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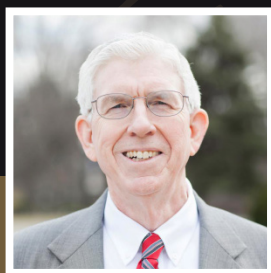


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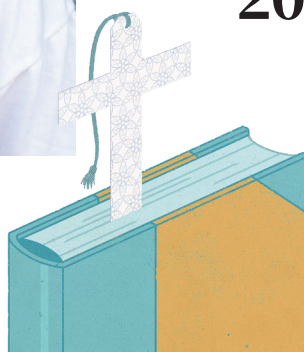
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“Sharing your copy of Southwestern News may help someone become a new friend and supporter of the seminary through prayers and financial gifts.”

WHAT YOU ARE NOW HOLDING IN your hands (either literally or digitally) is something far more influential than perhaps you might have ever considered.

As a college student, I was first exposed to The Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary when my pastor at the time gave me a copy of Southwestern News – the flagship publication of our seminary. Turning through the pages of that edition in the late 1990s caused me to consider the possibility that Seminary Hill might be the place God was calling me for further educational preparation for Gospel ministry. Of course, I would ultimately find my way to Fort Worth and go on to earn my Master of Divinity degree here, establishing a firm foundation for all that the Lord has done in my ministry ever since.

Readers of Southwestern News will notice a new, fresh look in this edition as we launch a redesign of this historic seminary publication. We hope that you like the new look, features, and inspiring content. I want to extend my thanks to all who played a role in this redesign.

As the redesign of the magazine represents something fresh, there are many new developments on Seminary Hill that underscore the recent declaration of our trustee chairman that “It’s a new day” at Southwestern Seminary. From the election of seven new faculty members and three new school deans to the official naming of the building that houses our new B.H. Carroll Center for Baptist Heritage and Mission, there are indeed fresh winds blowing across the seminary.

I hope that you will consider putting this edition of Southwestern News into

the hands of someone praying about where God would have him or her pursue theological education for the purpose of being equipped to more faithfully serve our Lord. You never know what difference this very magazine could make in the life of a future minister and the lives he or she will reach for Christ.

Sharing your copy of Southwestern News may also help someone become a new friend and supporter of the seminary through prayers and financial gifts. Especially as we approach the end of 2019, I pray that friends new and old will see an opportunity to touch the world and impact eternity by giving to the Southwestern Fund. Every dollar friends and supporters of Southwestern Seminary give is one less dollar our students have to pay in tuition. Outside the local church, I can think of no better Kingdom investment you can make than helping prepare the next generation of pastors, missionaries, and Christian leaders at Southwestern Seminary and Scarborough College.

As excited as I am about the updated look of Southwestern News, and as enthusiastic as I am about how God is blessing Southwestern Seminary in this “new day,” I am most grateful for our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and the new life He gives to those who trust in Him. During this Christmas season, I pray that you, your family, our entire Southwestern family, and all the Body of Christ will be reminded afresh and anew of the love of God demonstrated personally and powerfully in the greatest gift ever given: His only begotten Son, our Savior, who is Christ the Lord. 🙏

ADAM W. GREENWAY
President



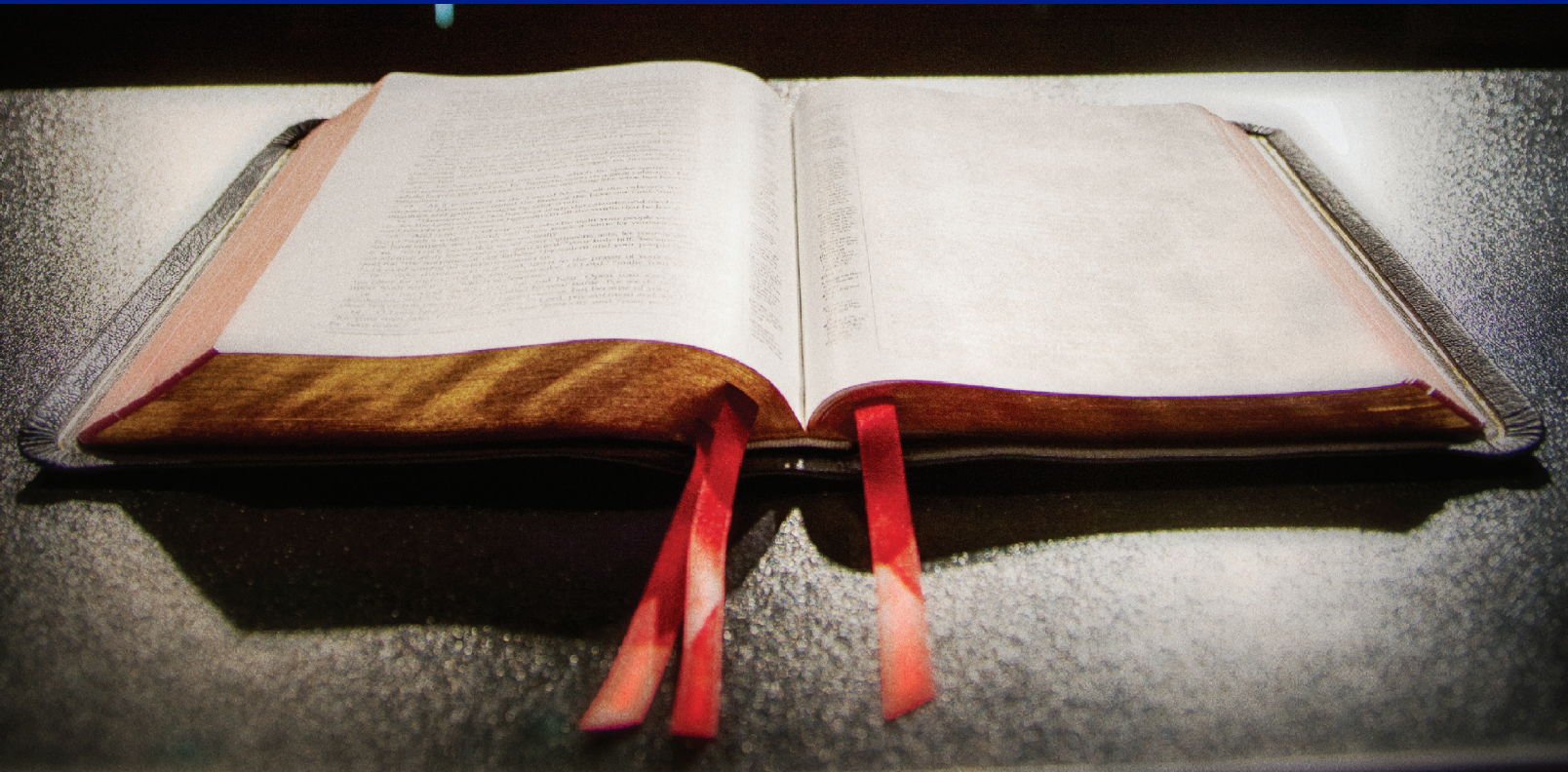


President Adam W. Greenway ('02) was inaugurated as the ninth president of The Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary on October 21, 2019. Left, he is pictured giving his inauguration address accompanied on stage by seminary, Southern Baptist, and Fort Worth leaders. *Read more on page 39.*

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This spring break, Southwestern Seminary will be sending more than 100 students and professors to preach in churches across America and to evangelize the communities around them. Revival begins in the church!

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Long-time higher ed leader and scholar David S. Dockery comes home

The renowned scholar, Southern Baptist statesman, and Southwestern Seminary alum joins the faculty as a distinguished professor.



RENOWNED THEOLOGIAN AND LEADER David S. Dockery has been elected to the faculty of Southwestern Seminary as distinguished professor of theology. President Adam W. Greenway announced his appointment during the seminary's fall convocation, and trustees later voted to affirm the decision during their fall meeting, October 23, 2019.

Dockery, who most recently served as president and chancellor of Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, will also serve as the inaugural theologian-in-residence for the B.H. Carroll Center for Baptist Heritage and Mission as well as special consultant to the president.

"I could not be more excited to welcome David Dockery home to Southwestern Seminary. His decades of service as professor, academic administrator, institutional president, writing theologian, and Baptist statesman have given him a breadth and depth of experience few

"[The B.H. Carroll Center] will provide opportunities to help this generation of students learn to appreciate the best of the Southwestern tradition."

- DOCKERY ('85)

individuals can match," Greenway said. "The opportunity to have Dr. Dockery not only in the classroom but as theologian-in-residence at the B.H. Carroll Center solidifies our commitment to articulating and advocating a robust vision for Baptist identity in the 21st century.

Dockery said he is delighted to return to the school where he earned his Master of Divinity.

"I am deeply thankful to Dr. Adam Greenway for his invitation to serve my alma mater in this way," he said. "I join with many alums and friends of the seminary who are ever hopeful regarding Southwestern's future." —J.O.

A CAREER OF LEADERSHIP



1993-1995

Vice president for academic administration, dean of the School of Theology at Southern Seminary



1995-2014

President of Union University



2014-2019

President of Trinity International University



President Greenway signs the book of confessional heritage, affirming his commitment to the Baptist Faith and Message.

Veteran Southern Baptist journalist James A. Smith Sr. joins Southwestern staff

Veteran Southern Baptist journalist and communicator James A. Smith Sr. has been appointed director of public relations at Southwestern Seminary, President Adam W. Greenway announced in October. Smith's experience includes serving as VP of communications at the National Religious Broadcasters Association; executive editor and chief spokesman at Southern Seminary; executive editor of the Florida Baptist Witness; president of the Association of State Baptist Publications; and the first D.C.-based staff member of what's now the ERLC. —*SWN staff*

THE NEWEST CLASS OF 'SOUTHWESTERNERS'

New president, same tradition: Greenway's first convocation

IN HIS FIRST CONVOCATION SERVICE AS president of Southwestern Seminary, Adam W. Greenway continued the longstanding tradition in the August 2019 ceremony of pronouncing the incoming class "Southwesterners."

To emphasize the history behind the pronouncement, Greenway appealed to the seminary's fifth president, Robert Naylor, who began this tradition. And he told them, "As Dr. Naylor has said, I am pleased to pronounce you Southwesterners. Welcome home to the dome."

In addition to welcoming the new students, Greenway also reminded the community of a three-fold assignment from Jesus in Mark 3:13-15: Greenway charged them to be with Jesus, to preach the Good News, and to do the work of Christ.

"As we officially commence the 2019-2020 academic year of The Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and Scarborough College," he said, "may, by God's grace, this be our greatest year yet. Not for the name and fame of Southwestern Seminary, but so that Christ's work may be more fulfilled a year from now than it is today, because God was pleased to use us — because we were with Him, [and] we were faithful to proclaim His good news and to do His works by His authority as He led us in all things." —*A.S.*

"Jim Smith is one of the Southern Baptist Convention's most respected journalists and gifted communicators."

— ADAM W. GREENWAY



President thanks 'legacy servants' at a luncheon for former staff

In September, President Adam W. Greenway welcomed to campus a number of "legacy servants" from the seminary's history: "It's very meaningful to me that all of our Southwestern family sense the love and the appreciation and the gratitude of our

seminary for their service," he said during a chapel service in which retired preaching professor Al Fasol preached. Greenway then hosted a luncheon giving faculty and staff the opportunity to thank former Southwesterners. —*A.S.*



'It's a new day' at Southwestern

Trustees elect new faculty members, and more at their fall meeting

"IT'S A NEW DAY AT SOUTHWESTERN," said Philip Levant, chairman of the board of trustees at The Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, at the conclusion of their fall meeting, October 23, 2019. Trustees began the week participating in the inauguration of Adam W. Greenway, elected the school's ninth president earlier this year.

"God is with us," Levant said. "I think it's clear to see that He is putting everything in place for us to move forward. We are not where we want to be, but we know where we're going. And I'm excited to see where we're going to be by God's grace and His leadership."

During the meeting, trustees elected and promoted faculty; voted to name the building formerly known as the Baptist Heritage Center, "Carroll House," in honor of Southwestern Seminary founder and first president B.H. Carroll; approved a new master's degree; received and accepted financial statements for the previous fiscal year; adopted new policy statements and agreements; and conducted other business. All promotions are effective immediately.

At the recommendation of the Executive Committee, trustees voted to rename the Baptist Heritage Center, "Carroll House." The fa-

cility will be the headquarters of the B.H. Carroll Center for Baptist Heritage and Mission, of which professor Gregory A. Wills serves as director.

During his president's report, Greenway commented, saying, "We are moving in the right direction financially. My hope and prayer is that the Lord will continue to help us, as we are always in the process of monitoring and evaluating, making sure that we keep our expenses as conservative as we can, to really strengthen our position institutionally; to be the strongest steward of the resources that God has entrusted to us."

Beyond voting to approve recommendations, trustees heard a report from Greenway, who shared about the "many signs of hope" that he sees at Southwestern Seminary. The greatest sign of hope, he said, is the students, whom Greenway called the most important people at the institution.

"Because without the students," he explained, "we don't need a faculty. Without the students, you don't need a president. Without the students, we wouldn't have donors. Without the students, we don't need a campus."

"The most important people at Southwestern Seminary are the students."

You can read details about the trustee meeting at swbts.edu/news. —A.S.

MORE DETAILS

A quick guide to the trustee actions: In the meeting, trustees

- Renamed the Baptist Heritage Center the "Carroll House"
- Approved the creation of a new degree: the Master of Music in Worship Leadership
- Accepted the audited financial statements for the fiscal year ending July 31, 2019
- Voted to adopt a new Investment Policy Statement and a new Investment Management Agreement with GuideStone Financial Resources

Check out pages 14 and 15 to meet the new SWBTS professors.

Meet the newest members of the Southwestern faculty



JOSEPH R. CRIDER

Dean and professor of church music and worship, School of Church Music and Worship

Crider brings nearly 30 years vocational ministry experience and 20 years teaching experience to his new role at Southwestern Seminary. He earned bachelor's and master's degrees from Bowling Green State University and a doctorate from the University of Northern Colorado.

"Joe Crider brings the perfect combination of musical excellence and pastoral competence."

- PROVOST RANDY L. STINSON

During their fall meeting, Southwestern Seminary trustees elected eight new members of the faculty. Get to know them.



DAVID S. DOCKERY

Distinguished professor of theology; theologian-in-residence, B.H. Carroll Center for Baptist Heritage and Mission; special consultant to the president

Before his return to Seminary Hill, Dockery ('85) previously served as president of Trinity International University; president of Union University; and senior vice president for academic administration and dean of the School of Theology at Southern Seminary. He holds four degrees, including an M.Div. from SWBTS. In addition to leading, he has been a teacher and the author, editor, or contributor of nearly 100 books.



TRAVIS S. KERNS

Associate professor of apologetics and world religions

With degrees from North Greenville University and Southern Seminary, Kerns previously served as a Send City missionary for the North American Mission Board in Salt Lake City, Utah. He has devoted much of his academic work to the study of the history and philosophy of the Mormon Church, and he is the author of *The Saints of Zion: An Introduction to Mormon Theology*.



JOHN D. MASSEY

Dean and associate professor of missions, Roy J. Fish School of Evangelism and Missions

"I hope to help reinvigorate the rich Southwestern legacy as being the original 'Great Commission Seminary.'"

Massey ('00) served as a missionary with the IMB. He's served in Singapore, East Asia, Malaysia, and the Middle East. His degrees are from Mississippi State University, Mid-America Seminary, and a Ph.D. from Southwestern Seminary.



MICHAEL S. WILDER

Dean and professor of educational ministries, Jack D. Terry Jr. School of Educational Ministries

Wilder has served as youth minister in Georgia for 12 years and as a pastor of a church in Kentucky for three years. He later served as a professor at both New Orleans Seminary and Southern Seminary. Wilder obtained a bachelor's degree from Clayton State College, a Master of Divinity from New Orleans Seminary, and a Ph.D. from Southern Seminary.



CHARLES T. LEWIS

Professor of church music and worship

"Chuck Lewis brings decades of experience in the local church and is very musically and administratively gifted."

- RANDY L. STINSON

Lewis ('93) has served churches in Kentucky and Florida, and he has taught at Palm Beach Atlantic University and Southern Seminary. He earned four degrees, including a master's degree from Southwestern Seminary.



CHRIS SHIRLEY

Professor of educational ministries

Shirley ('94) comes to Southwestern with decades of educational ministry experience, including stints at Dallas Baptist University, Ridgecrest, and various local churches. He is a two-time graduate of Southwestern, earning both master's and doctoral degrees. To Shirley, Christian education combines two strengths of SWBTS: "a 2 Timothy 2:2 ministry of the church with a Great Commission focus."



GREGORY A. WILLS

Research professor of church history and Baptist heritage; director, the B.H. Carroll Center for Baptist Heritage and Mission

Wills, who previously served at Southern Seminary, is currently writing a history of the Southern Baptist Convention. He completed degrees at Duke University, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, and a Ph.D. at Emory University.

"I can think of no one in Southern Baptist life more capable to lead this new institutional initiative than [Wills]."

- ADAM W. GREENWAY

Greenway: A new center aims to help existing church 'experience a fresh movement of God'

Introducing the Center for Church Revitalization

THE SOUTHWESTERN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL Seminary is establishing a Center for Church Revitalization, president Adam W. Greenway announced early in August. Texas denominational leader Kenneth Priest ('10) will serve as the center's interim director.

"While church planting remains a critically important institutional emphasis, the time is right to strengthen our work on Seminary Hill in training and resourcing those who will and do serve in established churches in order that these congregations may experience a fresh movement of God," Greenway said.

Priest, who will continue to serve as director of convention strategies for the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention (SBTC), says the launching of the center "creates a unique opportunity for Southwestern Seminary as part of Dr. Greenway's 'big-tent' vision to meet the needs of practical ministry balanced with the academics of theological training."

The center will provide resources, equipping/training events, consulting services, internships, and ministry opportunities to meet the needs of pastors and church leaders. Working in cooperation with the national fellowship of state revitalization leaders and the church replanting team of NAMB, it will be available as a resource for churches and state conventions addressing revitalization needs for Gospel impact. [fb](#) —A.S.



MORE DETAILS

The center will leverage the school's faculty and practitioner expertise to help churches.



KENNETH PRIEST
will direct the center on an interim basis.
Director of convention strategies for the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention.



MATT QUEEN
is writing take-and-use sermon outlines.
Associate professor of evangelism, L.R. Scarborough Chair of Evangelism



CHRIS SHIRLEY
will coordinate the curriculum for the center.
Professor of educational ministries; associate dean of the Terry School of Educational Ministries



Preaching workshop: Sermons should help people read the Bible better

The Text-Driven Preaching Workshop, October 7, 2019, offered pastors and church leaders the tools to preach text-driven sermons effectively from the book of Colossians. The workshop was conducted by School of Preaching faculty, including David Allen, Deron Biles, Matthew McKellar, and Barry McCarty. McCarty, professor of preaching and rhetoric, concluded the workshop with the exhortation that "one of the things that a sermon ought to do is to help people read their Bibles better." —J.O., K.C., and A.S.

Greenway to SWAC: Theology and practice complement each other

“SOUTHWESTERN SEMINARY has uniquely always been that seminary that has been so capable of welding together theology and practices,” said President Adam W. Greenway to the Southwestern Advisory Council (SWAC) during their semi-annual gathering, October 21.

The first in a series of events that culminated in Greenway’s inauguration as the ninth president of The Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary that evening, the morning meeting provided SWAC members the opportunity to hear two panel discussions featuring eight seminary faculty regarding their vision for

the seminary’s future, as well as some of the seminary’s new emphases.

“We are no less committed to the highest standards of academics and scholarship than any other institution out there. But our hearts burn bright with a passion for helping people encounter Jesus in a saving way. Those two things are not in tension or antithetical to one another; they complement one another. And that’s the beauty, I think, of what happens here at Southwestern Seminary.”

Reporting from the faculty comments to the SWAC members is available at swbts.edu/news. —K.C.



J.D. Greear: ‘True growth comes only through scattering’

The challenging work of missions is the core directive of the Great Commission and the mandate of “ordinary believers” to reach beyond their comfort zone to serve God, Southern Baptist Convention President J.D. Greear told the Southwestern Seminary community during a chapel service, October 1, 2019.

Preaching from John 12:20-25, Greear called upon churches to raise up ordinary people and send them out to do mission work and plant churches, even when it may strain those churches to lose members.

“Every single believer is called,” said Greear, who also serves as pastor of The Summit Church in Durham, North Carolina. “The calling to leverage your life for the Great Commission was included in

“The calling to leverage your life for the Great Commission was included in the call to follow Jesus.”

the call to follow Jesus. Matthew 4:19 said, ‘Follow me and I will make you a fisher of men.’ When you accepted Jesus, you also accepted the call to missions. Everybody is called. The question is not if you are called, but where and how.” —J.O.



WHAT IS THE SWAC, ANYWAY?

Since its inception in 1956, the Southwestern Advisory Council (SWAC), a group of Christian laypeople, has aided in seeing and obtaining gifts for capital needs, endowment, and student aid; recruiting students; and creating goodwill for the seminary in the council members’ communities and areas of influence.



→ GREEK FOR 'PARTNERS'

The name "metochai" is a transliteration derived from the Greek word for "partners." The organization started 80 years ago when Neppie Scarborough, wife of second president L.R. Scarborough, recognized that wives of students needed the kind of community afforded their husbands.

Carla Greenway testifies of God's faithfulness

She spoke at a monthly Metochai gathering

DURING THE SECOND METOCHAI gathering of the fall 2019 semester on September 23, student wives had the opportunity to hear for the first time from Carla Greenway ('02), wife of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary President Adam W. Greenway.

Greenway, a graduate of Southwestern Seminary with a Master of Arts in Christian Education, took the time to share her testimony of God's faithfulness in carrying her through life's trials from childhood and throughout her adult life. She highlighted specifically challenges from her own life, challenges such as navigating the grief of illness and the loss of her mother and father.

During those seasons, Greenway said, the Lord used a friend to remind her of God's faithfulness, and to help her understand the oft-used phrase "to bloom where you are planted."

"We don't get to choose that," Greenway said. "We don't choose the soil that we are in. We don't choose the ground around us. We are just told under God's calling to serve and to bloom where we are planted."

Metochai gathers monthly to hear from a speaker and encourage one another in their studies, ministries, families, and faith. 📖 —K.C.

"We don't choose the soil that we are in. ... We are just told under God's calling to serve and to bloom where we are planted."

At Going Global lunch, students discover Great Commission opportunities

The World Missions Center collaborated with an Arlington church.

FOR AN OCTOBER 10 LUNCHEON, THE World Missions Center hosted Fielder Church of Arlington, Texas, for an opportunity to share its Great Commission vision for church planting and missions, and how Southwestern Seminary students can partner with them in that effort.

The church's lead pastor, Jason Paredes, shared about the vision of Fielder Church "that we would be a people who inhale the Gospel and exhale the Gospel, and make disciples who do the same."

Connecting with Southwestern Seminary students and alumni is one way they hope to find people who have been called to church planting and missions, so that the church might support them and send them out to do Gospel work. 📍—*K.C.*

"That we would be a people who inhale the Gospel and exhale the Gospel, and make disciples who do the same."

— JASON PAREDES ('05)

Conference for widows: God's 'Grace Wins Now'

While the reality of life on this earth can be a source of pain, "God's Word is constant," Melissa Meredith ('13) told a gathering of Widows' Might members during their conference in September. Meredith's mother was diagnosed with ALS in 2013, the same year Meredith completed her Master of Divinity degree at SWBTS. "We grieved, but the Spirit of God comforted us," Meredith recalled. "As I watched my mom become trapped in her own body, I saw the Spirit of Christ renewing her soul every day. Grace won then, and grace wins now. We chose joy every day." — *J.O.*



Prayer was a major emphasis of Hemphill's presidency. Here, he prays with a student following his chapel sermon.

Hemphill: Students should not wait until they graduate to 'be on mission'

The former president preached in chapel in October.

KENNETH S. HEMPHILL, THE SEVENTH president of Southwestern Seminary, returned to the Fort Worth campus as a chapel speaker, October 22.

"I am proud to say that I came here 20 years ago as an M.Div. student when Ken Hemphill was president — my president," said Adam W. Greenway.

Hemphill began by acknowledging what a "treat it is to be back home at the dome." He said, "Thank you, Dr. Greenway, for the invitation to share, an opportunity to be in this pulpit. And I am proud to call you 'our' president."

Hemphill proceeded to preach from John 17. He encouraged the chapel audience to let Jesus' power shine through them and be seen by the world.

"Missions does not start when you graduate," Hemphill told students. "You are on a mission now. God has put you in a mission field, and every encounter, every event, you have the opportunity to shine so that God is glorified." — *J.O. and A.S.*



Here's What It Looks Like to Call the Dome Your Home

In October, the SWBTS community welcomed current and prospective students alike for a revamped Fall Festival.



Carnival rides, face-painting, and a fireworks show made for a fun family atmosphere at this year's Fall Festival, the largest-ever for the seminary.



A surprise cold-front didn't hinder the fun at the festival, as prospective students and the Southwestern community braved the frigid temperatures for camaraderie and fellowship in the shadow of the iconic dome of the Memorial Building. Those who came got a fresh perspective on what it means to be "home at the dome."



THE SOUTHWESTERN SEMINARY AND Scarborough College community hosted more than 100 prospective students and families for Fall Preview Day, October 25, which provided them the opportunity to hear testimonies from current students, meet with faculty, and experience student life on Seminary Hill.

The day concluded with a larger-than-ever, campus-wide Fall Festival featuring carnival rides, games, food, and a fireworks show above the school's iconic dome featured on the B.H. Carroll Memorial Building.

"One of the things we are particularly committed to here at Southwestern Seminary is theological education in the context of a worshipping, learning, vibrant

community," President Adam W. Greenway told the prospective students. "We are very committed to strengthen what happens here on this campus. ... My prayer truly is that God, in His kindness, would bring many of you 'home to the dome' here at Southwestern Seminary."

Dean of Students Charles Carpenter says the Fall Festival "enlivens the Southwestern Seminary and Scarborough College community to see our campus as more than an academic institution, but as a family of faith who enjoys one another.

"When new students come on campus, I pray that they will feel a sense of belonging and envision themselves here." 📖 —K.C.

This Is Where You'll Find SWBTS Alums

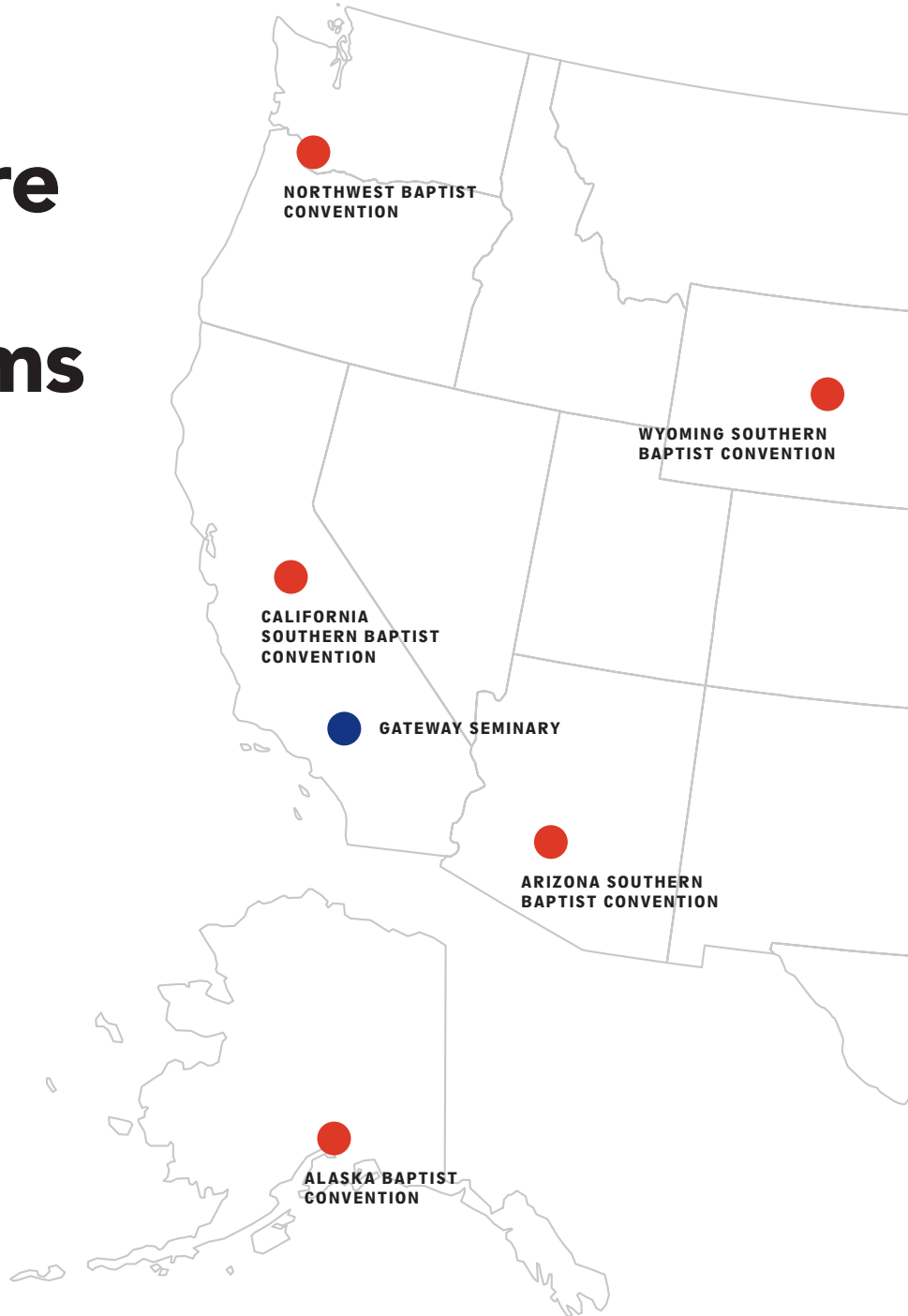
Where are alumni leading national and state organizations and ministries?

ALMOST 20 YEARS AFTER Adam W. Greenway graduated from The Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, he returned to Seminary Hill as the seminary's ninth president. He is the first alumnus to serve as president of the school in a quarter century.

Yes, thousands of Southwesterners follow God's call to remote corners of the world, small rural congregations, and "ordinary" church ministries around the U.S. But while having a Southwesterner as president signals a return for SWBTS, around the United States, dozens of denominational ministries operate under the leadership of Southwestern graduates—presidents and state convention executive directors.

Where else are alumni leading national and state organizations and ministries?

Here's where:



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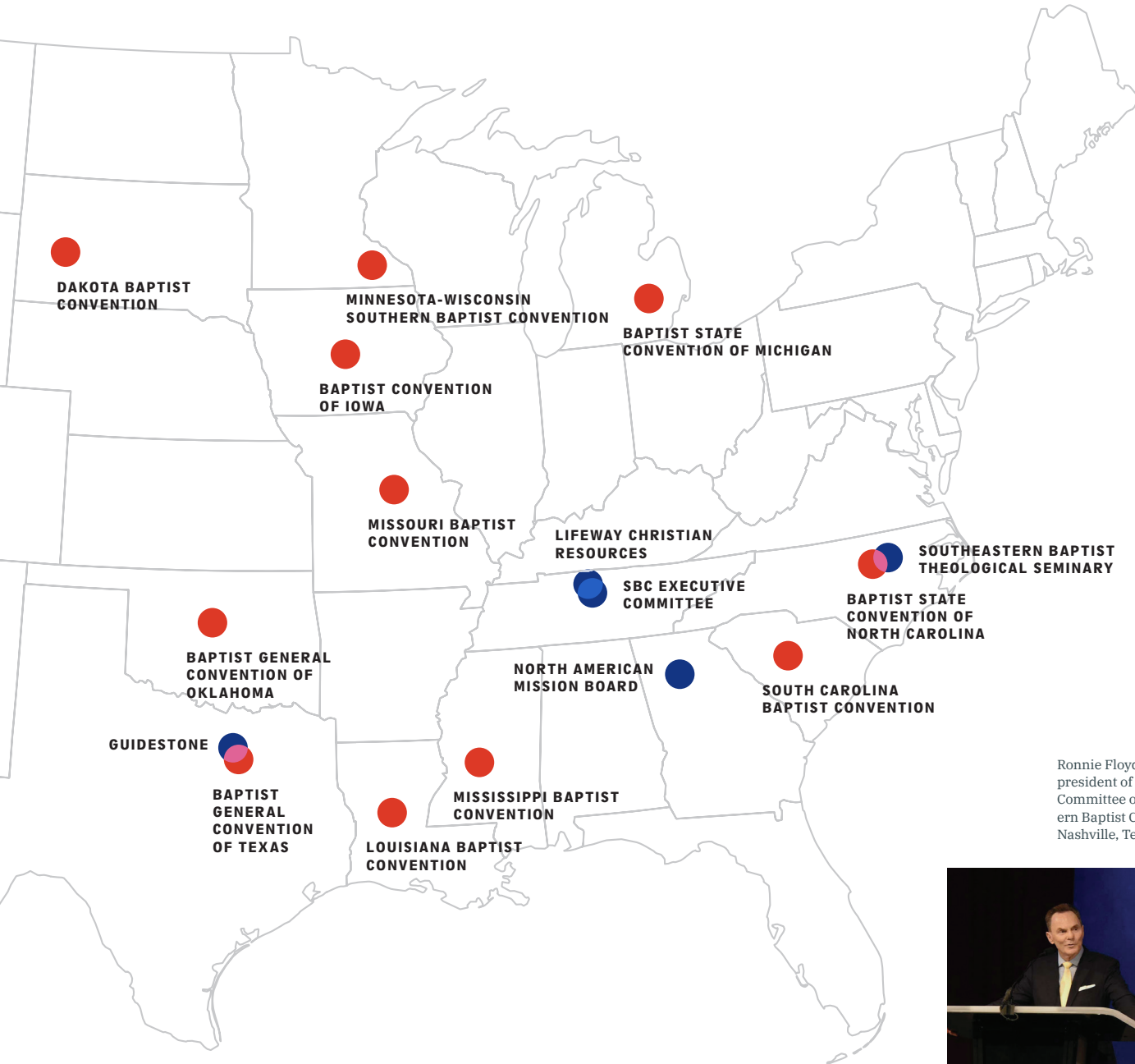
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Ronnie Floyd ('85) is president of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention in Nashville, Tennessee.



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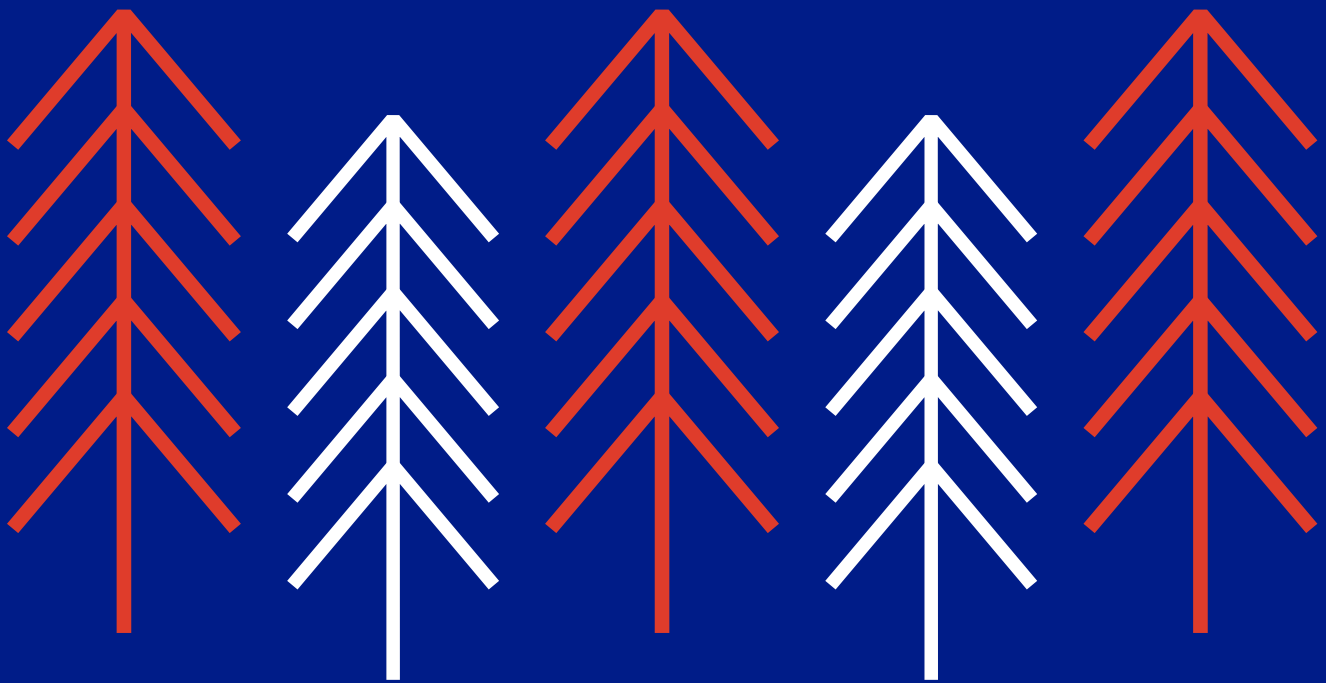
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Mojade Adejokun

Master of Divinity student since Fall 2018

"I KNEW THAT I WANTED TO BE equipped for ministry by women who knew the Word and were also theologically trained. I absolutely found that here and have not been disappointed," Adejokun says regarding her decision to study at Southwestern Seminary, specifically with professors Terri Stovall and Katie McCoy.

"I have been able to have a closer relationship with both of these professors. This has led to a lot of encouragement and guidance to go further than I previously thought. They ask the hard questions, give out laughs, and remind me to focus my mind on God as I gain my education here."

Although Adejokun is still discerning what the Lord may have for her future, she says she is already more confident in her ability to study Scripture and apply it to any life or ministry context.

"My faith has and is being strengthened by being here," she says. "Professors, specifically, are not afraid to ask hard questions and force us to ask why we believe certain things and truly understand these beliefs. These questions have caused me to really take a stand and decide what I believe and why I believe what I believe." 





STUDENT

Tyler Sulfridge

In a Master of Divinity program

"I CHOSE TO ATTEND SOUTHWESTERN SEMINARY in large part because of their history. Southwestern Seminary has a rich history of training preachers and pastors who care deeply for the local church. Those are the men that I wanted to learn about, learn from, and imitate.

"Southwestern Seminary has always had a commitment to the Great Commission. I moved from Alaska where I, along with my family, work to establish churches in villages that few people have heard of. These places are close to the heart of God, and they are close to the heart of Southwestern Seminary."

"These places are close to the heart of God, and they are close to the heart of Southwestern Seminary."

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ALUMNI

SCOTT MAZE

*Pastor, North Richland Hills Baptist Church, NRH, Texas
M.Div., 1998; Ph.D., 2006*

WHAT IMPACT DID SOUTHWESTERN SEMINARY HAVE ON YOUR MINISTRY?

The evangelistic impact with Dr. Fish and Dr. McDow and the professors would be huge. Strong biblical convictions. But then, in addition, just the friends you make through your time there with other pastors, other ministers. That continues to be a big impact. You form your friendships there—the guys you keep up with, the guys who bring encouragement to you, the guys whom you network with, but also just the guys who love you and you love them.





ALUMNI

Ronald M. Harvell

U.S. Air Force Brigadier General, deputy chief of chaplains of the U.S. Air Force M.Div., 1986

“WHEN I CAME TO SOUTHWESTERN Seminary, I was very much thankful for the courses and the coursework we had, but sometimes I didn’t know how it all fit. When I graduated in the last semester, it was like it all came together and I said, ‘Oh, I get it! I’m ready: I can go pastor a church now. And I think I know what I’m doing and I’ll be able to do the pastoral role — the theological part of it, the counseling part of it.’

“I just really felt equipped to be able to go from seminary and to be able to pastor and be able to do a good job for that community. And sure enough, the Lord called us right after graduation to a little church in Kermit, Texas, that had 10 people in it. Over the next four and a half years, that church would have 300 people join it; 150 by baptism. Tons of young families coming to the Lord and following Him.”

“I just really felt equipped to be able to go from seminary and to be able to pastor and be able to do a good job..”

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JEREMIAH KIM

Director, Korean Doctor of Ministry studies

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to raise pastor-theologians for the Korean churches both in Korea and the U.S., as well as around the world. Even though SWBTS is an American institution, because of its unwavering stance on biblical authority, its cooperative Baptist heritage, and its uncompromising evangelical and missional spirit, SWBTS has so much to offer for the Korean church, which is only second to the U.S. church in world mission effort.”

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OVER A SPAN OF 50 YEARS, my career took me around Texas to a whole lot of Baptist churches. It was my observation that those pastors who had seminary training were much more grounded in biblical doctrines and therefore were stronger and more effective leaders. As a former trustee, I am committed to the financial support of this institution, assuring the continuation of its legacy and equipping future leaders for tomorrow.



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TIME! IT IS THE BANE AND BLESSING of all pastors. Time spent aiding people in their walks with the Lord is a blessing and rich in the pastor's life. However, the demands are extraordinary. Any given week can have two funerals, two sermons to prepare, a heavy counseling load, and our families need our presence. Then add phone calls and middle-of-the-night hospital visits.

So, how does one walk this path? Anyone who gives a simple answer to this has no idea how tiring and hard it can be. But a lot comes down to one very practical, easy-to-say, difficult-to-do act: Manage your week.

Use the day's natural thirds — Morning. Afternoon. Evening. — and give two to your church and one to your family. I give my mornings to prayer and sermon work and my afternoons to appointments and staff issues.

And when it comes to family time, make it an appointment. It is not a lie to tell someone you have an appointment to see your child play sports, because your family should have priority over anything

5 PRIORITIES THAT WILL HELP YOU SURVIVE M-F

1. **Divide your days into thirds.** Morning and afternoon for church ministry; evening for family. This should be inviolable.
2. **Family time = a must-keep appointment.** Any time your family needs you is an appointment time.
3. **Set a day off.** That means no sermon prep or counseling, and only answering phone calls when it is an emergency. Sunday is not your day off.
4. **Cancel Sunday night.** This allows you to expend great energy on Sunday morning and have the afternoon to relax and enjoy your family.
5. **Take a sabbatical.** Flexibility is key, but few things will be more revitalizing.

else in your life, and giving them certain appointment times is wise and helpful.

Similarly, you need a day off. The Sabbath was there before man sinned, and if it was needed then, it is certainly needed now. I take two afternoons off a week instead of one day, as that helps in my flow of life better than just one day off.

This next idea may not be permissible in some churches, but it was one of the best things we ever did at Central Baptist Church in Texas: Cancel Sunday night. The Bible never says Sunday night worship is demanded and cannot be changed. This allows you to expend great energy on Sunday morning and have the afternoon to enjoy your family.

Finally, take a sabbatical when your church allows. Okay, this one can't be weekly. But work this into your personnel policy so you can take it when needed. [📖](#)



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pastored for 33 years. He will join the Southwestern faculty in spring 2020.

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I understand that finding and equipping people isn't always easy. But as a church leader, few tasks will be as important as equipping your people for the work of ministry.

First and foremost, teachers should exemplify a personal hunger for God's Word. This should manifest itself in a teacher's willingness to spend sufficient time in preparation for his or her teaching responsibility. "Rightly handling the word of truth" is a significant commitment.

In addition to personal hunger, an effective teacher needs a diversity of corporately focused instructional skills: A teacher should be an artist, an engineer, and a cruise ship director. As an artist, the teacher creates a beautiful word picture of God's truth with creative splashes of color and creativity. As an engineer, the teacher designs an organized and purposeful lesson plan that leads group members—with intentionality—to observe, interpret, and apply God's Word. As a cruise director, the teacher invites a community of learners into a relational learning experience by providing opportunities for group members to teach one another (Col 3:16) through directed discussion, relevant testimonies, and other learning activities.

In addition to the personal and the corporate, below are five things to look for in teachers—and ways to develop the teachers you have. [📖](#)



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Find Bible Teachers Within Your Church

Ever since Paul and Timothy, pastors have needed to encourage Bible teachers in their churches

IN 2 TIMOTHY 2:15, THE APOSTLE PAUL challenges his protégé Timothy to "rightly handle" God's Word. The same challenge extends to Bible teachers, from senior pastors to children's church volunteers. As a former minister of education and current small group teacher myself,

5 THINGS EVERY BIBLE TEACHER NEEDS TO DO

- 1. Build personal study habits.**
My recommendation to teachers is to spend at least 30 minutes a day studying the Scripture and preparing.
- 2. Collect exegetical tools.**

These could be commentaries, word studies, published sermons or podcasts, Bible dictionaries, handbooks, and maps. I recommend preceptaustin.org.

- 3. Cultivate instructional skills.**
Remember: The teacher should be an artist, an engineer, and a cruise ship director.

- 4. Possess social intelligence.**
Teachers need the ability to "read the room" while teaching the Word.

- 5. Commit to lifelong learning.**
Teachers should be lifelong learners of their ministry content (God's Word), competencies (teaching skills), and character development.

The Job Title I Want Is 'Servant.'

It's been a journey: from local church pastor to seminary president to CEO of Buckner International, Albert Reyes follows God's call wherever it takes him.

BY
ALEX SIBLEY

DALLAS — More than 150 million children around the world live as orphans. The number of people over the age of 65 in the United States is increasing by the day. And global migration is greatly impacting the strength and integrity of families, especially in North, Central, and South America. These demographics—these people—represent the “least of these” whom Jesus identifies in Matthew 25. For Albert Reyes, ministry to them is crucial. To this ministry God has called him. And as it has been for all of his life, Reyes' answer is “yes.”

The child of a former U.S. Marine, Reyes never waited for his father to call him twice. Whenever his dad called Reyes' name, he always answered, “Yes, sir.” If the command was “Jump,” Reyes answered, “How high?”

Reyes' commitment to obedience applied not only to his earthly father, but to his heavenly One, as well. So when Reyes sensed God's call to ministry, there was no question about how he would answer.

Reyes recalls that his father cautioned him about the trials he would face as a minister. But even so, he said with confidence, “I believe the Lord is calling me to ministry. I'm not sure exactly what to do.... I just want to serve.”

Reyes was 15 years old then. Nearly 45 years

Through Buckner International, Reyes' ministry has a global reach. Here, he is surrounded by Kenyan children from vulnerable families receiving education and spiritual guidance from Buckner services.







In rural Kenya, a Buckner Family Hope Center provides children and families education, medical care, job training, and spiritual guidance.

later, he is still on that same path of obedient response to the Lord. Filling a number of ministry roles over the years, up to and including president of Buckner International—a Dallas-based ministry serving seniors, children, and families—Reyes has maintained a long habit of obeying and saying “yes,” striving to be nothing more than a servant of the Lord.

“I’ve tried to let that belief drive everything I do—that I’m just a servant,” he says. “No matter what position or title you put on me, the one that I want is ‘servant.’”

Following his call to ministry, Reyes earned a bachelor’s degree from Angelo State University, then began training for ministry at The Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He studied toward a Master of Divinity degree, and due to pastoring a church at the time, he “crammed” the three-year program into six years, graduating in 1989. He later completed a Doctor of Ministry (D.Min.) in 1995.

Reyes says his education at Southwestern Seminary, particularly in the basic disciplines of preaching, pastoral care, and theology, shaped him to be a servant leader.

“Theology breeds methodology; what you believe is what you do. So I think it’s critical to get straight what you believe,” Reyes says. “And I believe that Southwestern really gave me a strong foundation in theology and biblical foundations. It’s rock solid.”

Reyes put this training to use first as a pastor and later as

a chaplain for the U.S. Army. He then planted a church in El Paso and led it for seven years.

During this time, the field supervisor for Reyes’ D.Min. studies, Levi Price, requested his resume.

“I didn’t ask him what he wanted it for,” Reyes recalls. “I just said ‘Yes.’”

It turned out that Price wanted to pass along Reyes’ resume to the Hispanic Baptist Theological Seminary in San Antonio. The presidential search committee subsequently contacted Reyes about filling the position, and after a prayer-filled interview process, Reyes was appointed the institution’s president.

Reyes helped the school get accredited and certified as a degree-granting institution, expanded the campus, and changed its name to the Baptist University of the Americas (BUA). “The Lord just really blessed and favored the work there,” he says.

Despite thinking he would remain there indefinitely, Reyes eventually received a call from Buckner International about succeeding then-president Ken Hall, who planned to retire within the next few years. Though initially reluctant to do so, Reyes determined through prayer and a purposeful sensitivity to the leading of the Holy Spirit that this was, indeed, the right move.

“I learned to hold things loosely,” Reyes says. “It’s not me. I’m not in control. I’m not the master. I’m still just a servant.”

Reyes joined Buckner International in 2007 as president of Children and Family Services, and within the next five years, he became president and CEO of the whole organization. As the sixth president of Buckner since its founding in 1879, Reyes’ aim has been to shape and focus the organization’s services and reach.

“I think my contribution to this long ministry is to focus our attention on narrowing our service offerings, going deep in places we already exist, and then taking our assignment up for impact in the Americas,” he says.

Under his leadership, Buckner has focused on four primary service offerings. The first is senior care, which includes retirement communities for independent living, assisted living, skilled nursing, and memory care.

Reyes’ Hebrew and Greek professors at Southwestern Seminary—Harry Hunt and Lorin Cranford, respectively—currently reside in these communities. “So both of my language professors, we’re taking care of them,” Reyes says. “Great, great serendipity.”

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Reyes helps a young girl put on her new pair of shoes provided by Buckner.

The second primary service is foster care and adoption, placing children in safe homes with loving families.

“The state of Texas contracts with Buckner to provide healthy family environments,” Reyes explains. “Since we’re a Christ-centered organization and faith-based, we tend to attract the kind of parents who also have faith similar to ours, and our values are consistent. We know that we’re putting a child in a family that really values our values and comes from a biblical, theological perspective as well, to offer a caring environment.”

Third is a family preservation program called Family Pathways. Through this service, single parents can live in a Buckner community—with their children—and earn an Associate of Arts degree at a local community college, as well as life skills through counseling, coaching, and spiritual development.





ABOVE: Shoes for Orphan Souls' three millionth pair of shoes was given to a girl named Dulce, who lives with her family in a small village in Guatemala.

RIGHT: Buckner's ministry to Dulce's family led to her father professing faith in Christ and getting baptized.

Finally, Family Hope Centers seek to keep families together by providing them with critical services, aid, and coaching to keep them strong and decrease the likelihood of abuse, neglect, and removal of children.

"People come, and we meet their needs," Reyes says of the pattern in these centers. "They want to study the Scripture. They get into Bible study groups, then they get saved. And then, before you know it, they're asking if they can worship. They outgrow the worship places. We've seen churches that have been started because of that."

Reyes believes that by narrowing Buckner's focus to these four areas, he is continuing his habit of saying "yes" to the Lord.

"I think that leaders throughout the Scripture don't ask for certain assignments, they don't create the dilemmas, they don't walk into environments that they shaped," he explains. "They're summoned to lead. ... Every leader does the best he or she can do with the circumstances that they have and the opportunities that they have."

Reyes' "circumstances" include 153 million orphans worldwide, roughly 50 million senior citizens in the U.S., and nearly 300 million global migrants. Fortunately, each of these circumstances is accompanied by an opportunity for ministry, and combining his training at Southwestern Seminary with the resources of Buckner International, Reyes is able to minister "unto the least of these" spiritually and physically, even if not in the traditional order.

"My training and expertise is church planting and missions and evangelism," Reyes explains. "That was my D.Min. study, so I haven't lost that passion, but the way we do it is sort of in the reverse order. Instead of gathering people and announcing the Gospel, leading them to Christ, discipling them, equipping them so they can do ministry, we do ministry first. We have volunteers and staff go in and do ministry and give a cup of cold water in the name of Jesus to minister to the least of these; to go to their hurting families and shine hope in their lives with the incarnational presence of the Gospel by showing up."

"Once we do that," he continues, "we have plenty of opportunity to tell the reason for our faith. They have a hunger. We take care of the other needs; the spiritual needs still need to be met. Part of my imprint on Buckner is to sort of revive what's always been there—the redemptive work of Christ. Whatever was in-

tended for harm, God intends it for good. We're the agents of His redemptive work. ... We know that the Good News to the poor is not just physical; it's spiritual, too."

One example of this stems from a Buckner service called "Buckner Shoes for Orphan Souls," which has collected four million pairs of shoes to distribute to orphans and vulnerable children around the world. Several years ago, the three millionth pair of shoes was given to a girl in Guatemala named Dulce.

Reyes, some Buckner team members, and several donors visited Dulce's family in their village outside Antigua, Guatemala. The house consisted of a wood frame, tin roof, and dirt floor. "Very meager," Reyes says.

When they arrived, Dulce's father was intoxicated, but her mother invited them in nonetheless, requesting prayer. Reyes recalls her three requests.

First, she said, "Would you pray I will not give up learning how to read in Spanish? Because I don't know how to read. I'm learning how to read, but it's very hard to stick with it, because my life dream—my greatest aspiration—is to someday read the Scripture for myself."

The woman's earnestness and spiritual hunger "knocked the wind" out of Reyes. "I don't know that I've ever been that desperate to read the Scripture in a long time," he thought, tears suddenly pouring from his eyes.

The woman continued, sharing that they had been evicted from their home and needed prayer for their living situation. Finally, she said, "My husband is a good man, and I love him, but he's sick."

She was referring to his alcohol abuse. "I just don't know what else I can do. So maybe if you pray that something can happen."

Reyes regained his composure, and the group assembled in the home joined hands in prayer. The next day, the local judge ordered Dulce's father out of the house, charging that he go either to jail or to rehab. Members of the local church gathered around him and encouraged him to choose rehab, assuring him they would go with him, pray with him, and support him.

He followed their advice, and in the weeks that followed, Dulce's father stopped drinking alcohol. Furthermore, due to the witness of those local church members, he gave his life to Christ.

Meanwhile, the donors who had accompanied Reyes to Dulce's home had rallied togeth-



"That's why I love what I do, because I get to blend social ministry ... with the hope of the Gospel message."

er and raised funds to build Dulce's family a new house. They held a ribbon-cutting for the newly constructed home at the same time that Dulce's father got baptized as a public profession of his faith.

"We knew that we could get them a new house, but we didn't expect to get them a new dad," Reyes says. "That's what the power of the Gospel does. ... Still, they have prayer concerns and issues, but to see the life transformation and the power of the Gospel, it's amazing."

"That's why I love what I do," Reyes says, "because I get to blend social ministry—real solutions to real problems that everyday people face—with the hope of the Gospel message. They go together."

A lifetime of saying "yes" to the Lord has led Reyes to opportunities such as these.

Summoned to lead Buckner International as an agent of God's redemptive work, Reyes has done the best he can do with the circumstances he has, and as a servant of the Lord of lords, his ministry has been blessed by God to the benefit of many around the world. [📖](#)

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'We Are One Southwestern'

BY
JAMES A.
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SEMINARY HILL — In his address to The Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary community, President Adam W. Greenway pledged to lead “one Southwestern” from four “vantage points”: institutionally, denominationally, relationally, and ultimately during inauguration ceremonies held October 21 to mark his election as the seminary’s ninth president earlier this year.

Appealing often to the founding president of the institution, B.H. Carroll, Greenway anchored his message in the seminary’s history, while also acknowledging recent missteps and offering an apology “for any way in which we have fallen short.”

With Ephesians 4:1-6 as the basis of his message, Greenway said that although the ceremony was for the purpose of the inauguration of a new president and to “celebrate” the “storied institution,” he asserted the first purpose of the gathering was to “worship our great God, the Father of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. He is the reason we are here, and He is the hero of the story tonight.”

INSTITUTIONALLY

In marking one Southwestern institutionally, Greenway quoted Carroll’s address to the first graduating class in 1908: “You well know what I regard as the crowning mission of my life; what to me is more than life, and that is to see

The Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary established on such a basis as will insure perpetuity and place it among the greatest training schools for preachers in this world.”

Although a “theological university” that exists to unite academic disciplines, Greenway said the more than 111-year-history of the seminary, its breadth of academic program, and 200-acre campus “can provoke, at times, separation and division, rather than unity.”

Greenway confessed his own error as a Master of Divinity student arriving at the seminary in 1999 believing that his studies in the School of Theology were of greater importance than those of students in the two other “lesser schools.”

God, “in His kindness,” Greenway admitted, corrected that error by bringing into his life Carla Peppers, who was a student in the educational ministries school and would later become his wife. The Lord used Carla “to remind me it wasn’t just what happened in the School of Theology that mattered at Southwestern Seminary. Every program, every school had a unique part to play in making Southwestern Seminary everything God called our seminary to be.”

Noting the “real key” to Southwestern Seminary is its people—faculty, staff, students, and alumni—Greenway said, “Southwestern Seminary must never be allowed to be defined pri-

marily as a monument, a museum, or a mausoleum; but must always be known as an institution defined by the movement of the Spirit of God, the ministry of equipping God-called men and women for Kingdom service, and the mission of connecting all people to Jesus Christ.”

He added, “We are one Southwestern. Whatever school you may be in, whatever class you graduated in, whatever president may have signed your diploma, we are one Southwestern family.”

DENOMINATIONALLY

Greenway said the denominational vantage point of a one Southwestern is seen in the founding of the seminary, both in its doctrinal commitments and even the naming of its first streets on the Fort Worth campus.

The founding documents of the seminary required, he noted, that faculty “subscribe” to the articles of faith, the New Hampshire Confession of Faith. Later, each iteration of the Baptist Faith and Message has been affirmed by subsequent members of the faculty.

The seminary has “stood in lockstep solidarity” with the SBC, clearly confessing “this we believe,” without hesitation

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‘Keep the seminary lashed to the Word of God,’ Greenway charged

BY
ALEX SIBLEY

A high view of Scripture. Confessional fidelity. The Great Commission. Cooperation.

These represent the four pegs of Adam W. Greenway’s vision for Southwestern Seminary as the “big-tent” seminary of the Southern Baptist Convention. And these are the four areas to which fellow SBC entity heads charged Greenway to remain faithful during his inauguration in October.

Following these charges, James R. Womack, pastor of Destiny Church in Fort Worth, invited Greenway; his wife, Carla; and their two children, Wade and Caroline, to the stage, where he prayed a prayer of dedication over them.

Womack specifically prayed for the Greenways as a family, that God would give them spiritual protection resulting in a strong



Fort Worth pastor James R. Womack prays over the Greenway family during Greenway’s inauguration ceremony.

marriage and a godly household.

Numerous other dignitaries attended the inauguration, including other SBC entity heads, representatives of more than a dozen seminaries and universities, and various state convention leaders. Three individuals shared greetings, including SBC President J.D. Greear.

Jack Graham, pastor of Prestonwood Baptist Church in Plano, Texas, also spoke, noting that Greenway displayed three essential elements for leadership:

“Dr. Greenway, [the medallion] will show the world ... that you hold Southwestern Seminary near and dear to your heart.”

winsomeness, wisdom, and the willingness to say “yes” to God.

James T. Draper, president emeritus for LifeWay Christian Resources and chairman of the Southwestern Advisory Council, delivered the final greeting, assuring Greenway that prayers were being lifted for him.

The inauguration concluded with three presentations—a proclamation from the City of Fort Worth presented by City Council member Jungus Jordan; a resolution from the faculty presented by Dean of Women Terri Stovall; and a resolution from the board of trustees presented by Chairman Philip Levant. Each of these presentations offered congratula-

tions to Greenway and commitments of support and prayer for him, for his family, and for Southwestern Seminary.

Following his presentation, Levant placed upon Greenway his presidential medallion, symbolizing the authority vested in him by the seminary’s board of trustees. The medallion features the iconic dome of the Memorial Building as well as the seminary’s historic location of Fort Worth, Texas.

“Dr. Greenway, as this medallion rests on your chest,” Levant said, “it will show the world what we already know to be true—that you hold Southwestern Seminary near and dear to your heart.”

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THE CHARGES

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High view of Scripture

O.S. HAWKINS ('74)

president and CEO of GuideStone Financial Resources

Hawkins delivered the first charge, exhorting Greenway to recognize his stewardship of Southwestern Seminary as “a sacred trust.” The institution, beloved by many, he said, has stood on the Word of God for more than 100 years.

“We look back tonight at the great and rich heritage we have of sending those multiplied thousands of people out with no doubts about the Word of God,” Hawkins said during his charge. “And we look forward to a bright future of once again seeing this faculty and those who will come to join it train future generations to do the same thing.”

Alluding to the final words of Southwestern Seminary founder B.H. Carroll to his successor, L.R. Scarborough, to keep the seminary “lashed to the cross,” Hawkins said to Greenway, “Keep the seminary lashed to the Word of God. For the grass may wither, and the flower may fade, but the Word of our God will stand forever.”



The seminary medallion, featuring the iconic dome of the Memorial Building, symbolizes the power vested in the president.

Confessional fidelity

R. ALBERT MOHLER JR.

*president of Southern Baptist
Theological Seminary*

Mohler spoke next, noting the responsibility of every seminary president to remain faithful to their institutions' statements of faith—in the case of Southern Baptists, the Baptist Faith and Message.

"Paul said to Timothy, 'Maintain the pattern of sound words,'" Mohler said. "The Christian church has learned by happy, joyous faithfulness and by the disaster of seeing doctrinal declension that there is no way to maintain biblical fidelity either as a congregation or as a denomination, much less as a theological seminary, than by writing down and stating publicly a commitment to that pattern of sound words. And our pattern of sound words goes back to the faith of the apostles handed to them by Christ and then through the history of the Christian church—all the great essential doctrines of the Christian faith are in our confession of faith as Southern Baptists, the Baptist Faith and Message."

"On behalf of Southern Baptists, you have to do this for the rest of your life," Mohler said to Greenway, urging endurance. "This is a life sentence to maintain the pattern of sound words, until one day, each in our own time, we each lay that burden down; and if we do our task well, and have handed on that pattern securely, then there will be another to take the place and to maintain that trust."

or reservation, he said. "We have always been a seminary that has been trusted to teach the truth."

Greenway affirmed the common cause of theological education shared by all six Southern Baptist seminaries, although they are at times as competitive as Southeastern Conference college football rivalries.

"But when we're at our best, we're together in the task," he said.

Illustrating the special connection between Southwestern Seminary and Southern Seminary, Greenway quoted a 1909 letter from L.R. Scarborough, then an evangelism professor at Southwestern, to A.T. Robertson, New Testament Greek professor at Southern, which included a map of the new campus. Scarborough noted that Southwestern Seminary's campus would be bordered by streets named for Southern Seminary's founding president, James P. Boyce, and second president, John A. Broadus.

Scarborough said the naming of the streets would be a "constant reminder to all the world that our two seminaries are linked together in a great task with a holy fellowship. I think the thought to do this thing was of the Lord and will help us in some way to carry on together the great work started by these two noble Baptist heroes." Calling Southern Seminary and Southwestern Seminary the Harvard and Yale, respectively, of the Southern Baptist Convention, Greenway added, "We stand in this task as one Southwestern in solidarity with our sis-

ter seminaries and our sister entities in the great task that God has given to the Southern Baptist Convention. And we must not allow ourselves to be in the position of trying to pit and to position one seminary against another for crass political purposes.”

RELATIONALLY

Greenway said 40 years ago this year, the new British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, commenting upon her election to the press “amidst a backdrop of turmoil and strife,” quoted Saint Francis of Assisi: “Where there is discord, may we bring

Greenway noted the special relationship between Southwestern and Texas Baptists in how they often refer to the school as “our seminary’ because the ties to Southwestern are real and they go deep. That means when Southwestern Seminary is at our best, the ties that bind are unbreakable. That means when Southwestern Seminary is not at our best, the wounds go far deeper.”

Noting that he was born the year the seminary’s sixth president, Russell H. Dilday Jr.,

“At Southwestern Seminary ... I want us to never waiver from hope—real hope; hope that can only be found in the life-changing Gospel of our Lord.”

harmony. Where there is error, may we bring truth. Where there is doubt, may we bring faith. And where there is despair, may we bring hope.”

The new Southwestern president said the quote “resonates well with our inaugural moment together tonight,” in introducing the relational vantage point of a one Southwestern Seminary.

“At Southwestern Seminary and Scarborough College, I want us to never waiver from hope—real hope; hope that can only be found in the life-changing Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.”



Greenway said his inauguration was primarily to “worship our great God.” Here, dean of the music school Joseph R. Crider leads the assembly in corporate singing.





The Great Commission

PAUL CHITWOOD

president of the International Mission Board

Chitwood encouraged Greenway to maintain a vision for raising up and sending out missionaries of the Gospel. Recalling his time as a trustee of the IMB beginning in 2002, he noted that nearly all IMB missionaries and leaders were Southwestern Seminary graduates at that time.

“The fact that Southwesterners were leading the largest Christian missionary-sending agency in the history of the church was not lost on me; it was all I needed to know about the vision of Southwestern Seminary,” Chitwood said.

And based on this observation, Chitwood shared a “suggestion” with Greenway: “Whatever Southwestern Seminary was doing that resulted

in thousands upon thousands of graduates packing a few belongings into a crate ... and spending decades of their lives taking the Gospel to the unreached in Africa and Asia and Europe, Central and South America, do it again.

“Whatever Southwestern Seminary was doing that resulted in those same graduates being willing to go to the field on ships and planes and return from the field in caskets, do it again.

“Whatever Southwestern Seminary was doing that resulted in those graduates being recognized as the most passionate evangelists and strategic missiologists ... produced by Southern Baptists, please, for the sake of the lost and dying world, do it again.”

was elected, Greenway said, “In this inauguration ceremony, the torch is being passed to a new generation. I cannot change the past. And I know at times our seminary in the past has not always been a place that has brought about the kind of hope and healing and unity that ought to characterize the New Testament people of God. For any way in which we have fallen short, I’m sorry, and I apologize.”

He also pledged “as president to do everything in my power to help Southwestern Seminary relationally be right: in right fellowship, right relationship with all who find alignment with what I call that ‘big-tent’ vision.”

Believing the vision “represents the heart of B.H. Carroll himself: that high view of Scripture, confessional fidelity, the Great Commission, and cooperation,” Greenway said, “If you find yourself in alignment with these things, we welcome you home to Southwestern.”

Asserting that agreement on “every nonessential point” is not necessary to “cooperate and work together,” he said, “it is time, I believe,

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Cooperation

RONNIE FLOYD ('80)

president and CEO of the Executive Committee of the SBC

Floyd delivered the final charge, speaking on the topic of cooperation.

"We can do more together than we can do alone," Floyd said. "Southern Baptists, let us choose cooperation. Let us choose cooperation over isolationism; cooperation over independence; cooperation over competition; and cooperation over tribalism."

"Southwestern Seminary has been uniquely and sovereignly placed in one of the greatest, most influential regions in the United States and the entire world, and standing upon the history of our past, we gaze toward our future," Floyd concluded. "God has given us a president to lead us here who is 100 percent committed to Christ, 100 percent committed to the authority and inerrancy of the Scripture, 100 percent committed to the Baptist Faith and Message, 100 percent committed to the fulfillment of the Great Commission, and 100 percent committed to the spirit and the attitude of cooperation."

"Dr. Greenway, we love you. We believe in you. We stand with you. And we cooperate with you and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary to ensure as much as it depends on us in our generation that this good news of the Kingdom will be proclaimed in all the world as a testimony to all nations. Therefore, Dr. Adam Greenway, now is the time to lead."

for the Southwestern family to come together." Greenway pledged that the seminary exists to serve the churches, not vice versa. "Across the generations, wherever you may serve, I want you to know that this president cares for you."

He added, "It's important for me to prioritize right relationships. If I might be so bold to say, I believe ministry is first and foremost about relationships. The rest is just details. Details matter, but relationships are priority."

ULTIMATELY

"Why one Southwestern? Why am I so committed to this theme? Why do I want to give all of my time and energy to that? Ultimately for me, it is because there is only one Southwestern," Greenway said introducing the final vantage point.

"The mother seminary of Texas Baptists, the 'crown jewel' seminary of Southern Baptists, the institution to which I owe my marriage and my family, along with whatever success the Lord has allowed me to experience thus far in my ministry. And as one for whom Southwestern Seminary is not only alma mater, but truly magna mater," he said.

"Across the generations, wherever you may serve, I want you to know that I care for you."

"It is my prayer that the Lord will grant me the wisdom of mind, the health of body, the strength of spirit, and the longevity of tenure as president to see Southwestern Seminary once again lead in every right way for the cause of Christ, the church, our convention, and His Kingdom."

Greenway cited Carroll's dying charge to Scarborough in 1914: "My greatest concern is not for myself.

My spiritual horizon is cloudless. But my deep concern is about the seminary. Your life will be given largely to it. It is an institution born in the prayer of faith and the faith of prayer. You will need faith and prayer ahead."

Greenway concluded: "Tonight, I pledge to you and to our Lord, my faith. And I ask you to please keep me, my family, our administration, our faculty, our staff, our students, our trustees in your prayers. May God find us faithful and make us fruitful in all things. May God truly bind us together as one Southwestern." 📖

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How Southwesterner Ross Frierson, a missionary to the refugee-saturated city of Cardiff, Wales, reaches the nations with one small church plant.

Refuge in Christ, Refuge in Wales

BY
ADAM COVINGTON

CARDIFF, WALES— He and his family hear these stories over and over. Here, tales heroic and harrowing about human migration are just part of the air you breathe. Because Cardiff is one of the most migrated-to cities in the world, a gathering point for people from every corner. But this story will stay with him.

AT SEA – A SEED IS PLANTED

As their less-than seaworthy vessel approached the coast of Greece, Maeen and Ghalia,* mother and daughter, joined a chorus of fellow seafarers and cried out for help.

Crashing waves threatened to end the arduous journey that began days earlier under the cloak of darkness in a war-stricken country to the southeast. The timber and volume of their voices waned as waves continued to break relentlessly over the sides of the boat.

One timid woman, who had said little on their journey across the sea, finally in a moment of desperation cried out to “Issa” for salvation. Moments later, the coast guard rescued them and their fellow companions before the vessel capsized.

A CITY OF REFUGE

For missionary Ross Frierson and his family, hearing stories like Maeen and Ghalia’s has become an everyday part of life in Wales. One of four countries included in the constituent countries of the United Kingdom, Wales occupies more the 1,600 miles of rugged coastline along the western edge of Great Britain.

Two years before the Friersons arrived in Cardiff, the capital city of Wales, census data recognized this city as the location in the United Kingdom with the highest rate of international migration.

The world is literally arriving at the port of Cardiff, Wales.

ON LAND – A SEED IS WATERED

Over the course of many months, with false starts, setbacks, and difficulties characteristic of those living daily in the reality of the global refugee crisis, Maeen and Ghalia made their way across western Europe, landing at last in Wales. The hardship and length of their journey across the continent, a considerable portion of which was made on foot, took a serious toll on Maeen’s body. By the time they reached Wales, she required the assistance of a walker to remain ambulatory.

Undeterred by the physical limitations of her body, Maeen desired to find a place for connection and to learn more about “Issa,” the one to whom she heard that fellow passenger on the sea cry out before their rescue. These two women who had escaped from the Middle

East found refuge in Christ amongst a community of believers at Redeemer Church in the Splott neighborhood of Cardiff, Wales.

REDEEMER CHURCH

“Splott looks a lot like it sounds,” says Frierson.

The unassuming neighborhood is reminiscent of one of the boroughs of New York City—compact brick homes and multi-family housing units in tight proximity to one another on streets forming near-perfect grids. Pavement walls stand thick and old, often embellished with murals or graffiti. Neighborhood shops sell fresh baked goods and know the names and orders of each neighbor who walks through the door. Outsiders are given a wary glance.

Redeemer Church sits on Railway Street in Splott, but the congregation initially began as a group gathered in the home of Dai and Michelle Hankey.

The Hankeys, a Welsh family who moved to Cardiff in the fall of 2016 with the specific goal of planting a church, felt the Lord’s call to the adjoining neighborhoods of Splott and Adamsdown. This area is primarily known for be-

* Names changed for security purposes.

ing home to residents who are marginalized, asylum-seekers, refugees, or those who have endured human trafficking.

The core members of what is now Redeemer Church, united in their love for Christ and all people, have a heart for serving those who have come from hard places, because many of them have come out of similar, if not the same, circumstances.

When Ross and his wife, Dena, took a vision trip to Wales to pray about and consider moving there to plant churches with the International Mission Board (IMB), they met Dai Hankey and his family. A strong connection formed because of a shared emphasis on church planting and reaching those whom many overlooked or looked down upon.

Their first Sunday in Cardiff, the Friersons went to the 3 p.m. service of Redeemer Church. They never left.

"They've adopted us into the family and allowed us to participate in and lead in the life of that church," says Frierson. "I've come out of Southwestern Seminary with a love for the local church, and a desire to serve the local church and to plant churches where they are not really being planted."

Frierson, a two-time graduate of The Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, credits his time in seminary with kickstarting in him a love for the bride of Christ, the local church. After completing his Master of Divinity in 2011, he and his wife served in rural Russia with another couple whom they met in Fort Worth and jumped into the task of planting a church on the edge of Siberia.

In 2014, Ross was accepted into the doc-

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Recognized as the "City of Arcades," Cardiff boasts seven of these glass-ceilinged Edwardian- and Victorian-era structures.





Living within walking (or biking) distance of Redeemer Church is an important part of reaching the community of Splott for Christ.

toral program at Southwestern Seminary in the field of World Christian Studies. Despite starting the degree in Russia and completing it after his move to Wales, Frierson found that the Lord providentially placed him in this program to prepare him for the context in which he would eventually serve.

"The World Christian Studies Ph.D. lies at the intersection of missions, history, and, to some extent, social sciences with migration patterns," says Associate Dean of the Roy J. Fish School of Evangelism and Missions Matt Queen, one of Frierson's professors.

Students track the spread of Christianity and the program "brings people living in non-Western contexts and post-Christian contexts together—missionaries working in those contexts along with indigenous peoples working in those contexts—and they're all sitting at the table together," Queen says.

As students work through their program of study, they look at four specific areas in the spread of Christianity globally: Gospel transmission, Gospel translation (or reverse contextualization), Gospel transformation, and

Gospel re-transmission.

"This is the real shibboleth for us," Queen says of this fourth area. "It's the real proof that somebody has not just taken Christianity and syncretized it, but if Christ has really come to a person or to a society, they are then going to re-transmit the Gospel.

"We believe that if anybody ever hears the Gospel and receives it, they can't help but then transmit it to others in their society and others in other societies. The question then becomes how does the Gospel change the culture—not so that the culture becomes Western, but so that the culture becomes Christian."

Frierson, who completed his Ph.D. in 2018, sees a unique shift that has taken place in Gospel re-transmission in Cardiff. "Think about the Christian heritage of Wales—revivals a century ago," he says. "Now the condition of the church, to put it mildly, is not healthy; the church is shrinking."

"You have that in recent history," he continues, "this explosion of the church and then a rapid decline in the last few decades. Now you have a lot of church growth that is being fueled

by immigrant populations, who have come as a part of the global refugee crisis. You see an explosion in church attendance, but not from British people, but Iranian refugees or asylum-seekers or different African populations that have come here as refugees."

On a recent Sunday at Redeemer Church, of the nearly 50 gathered worshippers, 18 unique nationalities were represented.

"[It has] been so good to be a part of seeing a local church grow in this community and how the local church functioning as a family has really adorned the Gospel in a way that is compelling," says Frierson. "People are attracted to what they see in this Redeemer Church family."

IN SPLOTT – A REBIRTH

After spending time with members of Redeemer Church and seeing their love for one another and their love for Christ, Maeen and Ghalia approached pastors Dai and Ross about accepting Christ. The pastors brought an Arabic-speaking translator along with them for a meeting at the mother and daughter's home. They spent nearly four hours walking through the Gospel and its implications with the two women.

The pastors urged the women to count the cost, to consider the potential ramifications of following Jesus amongst their family at home and their community. But the women were certain that they both wanted to place their trust in Christ, in Issa—the One who had saved them on that stormy sea off of the coast of Greece.

WORKING TOGETHER

"The consistent witness of the local church led to this day," reflects Frierson on the day in the summer of 2019 when Maeen and Ghalia accepted Christ.

"The best way to ensure an ongoing Gospel witness in this community is to invest deeply into building a healthy local church so that, 50 years from now, there will be a continued Gospel witness," he says.

"I want every single person in this community to have heard the Gospel and have had an opportunity to respond to a clear Gospel presentation and to know somebody who is a part of the church and to be able to see firsthand how the local church adorns the Gospel. That's looking at the long-term goal—not rapid multiplication, but healthy multiplication."

The vision for Redeemer Church and the

IMB team in Cardiff is to see a stream of church plants going out to at least four generations and, prayerfully, beyond. Their every aim is to be a part of multiplying and equipping successive generations of churches that will be a light in the darkness. And for Ross Frierson, that means being deeply invested in a community and proclaiming the Gospel boldly.

"I've found that just engaging people in a spiritual conversation, talking about the Gospel, people [here] are open to having that conversation," he says. "I can't think of one negative experience where someone just flat shut me down. It doesn't really happen."

"If believers here are bold enough to engage

Maeen, on her hands and knees, was pulling herself out to sea, one arm in front of the other; pummeled by the waves and unable to stand, but driven to do whatever it took to identify with Christ in baptism.

someone with the Gospel, it's not going to end poorly," Frierson continues. "... I think people are willing to hear, especially when they know that there's a local church that cares about the community, is engaging with the families in the community. They are really open to spiritual conversations."


AT SEA – THE GOSPEL TAKES ROOT

On a blustery July day, Redeemer Church held a baptism service in the frigid waters of the Bristol Channel for several members who had recently accepted Christ as Lord and Savior. Among those ready and eager to be baptized were Maeen and Ghalia.

After they baptized a young man, Frierson and Hankey turned to one another for a brief discussion, deliberating how they would get Maeen into the surf to baptize her.

Her broken body would make it nearly impossible for her to wade out into the rough sea, so they discussed possible options. Should they go ashore and carry her out deep enough? Should they consider alternate baptism methods?

After they came up with a quick game plan and turned to make their way to the shore, the pastors saw a figure in the breaking waves. Maeen, on her hands and knees, was pulling herself out to sea, one arm in front of the other; pummeled by the waves and unable to stand, but driven to do whatever it took to identify with Christ in baptism.

"It was a moving picture for me; to think about a visual representation to follow after Christ having counted the cost," Frierson recalls. "I will carry that one with me until the day I die." 

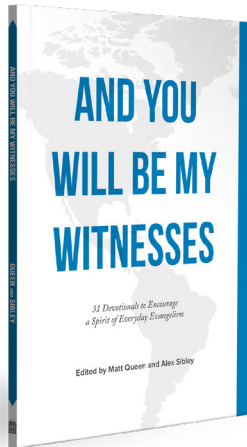
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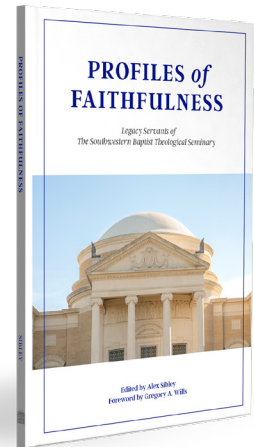


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Late in the summer of this past year, the Catholic University of America hosted a spirited debate between two religious conservatives, Sohrab Ahmari of the New York Post and David French of The National Review. While both of these men possess strong religious convictions,

they represent conflicting visions for contemporary conservative participation in government and society.

On one hand, French believes in the traditional route of working to uphold civil liberties and defending viewpoint neutrality in the public square. If Christians continue to defend the rights of others, they will be able to enjoy their religious freedoms.

Ahmari is not so convinced these rights and privileges are guaranteed in the coming age of liberalism. He believes, on the other hand, the time for a more genteel approach is over and that conservative Christians must embrace the culture war and confront the tide of extreme liberalism by working to appoint religious conservatives to all levels of civil government. The debate clearly touched a nerve and has since gone viral, inspiring countless responses and rebuttals.

It seems that in the present cultural moment, religious conservatives feel caught between opposing visions of cultural engagement and, if we press their arguments to the extremes, choosing between surviving within our denominational monasteries or embracing the call to suffer as missionaries in the liberal public square.

As a professor who teaches and researches in early Christian-

ity, I found the debate fascinating, especially when the conversation naturally gravitated toward discussions of the marginalized church in early Christianity.

CONSTANTINIAN SHIFT

Throughout the debate, there were several references to the famous “Constantinian shift” that redefined the nature of church-state relations in the fourth century, and the debaters speculated how the ancient, persecuted Christians thrived amid a hostile Roman culture. Their conversation, however, glossed over the complexities of early Christian engagement and, more importantly, one of its most crucial features: a serious call to discipleship.

In other words, as a marginalized community, the early church understood that cultural engagement began not in the public square or choosing between fight or flight, but in fashioning a Christian identity through gath-



ered worship and regular discipleship within the church. The early church believed that converts must be formed in the basic contours of Christian belief and practice as the basis for any participation in a strategy of engagement.

Of course, this impetus for serious catechesis was laid down in the Scriptures, including the words of the Lord, who commanded His followers to go and “make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you”

(Matt 28:19). Paul shares similar sentiments in his famous charge to Timothy, “what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also” (2 Tim 2:2).

In the second and third centuries of the church, the seed of these scriptural commands flower into works on discipleship including: the *Didache*, Irenaeus’s *On Apostolic Preaching*, Hippolytus’s *On the Apostolic Teaching*, Cyril’s *Catechetical Lectures*, and Augustine’s *Enchiridion*, or *On Faith, Hope and Love*. The mar-

PREVIOUS PAGE:
St. Augustine (354-430) was the bishop of Hippo and perhaps Christianity’s most influential theologian.

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Athanasius (c 296 - 373) was bishop of Alexandria and one of the faith’s most instrumental defenders of the trinity.



ginalized communities of ancient Christianity understood all too well that any attempt at political or social engagement necessitated Christians to always “be prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you.”

THE SERMON, IRENAEUS AND ST. AUGUSTINE

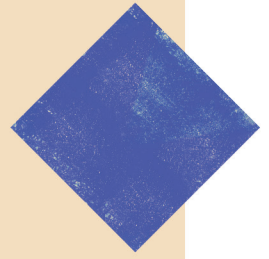
The curriculum of early Christian discipleship begins with an initial call to follow the teachings of Christ. For example, the *Didache*, an early Christian manual on church order that prepared new initiates for baptism, starts with a challenge for ancient Christians to walk the path of life: “There are two ways, one of life and one of death, and there is a great difference between these two ways.”

Christians embrace the way of life that is described using the imagery of Scripture, especially the Sermon on the Mount (Matt 5-7) and the Decalogue. The way of death, on the other hand, reads like one of Paul’s vice lists and reflects the sinful behaviors prevalent in the culture outside the

church. Those who choose to join the Christian community must recognize their new path and new identity and choose to walk that path regardless of which way the cultural winds blow.

Other early Christian discipleship texts, such as Irenaeus’s *On Apostolic Preaching* or Augustine’s *On Faith, Hope, and Love*, provide a window into the curriculum of the early Christian catechetical classroom. The former recognizes that the Christian life demands holistic theological and moral formation of the human person. Irenaeus writes, “For what use is it to know the truth in words, only to defile the body and perform evil deeds? Or what profit indeed can come from holiness of body, if truth is not in the soul?”

The rest of Irenaeus’ short discipleship manual is an introduction to the storyline of the Bible and a summary of the work of Christ that new converts need to know in order to live out their faith. Augustine’s text *On Faith, Hope, and Love* is more developed and discusses the key elements of early Christian catechesis: The



Lord's Prayer, Apostles Creed, and Ten Commandments.

Throughout the history of the church, these three elements most often comprise the basic catechetical curriculum.

(ALWAYS) READY TO ENGAGE WITH THE FAITH

As early Christians were fashioned through the moral and theological contours of the faith, these convictions raise important questions about their views of citizenship and what it looks like for Christians to live out what they believed in all aspects of their lives.

The second century text entitled the *Epistle to Diognetus*, for example, frames the tension in this relationship, saying: "For Christians are not distinguished from the rest of humanity by country, language, or custom. ... They live in both Greek and barbarian cities, as each one's lot was cast, and follow the local customs in dress and food and other aspects of life, at the same time they demonstrate the remarkable and admittedly unusual character of their own citizenship. They live in their own countries, but only as aliens; they participate in everything as citizens, and endure everything as foreigners. Every foreign country is their fatherland, and every fatherland is foreign."

Other early Christian texts, such as Hippolytus' *On the Apostolic Teaching*, give specific examples of how Christian converts had to reconsider the ways that theological and moral convictions shaped their involvement in the economic and social patterns of the culture. The early church reflected on their occupations, participation in civic life, social gatherings, or cultural events and the ways that any of these professions or activities might offend Christian morality.

Answering these questions on the ground-level was not always straightforward and required thoughtful pastoral care and wis-

dom. Hippolytus also mentions that catechesis in the early church was a three-year process, which suggests that navigating a culture infused with paganism was an extended process.

needs of the most vulnerable.

Any pattern of cultural engagement also assumed that emperors and empires will rise and fall, but the people of God must live in hope of the Son's return and the


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Fortified with their moral and theological convictions, early Christians never retreated from the culture, but readily engaged others with the faith of the church. There are numerous examples of Christians defending the faith before gathered crowds, civic leaders, or public intellectuals.

In other cases, Christian thinkers, such as Tertullian, offered some of the earliest defenses of religious freedom. Then, whenever those freedoms were denied, early Christian martyrdom accounts record public defenses of the faith. At the same time, the church cultivated a Christian ethic lived out in humble service for both the church and the world. Justin Martyr argues that they were the best citizens who always paid their taxes and cared for the

realization of the eternal Kingdom of God.

While the French-Ahmari debate captures the tension of the cultural moment for religious conservatives, the example of the early church continues to offer hope and encouragement no matter what direction the culture turns. The ancient church reminds us that whether the contemporary church embraces a call to activism or stands its ground on civil liberties, Christians ought to be about the business of serious discipleship through the rhythmized patterns of worship, evangelism, and Bible study.

Once faithful Christians are infused with the theological and moral convictions, they will be ready to navigate the shifting tides of culture. 

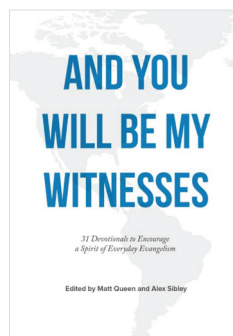
STEPHEN PRESLEY.

is associate professor of church history and director of research doctoral studies at Southwestern Seminary. This article is part of a forthcoming book on cultural engagement in the early church.

Meet the Holy Spirit

Malcolm Yarnell looks to Scripture to learn about the third person of God.

Most books about the Holy Spirit take a systematic approach, asking theological questions about the Spirit's relationship to the Father and Son. Questions about His function in Christians' lives: salvation, sanctification. That's where this new book by professor Malcolm B. Yarnell III is different. Rather than discussing the work of the Spirit only in theological categories—or external “signs and wonders”—Yarnell, who is a research professor of systematic theology at Southwestern Seminary, sets out on an inductive study of the person of the Holy Spirit from the Bible's own description. He highlights discussions, descriptions, references, and allusions from the Old Testament and the New Testament to produce a deeply biblical look at the Holy Spirit. In that way, *Who Is the Holy Spirit?*, published in August of this year by B&H Academic, presents less of a theology of the Holy Spirit, per se, and more of a profile of the third person of God. But this does not mean *Who Is the Holy Spirit?* represents a mere catalog of Bible references or that it ignores theology. To the contrary, Yarnell's book offers an accessible and fresh look at the Holy Spirit that will add to and enrich the theology of laymen and scholars alike.

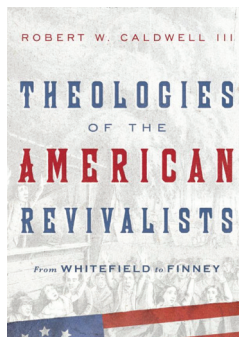


AND YOU WILL BE MY WITNESSES
Seminary Hill Press (2019)
EDITED BY MATT QUEEN AND ALEX SIBLEY

This 31-day devotional from professor Matt Queen and Alex Sibley presents expositions of evangelism-focused passages from the Gospels and the Acts. The passages highlight how Jesus and the apostles preached the message of God's salvation for the world. This is a book to read along with an open Bible.

“I hope that by discovering how divine and how personal the Holy Spirit really is, you will be compelled not only to worship God in the Spirit, but to worship God as the Spirit.”

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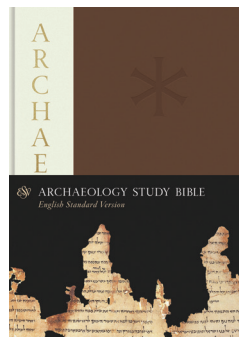


THEOLOGIES OF THE AMERICAN REVIVALISTS

IVP Academic (2017)

ROBERT W. CALDWELL III

Revivals play a significant role in American evangelicalism. Unconsidered, however, are the theologies that underly revivals. That's where Robert Caldwell comes in. In this book, Caldwell, professor of church history, traces the story of American revival theologies from the First Great Awakening through the Second Great Awakening, from roughly 1740 to 1840.

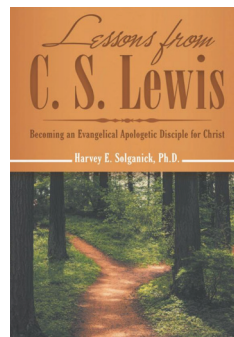


ESV ARCHAEOLOGY STUDY BIBLE

Crossway (2018)

TOM DAVIS; STEVEN ORTIZ, CONTRIBUTORS

The ESV Archaeology Study Bible features the work of a team of archaeologists, including Southwestern Seminary professors Steven Ortiz and Tom Davis. The study Bible offers more than 2,000 study notes, 400 photographs, 200 maps and diagrams, and 15 articles including “Expository Preaching and Archaeology,” “The Dead Sea Scrolls,” and “Daily Life in the New Testament.”



LESSONS FROM C.S. LEWIS

Archway Press (2018)

HARVEY SOLGANICK

In *Lessons from C.S. Lewis: Becoming an Evangelical Apologetic Disciple for Christ*, professor Harvey Solganick looks at Lewis' stand on philosophical and ethical issues relevant to evangelicals. Solganick considers some of the unexplored tenets of Lewis' literary, philosophical, and theological legacy, focusing on the implications of Lewis' work for evangelism and discipleship.

BYLINES

Women and OT Law

Katie McCoy,

Assistant professor of theology in women's studies

“When we bring our own cultural biases to interpreting God's laws, we risk not only misinterpreting those laws, but mischaracterizing the God that they reveal.”

(In CREDO magazine, September 26, 2019)

Baptist Battles

David Dockery,

Distinguished professor of theology

“Dockery said the school's statement of faith was more than 100 years old and only covered Baptist distinctives, not Christian essentials, like the Trinity and the gospel.”

(In WORLD magazine, November 23, 2019)

I Was an Atheist

Hongyi Yang,

Assistant professor of systematic theology

“Although I was foolish and defiant, God had mercy on me. The last three days of 2000 changed my life completely.”

(In Baptist Press, September 23, 2019)

Terry School Professor died after four-year cancer battle

Paul Stutz was professor of administration and church recreation

BY
ALEX SIBLEY



PAUL STUTZ, assistant professor of administration and church recreation and associate dean for master's programs in the Terry School of Educational Ministries, died on Tuesday, August 6, after a four-year battle with cancer.

"Paul Stutz was a faithful servant of our Lord who both loved and was loved by Southwestern Seminary," said Southwestern Seminary President Adam W. Greenway. "While we grieve that he is no longer present with us, we rejoice that he is now home with the Savior he loved and served so well. His legacy will long continue on at Southwestern Seminary through the work of the Terry

1995-2007. He also taught adjunctively in Scarborough College and the Terry School. He fulfilled additional teaching responsibilities at Dallas Baptist University's Gary Cook School of Leadership.

Stutz officially joined the Southwestern Seminary faculty in 2007. His first interim youth pastorate was at Woodlawn Baptist Church in Austin, Texas, from 1972-1974. He served in additional interim positions at other churches, as well as the roles of minister of recreation at the First Baptist Church of Grand Prairie and minister of youth and activities at Immanuel Baptist Church in Shawnee, Oklahoma. Fur-

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School as well as the countless alumni and students who were personally impacted by his teaching and ministry."

Stutz first came to Southwestern Seminary as a student to pursue a diploma in religious education, which he completed in 1981. This was followed by a graduate diploma in religious education/church recreation in 1991 and a Ph.D. in administration and youth education in 2008. He also completed a Master of Science in recreation and leisure studies at the University of North Texas in 1996.

Prior to joining the faculty at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Stutz served as director of the campus' Recreation and Aerobics Center (the RAC) from

thermore, he spent two years as a supervisor for the Austin Parks and Recreation Department.

Jack Terry, former dean and namesake for the Terry School, who hired Stutz as director of the RAC in 1995, says Stutz's major contribution to the seminary "was his wonderful, soft personality and his love for the Kingdom of God, and especially his love for Southwestern Seminary."

"Paul Stutz loved the seminary, and he loved working at the seminary," Terry says. "In any capacity that we asked him to work, he did a magnificent job."

Stutz is survived by his wife of nearly 50 years, Barbara; their children, Boone and Bren; and three grandchildren. <#>

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RETIREMENTS**1950**

Paul E. Powell (*BDIV 1958*) retired, living in Abilene, Texas.

1970

Nathan S. Burns (*MARE 1971, DEDMIN 2002*) retired with Jean A. Burns (*MARE 1971, DEDMIN 2003*), living in Plano, Texas.

1980

Gerald Aalbers (*MDIV 1983*) retired with wife Joan, living in Manor, Texas.

**ANNIVERSARIES****1960**

Bill Tokushi Nakahira (*MRE 1961*) and Julia Ann (Kirkpatrick) Nakahira (*MRE 1958*), 60th wedding anniversary (April 24, 1959).

David B. Tew (*BDIV 1961*) and Marry Ann (Helms) Tew, 64th wedding anniversary (August 21, 1955).

Lewis Markwood (*BDIV 1962, MDIV 1973*) and Janell (Hacker) Markwood, 65th wedding anniversary (June 20, 1954).

1980

Gerald Aalbers (*MDIV 1983*) and Joan (Steenhoek) Aalbers, 50th wedding anniversary (July 3, 1969).

T. Timothy Chen (*MDIV 1989*) and Meei-ming Chen (*MAMFC, MACE 2004*), 50th wedding anniversary (August 1969).

1990

Mark Perkins (*MDIV 1994*) and Sharon (Whatmough) Perkins, 20th wedding anniversary (June 12, 1999).

MEMORIALS**1950**

Samuel D. Dillard (*MRE 1953*)
Bobbie R. Donaldson (*MRE 1955*)
Julia Wrotenbery (*MRE 1959*)

1960

Jack Conley (*BDIV 1960*)
Bill Tokushi Nakahira (*MRE 1961*)
Harold K. Elliot (*DIPTH 1967*)
Wendall E. Hendricks (*MRE 1968*)

1970

Thomas C. Urrey (*BDIV 1959, THD 1963, MDIV 1973, PHD 1978*)

1980

Willis T. Moore (*DMIN 1984*)
Virginia P. Zuppann (*ASCDIV 1984*)
Martin S. Packer (*DMIN 1985*)
Houston F. Roberson (*MDIV 1985*)

1990

Ronnie L. Rogers (*MARE 1992*)
David F. Griffin (*MARE 1990*)
Richard J. Perrodin (*MARE 1993*)

2000

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WITH A NEW PRESIDENT, NEW PROFESSORS, new deans, and an entire class of new Southwesterners, there's never been a better time to be on Seminary Hill. In a year of highlights, one will certainly be the 2020 Baptists and the Bible Conference (April 23-25) commemorating the 40th anniversary of the publication of the influential book *Baptists and the Bible* by alumni Tom Nettles ('71) and L. Russ Bush ('70). Whether you've never been to campus or just not this month, we would love to see you soon.

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SWBTS Calendar 2019/2020

DECEMBER

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Fall 2019
Commencement

9-13

Winter term 1

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Winter term 2

JANUARY

6-10

Winter term 3

13-17

Winter term 4

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Martin Luther
King Jr. Holiday
*(Offices closed/
classes dismissed)*

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Spring
term begins

27

Metochai Gathering
*First meeting of the
spring semester*

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Spring 2020
Convocation

FEBRUARY

21-22

Scarborough
College Great
Ideas Conference

MARCH

2-3

Text-Driven
Preaching
Conference

6-15

Revive This Nation

9-13

Spring
Reading Days
(Classes dismissed)



MARCH/APRIL

30-2

“Renovate”
Revitalization
Conference

APRIL

5-6

Southwestern
Advisory Council
meeting

6-8

Board of
Trustees Meeting

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Good Friday
Holiday

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Global
Missions Week

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Baptists & the
Bible Conference

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Scarborough College
Spring Finale

APRIL/MAY

26-7

Spring
Final Exams

MAY

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Spring 2020
Commencement

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Darrington
Commencement

25

Memorial Day
*(Offices closed/
classes dismissed)*



Why I Give: To Encourage Others to Give, Too

BY
ALEX SIBLEY

The Southwestern story of
John and Joyce Truitt

“WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WHEN YOU RETIRE?”

This question was posed to John Truitt as he completed his service in the U.S. military. Having served in the Inspector General’s office for the Pacific Air Forces and then as an ROTC instructor at two universities, Truitt needed to figure out what he would do next.

Still in his mid-30s, Truitt initially planned to teach secondary school. But when the president of the University of North Texas in Denton asked him what he planned to do when he retired and Truitt gave that as his answer, the

president countered: “Why don’t you go to work for the university?”

Truitt had only finished his master’s degree, and so he could not serve as a professor, so he asked, “Doing what?”

The president responded simply, “We’ll give you a job.”

As it turned out, UNT needed a safety director, and so they hired Truitt for the role. For the next 21 years, he oversaw environmental safety, fire safety, and health safety at the university. (UNT students can thank Truitt for the campus’ severe weather warning sirens, for example.) But when he concluded his time at UNT at the age of 56—still a relatively young age—he faced the same question all over again: What would he do when he retired?

Truitt grew up on a farm in western Oklahoma, the son of a Baptist deacon. Throughout his childhood, his family attended a country church, and there, he noticed that all the ministers were self-taught and had no formal theological education.

As he got older and discovered that one

could go to school and learn how to be a more faithful minister, he thought, “Wouldn’t it be nice if those people could have gone to some school like that?”

Throughout most of his adult life, Truitt admits he was unable to give as much as he would have liked through his church. He resolved that if, one day, he could he “would try to make up for all the times when [he] didn’t have enough money that [he] would like to have given.”

That time finally came in Truitt’s retirement.

After completing his service at UNT, Truitt still needed some means for supporting his household. He recalled an experience in the military when a reader of “The Wall Street

at the Fort Worth campus. So, when he finally had the means to do so, Truitt, along with his wife, decided to financially invest in the training of ministers like those he knew in country churches during his childhood.

These gifts became the establishment of the John and Joyce N. Truitt Endowed Scholarship Fund to aid those called to local church ministry.

“I feel that it’s for students who would like to come to the seminary but are not able, due to financial conditions, to fund their enrollment and continuance in that,” Truitt says. “So this money will help them to go to school.

“That’s my idea of it—thinking back about those who couldn’t go and would probably

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Journal” explained to him how the stock market worked. After doing some research himself, Truitt came to a favorable conclusion: “I believe I can make more in the stock market than I can working for the university.”

Truitt began to buy, sell, and reinvest, “and sure enough,” he says, “I was able to do better in the stock market.”

Now years into his retirement, Truitt has profited greatly from his investments. But he has always kept in mind those untrained ministers whom he met in his early years, as well as the commitment he made to give to the church.

Along with these two factors, in addition to investing in his home church in Ardmore, Oklahoma, Truitt has given a generous financial gift to The Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Truitt had been aware of the institution for many years, as his brother-in-law, a Texas pastor named Robert Beck (’55) was an alumnus of the seminary and often invited Truitt and his wife, Joyce, to musical performances by the School of Church Music and Worship

have liked to have gone but couldn’t. It isn’t all that much, but it’ll maybe help.”

Beyond helping students directly, Truitt hopes his contribution will encourage others to give as well. His wife notes that they are both “old farmers from the country” who grew up “without anything.” With that in mind, Truitt hopes people will conclude, “Well, if someone like him can give, I can too.” 🏡

BELOW TOP: John and Joyce Truitt

BOTTOM: Truitt with Southwestern News editor Alex Sibley



Every dollar given to the Southwestern Fund makes SWBTS accessible to students.

Legacy Giving and Students

BY
JACK D. TERRY JR.



IT REALLY IS ALL ABOUT THE STUDENTS. Without them, there would be no reason to have a seminary or a college on the Hill in Fort Worth, Texas, about six miles south of downtown.

It was the thought of those students who would congregate on that hill in the years to come that energized B.H. Carroll and L.R. Scarborough when they made their way up from Baylor University in Waco with a dream to establish the second seminary of the Southern Baptist Convention, the one on the west side of the Mississippi River, in 1908.

It was the vision of “a school of prophets to take the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the world” that resonated in the soul of the giant of a man, B.H. Carroll, 6 feet 4 inches tall, from Carrollton, Mississippi. He knew that students would congregate on this hill and study the unsearchable riches of Christ Jesus and then, with the world on their hearts, take that story to that lost and dying world. And so it has been such a legacy, for 111 years.

God has allowed me the privilege of serving at Southwestern for 50 years, under the leadership of six of the nine presidents and in several different capacities. I came as a student under Dr. J. Howard Williams, and, under the five successive presidents, I have served as a professor, dean, vice president, vice president emeritus, and special assistant to the president. In my last two responsibilities, I think I have come to better understand how Carroll and Scarborough, as well as the other seven presidents, viewed the legacy of this wonderful school.

The legacy of the school is wrapped up in its product, the graduated students. In 111 years, Southwestern has graduated more than 46,000 students. Do the math: this is an average of 415 students annually since the school had its first graduating class in 1908. The student has always been our greatest asset while at the same time, our greatest challenge.

It is important that the students attending Southwestern Seminary have the opportunity to matriculate at a reasonable tuition cost.

However, in the last several years, the Cooperative Program, which supports all boards and agencies of the convention, has had a serious decline in giving. This, in turn, has caused a serious situation for the students enrolled in seminary education at our six Southern Baptist seminaries. Even though Southern Baptist students matriculate at half the cost of tuition, other pertinent costs and fees have escalated, putting a burden on the shoulders of the students. How can this creative opportunity, disguised as a problem, be handled?

Like any other city, Southwestern Seminary supervises its own electrical, water, phone, land, clinic, housing, and police department. All of these components are crucial for making Seminary Hill an efficient and effective training center for future ministers of the Gospel.

Now, how can each of you help us in meeting the needs of these physical responsibilities? It is true our legacy is in our students, but it is also in our ministry partners who likewise over these 111 years have become a giving legacy to Southwestern Seminary.

Here is how you can help. The Southwestern Fund is an opportunity for our ministry partners to help us meet the needs that the short-fall in the Cooperative Program has developed. Every dollar given to the Southwestern Fund removes a dollar from the shoulders of our students.

The Southwestern Fund makes it possible for us to train men and women for Christian ministry. Every dollar contributed to the Southwestern Fund goes toward students’ overall educational costs and helps keep tuition and fees as low as possible. This is a positive opportunity for you to continue the long history of legacy giving and students.

There are many other avenues for giving to Southwestern Seminary, such as planned giving, alumni giving, scholarships. But at this point, legacy giving for students is critical. [📄](#)

JACK D. TERRY JR. is vice president emeritus for Institutional Advancement.

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