who believe in our work and are willing to invest in us, [and] by the tuition dollars we receive from our students, we must make sure that we steward and shepherd every dime in a way that is going to enable our seminary to flourish and thrive in an increasingly challenging environment and world,” he said.

The budget “does involve some tough choices,” Greenway continued, and “it does involve some transitions, but I believe it will transition us to move forward to do what we must do to ensure that the work of Southwestern Seminary can continue in strength.”

The budget of \$32.6 million was later presented by the Business Administration Committee and approved without objection by the full board.

Trustees also approved the recommendation of the Academic Administration Committee to eliminate the Bachelor of Arts in Humanities and Biblical Studies in Scarborough College and replace it with two degrees: the Bachelor of Arts in Christian Studies and the Bachelor of Arts in Humanities.

Finally, the board approved the recommendation that funds managed by the Southwestern Seminary Foundation be moved to GuideStone Financial Resources for management as soon as feasibly possible, and that once said action is completed, the Southwestern Seminary Foundation be dissolved.

New board officers were also elected: Philip Levant, pastor of Iglesia Bautista La Vid in Hurst, Texas, as chairman; Danny Roberts, executive pastor of North Richland Hills Baptist Church in North Richland Hills, Texas, as vice chairman; and Jamie Green, retired speech-language pathologist in Katy, Texas, as secretary.

Other business:

- Randy Stinson, provost and vice president for academic administration, was elected professor of theology and ministry in the School of Theology, effective immediately.
- Patricia Ennis was given the title distinguished professor emeritus of family and consumer sciences, effective immediately.
- The board approved the recommendation of the Communications, Policies, and Strategic Initiatives Committee to amend the seminary’s bylaws, including updated nomenclature and administrative titles and job descriptions.
- The Jack D. Terry, Jr. School of Church and Family Ministries was renamed The Jack D. Terry, Jr. School of Educational Ministries; and The School of Church Music was renamed The School of Church Music and Worship.



YML EQUIPS LEADERS, TEENAGERS TO MAKE LIFETIME DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST

By Katie Coleman

For more than 50 years, Youth Ministry Lab (YML) has provided student ministry leaders and students with tools to be and to make lifetime disciples of Christ. This year's conference at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, March 29-30, continued that tradition, offering conference attendees—both adults and student leaders—multiple worship sessions and breakout sessions designed to engage them in relevant topics.

Master of Divinity student and YML leader Ryan Casey says YML uniquely functions to serve teenagers and youth leaders who desire to be better equipped for their respective ministries. “YML seeks to consistently remind student pastors and youth leaders that it is ultimately God’s Word used by God’s Spirit that transforms the lives of their teenagers,” Casey says.



COLBY T. ADAMS ELECTED VICE PRESIDENT FOR STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

By Alex Sibley

Colby T. Adams was elected vice president for strategic initiatives during the spring trustee meeting at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, April 8-10. Adams was recommended for the position by newly elected president Adam W. Greenway. From this position, Adams will oversee the Office of Communications, Campus Technology, and other administrative priorities. Prior to his election, Adams had held this position in an interim capacity since February. Adams also serves as chief of staff.



3RD ANNUAL PREACHING CONFERENCE PROVIDES TOOLS FOR TEXT-DRIVEN PREACHING

By Katie Coleman and Julie Owens

Southwestern Baptist Theology Seminary's third annual Text-Driven Preaching Conference, March 4-6, offered pastors, teachers, and church leaders practical and compelling tools for effective biblical exposition. The three-day conference offered six plenary sessions, 48 breakout sessions on wide-ranging topics, and a pre-conference workshop devoted to the process of crafting a text-driven sermon.

Southwestern Seminary President Adam W. Greenway led out in the first plenary session on Monday evening, preaching from Acts 2:14-21.

In his sermon, he delivered a message on the necessity of text-driven preaching, stating that the Word of God is an anchor amid tumultuous and confusing times in the broader culture.

"If there was ever a time where we need a more certain sounding word from God, it is now," Greenway said. "In this culture, in this climate, in this context, we desperately need to hear the preaching of the Word of the living God."



APOLOGETICS CONFERENCE PROVIDES PRINCIPLES AND TOOLS TO 'STAND FIRM'

By Katie Coleman

During Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary's annual "Stand Firm" apologetics conference, March 22-23, attendees had the opportunity to hear from experts in the area of apologetics and gather tools to be able to live out and articulate the Christian faith well.

Travis Dickinson, associate professor of philosophy and Christian apologetics, emphasized these ideas in his introductory plenary session Saturday morning, saying, "Southwestern Seminary, in many ways, is

about helping people to stand firm. And that's certainly what we want to be about this weekend."

Southwestern Seminary President Adam W. Greenway reiterated these sentiments, saying that apologetics is "not just about winning arguments; it's about seeing people's lives changed. That was the apologetic vision that took hold of my life as a student here at Southwestern Seminary."





LIFE'S DARKEST JOURNEYS CAN LEAD A PATH TO CHRIST'S LIGHT, KEYNOTE SPEAKER TELLS WOMEN

By Julie Owens

Faith calls on us to use unexpected challenges in our lives for the glory of God, Kathy Ferguson Litton told attendees at the 2019 Dressed for Service Style Show and Women's Auxiliary Garden Party, April 11. Litton, who lives in Mobile, Ala., and serves with the North American Mission Board, was the event's keynote speaker.

For her address, Litton, whose husband died in a car accident in 2002, related how God's love guided her from a dark place to spiritual enlightenment. Unforeseen challenges bring suffering, but out of that dark place comes the opportunity to better know God, she said.



STUDENT PREACHER EXHORTS CHAPEL AUDIENCE TO LIVE BY THE TRUTHS OF SCRIPTURE

By Katie Coleman

Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary's final chapel service for the spring 2019 semester featured student preacher Jeffrey Chapman, Master of Divinity student and recipient of the Al and Beverly Fasol Preaching Award. Chapman also serves as a deacon and Sunday School teacher at First Baptist Church in Ponder, Texas.

Chapman preached from Genesis 4, concluding that there is an evident theme in the passage: "God desires a pure heart," he said. "We have to probe our hearts; we have to purge our hearts of impurities and examine ourselves and get rid of things that don't belong. [We have to] reflect on how our lives line up to the truths of Scripture."



CHURCH PLANTERS ENCOURAGED TO REMEMBER 'GOD IS ABLE'

By Alex Sibley

Speaking on "the legacy of God" during Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary's North American Church Planting Week, church planter Heiden Ratner encouraged the Southwestern Seminary family to adopt a "big God theology." Preaching from Ephesians 3:20-21 during chapel, March 26, Ratner said that God's legacy—that is, that which He has handed down to us—is that He is able, and He is with us.

"When it comes to church planting, we need to stop having the 'Woe is me' mentality and stop thinking our cities are too hard and too tough," said Ratner. Noting that church planters are often discouraged by statistics of lostness in their respective areas, Ratner said, "We need to be speaking back to the statistics, 'I know, and God is able. I get it; I see it—it's a tough place. But I'm going with the God who is able.'"





GRADUATES COMMISSIONED TO TOUCH THE WORLD, IMPACT ETERNITY

By Alex Sibley

“This is a graduation ceremony. These are commencement exercises. But first and foremost, this is a service of Christian worship,” said President Adam W. Greenway during Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary’s spring commencement service, May 10.

He explained, “We have gathered together to sing hymns of praise, to hear an address from God’s Word, and to do something that is exceptionally significant: to commission nearly 300 graduates from undergraduate degrees through Ph.D.’s—people who will go forth and touch the world and impact eternity.”

The commencement service saw 208 bachelor’s, master’s, and doctoral students walk across the stage in the seminary’s MacGorman

Chapel to receive their diplomas (with additional students from around the world graduating in absentia). Before doing so, they listened as Greenway delivered his first-ever commencement address as president of Southwestern Seminary.

Greenway exhorted the graduates to prioritize “the two things that transcend the grave—the Word of God, and people.”

“Everything else is of secondary or tertiary importance,” Greenway said. “What matters most is doing everything we can to get the Word of God into the hearts and minds and lives of people, that their lives might be changed, not just for here but for eternity.”





DARRINGTON GRADUATES COMMISSIONED TO SHARE TRUTH THAT SETS MEN FREE

By Alex Sibley

In prisons throughout the state of Texas, thousands of inmates are waiting for someone to bring them a message of hope. Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary's undergraduate program in Darrington Unit is equipping men to do just that.

On May 13, 34 graduates from the Darrington program in Rosharon, Texas, were commissioned as field ministers to prisons across the state, that they might shine the light of the Gospel on their fellow prisoners. These 34 graduates constitute the fifth class to be so deployed, having spent the previous four years earning 125-hour Bachelor of Science in Biblical Studies degrees, studying under Southwestern Seminary faculty. The May 13 commencement ceremony was therefore both a commissioning for service as well as a celebration of the graduates' academic achievement.

"Let me begin by saying, 'Well done,'" said Adam W. Greenway, president of Southwestern Seminary, during his charge to the graduates.

"As you go, you go to do for others what has been done for you," Greenway continued. "You go to bring hope to those who have had no hope. You go to bring light to those who have lived lives in darkness. You go to bring truth to those who have believed and embraced lies and falsehoods.

"You go to do for others what has been done for you; to help people experience the truth that can set them free, because the one who has the Son is free indeed."



FORMER PREACHING PROFESSOR HAROLD FREEMAN DIES AT 83

By Alex Sibley

Harold Freeman, former professor of preaching at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, died on April 14. He was 83.

Freeman was born on Jan. 2, 1936. The son of C. Wade Freeman, a Southwestern Seminary alumnus who served as a pastor as well as director of evangelism for the Baptist General Convention of Texas (BGCT), Freeman felt the call to a preaching ministry at the age of 12. Though a sense of shyness initially made him resistant to the idea, his family encouraged him to pursue the ministry, leading him to enroll in Baylor University.

Freeman began his first pastorate while a sophomore at Baylor, preaching every other Sunday and getting paid 75 percent of the offering each day, which amounted to such totals as \$11.33 one Sunday and \$7.68 the next. After graduating from Baylor, Freeman came to Southwestern Seminary, where he earned a Bachelor of Divinity in 1961 and a Doctor of Theology in 1969. He held multiple pastorates during this time, ultimately settling at Highland Baptist Church in Dallas from 1967-1974.



In June 1974, Southwestern Seminary President Robert Naylor invited Freeman to join the faculty as a preaching professor, a prospect Freeman had never considered. Nevertheless, Freeman accepted the invitation and was elected to the faculty during a specially called meeting that same month. He went on to serve as professor of preaching, associate dean for the Ph.D. program, and the Ralph and Bess Smith Chair of Preaching for the next 27 years.

Freeman was the author of *Variety in Biblical Preaching* and published articles in various academic journals, including the *Southwestern Journal of Theology*.

In addition to Southwestern Seminary, Freeman also taught internationally, traveling to Australia, Hungary, Romania, Poland, and Ukraine. He also served on the executive board of the BGCT. Following his retirement from the seminary, Freeman continued to serve churches through interim pastorates.

Freeman is survived by his wife of more than 60 years, Alice; two children, Hal and Amy; and multiple grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

FORMER VP FOR PUBLIC AFFAIRS JOHN SEELIG DIES

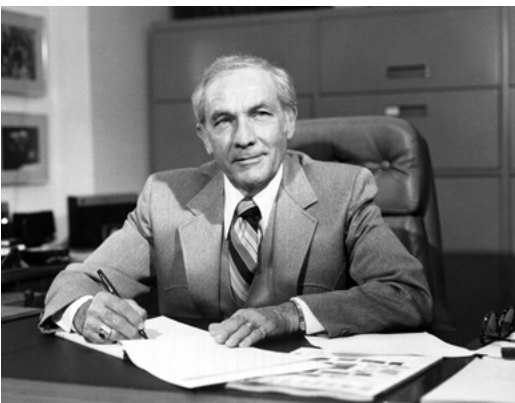
By Alex Sibley

John Earl Seelig, vice president for public affairs at Southwestern Seminary and namesake for Seelig Banquet Room in the Naylor Student Center, died on Jan. 17. He was 94.

Seelig was born on Dec. 11, 1924. He did undergraduate studies at Hardin-Simmons University, and later completed his master's in religious education at Southwestern Seminary, graduating in 1949.

Seelig married Virginia Garrett in 1947. Also a Southwestern Seminary graduate, she joined the faculty of the School of Church Music in 1958 and taught voice for 27 years. Seelig, meanwhile, served in local churches and was involved in denominational work until he was hired by then-president Robert Naylor as Southwestern Seminary's vice president for public affairs in 1960.

Seelig's responsibilities included overseeing all the school's publications (including the *Southwestern News* magazine), maintaining alumni files, hosting campus visitors, representing the school at conventions, and "all school mimeographing."



These responsibilities developed over the following 30 years, and as enrollment doubled during that time, Seelig was part of administrative teams that oversaw the construction of eight major buildings on the seminary campus; growth in the seminary endowment from \$4.4 million to \$46.9 million; and budget increases from \$1.4 million to \$18.5 million.

Following his retirement in 1990, Seelig and his wife spent a year in Hawaii serving the Hawaii Baptist Convention. After their return to Texas, the couple became active members of Southcliff Baptist Church,

teaching the early-bird senior adult Sunday School class for 30 years.

Southwestern Seminary's board of trustees named a room in the Robert E. Naylor Student Center the John and Virginia Seelig Banquet Room in honor of their decades of service. In 2008, the seminary also honored the Seeligs by giving them the L.R. Scarborough award.

Seelig was preceded in death by his wife of nearly 64 years, Virginia, and their son Stephen. He is survived by one son, Timothy; four grandchildren; and multiple great-grandchildren.

FORMER MUSIC PROFESSOR ELIZABETH MCKINNEY DIES AT 91

By Alex Sibley

Elizabeth Richmond McKinney, former Southwestern Seminary music professor and wife of former dean of the School of Church Music James McKinney, died on Jan. 30 after a lengthy illness. She was 91.

McKinney was born on Dec. 8, 1927, in Oakdale, La., to Harold E. and Essie Almeda Seals Richmond. A musically talented child, she studied piano and earned her Bachelor of Music and Master of Music degrees in piano performance from Louisiana State University. She later earned a Master of Arts degree in piano pedagogy from Texas Woman's University.

While at LSU, she met her future husband of 49 years, James C. McKinney, whom she married on Aug. 28, 1949, and who would serve as dean of the School of Church Music at Southwestern Seminary from 1956-1994. The couple moved to Fort Worth in 1950 when he first joined the seminary faculty as a professor.

From 1950-1967, Elizabeth taught piano at the seminary intermittently while maintaining a private piano studio and raising



three sons. She joined the faculty full-time in 1967 and retired as associate professor of piano in 1993.

In addition to teaching private piano, class piano, and piano pedagogy, McKinney also supervised the Children's Piano Lab program. Her former students serve as piano teachers and church pianists around the world. She was honored with a Distinguished Service Award from the School of Church Music in 1992.

An accomplished piano accompanist, solo and duo pianist, and church musician, McKinney accompanied the vocal recitals of her husband across the United States and

Asia throughout her career. She was also a dedicated church member who served in numerous capacities at Western Hills Baptist Church and Broadway Baptist Church.

McKinney was preceded in death by her husband, James, and her brother, Wayne Richmond. She is survived by her sons, James Jr., Timothy, and Kevin, and their wives; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

FORMER HAVARD DEAN, PROFESSOR BOB OVERTON DIES AT 84

By Staff



Robert "Bob" Overton, former associate dean, director of applied ministries, and professor of pastoral ministries at the J. Dalton Havard School for Theological Studies in Houston, died on Feb. 20 due to a stroke. He was 84.

Overton was born in Fulton, Miss., on Oct. 8, 1934. His father was a pastor, so he learned from an early age what it meant to lead and serve a congregation. Beginning in 1945, Overton traveled each Saturday to Tupelo, Miss., to play the piano for the beginning and conclusions of

his father's radio ministry program, which was broadcast across the southern U.S. and Mexico.

Overton enrolled at Mississippi College to study theology in 1952. There, he met Joe Ann Little, who would become his wife and partner in ministry for more than six decades. Together, they came to Fort

Worth, Texas, to attend Southwestern Seminary, where Overton earned a Bachelor of Divinity (1960), Master of Divinity (1973), and Doctor of Ministry (1983).

Overton began pastoring churches while in seminary, beginning an active preaching ministry that lasted until his death. His pastorates included Redland Baptist Church near Lufkin, Texas, and Rice Temple Baptist Church in Houston.

While pastoring, Overton taught classes adjunctively for Southwestern Seminary in its newly formed Houston campus. Upon retiring from Rice Temple Baptist, he became the director of the Houston campus and continued to teach full-time until 2016, when he retired from his role as associate dean.

While at Southwestern Seminary, Overton created an undergraduate degree program for lay pastors in the Houston area to receive the formal education that they needed. He was also a key part of the creation of the undergraduate program for inmates at Darrington Unit, where he taught pastoral ministry courses through the spring 2018 semester.

Overton is survived by his wife of 63 years, Joe Ann; three children; four grandchildren; and four siblings.

To read expanded versions of these and more articles, visit swbts.edu/news.



Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary deployed 67 preachers across the country to preach revivals in local churches during spring break, March 10-13, through its annual Revive This Nation (RTN) evangelism program. Here are some testimonies of God's amazing work during the week:



RTN preacher witnesses 'awe-inspiring' work of God

After extending an invitation, Master of Divinity student Jim DiLavore stepped out of the pulpit, then stood back and observed as the altar filled with people—church staff and other long-time members—crying out to God, saying, “I want to get right with you.”

“You could just see the hearts of these people,” DiLavore says. “And in this moment, I didn’t know what to do or what to think, but just said the only thing I could say: ‘Wow. Thank you, God.’”



RTN preacher goes to prison, sees 13 professions of faith

M.Div. student Josue Klauser is the man who went to prison during spring break. In fact, while he was gone, his wife, who is still learning to speak English, asked church members to “pray for

my husband; he’s in prison.” Naturally, this led people to respond, “Whoa! What happened?”

Upon his return, many people asked Klauser why he was in prison the previous week, and this gave him the opportunity to explain that, as part of Southwestern Seminary’s annual Revive This Nation effort, he traveled to Welch, W.Va., in order to preach revival services at the McDowell Federal Correctional Institution (FCI McDowell), a medium-security prison. In short, Klauser explained that he went to prison in order to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ.



RTN preacher gets reacquainted with rural ministry

“Josh came down with his dad on Monday night,” says M.Div. student Aaron Ledford, who preached in Mayhill, N.M. “Tuesday night, Josh’s dad came down with, like, seven of his other children. He had 10 children total. And he greeted me—his name was Mitch—and Mitch said, ‘We thought it would be kind of weird if we dropped Josh off for a church business meeting and left him by himself. So we thought we would all join.’”

“They were moving from one of the nearest towns about an hour away from their church there,” Ledford says. “So it was neat to meet that family, and they joined the church also.”

Read these full stories, as well as other testimonies of the Gospel going forth to save the lost, at swbts.edu/news/everyday-evangelism

Everyday Evangelism Stories

Southwestern Seminary students and faculty strive to proclaim the Gospel to the ends of the earth, and this means actively participating in everyday evangelism efforts. Below are excerpts from articles about some of these efforts, detailing Southwesterners' heart for evangelism and God's sovereign grace in saving sinners.



Good Friday becomes spiritual birthday for two souls

By Alex Sibley

Commemorating the day on which Jesus died on the cross for the sins of the world, Good Friday evokes both somber humility at

the Savior's crucifixion on our behalf, as well as glorious joy at the salvation His death and resurrection bring. For two women who recently visited Sundance Square in downtown Fort Worth, Good Friday bears personal significance as well, for it is the day on which they were spiritually reborn.

contact," says master's student Esther Lee. "To my surprise, Annie was intently listening as she was recognizing her current position of not being reconciled to God. She did not get distracted nor go off topic, and I saw her eyes understand the message. In my heart, I was encouraged by the Holy Spirit, giving Him the glory for what was happening in her heart."



Son's light is growing faith in willing hearts

By Julie Owens

Thanks to spring rains and the sun's dependable warmth, lawns are in early stages of growth this time of year, showing

hints of their potential glory. And after some Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary student evangelists planted the seeds of the Gospel, along with steady measures of Scripture and encouragement, the faith of two new Christians is budding as well.



Witnessing team enlightens and wins souls for Christ

By Julie Owens

On a sunny Friday afternoon, Christ's light shone down on two people that they might more clearly see the path to

salvation. Taking advantage of the striking early spring weather, three seminary students, along with missions professor Mike Morris, ventured out to share the Gospel near the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary campus and saw two professions of faith.

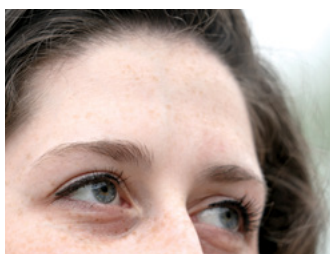


God turns ashes into beauty

By Emily Bond

We prayed with him as he repented of his sin, confessing Jesus as Lord. Tears streamed down his face and peace came over him as he was overwhelmed

with what just happened. God used the brokenness of this man's life to draw him to Himself, turning ashes into beauty. As we were leaving, we encouraged him to meet with his pastor and family to tell them of the decision he had made.



Oft-distracted teen becomes still, comes to know God

By Julie Owens

"I began sharing the Gospel in a simple manner with eye

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SPRING EVENTS SIGNIFY 'BRIGHT DAYS' FOR SEMINARY FAMILY



You know it's a good semester for student life when a campus-wide BBQ to meet the new president is among the activities in which the seminary family gets to participate. Add to that a faculty/student softball game, Elliott Coffee Talks, multiple lectures and luncheons, RAC sports, monthly Metochai meetings, a bake-off competition, the spring picnic, and multiple music events, and it becomes safe to say that the students of Southwestern Seminary and Scarborough College were sufficiently entertained this semester. These have been bright days, indeed.









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GENEROUS PARTNERS HELP SOUTHWESTERN TO SPREAD CHRIST'S WORD

By Julie Owens

The generosity of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary's donors is helping the seminary to flourish and to pursue fulfillment of the Great Commission worldwide, Southwestern Seminary President Adam W. Greenway told friends of the seminary at a celebratory luncheon, March 7. The luncheon recognized Barbara Cooper, 2019 recipient of the B.H. Carroll Award, and John D. Morgan, 2019 recipient of the L.R. Scarborough Award, for their legacy of faith and commitment to Southwestern Seminary.

The B.H. Carroll Award, the seminary's highest honor, is given annually to individuals or couples who have made significant contributions to continue the vision of the seminary's founder. Encouraged by her longstanding connection to Southwestern Seminary, recipient Barbara Cooper has been extremely generous in her support.

Twenty years ago, Cooper and her husband, Bill, met Jack Terry, vice president emeritus for Institutional Advancement at Southwestern Seminary, through a Sunday School class Terry was teaching. Through Terry, the Coopers became dedicated to the work of the institution, and Barbara became involved in the Dressed for Service program for women.

Bill Cooper was a World War II bombardier and an engineer who had developed a keen interest in real estate, and he aimed to buy as many properties as possible. Through the years, the couple accumulated numerous homes in Colorado and in North Texas, and a spectacular Colorado ranch.

After a life of service to Christ, Bill passed away in 2011, and Barbara Cooper became a strong supporter of Widows' Might. After Bill's death, she proceeded to give away her properties, and the Coopers' vast ranch at the foothills of the Rockies was a gift to Southwestern Seminary. Sold for \$1.3 million, it established an endowment for women's programs at the seminary. As her remaining properties are sold, a portion of the proceeds will permanently endow Southwestern Seminary's women's programs.

Cooper encouraged those attending the luncheon to be generous in their gifts to Southwestern Seminary. "Even the smallest gift contributes to the Great Commission," she said. "It was a great joy of Bill and I to contribute."

John Morgan, recipient of the L.R. Scarborough Award, attended Southwestern Seminary, graduating in 1966 with a Bachelor of Divinity degree. That year, he and his wife, Beth, founded Sagemont Church in Houston, and Morgan has since faithfully served as its pastor for more than 50 years.

A preacher who enthusiastically shares the Gospel, Morgan believes that all who know Christ are called to evangelize. Sagemont now counts more than 20,000 members and regularly sends hundreds each year to share the Gospel on short-term international mission trips, as well as through mission work in Houston.

The church still counts everyday evangelism as part of its core mission. "The idea is not just to talk the talk," Morgan says, "but to be living proof of a loving God."



In 2016, Sagemont announced a \$650,000 gift to Southwestern Seminary to underwrite the John D. Morgan Classroom at Mathena Hall in honor of the Morgans, and in celebration of the church's 50th anniversary. Reflective of Morgan's passion to evangelize, Matthew 28:19 is inscribed on the wall: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations." Sagemont also supports J. Dalton Havard School for Theological Studies in Houston and the Darrington Prison Extension Campus in Rosharon.

"I accept this award as a tribute to my church family," Morgan said upon accepting the award. "We all love Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary."

Greenway expressed deep gratitude for the generosity of all donors who make the work of Southwestern Seminary possible. "The pastors of your grandchildren are being trained right here and right now," he said.

He emphasized the seminary's commitment to four directives that guide the institution: a commitment to the full authority of the Bible, to the Baptist faith, to the Great Commission, and to a spirit of cooperation. "We want our seminary to again be known as a place that builds bridges and brings people together," he said.

Alumni Updates

1980

Joe Glass (MM 1987) to Shadycrest Baptist Church, Pearland, Texas, as bivocational worship leader, with wife Kellie Glass.

1990

Peter Crook (MDIV 1999) to Bethel Baptist Church, Roswell, N.M., as pastor, with wife Allison (Hopper) Crook.

Retirement

1950

Walter H. Nelson (BDIV 1959) retired, living in El Dorado, Ark.

1970

Gary M. Couch (DIPRE 1977) retired, living in El Paso, Texas.

1980

K. Dennis Anderson (MRE 1976, EDD 1983) retired with wife, Karen, living in Hoover, Ala.

Anniversaries

1960

Jack R. Hall (MDIV 1969) and Millie (McCord) Hall, 51st wedding anniversary (December).

1970

Toby T. Irwin (MDIV 1973) and Janelle (King) Irwin (MRE 1973, MA 1983), 45th wedding anniversary (June).

Memorials

1940

Mabel Hall (MRE 1947)
John E. Seelig (MRE 1949)

1950

Mary J. Whorton (MRE 1953)
David T. Roddy (MRE 1954)
Norma Nelson (MASM 1956, MRE 1956)

1960

Charles L. Hughes (MACM 1960)
William D. Millican (MDIV 1960)
Robert M. Overton (BDIV 1960, MDIV 1973, DMIN 1983)
Harold V. Freeman (MDIV 1961, THD 1969)
Raymond W. McDowell (MDIV 1961)
Robert E. Anderson (MDIV 1962)
Noel C. Walker (MDIV 1963)
Richard C. Lewis (MDIV 1964)
Faye Pearson (MRE 1965)
Bailey E. Smith (BDIV 1966)
Dale L. Kirkhuff (MRE 1968)
Earl L. Murphy (DRE 1969)

1970

Albert G. McHenry (MDIV 1970)
James H. Johnson (PhD 1975)
Paul Edward Miller (DMIN 1977)

1980

Candido J. Gonzales (MARE 1983)
B. Nannette (Webb) Lites (MACSS 1987)
Thomas A. Boorde (MRE 1988)

1990

Wilma R. Heflin (MARE 1988, PHD 1994)

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DANNY WOOD

By Julie Owens

“In our DNA is missions,” says Danny Wood of Shades Mountain Baptist Church in Birmingham, Ala., the church that he has led strategically, missionally, and pastorally for the past 21 years. During his tenure there as senior pastor, the goal to spark missions has fueled his vision to shape a church that would serve the world locally and globally.

A native of Birmingham, Wood spent the first six years of his life there before moving to Atlanta, Ga. After receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in marketing from Auburn University in 1975, Wood returned to Birmingham to work at South Central Bell Telephone (now AT&T). There, Wood met his wife, Janice.

In 1976, the two of them joined Shades Mountain Baptist Church, where he taught in the singles ministry and was ordained as a deacon. During that time, “God just confirmed that I needed to go full time in ministry,” he says.

To prepare for that goal, he enrolled in January 1984 at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, where he earned a Master of Divinity degree in 1986. From there, he was called to become pastor at First Baptist Church of Ruston, La., where the Wood’s daughter, Lauren, was born.

In 1997, Shades Mountain called on him to become the church’s senior pastor. His love for people and the Shades Mountain community is evident in the ways he engages the congregation and staff. Under Wood’s leadership, Shades Mountain has become known for its dynamic outreach: It sends 25 percent of its resources outside the church and mobilizes numerous mission trips annually.

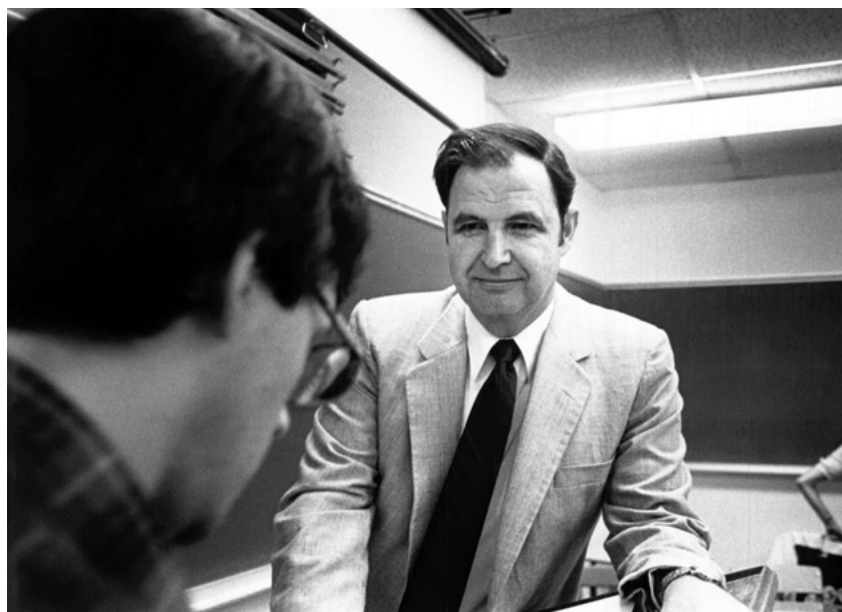
“I enjoy setting goals, and I enjoy bringing people together,” he says.

An avid runner, Wood finds running to be a “cathartic” activity and says that it inspires many of his ideas. He reads every prayer



request submitted by the members of the Shades Mountain congregation and crafts his weekly message “to provide a comfort and a challenge to them.”

“There’s a total sufficiency of Christ,” Wood says. “You just depend on Him, and you keep on running until you get to the finish line.”



MALCOLM MCDOW

By Katie Coleman

Malcolm McDow’s passion for soul-winning began at a young age. After accepting Christ as a teenager, his evangelistic zeal was immediate and has never faded during his more-than-50-year ministry.

After earning his bachelor’s degree at Baylor University, McDow studied at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, earning a Bachelor of Divinity in 1962. He continued his theological education at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and did additional studies at the University of Edinburgh and Oxford University.

God called McDow to serve at several Southern Baptist churches in Tennessee, Louisiana, and Texas, and he eventually served for five years as director of evangelism for the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

McDow has always led by example and is well-known for his passion for sharing the Gospel with anyone who will listen. His passion has left a lasting mark in the Southern Baptist Convention, but especially in the history and legacy of Southwestern Seminary.

In 1982, McDow joined the Southwestern Seminary faculty as professor of evangelism, and he faithfully served the seminary for more than 20 years before his retirement in 2005. Former students of his, many of whom have gone on to serve in the SBC in various leadership roles, often speak of his influence in their own lives and ministries, noting how McDow impressed upon them the value and importance of personal evangelism and the way in which God can bring about revival in an individual and in a church.

In the early 1990s, McDow occupied the seminary's L.R. Scarborough Chair of Evangelism ("the Chair of Fire"), one of nine faculty members in the seminary's history to do so. He later occupied the George W. Truett Chair of Ministry until his retirement.

Among his many contributions during his tenure as a professor at Southwestern Seminary, McDow played a significant role in shaping the seminary's evangelism programs. He, along with colleagues Roy Fish and James Eaves, was instrumental in establishing a Ph.D. in evangelism. McDow was also the catalyst for the establishment of the School of Evangelism and Missions, eventually approved by trustees in 2005.

McDow is the co-author of *Firefall: How God Has Shaped History Through Revivals*, and is a well-regarded preacher and speaker who inspires people to greater personal evangelism.

BRAD WAGGONER

By Katie Coleman

Brad Waggoner is well regarded by many for his leadership, administrative skills, and, most importantly, his heart for discipleship within the local church. The two-time graduate of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary currently serves as acting president and chief executive officer of LifeWay Christian Resources, where he has served in multiple leadership roles since 2006.

Waggoner has devoted much of his career and ministry efforts to determining how best to serve and equip pastors and churches throughout the Southern Baptist Convention. He has devoted time and research to understanding the long-existing as well as new challenges faced, and has worked to help pastors become better equipped in their discipleship efforts to lead their congregants toward spiritual maturity.

Waggoner completed his Master of Religious Education in 1981 and his Ph.D. in 1991, both at Southwestern Seminary. He also holds degrees from Kansas State University and Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in Chicago, Ill.

Waggoner has served in ministry positions at three Southern Baptist churches in Texas, Kentucky, and Ohio. He has also taught at Hardin-Simmons University, Wayland Baptist University, and East Texas Baptist University. Before joining LifeWay, Waggoner served as dean of the School of Leadership and Church Ministry at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky., having joined the faculty in 1999.

In 2006, Waggoner became the inaugural director of LifeWay Research. His role expanded in 2007 when he was named vice president, allowing him to oversee multiple areas, including research, missions, and ministry development. Waggoner also served as a theologian-in-residence and acted as a liaison between LifeWay and Southern Baptist seminaries, colleges, and other institutions.

Waggoner was later named vice president of B&H Publishing Group at LifeWay, and has served as executive vice president and chief operations officer since 2010, overseeing and providing leadership to the organization's daily operations.



Waggoner has contributed to numerous publications and is the author of *The Shape of Faith to Come: Spiritual Formation and the Future of Discipleship*, in which he examines the beliefs and behaviors of North American Christians.

He and his wife, Patti, have two sons, Brandt and Blake, and three grandchildren.

THE *IT* FACTOR

By Danny Roberts

The following is a partial transcript of the Presidential Search Committee's formal nomination of Adam W. Greenway as president of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary during a special called meeting of the seminary's board of trustees, Feb. 26-27.

We have a precious treasure in Southwestern Seminary. For the sake of all who have gone before us, we have to get this right. For the sake of all those presently engaged, we have to get this right. For the sake of the Kingdom, we have to get this right.

In our executive session last night, we spent a lot of time sharing why we as a presidential search team believe that God has spoken with great clarity. This, and what I'm about to mention, can only be explained by saying, "It's the Holy Spirit."

My prayer all along was not only that a vast majority of the [presidential] profile match the candidate, but that there would be something about the candidate that couldn't be put into words. Even with great confirmation, I wanted to sense that there was something extra special about God's man for the job. At least for me, God, through His Holy Spirit, granted my prayer.

I'll call it the *it* factor. It. Some ministries have *it*. Some don't. Most churches want *it*. Few have *it*. When a church has *it*, everyone can tell. And when one doesn't, everyone can tell.

The same is true with leaders. Some leaders have *it*. Some don't. And *it* or *it*-lessness is obvious.

It is always unique. *It* is always powerful. *It* is always life-changing. That's its upside. *It* has another side, too. *It* attracts critics. *It* is controversial. Many people misunderstand *it*. *It* is hard to find, but *it* is impossible to miss.

By now you're probably asking, "What is *it*?" My answer is ... I don't know.

Here's what I do know: If you've ever been part of a ministry that had *it*, you knew you were part of something special. In other words, you knew *it* when you saw *it*. And it was an awesome work of God that couldn't be contained, couldn't be harnessed, and couldn't be explained.

If you've never seen *it* up close, ask around and see if you can find *it*. Just listen to what people in your community are saying. I promise, if *it* has come to a ministry near you, people are talking about *it*. When an institution has *it*, the ground seems to rumble. Everyone hears about *it*. "You have to visit our institution. What's going on there is incredible. Trust me. You have to check it out."

And people do check out *it*-filled institutions. Not only do they kick the tires, but many of them decide to go there. They seem to intuitively grasp whatever *it* is. To an outsider with a critical heart, these converts simply drank the Kool-Aid and became fanatics. But to those who experience *it*, their education is different. They're changed. They're passionate. They're excited. They know they're part of what God is doing. And they want everyone to know about *it*.

You might be thinking, "But I don't understand *it*. Aren't some people just born with *it* while others never find it?" Without a doubt, *it* is a gift from God, who is *its* only source.

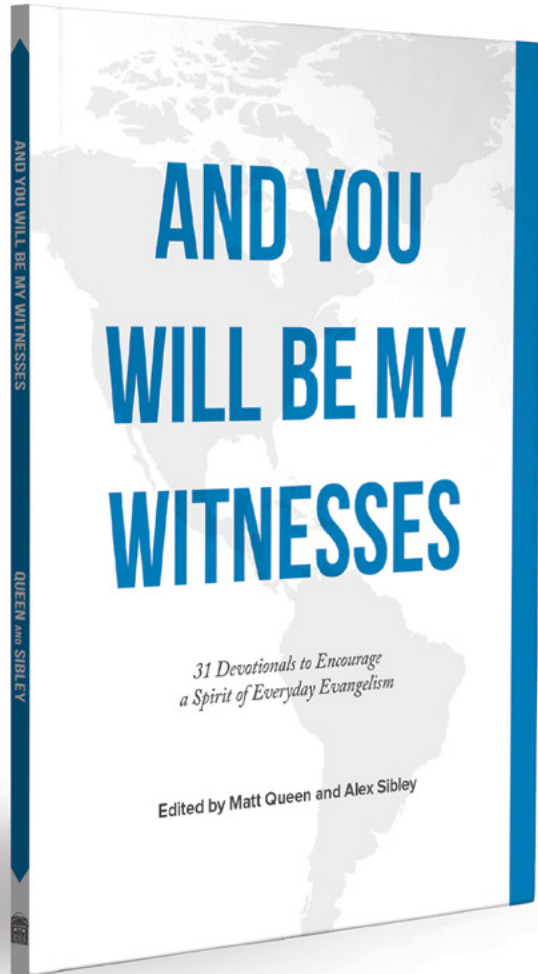


I am convinced that Adam W. Greenway has *it*, and because he has *it*, I am even more excited to make the following recommendation, which is unanimous: "We, the Presidential Search Team of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, recommend to the full Board of Trustees that Dr. Adam W. Greenway become the ninth president and also Professor of Evangelism and Apologetics of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary."

DANNY ROBERTS chaired Southwestern Seminary's Presidential Search Committee and was recently elected vice chairman of the board of trustees. He serves as executive pastor of North Richland Hills Baptist Church in North Richland Hills, Texas.

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