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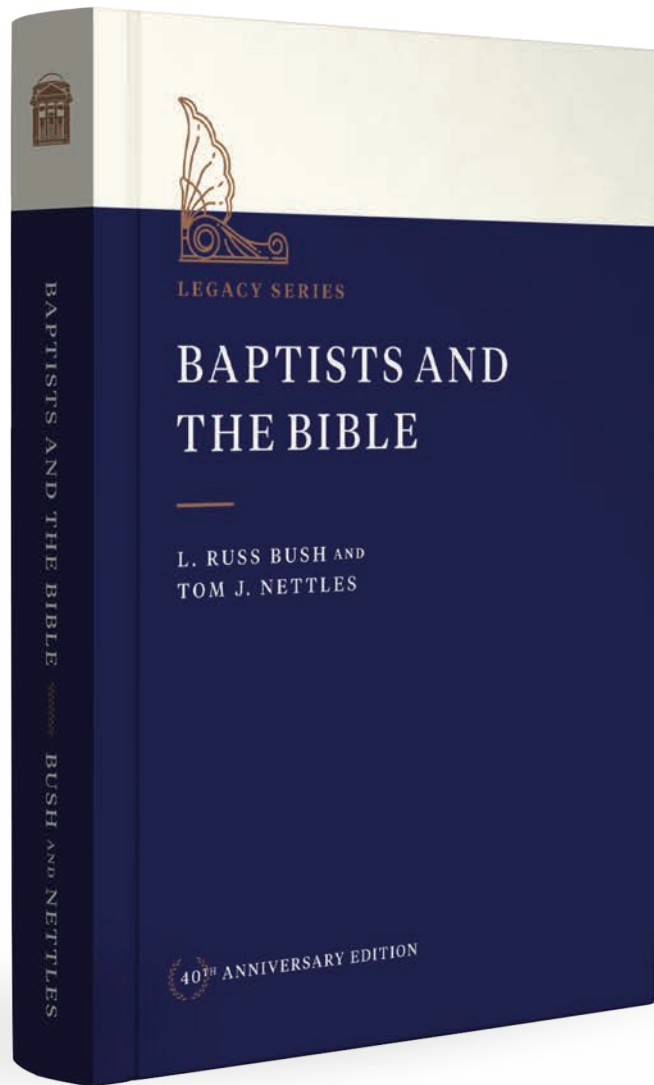
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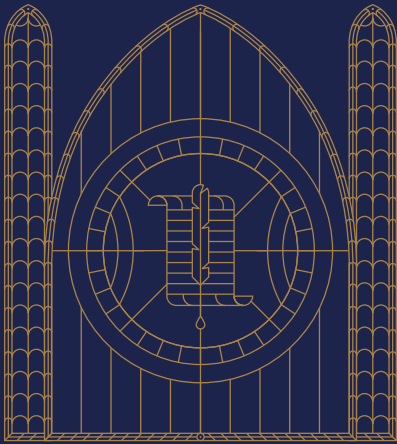
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Reflecting on Year One



“Year One has been marked by double-digit increases in new student enrollment, with encouraging signs of more interest in the future.”

AS THIS ISSUE OF SOUTHWESTERN News is heading toward the press, I’ve recently celebrated the first anniversary of my election as the ninth president of The Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Anniversaries are ideal times to look back—and to look forward.

As I reflect on Year One as president of this wonderful institution, I am struck at how awesome the stewardship is that has been entrusted to me. I feel the weight of that stewardship, but I awaken each day thrilled by the blessing to lead Southern Baptists’ “crown jewel” seminary in this *kairos* moment in the life of Southwestern Seminary and Scarborough College.

Year One has been marked by the addition of a number of top-tier scholars and new administrators who are evidences of God’s kindness and favor to Seminary Hill.

Year One has been marked by new academic programs, initiatives, and centers to ensure Southwestern is providing the best in theological education.

Year One has been marked by double-digit increases in new student enrollment, with encouraging signs of more interest in the future.

Year One has been marked by revitalized engagement with our alumni across the Southern Baptist Convention, including a reinvigoration of the Southwestern Seminary Alumni Association, about which you will soon be learning more.

Year One has been marked by a renewed campus through the improvement and restoration of certain campus facilities, although much more work remains.

Year One has been marked by a new energy on campus seen in student life, including deeply worshipful chapel services where the Word is powerfully preached. Students are the most import-

ant part of Southwestern Seminary and Scarborough College, since without the students, there is no need for this (or any) school.

I have said on a number of occasions over the last year that Southwestern Seminary has been blessed with a number of opportunities cleverly disguised as challenges. These matters have demanded our administration’s most careful and devoted attention, with the assistance and wise oversight of the SWBTS board of trustees.

While it is fitting and appropriate to look back briefly on what the Lord has done in the last year, we are looking forward with anticipation to what He will be doing in the future.

As a recipient of Southwestern News, you are a key part of that future. I hope that you will give this issue more than a cursory look, as these pages are full of great news and features about Southwestern Seminary. In each of these items, we see how the Lord is blessing and using seminary students, faculty, alumni, and friends to do the work of the ministry and extend God’s Kingdom.

None of what you see reported here, and so much more that is not able to be included in these pages, would be possible without the support of faithful Southern Baptists giving through the Cooperative Program, students who are living their calling here, and friends of Southwestern Seminary who are supporting this ministry.

Among the things about which I am most certain concerning Southwestern Seminary is that our greatest days are in the windshield, not in the rearview mirror. Thank you for walking with us in Year One. Press on with us as we prayerfully anticipate what God will do in the years to come. 🙏

ADAM W. GREENWAY
President





The newly formed Scarborough College worship band led worship for the first time in chapel on February 13, 2020. Composed exclusively of Scarborough College students, this band will be leading worship at least monthly in chapel during the semester. *Read more on page 35.*

CHAPEL PODCAST

Listen to biblically rich and insightful sermons from some of the most powerful preachers in Southern Baptist life, for free, courtesy of the Southwestern Seminary Chapel Podcast.

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New alum Susan Rainey is the 10,000th woman to graduate from Southwestern

Greenway: this ‘demonstrates longstanding commitment’

“YOURS IS TO BE A MINISTRY OF LIGHT,” President Adam W. Greenway ('02) told graduates at The Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary's fall commencement ceremony, Dec. 6. Among these graduates was the 10,000th woman student to complete her theological education at Southwestern Seminary since its founding in 1908.

“Yours is to be a ministry that brings light,” Greenway continued in his charge to the graduates. “Yours is to be a ministry where people will find hope—real hope—that comes only through the life-giving power of the Gospel of Christ.”

Among the 191 graduates were roughly 40 women students who completed certificate, bachelor's, master's, and doctoral studies. Of these women, Susan K. Rainey ('19), who earned a Seminary Studies for Student Wives certificate, was the 10,000th woman graduate from The Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in its 111-year history.

“**[This] demonstrates ... Southwestern Seminary's longstanding commitment to train women called by God to Christian service.**”

— GREENWAY ('02)

“The 10,000th female graduate is noteworthy because of what it demonstrates about Southwestern Seminary's longstanding commitment to train women called by God to Christian service,” Greenway reflected. “Now, more than ever, we are resolved to offer the best and most comprehensive options for theological education to our sisters in Christ for their more faithful service to His church.”

—A.S.



MILESTONES IN SWBTS COMMENCEMENTS

First Graduate
Finis Louis Cargile
June 24, 1908

First Woman Graduate
Bertha Bowen
May 1912

100th Graduate
Robert Lee English
May 1913

First African-American Graduate
Marvin C. Griffin
May 1955

4 RULES FOR BIBLICAL LEADERSHIP

According to BGCT's Christian Life Commission director

GUS REYES ('87, '94), DIRECTOR OF THE Christian Life Commission of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, shared four "rules to live by" that will "help us stay focused on the Jesus agenda" during his chapel sermon at Southwestern Seminary, Jan. 30.

Reyes, a two-time graduate of Southwestern Seminary, said all Christians "come together in unity to support the Lamb's agenda—the Jesus agenda," which is bringing salvation to all who call on Him by faith.



DERIVED FROM 1 SAMUEL 3, THE RULES WERE:

- 1** Always be listening for the voice of God, and do not delay in responding to Him.
- 2** Be intentional and quick about moving yourself closer to God.
- 3** Let your heart and your face reflect joy in service.
- 4** Follow God's instructions.

In addition, the chapel service featured the commissioning of two-time Southwestern Seminary graduate Katie Frugé ('10, '19), who has begun serving on staff with the BGCT Christian Life Commission as Hunger & Care Ministries specialist. <#>—A.S.



US House of Representatives honors professor Osborne

For his 33-years pastoring in College Station.

The U.S. House of Representatives recognized Chris Osborne ('77, '19), professor of preaching and pastoral ministry, for his 33 years as pastor of Central Baptist Church in Bryan-College Station, Texas.

Congressman Bill Flores of the 17th District of Texas recognized Osborne before other members of Congress, Jan. 10, as "a pillar of the Bryan-College Station community" and formally thanked him and his wife, Peggy, for their "down-to-earth and positive leadership of this congregation, and for their impact in spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ." — A.S.



ABOVE: A panel discussion during a Nov. 7 event at SWBTS focused on Hispanic theological education and church planting.

Hispanic pastors invited to 'co-labor for Christ'

The 2020 Hispanic Pastors and Leaders Conference

SOUTHWESTERN SEMINARY HOSTED 60 pastors and church leaders from the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex for the Hispanic Pastors and Leaders Conference, Nov. 7. In addition to a time of fellowship with other leaders, the conference provided an opportunity for them to hear how Southwestern Seminary aims to better serve them in their ministries.

Attendees participated in instructional workshops on expository preaching, church planting, and discipleship, and had the opportunity to familiarize themselves with the seminary's Spanish-language Master of Theological Studies degree. 📖 —K.C.



New partnership with OBU offers students an advanced track

Southwestern Seminary and Oklahoma Baptist University have established a pathway for OBU bachelor's students to enter Southwestern Seminary's master's programs with advanced standing, expediting their theological education.

"I'm delighted with this new partnership with OBU, further strengthening the strong relationship between Seminary Hill and Bison Hill," said President Adam W. Greenway.

OBU students will be able to receive master's credit at Southwestern Seminary for work done at OBU. Thus, upon enrollment at Southwestern Seminary, OBU graduates will already be well down the road toward a master's degree.

—A.S.

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— GREENWAY ('02)

Jamie Dew, new president of NOBTS, preaches in chapel

‘God has chosen the nothings and the nobodies of this world,’ Dew preaches.



“WHY DID GOD CHOOSE YOU?” Jamie Dew, the newly inaugurated ninth president of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, posed this question during Southwestern Seminary’s chapel service, Feb. 6. Dew noted that people tend to respond to that question with a list of their supposed qualifications, but he urged them to consider that, biblically speaking, the opposite is true.

“God has chosen the nothings and the nobodies of this world,” said Dew. “... If you don’t come from much, if you don’t bring much to the table, I would suggest to you that you’re probably the person God’s looking for.” —A.S.

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ANNUAL HYMN SING HONORS WILLIAM J. REYNOLDS

The School of Church Music and Worship honored the legacy of longtime music professor William J. Reynolds (1920-2009; ‘45) during their 36th annual Sacred Harp Hymn Sing, Jan. 25, which also celebrated the 100th anniversary of Reynolds’ birth. Joining the celebration were Reynolds’ sons, Tim and Kirk. —A.S.



BAPTISTS & THE BIBLE CONFERENCE

Yarnell honors legacy of 'Gentleman Theologian' James Leo Garrett Jr.

Malcolm B. Yarnell III ('90), research professor of systematic theology, honored theologian James Leo Garrett Jr. during a chapel address, Feb. 11. Garrett, who died the previous week at age 94, served for 28 years on the faculty of Southwestern Seminary.

Calling Garrett "the last of the gentlemen theologians," Yarnell, a former student of Garrett's, said his mentor "modeled how one gains peace through gentle submission to the yoke of the gentle One, Jesus." Yarnell said he personally learned to treasure gentleness through Garrett's "exemplary theology and ethics." —A.S.

FORTY YEARS AFTER 'BAPTISTS AND THE BIBLE'

A conference this spring will celebrate the anniversary of the book that proved Southern Baptists' historical commitment to inerrancy.

A SPRING CONFERENCE AT SOUTHWESTERN Seminary will celebrate the 40th anniversary of the original publication of *Baptists and the Bible*, a significant work of Baptist scholarship that traces the history of Baptists' views on the doctrine of Scripture.

The book was written by L. Russ Bush ('70, '75) and Tom J. Nettles ('71, '76), both serving at that time on the Southwestern Seminary faculty. The conference will take place on the

Southwestern Seminary campus, April 23-25. Speakers will include Nettles, President Adam W. Greenway, Distinguished Professor of Theology David S. Dockery, and Daniel L. Akin, president of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

In addition to celebrating this significant work, participants will discuss a renewed commitment to inerrancy among a new generation of Southern Baptists and why this core conviction is a central element of Baptists' cooperative work. 📖—A.S.

"[Garrett] modeled how one gains peace through gentle submission to the yoke of the gentle One, Jesus."

— YARNELL ('90)



New degree is 'gold standard' for worship leadership

In fall 2020, the School of Church Music and Worship will launch a 59-hour degree that will be the "gold standard" for worship leadership, says the school's administration.

Students who enroll in the Master of Music in Worship Leadership program will graduate with robust theological training, vigorous leadership coaching, and practical equipping in the area of music and worship leadership, says Associate Dean Chuck T. Lewis ('93).

"Our ultimate goal is to produce thoroughly trained leaders who are Word-saturated, ministry-minded, musically excellent, and church-serving," he says. —K.C.

Greenway: Be 'instruments of hope and healing'

The spring convocation address

DURING SOUTHWESTERN SEMINARY'S spring convocation service, Jan. 21, President Adam W. Greenway invited the new and returning students to recommit themselves to "coming together."

Preaching from Jeremiah 15 on the first day of the spring 2020 semester, Greenway reminded students that "there is going to be pain and suffering when you are fully surrendered to God's plan for your life ... even from within those who name the name of Christ, who call themselves members of the household of faith."



"My prayer," Greenway said, "is that God would use you ... to be instruments of hope and healing, of unity, rather than those who are stirrers up of strife, sowers of discord, dissension, division." —A.S.



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- GREENWAY ('02)



'Carols at Christmas' celebrates night of musical excellence

The annual "Carols at Christmas Celebration" concert, Dec. 3, featured many talented individuals from the School of Church Music and Worship. Admission was free and considered a gift from the music school to the Fort Worth community. —K.C.

Veteran denominational leader R. Clark Logan Jr. named VP for business administration

Greenway: Clark is a devoted Christian, committed churchman, experienced SBC servant.

R. CLARK LOGAN JR., A VETERAN denominational leader with experience at multiple Southern Baptist Convention entities, has been named vice president for business administration at Southwestern Seminary. The decision came during a Feb. 19 meeting of the seminary's executive committee of the board of trustees. In this role,

Logan, who most recently served with the North American Mission Board, will serve as the chief financial officer of the seminary, directly overseeing matters related to budget and finance, endowment and investment, audit and compliance, facilities and operations, and human resources. Logan began in this position immediately. 📧—A.S.



“God has shown favor once again to Southwestern Seminary in leading us to Clark Logan.”

— GREENWAY ('02)

Greenway thanks President's Club at annual dinner

Partnerships make it possible for Southwestern Seminary to thrive, President Adam W. Greenway told the seminary's supporters who gathered Dec. 3 for the annual President's Club Dinner, which honored them for their financial contributions.

“We could not do what we do without our partners,” said Greenway, adding that the institution “is greater than any one individual or any one personality.” —J.O.

Southwestern Seminary campus recognized with 2020 Fort Worth Beautiful Award

‘There are intimate gardens for reflection and water features that can calm the soul’

THE FORT WORTH GARDEN CLUB has recognized Southwestern Seminary as one of the winners of the 2020 Fort Worth Beautiful Award. For 33 years, the award has recognized Fort Worth properties that have worked to beautify the city through thoughtful landscaping and historical impact.

In a statement about the seminary, the Garden Club called the 200-acre campus “a beautiful central city location with stately buildings and mature trees.”

“Walking this lovely campus in the fall, we were delighted by plantings of variegated abelia, ornamental grasses, and berried hollies,” the statement continued. “There are intimate gardens for reflection and water features that can calm the soul on this peaceful campus. Thank you to SWBTS for sharing your heritage with this lovely site.” —K.C.

Remembering the 50th anniversary of a historic revival



Queen: ‘This reminds us that revivals aren’t just something we study at Southwestern that happened somewhere else. It happened among us.’

MARCH 2020 MARKED A HALF-CENTURY since revival broke out at Southwestern Seminary, which paralleled a similar revival at Asbury College and Seminary in Wilmore, Kentucky, on Feb. 3 of 1970. Asbury students visited Southwestern Seminary in March and spoke after a chapel service, strengthening the revival already occurring at the seminary.

Tom Elliff ('70), then a 24-year-old student at Southwestern Seminary, says students knew the Asbury students were on campus and expected them to be at chapel that day.

Then-president Robert E. Naylor announced the Asbury students would speak after chapel and that students could stay and listen.

“Nobody left,” says Elliff, who later became president of the International Mission Board. “To my recollection, the chapel was full. That began a seemingly endless time of confession. What started everyone confessing was that not only were students confessing, but there were guests confessing sin. There were also professors confessing sin.”

As Southwestern Seminary students went



ABOVE and FAR LEFT: Led by John Avant ('86), Southwestern Seminary also experiences revival in 1995

to local churches that next weekend, the impact spread throughout the Dallas-Fort Worth area and beyond.

Tim Beougher ('86), Billy Graham Professor of Evangelism and Church Growth at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, points to two factors that laid the groundwork for the Southwestern revival. First, leaders prayed for revival for several years. Jack Gray, who taught spiritual formation at the time, began gathering students, faculty, and staff

“[One thing] that helps cause revivals like this is desperate prayer.... When we're desperate, we cry out to God like we never have before.”

— BEOUGHER ('86)

together to pray for revival at the seminary.

Beougher also notes the revival came during a time of intense unrest in America, particularly among students. Demonstrations were taking place at universities nationwide. In May of 1970, several unarmed students were shot and killed at Kent State University. Multiple universities cancelled their spring commencement exercises for fear of additional violence.

“Revival always presupposes declension,” says Beougher, who wrote his master's thesis on the 1970 revival at Southwestern Seminary. “In other words, if you're already living in a revived state, you don't need revival. You already have it. One of the things that we have seen throughout history that helps cause revivals like this is desperate prayer. ... In general, when we're desperate, we cry out to God like we never have before.”

Matt Queen, L.R. Scarborough Chair of Evangelism, says Southwestern Seminary has a long history with revivals. He points to hymn writer Dick Baker ('53), an alumnus who participated in revivals worldwide with Billy Graham. He also notes a famous 1995 revival that started in Brownville, Texas, and impacted the Fort Worth campus.

“This [1970 revival] reminds us that revivals aren't just something we study at Southwestern that happened somewhere else,” Queen says. “It happened among us.”

Beougher hopes memories of revivals like the one at Southwestern Seminary in 1970 will remind Southern Baptists that God can do something similar today.

“We need a fresh touch from God,” Beougher says. “Part of having this kind of desperate prayer is really believing there is a God who loves to answer those prayers—and that He is able to do it.” [📖](#) —*Baptist Press*

20TH CENTURY CAMPUS-BASED REVIVALS

**Info from Earle E. Cairns's Christianity Through the Centuries and reporting in the New York Times*

1904

Welsh Revival

By '05, spread from Pennsylvania to schools around the U.S.

1950

At Wheaton College

Perhaps the first widely covered revival of the mass media era

February 1970

At Asbury College

Reaches Seminary Hill by March

April 1995

Brownwood Revival

Reaches over 10 campuses, including SWBTS

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31,017

academic journals

6,886

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of online PDF articles

5,000

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records accessed in 2019 via David, the library's main search engine

ROBERTS LIBRARY SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Souldiers Pocket Bible (1643)

Fewer than 10 copies exist around the world.

Document signed by Martin Luther and Philip Melancthon (1543)

Luther's writing on one side examines 1 Corinthians 15, while Melancthon writes about Isaiah 59 on the other.

King James Version Bible (1613) and leaves from the 1611 edition

The first edition of the King James Version was printed in 1611.

Foxe's Book of Martyrs (1610)

The copy in Roberts Library has 150 in-text woodblock prints depicting various scenes of martyrdom.

Complutensian Polyglot Bible (1514)

Created under the direction of Francisco Jiménez de Cisneros (1436-1517):

- the first printed polyglot of the entire Bible;
- five translations of the Old Testament including Hebrew, Latin Vulgate, Greek Septuagint, Aramaic Targum Onkelos, and its own Latin translation.

Kathryn Sullivan Bowld Music Library opened in 1992

40,096

books

16,000

recordings

6,597

academic journals

230,000

scores

10,000

hymnals



BOWLD LIBRARY SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Eugene Maston Collection

Maston collected valuable hymnals and music scores during his lifetime. The collection includes

- 2,257 titles,
- a large portion of 19th- and 20th-century hymnals,
- Sunday School and gospel songbooks,
- a number of rare items from the 17th and 18th centuries.

George C. Stebbing Collection

This collection was housed at the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C., beginning in 1930. Through the efforts of William J. Reynolds, it was moved to Bowld Music Library in 1988. The collection contains

- over 1,110 items and includes hymnals, gospel songbooks, histories, biographies, and scrapbooks related to American hymnody.

Stamps-Baxter Gospel Songbooks

- over 200 different titles

Thad Roberts Collection

With approximately 220 hymnals and gospel songbooks, the

collection includes works from early American composers such as Lowell Mason, George F. Root, Robert Lowry, William Howard Doane, Philip P. Bliss, Charles Hutchinson Gabriel, Robert H. Coleman, William J. Reynolds, John W. Peterson, and Cliff Barrows.

T.W. Hunt Collection

Hunt, who taught at Southwestern Seminary from 1963 to 1987, donated a large collection of international materials, including sound recordings, scores, and hymnals that demonstrate his activity in various countries and regions of the world.

William J. Reynolds Collection

Reynolds, who taught at Southwestern Seminary from 1980 to 1998, donated an extensive collection of books, scores, and hymnals in various languages.

- The collection of 1,586 titles spans a lifetime of accumulated materials from travels to various countries and covers various topics of interest, including significant American hymnals.

Cumulatively, the libraries have:

1,175,146 million items, ranking number one in the category of freestanding theological library, according to the latest data published by the Association of Theological Schools

The cumulative shelving of both libraries is approximately equal to **21.5 MILES**.



Alumni services

Texas-based alumni who desire to use the library are encouraged to get a TexShare card from their local public library and pay a one-time, \$1 fee for a guest user card to check out a maximum of five books at a time. If their public library does not participate in TexShare, they can pay \$10 a year for a guest library membership at SWBTS.

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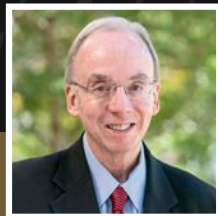
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Meredith Minor

Director of Childhood Ministries,
Katy's First Baptist Church; MACE, 2012

"AS AN ALUMNA OF SOUTHWESTERN, I am so grateful for the impact and investment of several women in my life—both academically and spiritually. Their prayers, time, and training have ripple effects that will last forever. I believe in what Women's Auxiliary is doing. Women need strong, biblical teaching and training as they prepare for the ministries God has called them to. Women's Auxiliary is key in helping this happen at Southwestern.

"I believe it is important to invest in future ministry leaders and younger women. It brings me great joy to invest in, pray for, and support other women for the sake of the Kingdom.

"Supporting Southwestern helps me grow in generosity and pulls my eyes off the things of this world. I love being able to see how God is working in and through the women of Southwestern Seminary."



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SCOTT ANIOL

Associate Professor of Church Music and Worship; Ph.D., 2013

"MY DEEPEST BURDEN IS THAT churches would rely on the sufficient Word of God to direct their corporate worship rather than the prevailing culture. This requires that pastors and church musicians have a thorough understanding about what Scripture teaches regarding worship, beauty, and culture, subjects I have given my life to studying and teaching.

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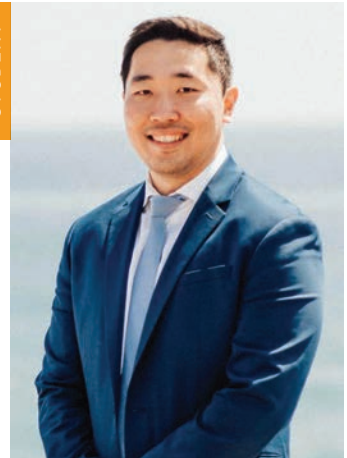
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Pastor, First Baptist Church, Newnan, Georgia; MARE, 1987

A RECENT NEW YORK TIMES ARTICLE reported that Patterson was one of several ministers who led a unity service to protest a neo-Nazi rally in 2018. There, he revealed that, after researching his genealogy, he discovered that one of his ancestors had owned enslaved people and even bequeathed them to family members in his will. Some people gasped and others cried as Patterson publicly read the will. Patterson then talked about the sin of racism, all the years it had taken him to unlearn his own prejudices, and the need for unity among all peoples.



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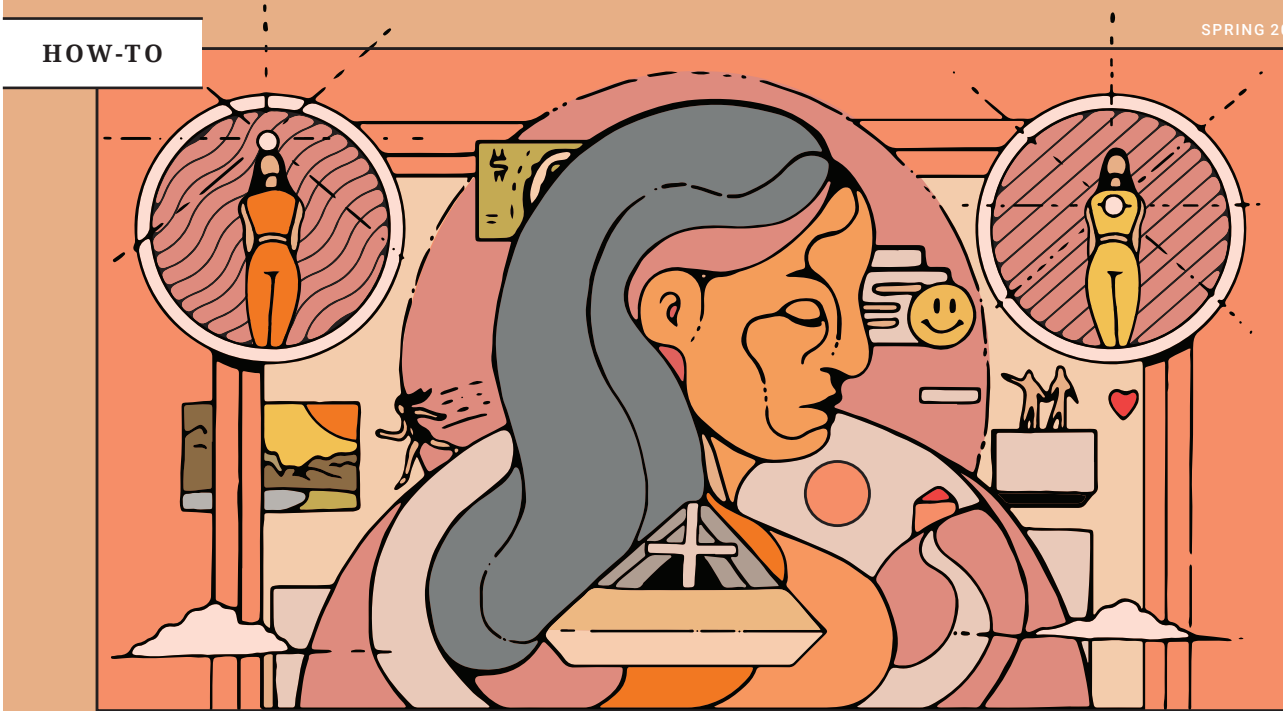
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So, how do you know if you're called? Consider these three things:

1. Your internal call. *The internal call involves inward desires. Are you a growing disciple in your church? Does your heart yearn for the conversion of sinners? Are you actually engaged in sharing the Gospel with other races and ethnicities through your local church? Have you taken opportunities to inform your inward calling by traveling overseas on mission trips? How you answer each of these questions will assist you in determining whether you possess and are acting upon the internal call to be a missionary.*

2. Your external call. *The external call involves the affirmation from others that God has called you to be a missionary, particularly members of your local church and your pastor/elder. It should come as no surprise to anyone who knows you well when you tell them you believe God has called you to be a vocational missionary. Also, if you pursue appointment with the International Mission Board (IMB) or another agency, they will require you to provide evidence that others affirm your call.*

3. God's providence. *Are you free from financial debt, or do have a plan to be in the near future? Is your health in a good place—mental, physical, and spiritual? If you are married, does your spouse share your calling? Are your kids young enough to be able to weather the experience of moving cross-culturally?*

If the internal and external call align, and God has provided the right set of life circumstances for you to go, it is time to declare your sense of God's calling to your church and then to the IMB for a firm affirmation and then facilitation of your calling. [📖](#)



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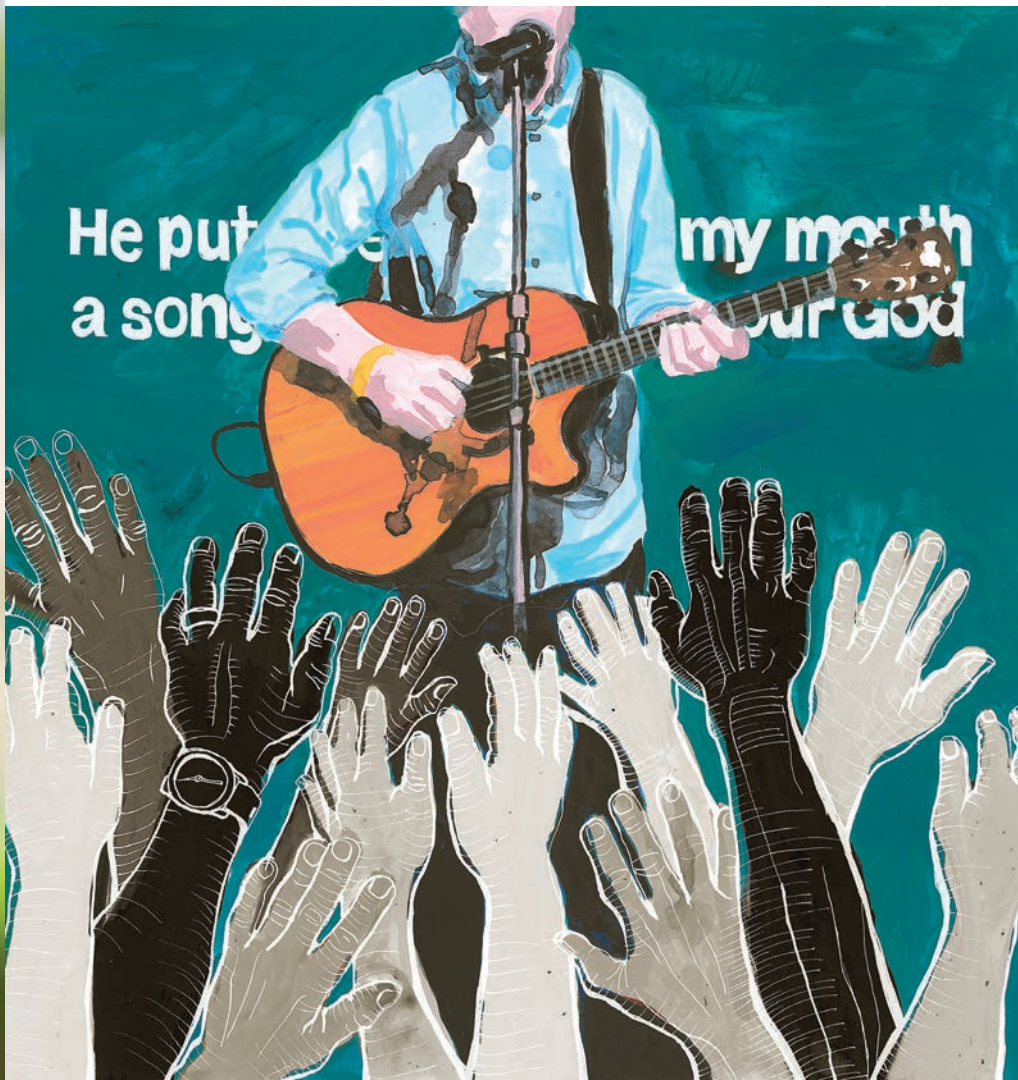


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Teach a New Song to a Congregation

Part of the joy of a worship service is confidence in participation. How do you instill that confidence?

ONE HURDLE THAT CONTEMPORARY churches have in teaching new songs to their congregations is the lack of a musical score from which church members can read (i.e., a hymnal). Because of this, song leaders have to be creative in effectively teaching new songs to the congregation.

When teaching a new song, consider the following principles:

1. **Acquaintability:** *Before attempting to have the congregation sing a new song, provide familiarity by first introducing the song as a solo or choir special. This will allow the congregation to become acquainted with the melody before attempting to sing it. Also consider using the new song in a pre-service playlist or emailing an audio/video link of the song to church members.*

2. **Audibility:** *When introducing a new song, make sure the melody is audible to the congregation and that the melodic line is sung without improvisation. Church members learning a new song rely on the song leader to present a clear melody that they can follow.*
3. **Accessibility:** *When singing a congregational song, choose a key that makes the melody line accessible to the congregation, not necessarily what is most comfortable for the music leader or praise team. Strive to keep the melody line within the voice range overlap of all voice types.*

After introducing a new song to the congregation, repetition becomes essential. This means singing the same song multiple weeks in a row, maybe as a new “song of the month.” Think about it: while song leaders and praise team members rehearse a song multiple times a week, the congregation often only hears the song on Sunday morning. Hearing the song several weeks in a row will greatly benefit them.

Finally, do not overload the congregation with new songs. Part of the joy of corporate singing is being confident in knowing the songs sung in order to participate. This only happens with repeated singing. A good rule of thumb is to teach one new song per month, which provides 12 new songs per year.

By implementing these principles, you will be more effective in teaching new songs in a way that promotes congregational participation. [📖](#)



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The Neighborhood, the State, the Nation, the World



The concentric reach of one South Texas church making disciples who make disciples.

BY
ALEX SIBLEY

CONROE, TEXAS — “We’re from West Conroe Baptist Church. We’d like to pay for your groceries today.”

Stop at any grocery store in Conroe, Texas, and you may hear this refrain from members of West Conroe Baptist Church. People from the congregation are known throughout the community for such “random acts of kindness,” and a number of citizens have had their groceries paid for by such generous, servant-minded individuals.

Other members of the Greater Houston community have done their laundry for free because a kind-hearted congregant from West Conroe handed out quarters at the laundromat. People in foster care as well as the homeless have received socks, water, and snacks via “blessing bags” from the church’s sewing team.

People are being clothed, stomachs are being filled, needs are being met, and prayers are being uplifted for the people of Conroe by West Conroe Baptist Church. All this is done for the purpose of starting spiritual conversations that lead to Gospel presentations, that the lost members of the community might become disciples of Jesus who make disciples of Jesus.

“People not just in Conroe but also in Idaho, Montana, Utah, Mexico, Colombia, Chile, and East Asia have benefitted from the church’s mission focus.”

The mission-minded congregation’s efforts extend not just to their neighbors, however, but to their state, their country, and beyond.

“If you came to West Conroe and were in very many conversations, you would hear our people say something about taking the church outside of the walls,” says Senior Pastor Jay Gross (’80). “That was a vision I shared with them about 15 years ago, and that’s their vision now.”

People not just in Conroe but also in Idaho, Montana, Utah, Mexico, Colombia, Chile, and East Asia have benefitted from the church’s mission focus through financial support, mission trips, church planting, and prayer, not to mention “random acts of kindness.” The church has embraced the vision first handed down by Jesus in the Great Commission, and, as Gross says, “they not only are excited about ways of taking our church outside of the walls, but they find ways. They discover ways. They start ministries.”

MISSION DNA

As multiple members of West Conroe’s pastoral staff testify, the church’s passion for missions begins with Senior Pastor Jay Gross (’80, ’86).

“Church planting is part of our DNA, and that comes from the pastor’s heart,” says Kay Robinson (’94), minister of missions. “A church takes on the personality of the pastor, and so it starts with him, and the church has graciously accepted that, and they’re excited about it.”

Chris Stanley ('01), minister to adults, agrees, explaining that Gross' passion "is to carry out the Great Commission by discipling the church body to be obedient to this command of Christ."

Gross surrendered his life to ministry when he was 10 years old, and from that early age, he has had a passion for missions. Initially planning to become a medical missionary, Gross says his time at The Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary was a turning point for him, solidifying the path he would ultimately take.

"It was there that I really zeroed in on the fact that I'm going to be a pastor, and it gave me the nuts and bolts — the theological foundation," says Gross, who earned his Master of Divinity in 1980, and his Doctor of Ministry in 1986.

He adds that the institution's "mission DNA" is "obvious."

"You can't go to Southwestern, to the Hill, one day without experiencing that mission atmosphere," he says. Five other members of West Conroe's pastoral staff attended Southwestern Seminary, and all similarly testify of the institution's impact on their spiritual formation, particularly with regard to missions.

Gross began pastoring West Conroe in 1998. Seth Tarver, who grew up in the church and now serves as a church planter in Utah, recalls that, when Gross was first hired, he brought an "evangelistic mission mindset" that "brought life" to the congregation.

"Not only did the church grow, but the church's Gospel impact in the community around it and other places just took off," says Tarver, whose church plant is supported by West Conroe. "So, West Conroe is a very mission-minded church that gets behind not just evangelism in their community, but seeking to grow evangelistic efforts strategically in other parts of our nation that are hard to conduct ministry in."

This missions emphasis was a major draw for much of the pastoral staff. Stanley, for example, recalls this emphasis being shared with him during the interview process. Upon hearing about it, he says, he and his wife, Pennie, "knew we had found our new church home."

Similarly, Minister to Students Jonathan

"You can't go to Southwestern, to the Hill, one day without experiencing that mission atmosphere."

RIGHT: Executive Pastor William McGregor



**WEST
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BAPTIST CHURCH

Cofer ('16) says of his first exposure to the church, "If I was going to go anywhere, I wanted to go to a church that focused on [discipleship and missions]," he says. "So for me, that [aspect of the church] was huge."

Executive Pastor William McGregor is the newest member of the pastoral staff, having begun at West Conroe in November 2019. He says that in 25 years of ministry, "I have never seen a church that is more committed to missions."

In McGregor's first three months on staff, the church had already conducted three mission trips. "So that says a lot right there that I think is encouraging," he says.

BRANCHING OUT

Beyond their community efforts, West Conroe's focus is church planting and strengthening existing churches.

Several years ago, for example, a local church was declining almost to the point of closing its doors. After hearing of the church's need, Gross stood up on Sunday morning and said, "Today, at the end of the service, when we have the decision time, I'm going to invite some of you to leave the church."

The congregation laughed, but Gross explained, "We need some families who are willing to go to this church for a year to invest their time and their gifts, their service, in revitalization."

At the end of the service, 17 people came forward.

"All but two of them have stayed," Gross says. "It turned from a one-year thing into a permanent thing. In fact, two of them are serving on staff at the church now, and that church is thriving. And our church, they just rejoice in seeing something like that happen."

Over the last 10 years, West Conroe has also invested in the United States' Mountain West. They have assisted church plants in Idaho and Montana, and most recently, they equipped and deployed, and now continue to support, church planters in Utah.

This Utah mission stems from the North American Mission Board's (NAMB) Send City initiative. When Gross learned of these specific areas of spiritual need, he felt that West Conroe needed to "branch out into that" and plant a church in one of those locations. In

consultation with Southwestern Seminary professor Travis Kerns, then the Send City missionary for Salt Lake City, a mission team later journeyed to Utah, where they prayed for God's direction. Regarding whom the church could sponsor to plant a church there, they sensed God placing one particular name on their hearts: Seth Tarver.

Tarver not only grew up in West Conroe but was licensed and ordained for ministry by them. When West Conroe's leadership began thinking of him for the church planting



ABOVE: Senior Pastor Jay Gross ('80, '86)



ABOVE: Sunday morning worship at West Conroe

ABOVE/RIGHT: Minister of Missions Kay Robinson ('94) discusses missions with a church member.

task, Tarver was studying toward an M.Div. at Southwestern Seminary and pastoring a church in the Dallas/Fort Worth metroplex.

He and his wife, Beth, had no sense of a calling to church planting, but at Robinson's encouragement, they traveled with a West Conroe team to Utah, where they also received some mentoring from Kerns. During the trip, they "caught a vision," Robinson says.

Tarver recalls telling his wife, "I really feel like God's put this people, this town, on my heart."

West Conroe hired Tarver on staff as its church planter intern for a year while he went through NAMB's vetting and equipping process. The church then deployed him and his wife, along with partners Brian and Leslie Swiney and Stephen and Emily Eenigenburg, to Logan, Utah, in the summer of 2018.

"You can't get much better than what West Conroe did to prepare us," says Tarver, who pastors the church plant Riverwoods Fellowship in Logan. "They took care of all of our needs and, at the same time, the responsibilities were minimal at the church. It was mostly, 'We want you to prep for church planting.'"



West Conroe has continued to support the church planting team through prayer, encouragement, financial support, and multiple mission trips each year. As Gross explains, "that [church plant] is our baby out there."

Tarver admits, "I don't think we would be doing as well as we are right now in Logan if we didn't have the type of love, support, and discipleship that West Conroe gave."

Kevin Ezell ('88), president of NAMB, says he is grateful for churches like West Conroe, who "put so much skin in the game."

"Church planting can be a lonely assignment, and it is incredibly encouraging to a missionary and his entire family when a church becomes personally involved," Ezell says. "It lets members from the supporting church see firsthand how God is working through the missionary and through the support they are providing. It also lets them see specific needs that might not otherwise be met."

"We are praying for many more West Conroe's in the future."

'NEVER UNDERESTIMATE'

As West Conroe continues to invest in their

own community and in the Mountain West, they also regularly deploy mission teams internationally, and have even adopted an unreached people group in East Asia.

Though the fruit of their labor is not always visible — particularly across the globe — the church's emphasis on missions is having an indelible influence on the members throughout the congregation.

Jonathan Garcia ('16), associate minister to college and young adults, says that, for the church's young adults specifically, the church's

focus has given them "a missional perspective."

"We are thankful to have opportunities to go across the U.S. and even overseas," he says. "We are even more thankful for how the missional initiative of our church influences how young adults consider their lives to be missional and Kingdom-focused in virtually everything they are part of."

Cofer says the church's student ministry has been similarly impacted. During a DiscipleNow weekend this January, for example, students ventured out into the community to ask how they could serve and pray for people they came across in Conroe.

At the conclusion of the weekend, Cofer says, the students

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BELOW: Associate Minister to College and Young Adults Jonathan Garcia ('16)



"didn't talk about a lot of the fun things; we just talked about what they got out of serving others."

"So for our students specifically, [the church's missions emphasis] really helps us to not focus on ourselves, but to focus on other people and being able to share Jesus as we're focusing on those other people," Cofer says.

Garcia encourages fellow believers to "never underestimate how God can shape hearts, transform minds, and change lives with the Gospel."

"He can make such an impact through churches that love Him and share His heart for everyone to know, follow, and cherish the Lord Jesus," Garcia says.

On a personal note, Gross concludes that mission work "is a joy."

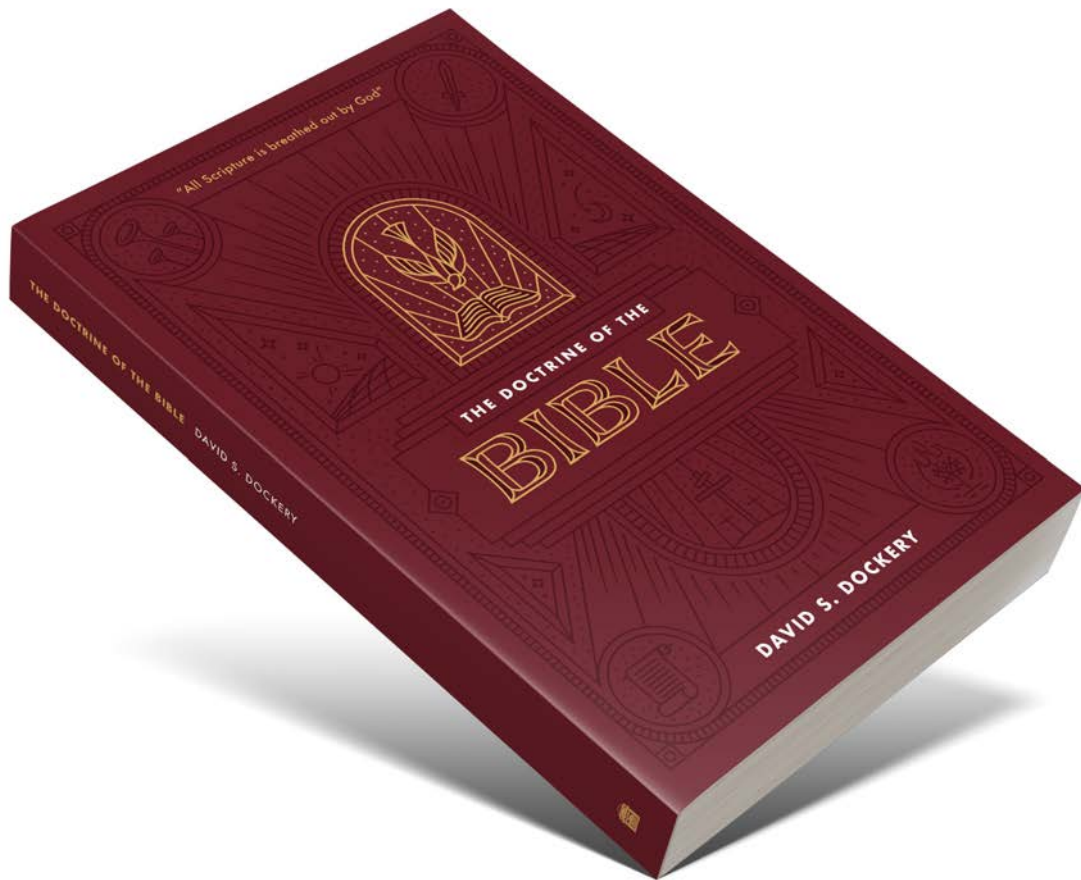
"It's a joy to be able to serve," he says, "and a joy to know that God lets us be involved with His Kingdom work." 🏛️

Look for the upcoming summer issue of Southwestern News to see how God is blessing the Tarvers' church planting ministry in Logan, Utah.

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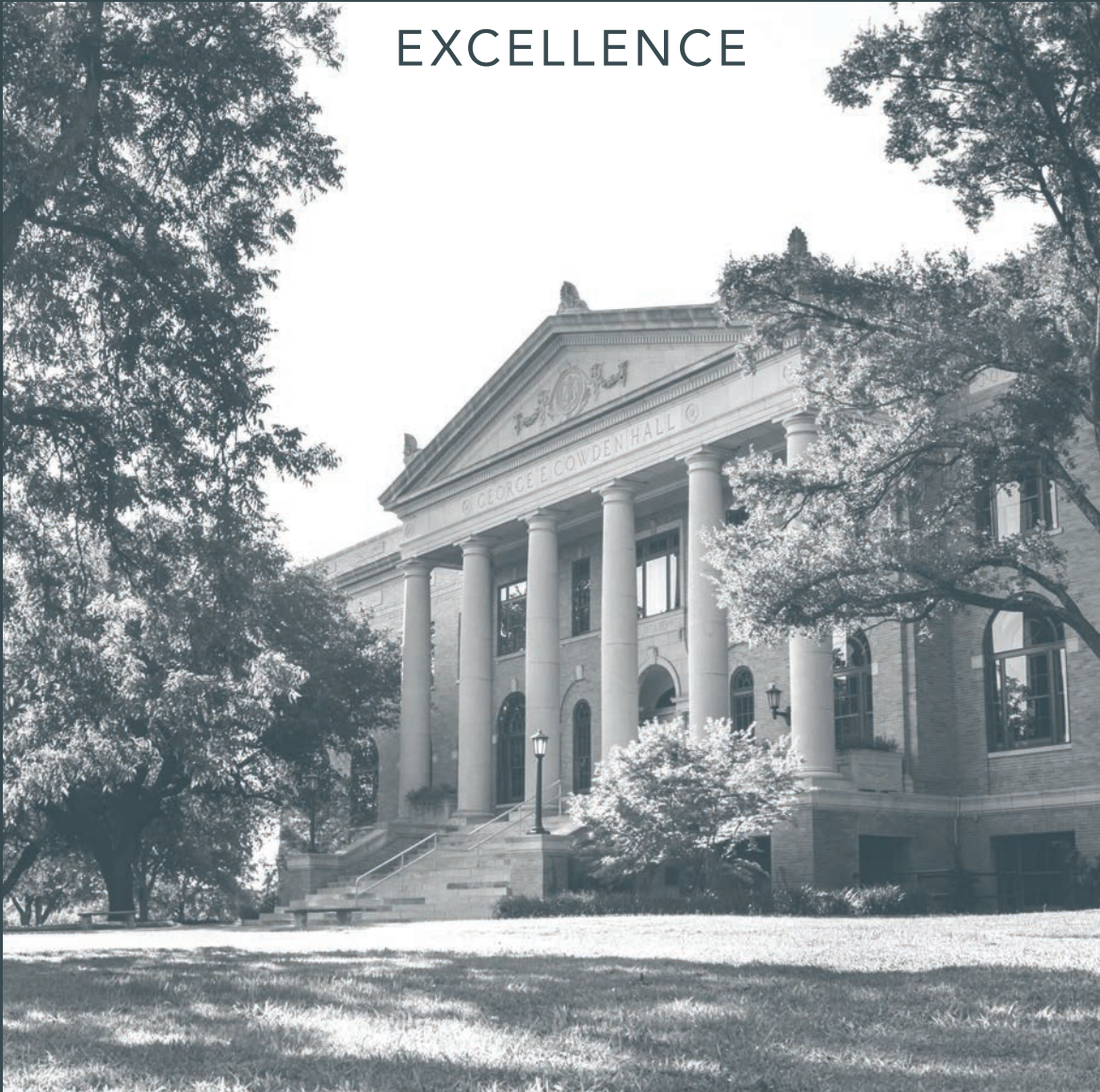
As the School of Church Music and Worship approaches its centennial year, dean Joseph R. Crider explains that the school's leadership draws inspiration from the founding vision of I.E. Reynolds, Southwestern Seminary's — and the Southern Baptist Convention's — first professor of church music.

'Back to the roots'

A VISION OF MINISTRY-
DRIVEN MUSICAL

BY
KATIE COLEMAN

EXCELLENCE



SEMINARY HILL — In 1915, I.E. Reynolds joined The Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in a new endeavor. Both he and President L.R. Scarborough discerned the need for improvement in the area of church music among the Southern Baptist Convention, and they believed robust training within the seminary context would be the best way to achieve this vision.

Reynolds officially joined the faculty in 1915 as director of the newly created Department of Gospel Music, which became the School of Gospel Music in 1921, the first of its kind. Reynolds established three primary goals for the program: “spiritual and evangelistic fervor,” “scholarly and efficient musicianship,” and “practicality in application.”

Despite a few name changes—as well as more than a century of developments in the landscape of musical expression—those core principles remain true for faculty, alumni, and

students of the now-named School of Church Music and Worship at Southwestern Seminary.

A RENEWED VISION

When Joseph R. Crider joined the Southwestern Seminary faculty in 2019 as dean of the School of Church Music and Worship, he expressed to President Adam W. Greenway his priorities and vision for the school. Those priorities, Crider says, are “a commitment to Scripture, musical excellence, and serving the local church.”

Crider explains that he and the music faculty are not attempting anything drastically new; rather, they are seeking a “Spirit-guided” return to the original vision of I.E. Reynolds in 1915.

“We have just gone back to the roots,” Crider says. “We have just gone back to what Isham Reynolds sensed — that there was a need for training pastors and ministers of music in the Southern Baptist Convention.”



JOSEPH CRIDER
is the dean of the School of Church Music and Worship at The Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.



Leading worship in chapel is one of the ministry-based opportunities for students to participate in during the semester.

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Dean Joseph R. Crider directs one of the seminary's multiple student choirs.

Crider is prayerful that those priorities will persist and carry the School of Church Music and Worship into future generations of training and equipping worship leaders, musicians, and performers in musical excellence and biblical truth.

'WORLD-CLASS' FACULTY

In addition to being the first of its kind, the School of Church Music and Worship remains the only freestanding, fully accredited school of music at an SBC seminary. Students have the opportunity to train both musically and theologically, participate in diverse performance opportunities, and engage a first-rate faculty who exemplify musical excellence and biblical fidelity, Crider says.

One such faculty member is Charles T. Lewis ('93), associate dean and professor of church music and worship. Lewis says he is excited for the opportunity to train a new generation for a lifetime of ministry in the local church.

"We don't take our responsibility of training lightly," he says. "We certainly see what happens on Sunday mornings, if done appropriately, as transformational."

In addition to multiple artists-in-residence and adjuncts, the music school comprises

eight full-time faculty members devoted to training their students for their unique, God-called work. Lewis says students will greatly benefit from studying with Southwestern Seminary professors.

"I think the professors we have here are world class in every way," Lewis says. "Not only do they love Jesus and love His church, but they love students and they love to invest their own lives and time."

Assistant Professor of Music Theory Nathan Burggraff, who has served on the faculty for five years, says he is always considering how he can best incorporate a biblical perspective into his teaching.

"What students learn in my classroom, for the few years they are here at Southwestern Seminary, will help equip them for whatever God calls them to do in music ministry," Burggraff says. "We prepare our students with a strong theological foundation, coupled with a robust musical training, in order to prepare them for the vast array of today's music leadership positions."

NOT JUST ANOTHER MUSIC DEGREE

As in the days of I.E. Reynolds, the School of Church Music and Worship is preparing stu-

dents for a lifetime of ministry rooted in an in-depth musical training paired with a robust theological education, the school's administration says. Current students have several options at the undergraduate, master's, and doctoral levels to receive such training. Wherever students end up vocationally, Crider says Southwestern is the place to be equipped.

"What we provide is an absolutely necessary theological foundation for worship leaders and ministers of music," Crider says. "Your theology informs your philosophy, which informs your methodology."

For Master of Music student Caleb Norman, Southwestern Seminary was the obvious choice for his master's degree. Not only would it strengthen his skills in music and ministry, but it is also the only fully accredited school of music in the SBC. Norman enrolled and began classes in the fall 2019 semester, joining both the jazz combo and the newly created River of Praise student worship ensemble led by Leo Day, professor of voice and executive director of the Southwestern Center for the Arts.

During that fall semester, Norman, a native of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, also started serving as worship pastor of the First Baptist Church of Alvarado, Texas.



Adjunct professor Terence Hobby plays during a chapel service.

As Norman works diligently in his studies and prepares for the current and future work to which God calls him, he says Southwestern Seminary has already provided numerous opportunities for growth and the sharpening of tools necessary for a lifetime of ministry.

"It has been really good to be here at Southwestern Seminary and to be trained in how we, as musicians, can glorify God in all that we do," Norman says. "How are we reflecting our theology in the songs that we sing? How do we respond to God and not to our emotions? How do we structure our services to where the Gospel is reflected?"

Katelyn Montgomery, a Fort Worth native currently studying toward a Master of Music, learned piano at a young age and began teaching piano lessons in high school. By age 19, she was teaching 19 students in her home.

But as her teaching responsibilities grew, Montgomery also wanted to grow in both her musical and teaching skills. Southwestern, she says, has proven to be the right choice for how it has prepared her in all areas of her calling.

"Southwestern Seminary has equipped me to better teach piano and has emphasized the importance of my faith in the world of teaching," Montgomery says. "Many students I have and will have in the future have not been introduced to the Gospel. Southwestern Seminary has helped me to further realize the importance of building Christ-like relationships with students as well as grounding them in solid musical instruction."

EQUIPPED FOR KINGDOM SERVICE

Students will leave Southwestern Seminary

not just with another degree or more accomplishments to their name, but with every tool necessary to succeed in their vocation, the school's administration says. These Southwestern Seminary alumni are now serving the Kingdom of God in a variety of roles.

Matt Perkinson, who earned both his Bachelor of Arts in Music ('11) and Master of Arts in Worship ('15) degrees at Southwestern Seminary, is one of many alumni now serving and leading worship a local church.

Perkinson has served at First Baptist Church in Keller, Texas, for 11 years, four of those as the church's worship pastor. In addition to leading weekly worship, he oversees more than a dozen vocal and instrumental ensembles representing all age groups. Perkinson acknowledges the importance of artistic expression and musical excellence, but says there is a greater purpose to the words they sing and the music they play.

"I want our congregation to leave worship having a correct view of who God is and an understanding of how we are to respond to Him," he says.

Perkinson acknowledges that, if left to his own devices, he might not have reached this conclusion. Southwestern Seminary had a profound impact on his personal faith and ministry, he explains, "by fostering a deep commitment and understanding of the personal spiritual disciplines," as well as by cultivating relationships with professors who challenged him in both his courses and his faith.

"I have been graduated from Southwestern Seminary for five years now, and I still contact some of my professors with questions relat-

ed to ministry," Perkinson says. "They are just as helpful and encouraging now as they were when I was a student."

Jon Duncan ('88), another Southwestern Seminary alumnus, currently serves as the Georgia Baptist Convention division director for worship ministries.

After completing his undergraduate degree, Duncan pursued vocational ministry, having disregarded the need for a seminary degree. However, he later attended a conference that included a class on worship taught by a Southwestern Seminary professor, and the experience convinced Duncan of his need for further training. He enrolled in Southwestern Seminary and earned a Master of Music.

In the time since, Duncan has largely served in denominational work in Oklahoma and Georgia. In his current role, Duncan oversees a staff of administrative support and consultants who work with local churches in a variety of areas including worship expressions, technology as it relates to worship, and assistance in meeting the needs of bivocational leaders.

Additionally, Duncan directs two choral groups: "Sons of Jubal," a 300-member male chorus, and the "Jubalheirs," a 275-member female chorus. Each choral group comprises music ministers, leaders, and performers from throughout Georgia.

The groups perform concerts throughout the year but are also frequently involved in international mission work whereby they have witnessed people from all cultures and backgrounds come to faith in Christ.

Music, Duncan says, creates unique opportunities to connect with people and provide



CHARLES T. LEWIS ('93)
is professor of church music
and worship and associate
dean of the School of Church
Music and Worship.

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We certainly see
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avenues to bring the Gospel to even the most restrictive places.

“Southwestern Seminary helped me become the musician I needed to be in order to lead a group like this,” Duncan says. “It’s not just about inspiring people to sing in church but communicating the Gospel to the ends of the world.”

Reflecting on his life and ministry since his days at Southwestern Seminary, Duncan says he never would have imagined serving in the roles he has filled, but describes a gratitude for the numerous ways the seminary prepared him for a variety of occasions and ministry roles.

“I had looked at seminary as just another music degree,” Duncan says about his initial thoughts prior to enrolling in Southwestern Seminary. “What I didn’t realize was how much I needed to build filters in my ministry that would shape my practice for a lifetime.”

BRIGHT DAYS AHEAD

Crider says there is a lot to be excited about regarding the future of the School of Church Music and Worship, including new and diverse ensembles and choral groups and, most notably, the addition of a new degree.

Starting in fall 2020, incoming students will have the opportunity to take part in what the administration describes as the “gold standard” for worship leadership. The new Master of Music in Worship Leadership will provide a competency-based curriculum with a robust

theological training, says Lewis.

“If I were a student seeking to be trained, the Master of Music in Worship Leadership is unquestionably the degree that I would want to pursue,” Lewis says.

Crider adds that the degree “is designed to arm our students with the necessary tools to be effective in the local church for Christ’s Kingdom and the glory of God.”

In the music school’s more-than 100-year history, the landscape of musical expression in the local church has changed in many ways, and will continue to do so. However, Crider says the School of Church Music and Worship will continue to exist to help students “navigate those waters.”

“The beautiful thing about that is, foundationally and theologically, the Word never changes,” Crider says, reflecting on the nature of worship. “The grass withers, the flower fades, but the Word of our God stands forever.

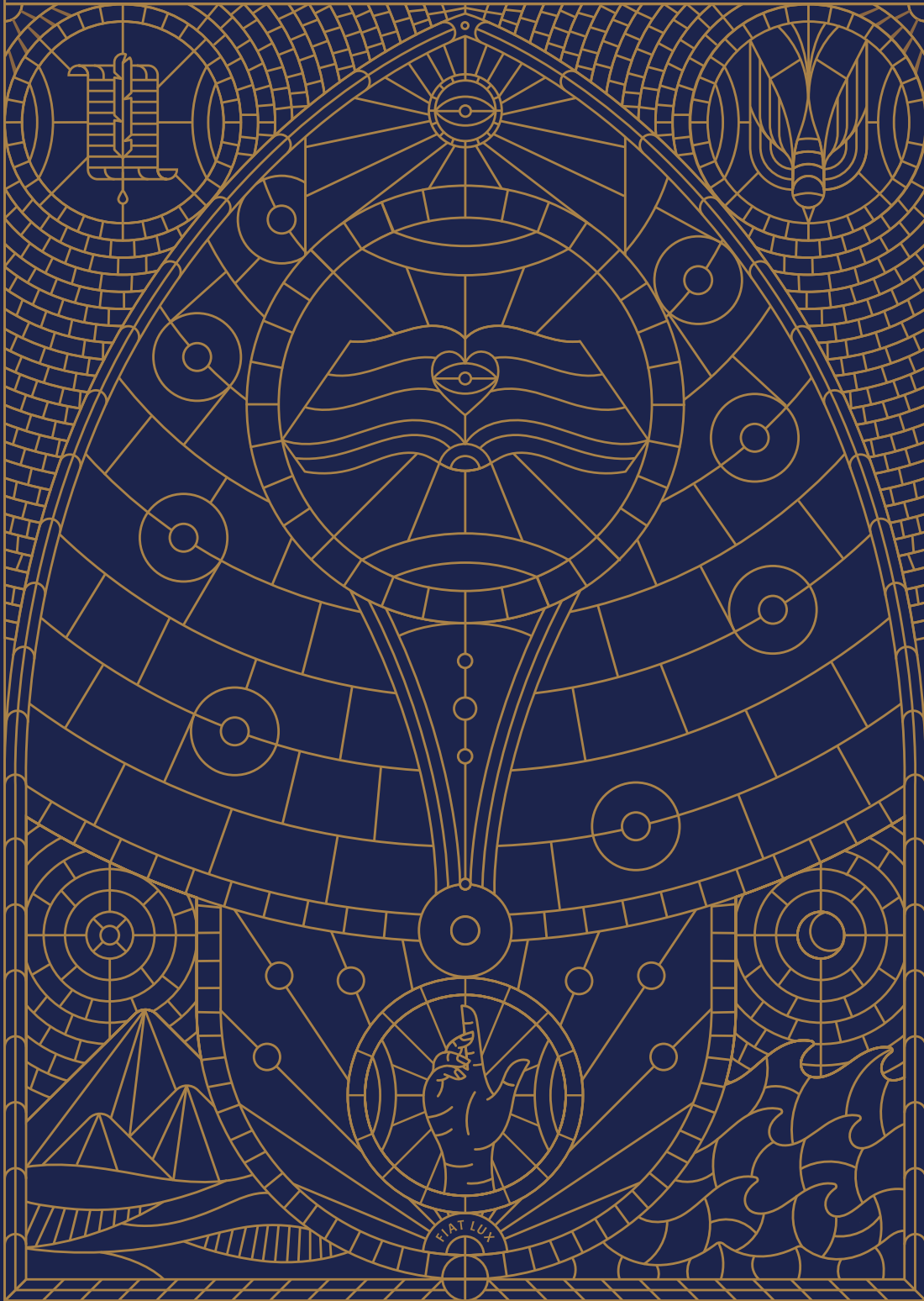
“So from that perspective, we stand on the Scriptures to realize that our theology of worship is as unchangeable as the Scriptures themselves. At the end of the day, our theology of worship and the nuanced aspects of it are driven and rooted in biblical truth.” [📖](#)

Editor’s Note: This article is part of an ongoing series exploring the schools of The Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

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Baptists and the Bible: B.H. Carroll



In honor of the release of a 40th-anniversary edition of *Baptists and the Bible*, Southwestern News is reprinting an excerpt from this classic work by L. Russ Bush and Tom J. Nettles. The extraordinarily influential book by two former Southwestern Seminary faculty members has been published this year by Seminary Hill Press in concert with the seminary's conference, Baptists & The Bible, to be held on campus, April 23-25, 2020. In this excerpt, Bush and Nettles analyze the Bible convictions of Southwestern Seminary founder and first president, B.H. Carroll, in chapter fourteen, "Now These Are Thy Servants," which also covers the views of W.T. Conner, former Southwestern Seminary professor of theology, who was invited to join the faculty by Carroll.

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Carroll's most famous work is his *Interpretation of the English Bible*, edited by J.B. Cranfill and originally published in 1913 by the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. In the pages of this interpretative commentary, Carroll analyzes and provides an alternative to the theories of higher criticism. In his "Introduction to Genesis," Cranfill comments:

For our own part, we are willing to let the book of Genesis tell its own story in its own simple way, and accept it just as simply and as truly as we accept the statement that Jesus Christ came to John the Baptist when he was preaching near the Jordan and was immersed by John in the Jordan. The mission of the preacher of God's Word is to proclaim the Bible

rather than to criticize the Bible, and that same statement applies to teachers in our theological seminaries everywhere. No man who doubts the authenticity and the inspiration of God's Word should be called to teach God's Word. The Bible is either true or it is false. There is no halfway ground. The Genesis story is either true or false. That it is true, Dr. B.H. Carroll's discussion eminently shows [pp. 4-5].

What Carroll's discussion shows is that the Genesis narrative, in his opinion, is fully historical. He calls the "alleged discrepancies" between Genesis 1 and 2 examples of "far reaching and destructive criticism" (p. 15). This conclusion comes from his conviction that truth is a unity. To give up the factual, historical basis is to lose the theology as well.

Carroll is impressed by the "marked difference in style"

between the second chapter of Genesis and the first, but his way of accounting for this difference is simply to suggest that style depends upon the nature of the subject matter (p. 95). He points out the major stylistic differences just as C.H. Toy had done in his classes, but Carroll explains them as deliberate variations.

Genesis consistently follows a pattern of moving from the general to the particular, he says. For example, the history of all mankind and the origin of the nations is recounted in the early chapters, and then Genesis moves to the history of one particular family (Abraham's), which becomes one nation. In the same stylistic pattern the general account of creation in Genesis 1 is followed by a more detailed study of the man, who was last in creation yet first in dignity and importance.

Genesis 2, then, according to Carroll, was not intended to convey the chronological order of creation. Surely all true interpretation must attempt to reproduce the intent of the author. As for the historical-critical theory, which concludes that these stylistic differences indicate different authors and different documents, Carroll replies:

There is no convincing reason for accepting this explanation. The book of Genesis is not a patchwork of different documents by different authors crudely and artificially joined together; one purpose runs through the book. Whoever wrote one part of it wrote

all parts of it, from whatever source his materials were derived [pp. 96–97].

Thus, the integrity of the historical narrative is defended not by pure blind faith but by argument based, for one thing, on the literary structure of the book.

Carroll goes on to deal with Darwin's evolutionary theories. He attempts to show that the theory of biological evolution is "at war with revelation and common sense, and also with all of the clearly proved facts gathered by man's research" (p. 99). Among other things, Carroll pointed to a recently excavated phosphate bed in Ashley, South Carolina, that produced a collection of fossils. These fossils supposedly showed that animals and men who were theoretically separated by vast geological ages were in fact living at the same time.

To demand historical accuracy in the biblical account of creation is to come into inevitable conflict with naturalistic theories of biological evolution. Carroll frequently points out that one motivating factor behind the shift away from a theologically conservative interpretation and the shift toward the historical-critical approach has been this very issue of scientific conflict. If one is convinced scientifically that evolution is a proved fact ("the way God did it," as it is sometimes expressed), then one is forced to conclude that Genesis is not historically accurate. Therefore, one either gives up the theology of the passage and becomes liberal, or he accepts

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the dual theory of truth and maintains the claim of doctrinal infallibility in spite of scientific and historical error.

Carroll would not make such a shift in his thinking. He never considered giving up the theology of the passage, and he could not accept any dual theory of truth. Thus, he opposed evolution and documentary theories. For Carroll, God's Word spoke the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. The Bible abounds with figurative and symbolic language, but that is not the issue. The issue is truth. Can the theological implications of the passage be considered true if the framework in which they are cast is discovered to be out of touch with reality? For Carroll, truth is defined in terms of its correspondence with reality.

Carroll is careful to state that he does not think Genesis has as its primary purpose the instruction of believers in scientific disciplines. But he does believe that theological affirmations about God as the Creator have binding implications for scientific questions. For Carroll, theological truth and scientific or historical truth are not separate, autonomous realms of thought. They are all related, and this is just as true in Genesis 1 and 2 as it is in Matthew 3:13–17 (the account of the Lord's baptism by John in the Jordan). Either the Bible tells us what actually took place or it does not. There is no middle ground.

Of course, some people have objected at this very point.

Carroll states the objection and his reply in *Inspiration of the Bible*:

They say that if the Bible is inspired, and all of its records are accurate, and that there is no errancy in it, then it puts a man of science in the position that he must choose between science and the Bible, their teachings being diverse.

To this man I would say that he is mistaken. ... I challenge him to bring up a single contradiction between the teachings of Scripture and real science.

I have seen that tested on the first chapter of Genesis. That gives an account of the creation of the universe, the formation of the earth, and the creation of man, and to this very day science—not science as represented by some men who try to set the teachings of science over against the Bible by butting their heads against the accounts in Genesis, Job, certain of the Psalms, and Paul's declarations at Athens—but true science is and has ever been in harmony with the Scriptures [pp. 116–17].

Carroll continues to apply his conservative grammatical-historical approach throughout the Bible. Though he does not mention the controversy directly, Carroll seems to

be well aware of the interpretive issues developed by C.H. Toy in the 1870s. In *An Interpretation of the English Bible*, Genesis 49:10 is called a “remarkable Messianic prophecy” (p. 444), and nearly a full page of Carroll’s commentary is devoted to an exposition of that text, showing how it was and could only be fulfilled in Christ. Carroll attributes Abraham’s monotheism to a manifestation of the true God, which must have been “in some visible form and deeply impressive” (p. 279). These views were in direct contrast with those of Toy just a few decades earlier.

In his commentary on Isaiah, Carroll devotes fully ten pages to the question of authorship. He analyzes every major objection to the traditional view and finds them highly speculative and unconvincing. Not only did Isaiah write all of his book, but Daniel surely wrote his as well, Carroll says. ... In the pages of his commentary he tackles all the major objections to Daniel’s authenticity and finds them unconvincing, weak, and false.

But perhaps the clearest statement of Carroll’s attitude toward doctrine comes from his discussion of Ephesians 4:1–16. He titles the section (pp. 139–50) “The Great Unities.” One Lord, one baptism, and one system of faith were among the unities. “A church with a little creed is a church with a little life,” he wrote. Cries for “less creed and more lib-

erty,” said Carroll, are “a degeneration from the vertebrate to the jelly fish.”

Very solemnly I would warn the reader against any teaching that decries doctrines, or which would reduce the creed of the church into two or three articles. We are entitled to no liberty in these matters. It is a positive and very hurtful sin to magnify liberty at the expense of doctrine. A creed is what we believe. A confession of faith is a declaration of what we believe. The church must both believe and declare. The longest creed of history is more valuable and less hurtful than the shortest. ...

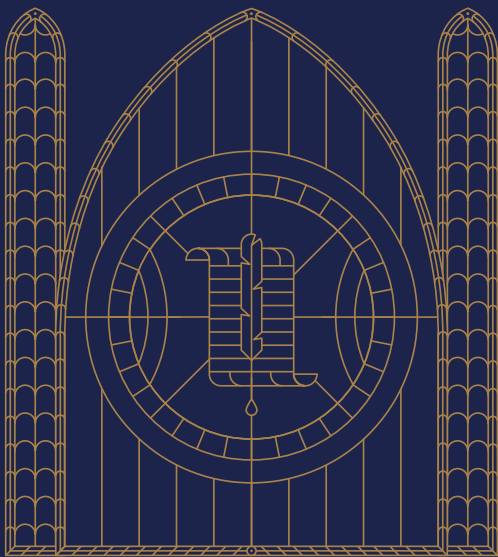
The standard is the holy Scriptures. ... Again I solemnly warn the reader against all who depreciate creeds, or who would reduce them to a minimum of entrance qualifications into the church (pp. 146–47, 150).

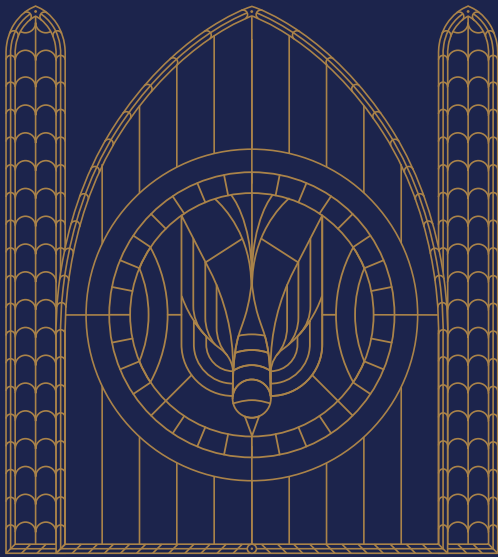
The impact of Carroll on the Baptists in Texas and the South was enormous. It was Carroll who helped to “discover” George W. Truett and get him established in the ministry. Truett lived in Carroll’s home for several years. For four consecutive years, Truett sat in Carroll’s classes at Baylor to hear him expound the Scripture. L.R. Scarborough, at his father’s request, for four and one-half years went to hear Carroll preach in Waco on Sunday mornings and then in the afternoon wrote out a report of the message to send home. Scarborough unhesitatingly writes in his introduction to Carroll’s *Inspiration of the Bible*:

My faith is the faith of a simple, plain Baptist. I accepted from my father and Dr. Carroll the verbal inspiration of the Bible, the deity of Jesus Christ, His perfect humanity, His atoning death, His bodily resurrection, His second coming. All my studies since have confirmed the simple faith I received. ...

I greatly joy in the publication of this volume of Dr. Carroll’s sermons on the inspiration of the Bible. His interpretative authority has great weight with me, but I have never had occasion to depart from his teachings on these great themes [pp. 11–12].

Probably Carroll’s most famous passage concerning Scripture is the one reprinted below from his *Inspiration of the Bible*. It is characteristic not only of Carroll but of Baptists generally in his day. He has just spent several pages defending the proposition that “inspiration was an inspiration of the





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records, which made those records inerrable, not only in idea, but in word” (p. 113). This naturally raised the question of supposed contradictions in Scripture.

I have seen these contradictions melt away until I have lost all confidence in them. Now, a boy is usually a great deal smarter than his father, and than he is when he gets to be a father. When I was a boy I thought I had found a thousand contradictions in the Bible. In the Old Bible of my young manhood I marked them.

Well, I had then nearly a thousand more contradictions than I have now. I do not see them now; they are not there. There are perhaps a half dozen in the Bible that I cannot explain satisfactorily to myself. I don't say that my explanation of all the others would satisfy everybody. There are some that I cannot explain satisfactorily to myself; but since I have seen nine hundred and ninety-four out of the thousand coalesce and harmonize like two streams mingling, I

am disposed to think that if I had more sense I could harmonize those other six; and even if I forever fail to harmonize them, God knows better than I know, and that when I know perfectly just as I now know only in part, and only a very small part, I will be able to understand that; and so when I come to things of that kind and cannot master them, I put them in a parenthesis and say, “I will come back; God won't leave you penned forever; He will send somebody that can take away the difficulty and make it clear to me.” I assume that it can be done. [121–22]. 📖

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Sugarloaf Mountain is one of many distinguishable features in the Guanabara Bay of Rio de Janeiro.





DARK SHADOWS & BRIGHT PROMISES

The ‘missionary vision and passion’ planted in Brazil by the ‘first Southwesterner’ continues to grow.

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BRAZIL — “I think this verse characterizes my grandparents’ journey to and ministry in Brazil,” AnneLu Bagby remarked. She held up an unused children’s coloring book page she had translated into Portuguese as she spoke to a group of more than 200 women gathered for tea. The church in which they assembled, First Baptist Church Goiania (*Primera Igreja Batista em Goiania*), was her childhood church home and one pastored by her father, T.C. Bagby. The text, accompanied by a hand-drawn wooden ship on the black and white page, taken from Psalm 139:9-10, read, “If I settle on the far side of the sea, even there Your hand will guide me.”

AnneLu’s grandparents, William “Buck” and Anne Luther Bagby, departed from the United States on Jan. 13, 1881, bound by ship for Brazil, trusting that the Lord’s hand would guide them. The two eager Texans, commissioned by the Foreign Mission Board and supported by the giants of Texas Baptist life at the end of the 19th century, would be instrumental in starting Southern Baptist work in Brazil. The providential hand of God guided them and others with whom they partnered to fulfill a great calling with tremendous effort. More than 100 years after her grandparents first set foot in Brazil, AnneLu, now 86, was invited to participate in the 113th annual gathering of the Brazilian Baptist Convention as an honored guest.

A VISION FOR BRAZIL

“It’s a saga,” said Fernando Brandão, executive director of the Brazilian National Mission Board (*Missões Nacionais*).

Pioneer Builders

The Bagbys took the Gospel to Brazil — 139 years later, the entire country is changed.

BY
ALEX SIBLEY

IN terms of pioneer mission work, Buck and Anne Bagby are to Brazil what Lottie Moon is to China. The first Baptist missionaries to Brazil, arriving in Rio de Janeiro in 1881, the Bagbys were used by the Holy Spirit of God to lay much of the groundwork for millions of Brazilians coming to know the Lord in the ensuing 139 years.

Born in Texas in 1855, William “Buck” Bagby studied theology under B.H. Carroll at Waco University in the 1870s. His daughter, Helen Bagby (‘27), recalls in her account of her parents’ ministry, *The Bagbys of Brazil*, that her father used to say “with amused pretense to boastfulness” that he and Carroll founded The Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary together.

“He was the faculty and I was the student body,” Bagby joked.

Bagby graduated in 1875 and married Anne Luther five years later. A number of influences, not the least the Spirit of God, led the Bagbys to pursue mission work in Brazil. Several Texas Baptists, including Carroll, committed to pray for them every day, and Carroll even presented their “Brazilian Mission” at associational meetings in order to raise their financial support.

The Bagbys arrived in Rio in 1881, followed by fellow missionaries Z.C. and Kate Taylor in 1882. These four, along with Brazilian national Alfonso Teixeira, founded the first Baptist church in Brazil (in Salvador, Bahia, specifically) on Oct. 15, 1882. Two years later, they founded another church in Rio.



The vision that guided those first Southern Baptist missionaries continues to guide current leaders in Brazil.

“A line connecting with the first missionaries — AnneLu is a part of this history. ... It’s impossible to talk about Baptists in Brazil if you don’t talk about the Bagbys.”

Brandão, who is also the president of the Baptist Theological Seminary of Rio de Janeiro, was one of many leaders who desired to include a special time of recognition for the Bagbys at the annual meeting of the Baptist convention in January.

The two-day program for the convention included reports from entities of Brazilian Baptists, testimonies from indigenous missionaries sharing about new churches being planted among the native people of Brazil, and a special program to recognize key figures and give thanks to God for the missionary legacy that has characterized not only previous Baptist work, but ongoing work in the country and around the world.

As AnneLu Bagby stood next to her grandson and was introduced to the assembly, the crowd stood and applauded.



LEFT: The chapel (right) and library (center) at the Baptist Theological Seminary of Rio de Janeiro.

BELOW: James Wheelless (left) and AnneLu Bagby (right) being recognized at the Brazilian Baptist Convention.

but it would not be an exaggeration of the Texas sort to call him the “first Southwesterner.” As one of the only students studying theology for a time at the University of Waco (which later became Baylor University) in the 1870s, Bagby proudly, frequently, and jokingly told many people later in his life, “Dr. Carroll and I founded Southwestern Seminary. He was the faculty and I was the student body.”

Carroll mentored and taught Bagby in Waco, but also “held the ropes” for him in Texas after the couple was commissioned to Brazil. The Foreign Mission Board, crippled financially by the Civil War and their newly established mission work in China and Italy, did not have the funds to support the Bagbys in their missionary endeavor, though they were eager to send them. B.H. Carroll and layman A.T. Hawthorne, both instrumental in affirming the Bagbys’ call to Brazil, divided up the Texas Baptists and went on preaching tours across the state to raise the funds necessary to send the missionaries.

When they left for Brazil, the Bagbys had only three months of funds, but upon their arrival in 1881, the first letter with monetary support that they received came from B.H. Carroll himself.

She gently took the microphone offered to her by Brandão, and a hush fell across the packed room as more than 3,000 Brazilian Christians awaited her message.

“I’m very happy to be here with you,” she said. “I also give thanks to God, and I thank you for the opportunity to be here in the Baptist convention in Goiania. God gives a heritage to those who fear Him, as the psalmist says in Psalm 61:5. He has done the same for you; that’s probably why you are here.”

The heritage and treasure of Brazilian Baptists, according to Brandão, is the missionary passion that the first Southern Baptist missionaries brought with them. The vision that guided those first missionaries continues to guide current leaders in Brazil. The formula seems simple: multiply disciples, form leaders, and plant churches. This vision carried to Brazil by the Bagbys originated in the heart of God and was given fresh life by Baptist leaders in Texas who also longed to see the promised fulfillment of Revelation 7:9—“a vast multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language” worshiping the Lord. One of those men was the legendary B.H. Carroll.

THE ‘FIRST SOUTHWESTERNER’

If it’s impossible to talk about Baptists in Brazil without talking about the Bagbys, it’s impossible to talk about Buck Bagby without mentioning B.H. Carroll. Bagby never received a diploma from The Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary,



In 1901, the Bagbys moved to São Paulo, where Anne organized and operated a school while Bagby traveled extensively to help organize churches and assist in the formation of associations and conventions. He also took up preaching assignments in Chile and

“The last thing I saw dear Dr. W.B. Bagby do was to bring a young woman down the aisle to profession of faith.”

other South American countries.

In the late 1930s, L.R. Scarborough, B.H. Carroll’s successor as president of Southwestern Seminary, went on a tour of South America. He recounted his experiences in the 1937 publication *A Blaze of Evangelism Across the Equator*, which he dedicated to “to all missionaries in South America,” beginning with “the immortal Bagbys—the foundation-layers and pioneer builders.”



Statue of William Buck Bagby that originally sat outside the First Baptist Church in Rio de Janeiro.

Leading Brazilian Baptists



L. ROBERTO SILVADO

(‘83, ‘87)

- Immediate past president of the Brazilian Baptist Convention
- Baptist World Alliance, South America representative
- Pastor, Bacacheri Baptist Church

“Formation is one of the things that I am most grateful to Southwestern. [My education] was much more than getting information; I received formation: my character, my vision for ministry, the passion for ministry. It really touched my heart. Being in chapel, being with students, and being on campus ... it was something that really impacted our hearts.”

Baptists in Texas stepped up and helped keep the Bagbys on the field for more than 50 years. In the first decade of the Bagbys’ ministry, due to the tireless efforts of men like Carroll, R.C. Buckner, E.Y. Mullins, George W. Truett, and many others, Texas Baptists’ giving grew by 850 percent.

On the day they departed from the U.S., Bagby wrote these words in his journal, “Southern Texas is coming nobly to Brazilian interests, and we hope that ere many years earnest workers will be sent out to help us in that land of dark shadows and bright promises.” He and his wife carried with them the hopes and dreams of the evangelization of the entire country of Brazil, and their Texas supporters shared that same dream.

Separated by more than 5,000 miles in 1907, Buck Bagby and B.H. Carroll were connected by a commitment to evangelistic fervor, missionary enterprise, and educational passion, as one made efforts to found a Baptist convention in South America while the other was moved by God to develop a school in the Southwest for the training of young Baptist preachers.

Upon the formation of the Brazilian Baptist Convention, Bagby was elected to serve on the board of the Brazilian Foreign Mission Board and, at the first meeting, wrote these words in a resolution:

“The Gospel which we preach is essentially missionary. ‘Go’ is the first word of the Great Commission. ‘Go’ is the first order given to every believer in Jesus. The history of Christian missions is the history of Christianity itself. We believe that the time has arrived for Baptist believers in Brazil to begin a movement to help in the preaching of the Gospel beyond the national frontiers.”

A BRIGHT FUTURE

The movement Buck Bagby envisioned, and the development of not just the Brazilian Baptist Convention but Brazilian Baptist mission boards, saw fruit while the missionary was still living. Only five people made up the first Baptist church Bagby and



SOCRATES OLIVEIRA DE SOUZA

- Executive Director, Brazilian Baptist Convention (18 years)

“I find it essential for us to have a strategic alliance with Southwestern, in the formation of our leadership, through the biblical denominational vision that Southwestern has through its professors. Even today the great leaders we have in Brazil are the fruits of those who passed through this institution, and that has influenced the generations.”



FAUSTO AGUIAR DE VASCONCELOS

(‘76, ‘85)

- Current President of the Brazilian Baptist Convention

“Southwestern Seminary has been playing a vital role in my pastoral and denominational leadership since my return to Brazil in October 1985, following my work on the M.Div. and Ph.D. degrees. During those many years on the campus, I was under the academic and spiritual influence of great men of God.”

Z.C. Taylor planted in 1882, but at the first meeting of the convention in 1907, almost 5,000 members were reported by Baptists in Brazil. By 1930, shortly after Bagby retired, the number totaled more than 37,000.

Today, the Brazilian Baptist Convention comprises 16,000 churches and more than three million members. It is now the third largest Baptist convention in the world and growing rapidly. The world missions sending agency of the Brazilian Baptist Convention (JMM) has more than 2,000 missionaries deployed in 85 countries around the world.

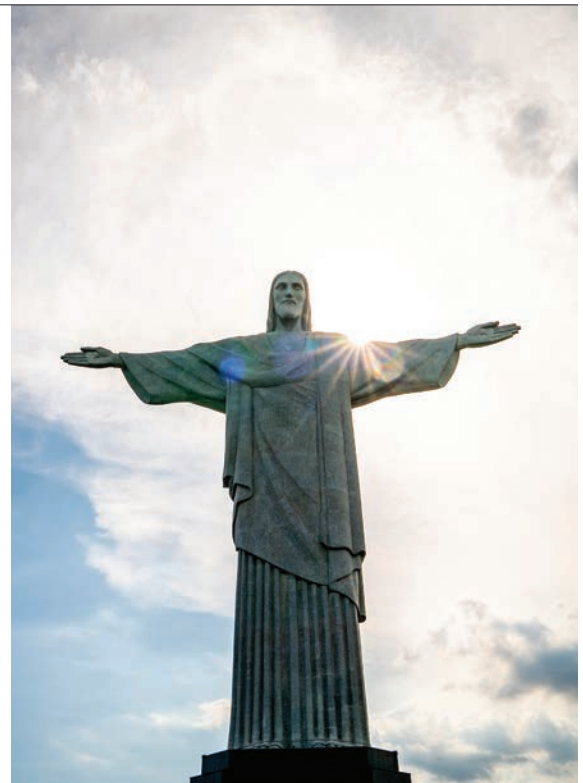
President of JMM Joao Marcos Barreto Soares says, “We believe it is possible to, as we say, ‘conclude the mission’ by the end of the 21st century. In fact, I believe it might be possible within the first half of this century.”

Soares recognizes, however, that the challenge of reaching all of Brazil and reaching the world is not something that can be done by the Brazilian Baptist Convention or the Southern Baptist Convention alone, but that it must be done together. This sense of cooperation permeates the vision of the leadership of the Brazilian Baptist Convention.

L. Robert Silvado (‘83, ‘87), the immediate past president of the Brazilian Baptist Convention and senior pastor of Bacacheri Baptist Church (*Igreja Batista do Bacacheri*), said, “We’re living in a time of partnership for the advancement of the Kingdom. It’s something very special because we know nobody has it all, and that makes a big difference when you realize that.

“This kind of partnership between the Brazilian Baptist Convention and the Texas convention, between the seminary in Rio and Southwestern Seminary, this partnership between students in Rio and students in Southwestern, [partnership] enhances the power that can be released ... if you work side by side, that makes it much more powerful.”

Silvado and others leading the Baptist denomination in Brazil are excited about the future of what God is doing in and through their country. They recognize that young people often



see the world differently than they do, and by grasping and implementing strategic actions for missionary purposes, the Gospel can go further and reach more people than ever before.

“My generation,” Silvado explained, “thinks about passports and borders. They [millennials and Gen Z] think globally. ... If somehow, we, as leaders, could move down and have the mindset of the newer generation and think globally, we could impact the world in a different way.”





The city of Goiania, located in the state of Goias, Brazil, was the host city of the 2020 annual meeting of the Brazilian Baptist Convention. This city was chosen for the annual meeting on the centennial year of the start of Baptist work in the state. T.C. Bagby, the son of missionary Buck Bagby, pastored the First Baptist Church in Goiania.

“Everywhere in Brazil, we saw deep Bagby tracks,” Scarborough wrote, “some churches they had founded, schools they had built, great leaders they had won to Christ and trained for His service, or some other triumphs of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.”

“The last thing I saw dear Dr. W.B. Bagby do was to bring a young woman down the aisle to profession of faith in Christ,” Scarborough recalled, “and the glow of a holy radiance was on his face and a joy charming to the angels of God was in his heart. ... He is still feeling the urge of lost men and the compassion for their salvation.”

Bagby died in 1939, and Anne followed three years later. A report to the Foreign Mission Board after Anne’s death recounted:

The testimony of those two faithful believers [Buck and Anne Bagby] has been multiplied into 70,000 witnesses; now 780 Baptist churches stand where there was none, 62 years ago; instead of one missionary couple, there are now 102 missionaries; and from one Baptist minister, the number has grown to 383.

By 2020, these numbers have grown exponentially, and the pioneer work of Buck and Anne Bagby continues to reap dividends.

ALEX SIBLEY ('16)

The Brazilian Baptist Convention has a goal of starting 5,000 new churches in the next five years. They desire to expand missionary appointments and to continue to push back darkness in every corner of the globe with the light of the Gospel. Through the power of God and the obedience of His people, they pray that the missionary heritage and passion they have received will perpetuate and characterize the DNA of Baptists in Brazil.

Brent Ray ('89, '00), director of Southwestern Seminary’s World Missions Center, spent 14

years in Brazil as a missionary with the International Mission Board. While he served in Brazil, Ray had the opportunity to invest in young believers in local churches and in the seminary. During his time at Southwestern, Ray has helped develop partnerships on multiple levels with Brazilian Baptists.

“What is the treasure they left for us?
The missionary vision and passion.
Love people. Reach people. Love to
share the Gospel.”

“We are partnering with the national convention, the Foreign Mission Board, the National Mission Board, and the Rio seminary,” Ray says. “The theological education committee of the convention met four years ago and invited us to help train professors for the three national schools.”

“Our deepest tie is with the Rio seminary,” Ray continues. “We’ve had a five-and-a-half-year relationship with the Rio seminary and helped them develop a post-graduate program in expository preaching, which they now do on their own. They had the first national expository preaching conference this last year to an absolutely packed house. We are working now on a post-graduate program in missiology.”





Baptists from around the country of Brazil gathered for the annual meeting in Goiania and celebrated their national history singing the Brazilian national anthem.

Pastor Fausto Aguiar de Vasconcelos (right) ('76, '85), current president of the Brazilian Baptist Convention, enjoys a program during the annual meeting in Goiania. Seated center is special guest, the governor of the state of Goias.




The Rio seminary is also designing and developing a center on the campus of the seminary that will serve as a missionary training center and world missions center. The name they have chosen: The William Buck Bagby Center for World Missions.

HIS HAND CONTINUES TO GUIDE

In his role leading the national mission board and the seminary in Rio de Janeiro, Fernando Brandão is keenly aware of the need to train leaders. He works alongside many others in Brazil to equip young men and women for Gospel ministry. But he does not forget what he calls the "treasure" left by missionaries to Brazil like the Bagbys, Taylors, Ginsburgs, Keys, and Rays.

"What is the treasure they left for us? The missionary vision and passion," he says.

"Love people. Reach people. Love to share the Gospel. Love planting churches. Love investing in missions. Because if you have money, if you have buildings, if you have a denominational structure, but if you don't have missionary vision, nothing will stand." 

ADAM COVINGTON ('09)

is senior editor of Southwestern News and director of communications at Southwestern Seminary.

Create a culture of everyday evangelism

Matt Queen debunks the myths of personal evangelism, providing encouragement, insight, and practical steps for creating a culture of everyday evangelism in your church.

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hat if every member of your church made evangelism a regular practice in his or her daily routine? Imagine the impact this would have on your

church and community! This book can help you do it. Originally published in 2014, this best-selling Seminary Hill Press title is now in its third edition. Newly added features include a fresh layout; a foreword by Johnny Hunt, senior vice president for evangelism and leadership for the North American Mission Board (NAMB); and endorsements from pastors, evangelists, state convention leaders, and Southern Baptist Convention entity heads, including SBC President J.D. Greear and SBC Executive Committee President Ronnie Floyd. "You'll be moved to action as you read this book," Greear says.



OUR NORTHERN KINGDOM PODCAST

HOSTED BY JOSHUA WHETSTIN

An episode in January of this year featured Travis Kerns, associate professor of apologetics and world religions. He said: "I tell students this all the time: If I have five minutes to talk to an unbeliever ... If I have five minutes to talk about evidence or I have five minutes to share the Gospel, that's not a decision I even have to consider. I'm going to share the Gospel. Period. End of story."

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“Matt Queen’s book *Everyday Evangelism* is all about living and leading with intentionality; from equipping for evangelism to practicing evangelism.”

- RONNIE FLOYD ('80, '83), PRESIDENT AND CEO, SBC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

BYLINES

Single Women Ministries in the Church

Katie McCoy,
Assistant professor of theology in women’s studies

“Women in the corporate world have observed that their ability to flourish in their field requires more than a mentor. They need a sponsor ... who champions their potential and helps create opportunities for them to excel.”
(in 9Marks)

Fairness for All Act: We remain unconvinced

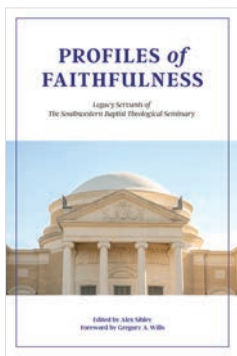
David S. Dockery,
Distinguished professor of theology

“We consider many of the supporters of FFA to be good and long-time friends, but we remain unconvinced that FFA is the right option for the Christian community.”
(in The Christian Post)

‘Radical reevaluation’ of youth ministry

Richard Ross,
Professor of student ministry

“I believe the current model of youth ministry is hopelessly flawed in several ways. ... [W]e must face the truth that the current approach to youth ministry is just not working very well.”
(in Baptist Press)



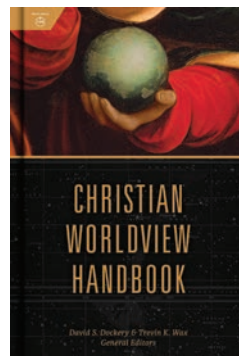
PROFILES OF FAITHFULNESS
Seminary Hill (2020)
GREGORY A. WILLS, FOREWORD

Delving into the history of Southwestern Seminary reveals a pattern of Gospel faithfulness that goes back through the generations of faculty, students, and administrators, all of them called and sustained by a great and faithful God. This volume profiles some of these individuals, exposing how God has used a myriad of men and women to impact the seminary and the Kingdom of God.



TUNE MY HEART: BIBLE NARRATIVES DEVOTIONAL GUIDE FOR FAMILIES OR INDIVIDUALS
Religious Affections Ministries (2020)
SCOTT ANIOL

Containing a Bible reading plan, study notes, reflection questions, a catechism, weekly Bible memory, and weekly hymns, this book is perfect for anyone who wants to focus Bible reading and study on the narratives and poetry of Scripture—particularly parents who want to lead their children into the Word and worship.



CHRISTIAN WORLDVIEW HANDBOOK
Holman Reference (2019)
DAVID S. DOCKERY, CO-EDITOR

Guided by general editors David S. Dockery and Trevin K. Wax, this handbook is an invaluable resource and study tool that will help Christians discuss, defend, and clearly share with others the truth, hope, and practical compatibility of Christianity in everyday life. Among the contributors is Southwestern Seminary systematic theology professor Malcom Yarnell.

Distinguished professor of theology James Leo Garrett Jr. dies

The alum served Southwestern Seminary as a professor for a combined 28 years.

BY JULIE OWENS
AND ALEX SIBLEY



JAMES LEO GARRETT JR., distinguished professor of theology emeritus at The Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, died Feb. 5 in Nacogdoches, Texas, after a long and illustrious academic career, including a combined 28 years at the seminary. He was 94.

“James Leo Garrett Jr. is a distinguished Southwesterner whose teaching ministry on Seminary Hill impacted thousands of students, and through those students, unknown multitudes of believers across the globe,” said Adam W. Greenway ('02). “I am fortunate to have been one of those students and count it a unique privilege to

1959, 1979–1997), Southern Seminary (1959–1973), and Baylor University (1973–1979). In 1988, he was a visiting professor at Hong Kong Baptist Theological Seminary. He also lectured in Mexico, Brazil, Uruguay, Colombia, the Ukraine, and Romania, and at various other schools in the United States. Garrett and his wife, Myrta, received Southwestern Seminary’s L.R. Scarborough Award in 2007.

“I’m grateful for Dr. Garrett’s influence in my life as a teacher, a churchman, a colleague in theological education, a fellow follower of Jesus, and a personal friend,” says Russell H. Dilday Jr. ('55), president

“Not only was he a superb scholar and great teacher, but he was a faithful churchman.”

have been taught by such a scholar and minister of the Gospel. I encourage the entire Southwestern Seminary family to lift up the Garrett family during this time of grief.”

Garrett was born Nov. 25, 1925, in Waco, Texas. In 1935, he was baptized into membership at the Seventh and James Baptist Church.

In 1945, he earned a Bachelor of Arts in English from Baylor University, where he was president of the centennial class. In 1948, he was awarded a Bachelor of Divinity degree from Southwestern Seminary and married fellow graduate Myrta Ann Latimer ('46). He received a Master of Theology degree from Princeton Theological Seminary in 1949, then returned to Fort Worth to teach at Southwestern Seminary as well as study toward a doctorate, which he completed in 1954.

In his career, Garrett taught at Southwestern Seminary (1949–

of Southwestern Seminary from 1978-1994. “He will be missed.”

Kenneth S. Hemphill, Southwestern Seminary’s president from 1994-2003, says, “It is hard for me to express the respect I had for Dr. Garrett. He was not only one of Southern Baptists’ leading theologians, he was a genuine follower of Christ. He and his gracious wife, Myrta Ann, were friends and encouragers to Paula and me.”

Garrett authored, co-authored, edited, and co-edited more than 130 published works. He is best known for his two-volume *Systematic Theology: Biblical, Historical, and Evangelical*. In 2009, he authored *Baptist Theology: A Four-Century Study*, which presents the history of Baptist doctrinal beliefs through primary sources, confessions, and teachings of major theologians.

Garrett was honored with a festschrift in 1991 titled *The People*

of God: *Essays on the Believers' Church*, edited by Southwestern alumni David S. Dockery ('85) and Paul Basden ('81). A second festschrift in Garrett's honor was published in a spring 2006 issue of *Perspectives in Religious Studies*, the journal of the National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion.

Malcolm Yarnell ('90), research professor of systematic theology at Southwestern Seminary, recalls that during his first semester as a student with Garrett, Garrett asked him what God had called him to do. Trembling, Yarnell said he believed God wanted him to teach theology "like James Leo Garrett Jr."

"He blessed me on the spot and never stopped blessing me through the years," Yarnell says. "Dr. Garrett was my theological father, and I will miss his continual encouragement to be all that our Heavenly Father called me to be. After I joined the Southwestern faculty, he literally gave me his office — for that honor, I remain grateful. Perhaps these

things explain why, like many of his other students, [my wife] and I named our second son in his honor."

Dockery, distinguished professor of theology at Southwestern, said "it was certainly a great privilege for me to study with James Leo Garrett Jr., the premier Southern Baptist theologian of the second half of the 20th century." Dockery added that Garrett's contributions to the church and to the academy were "of great significance."

"Not only was he a superb scholar and great teacher," Dockery said, "but he was a faithful churchman and a person of deep and genuine piety, an exemplary ecclesial theologian with a love for the Gospel and an infectious commitment to and hope for the unity of the people of God."

Garrett was preceded in death by his wife, Myrta, in 2015. He is survived by three sons, James Leo Garrett III, Robert T. Garrett, and Paul L. Garrett; four grandsons; and three great-grandchildren. 🏠



new strategy of mission work—partnership missions, in which lay people were encouraged to become short-term missionaries themselves, rather than only those called to full-time missions.

"Dub Jackson was one of God's choice servants who was mightily used to bring the hope of the Gospel not only to his beloved Japan and across Asia, but literally

"The 'pioneer' of partnership missions that would result in one-half million professions of faith in Christ."

'Dub' Jackson— partnership missions 'pioneer,' distinguished alumnus—dies at 95

BY
JAMES A. SMITH SR.

WILLIAM "DUB" HENRY JACKSON JR., the "pioneer" of partnership missions that would result in one-half million professions of faith in Christ, died on Jan. 19 in Fort Worth after an extended illness. He was 95.

The 1998 distinguished alumnus of Southwestern Seminary began his life on the school's campus, where he was born in 1924 while his father was a student, and his last years were spent on Seminary Hill, where he lived investing his passion for missions in students.

A World War II P-38 fighter pilot who saw combat in the Pacific, Jackson, who completed his Bachelor of Divinity at Southwestern Seminary in 1951, would later go on to become a missionary to the Japanese people he once fought and develop a

around the world through his work with the now-International Mission Board and his launching of what we now take for granted, the concept of 'partnership missions'—pairing North American churches with overseas countries in order to mobilize church members for global evangelism," said President Adam W. Greenway.

"He was a distinguished alumnus of Southwestern Seminary, and spent his final years living here on the campus, encouraging all who came to see him to remain committed to the unfinished task of connecting all people to Jesus Christ."

Jackson was preceded in death by Doris, his wife of 68 years; his son, William H. Jackson III; and grandson Jered Jackson. He is survived by his children, Shirley and Randy Roberts, Lynda and Mike Hughes, David and Darlyne Jackson, and Juanita and Steve Hayden; and daughter-in-law Susan Jackson; sister Annette Lipsey; 15 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

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Preview Days

5-6

Southwestern
Advisory Council
meeting

6-8

Board of
Trustees Meeting

10

Good Friday
Holiday

14-16

T4G Conference

23-24

Baptists & the
Bible Conference

20-24

Global
Missions Week

24

Scarborough
College Spring
Finale

MAY

8

Fort Worth
Commencement

11

Darrington
Commencement

16-28

NAMB GenSend
New York

25

Memorial Day
(Offices closed/
classes dismissed)

MAY/JUNE

31-6

NAMB Crossover
Florida

JUNE

9-10

SBC Annual
Meeting

10

SBC Alumni &
Friends Luncheon

13-19

NAMB GenSend
Appalachia



ANNIVERSARIES

1970

Paul K.S. Kim (*MDIV 1976, MARE 1979*) and Rebekah K. Kim, 40th wedding anniversary (January 1980).

MEMORIALS

Millard Daniel McLallen, former registrar

1940

James Leo Garrett Jr. (*BD 1948, THD 1954*)

1950

William "Dub" Henry Jackson Jr. (*BD 1951*)

1960

Bobby O. Johnson (*BD 1961, MRE 1983*)

Roberta "Bobbie" (Jordan) Nowland (*BD 1964, MDIV 1987*)

Robert J. Hinson (*MRE 1965*)

1970

Henry D. Wright (*MDIV 1977*)

1980

Robert Harrison Dilday (*MDIV 1982*)

Darold Hugh Morgan (*PHD 1982*)

Jack C. Burton (*MDIV 1987*)

1990

Randall E. Fletcher (*MDIV 1992*)

James C. Mills (*MDIV 1992*)

RETIREMENTS

1970

Paul K.S. Kim (*MDIV 1976, MARE 1979*) retired with wife Rebekah, living in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

2000

Frank E. Fain (*PHD 2000*) retired with wife Connita, living in Farmington, Missouri.

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We love to hear from Southwesterners from all over the world. If you have recently changed your ministry positions or celebrated a retirement, anniversary, or birth, we would love to hear about it. Please contact us at:

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Why I Give: To carry on generations of love for Southwestern

BY
JULIE OWENS

Dottie Riley carries on the dedication and generosity of her late husband.

FOR DECADES, HAROLD AND DOTTIE Riley were among the most loyal friends and benefactors of The Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Two years after Harold's passing, Dottie carries on that dedication and generosity with energy and passion.

"I'm extremely supportive of Southwestern Seminary because my husband had such love for Southwestern," she says from her home in Austin in a recent interview. "It makes me want to do more. With Harold's father being a student at Southwestern, and Harold knowing one of his dad's professors, Dr. [Jack] MacGorman, it was important to Harold to continue to support Southwestern."

In 2006, the Rileys gave one of the largest individual gifts in the seminary's history when they committed \$16 million as the lead gift to construct the MacGorman Chapel and Performing Arts Center and the Dottie Riley Prayer Tower. At the dedication ceremony, Harold said he chose to name the prayer tower after Dottie "because she radiates the love of God and her fellow man."

The Rileys also provided a lead gift for the seminary's Ray I. Riley Alumni Center, named in honor of Harold's father, a 1953 Southwestern Seminary graduate.

Harold Riley was 13 years old when his father left a steady job as an oil field foreman in the Texas panhandle because the Lord had called him to ministry. The senior

LEFT: Harold and Dottie Riley (center) at the ribbon-cutting for MacGorman Chapel

RIGHT: Harold Riley



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– DOTTIE RILEY

Riley moved his family to Fort Worth and graduated with a Bachelor of Divinity. Harold Riley witnessed the sacrifices his father made to serve the Lord and saw him trust in the Lord’s provision for their every need. Many times, the generosity of others was the only means by which the family could survive from month to month.

The kindnesses Riley received from others impacted him greatly. Throughout his life, he remained, along with Dottie, committed to supporting the Lord’s work.

Today, Dressed for Service and Women’s Auxiliary are also dear to Dottie’s heart. Along with her good friend Marlene Rich, Dottie helped develop the Austin Dressed for Service ministry in 2012.

“Dottie is a woman who shines with Jesus and truly cares about people,” says Karen Collett, Women’s Auxiliary liaison with the Office of Institutional Advancement. “God is using her in mighty ways.”

Born and raised in Bainbridge, Georgia, Dottie was the third of eight children. In 1972, she came to Austin, looking for a desirable place to live.

“I was in banking and called on [Harold’s] company, Citizens, asking if he was interested in doing business with our bank,” she recalls. “Harold was so kind and quickly put me in touch with his assistant, James Mott. But our friendship continued over the years, until we married on Oct. 28, 1991.”

Harold Riley had completed his Bachelor in Business Administration in 1952 at Baylor University, where he was an all-American football player. Drafted by the Los Angeles Rams, he declined the offer in order to enter the business world.

He proceeded to work his way up through the ranks of the insurance industry and founded Insurance Company of America in 1969. He became the chairman of the board and CEO of Citizens, Inc., an insurance holding company, which engages in the provision of insurance and reinsurance services, in Austin in 1987. Dottie remains a stockholder in Citizens, Inc.

In Austin, Riley and his wife Dottie also became long-time members of Hyde Park Baptist Church.

“Dottie Riley is selfless—her entire life is

about others,” says Kie Bowman (’85, ’90), senior pastor of Hyde Park Baptist Church. “Dottie befriends everyone. Every person she meets will immediately sense her genuine kindness and her love. Dottie Riley exhibits a Christian life of compassion, humility, and generosity. She’s one of my favorite people—we need more people like her!”

Blessed with financial success, the Rileys did not keep their resources to themselves, but rather used them to invest in the lives of other people through widespread philanthropic gifts and efforts.

“I enjoy working with people and giving back,” says Dottie.

When Harold passed away in 2017 at age 89, Southwestern Seminary’s flags were brought to half-staff in his honor. Today, the Rileys’ generosity can be seen on campus every day, benefiting thousands of students.

Dottie’s generosity lives on through the Harold E. Riley Foundation, directed by Mike Hughes. “Our foundation plans to continue to give,” she says. [🏠](#)

Will you join in renewing your commitment to Southwestern?

The Future Is Bright Thanks to You

BY
TRAVIS H. TRAWICK



WHAT A REMARKABLE SEASON OF GOD'S faithfulness this has been for Southwestern Seminary and Scarborough College. As we approach the conclusion of the spring semester, we give thanks for the two constants that have contributed to the school's ongoing health: consistent support and participation from alumni, friends, and donors, coupled with the indefatigable labor of faculty, staff, and administration. For over 112 years, the combined effort of these two constituencies has provided a world-class theological education to over 46,000 graduates who now serve in a variety of ministry assignments.

As I watch this exciting new chapter at Southwestern Seminary unfold, I want to express a sincere word of appreciation to each of our alumni. Our alumni have emulated what President Robert E. Naylor, also an alumnus, indicated when he described the seminary as a "living thing ... not an institution."

Your overwhelming response as alumni is reflective of our rich legacy as "one Southwestern" and points to a strong future for the school. Thank you for sharing testimonies from your ministry assignments, photo memories, notes of encouragement, updated contact information, and yes, even financial contributions in support of our students. While a directory project this large is massive in scale, the result is a vital way for the seminary to stay connected with our alumni.

Alumni directories, which will be available both in print and in digital format, will ship in June. Apparel will ship in April—just a few weeks before directories. Please contact our alumni office by emailing alumni@swbts.edu or calling (817) 923-1921, ext. 7200, if we can answer questions you may have about your order. A limited number of extra print copies will be available for purchase.

Regardless of the geographical location where you serve, there are a number of ways to stay connected as we announce important updates on the re-launch of our Southwestern Alumni Association this fall. In addition

to social media updates, The Hill is our regular newsletter that highlights news stories and events. Please visit our alumni website (swbts.edu/alumni) to find important alumni events like the upcoming national alumni meeting on Wednesday, June 10, during the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting in Orlando, Florida.

Let me also encourage you to make plans this fall to join us for alumni meetings that will take place at several state Baptist conventions. Trey Holmes, director of alumni and church relations, is leading well in the organization of all of these efforts. His email is wholmes@swbts.edu, and I am confident you will enjoy meeting him at one of the upcoming alumni activities.

"Thank you for your ... support of this school as an alumni body for more than a century."

Under the leadership of our ninth president, Adam W. Greenway, also an alumnus, the future of Southwestern Seminary and Scarborough College is bright. Thank you for your faithful support of this school as an alumni body for more than a century. As a prayer partner, as a financial supporter, as an active member in our alumni association, you are making a difference in eternity. Will you join me in continuing and renewing your commitment to Southwestern as we partner together to impact this world for the cause of Christ? 🙏

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