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A new name, vision for our college



Texas Baptist College exists to glorify God by providing trustworthy Christian higher education for more faithful Kingdom service.

WITH THIS NEW VISION, we have launched a new name for Southwestern Seminary's undergraduate college. Many things we have been able to see the Lord bring about here have excited me in my brief tenure thus far as president of Southwestern Seminary, but I believe few changes we have implemented have as far-reaching potential as the new vision, name, and leadership for our college. I am confident that Texas Baptist College is going to be a tremendous educational enterprise that will enrich its students' lives and impact our world through their service.

Texas Baptist College is distinctly, authentically, and unapologetically Christian in our fundamental commitments, with the biblical worldview permeating and saturating everything that happens in every classroom and

every course. That worldview experience is of critical importance in all stages of life, but especially during the college years when students are thinking through and wrestling with life's ultimate questions. TBC is the ideal educational atmosphere where they can pursue the answers to those questions within a distinctly Christ-centered framework that is biblically rooted and confessionally faithful.

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The TBC vision is elaborated further in its core distinctives: Christ-centered, Scripture-driven, and student-focused. At TBC, Jesus Christ is preeminent. He is the hero of the story of redemption, He is the One in whom we find our life and our meaning, and He is the source of all true knowledge and authentic education. We come to know about Jesus, the living Word of God, because of our commitment to the authority and sufficiency of the revealed written Word of God. The Bible is the core textbook at TBC and frames all that we teach and study. And TBC is focused on students; an institution designed to provide an authentic educational experience for them—one deeply committed to the Christian worldview yet focused upon the real world of the workforce and vocation today.

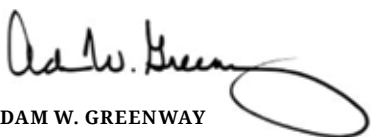
One of the great blessings students have at Texas Baptist College is studying at the undergraduate school of Southwestern Seminary. The opportunities provided by being an embedded college in the context of a broader

institution and campus include the many and varied amenities available for student life, as well as the opportunities for mentoring and discipleship. Because there are other students who are pursuing other degrees and having other experiences, Seminary Hill provides a unique and rich environment for the education, preparation, and formation of TBC students.

Throughout church history the language of vocation has been used to encapsulate the fact that all kinds of work should be undertaken with a sense of calling; an opportunity to use one's God-given skills and talents—not just to earn a living—but to make an impact. At Texas Baptist College, we desire to help students to develop the real-world skills within an integrated, distinctly biblical worldview, so that they will not only will be able to earn a living, but be able to make a difference as Christ's hands and feet wherever they may serve.

The decision of our board of trustees to change the name of our college is not in any way a repudiation of our second president, the Baptist giant Lee Rutland Scarborough. Indeed, he remains one of the great heroes of Southwestern Seminary and Southern Baptist Convention history. Instead, we believe the name Texas Baptist College enables us in more ways to continue to emphasize the legacy of Scarborough, along with that of our founder, B.H. Carroll, and so many other Texas Baptists who were committed to a vision of training and educating God-called men and women for all the vocations everywhere they may serve—but especially right here in the great Lone Star Texas.

Under the leadership of Dean Benjamin M. Skaug, with a faculty of stellar scholar-ministers, and embedded within the broader resources and rich history of Southwestern Seminary, Texas Baptist College is poised to provide students with trustworthy Christian higher education for more faithful Kingdom service. If you know someone who is considering college options, I hope you will encourage them to come to Fort Worth and visit TBC soon. 📍


ADAM W. GREENWAY
 President





ON MAY 7, 2021, men and women from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and Scarborough College participated in spring commencement ceremonies. The ceremony took place with attendance limited to faculty, graduates, and up to four guests for each graduate due to COVID-19 restrictions. Read more on page 11.



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David S. Dockery named interim provost of Southwestern Seminary

Greenway: “Dr. David Dockery’s return to Seminary Hill last year has been one of God’s greatest blessings to Southwestern Seminary.”

PRESIDENT ADAM W. GREENWAY ('02) appointed David S. Dockery ('81), a “statesman of Christian higher education,” interim provost of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, he announced in January. The seminary is also commencing a national search for the institution’s next chief academic officer.

“Dr. David Dockery’s return to Seminary Hill last year has been one of God’s greatest blessings to Southwestern Seminary,” said Greenway. “He has been an outstanding contributor in every role I have asked him to fill—indeed, in every way exceeding my already high expectations for him. That he is now willing to accept this new, highly consequential role is further evidence of God’s faithful provision for Southwestern. Dr. Dockery is the very epitome of a Southwesterner—a minister of the Gospel who loves the Lord, serves

the churches of the Southern Baptist Convention, and leads in scholarship. He is a statesman of Christian higher education who is deeply respected across the evangelical world. As interim provost he will help us to continue the Southwestern tradition of the very best in theological education.”

Dockery’s appointment follows the departure of Randy L. Stinson, who had served as provost and vice president for academic administration since February 2019.

Dockery said it will be a “genuine privilege” to serve “President Greenway, the gifted academic leadership team, and the outstanding Southwestern faculty during this interim period. We will work together to point the Southwestern community toward a shared future characterized by academic excellence, confessional faithfulness, and biblical hopefulness.”

Dockery, who earned the Master of Divinity at Southwestern Seminary in 1981, joined the seminary faculty in 2019 when he was named distinguished professor of theology and theologian-in-residence for the B.H. Carroll Center for Baptist Heritage and Mission. He also

serves as special consultant to the president. Last year, Dockery was named editor of the *Southwestern Journal of Theology*, the seminary’s historic academic journal. His book *The Doctrine of the Bible* was republished last year by Seminary Hill Press, the school’s publishing arm.

After a lengthy career in Christian higher educational leadership at Trinity International University, Union University, and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, in 2019 Dockery was invited to assist with the leadership of the International Alliance for Christian Education. He has also served as president of the Evangelical Theological Society and is currently a member of its executive committee, as well as board chair of the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities, Christian College Consortium, and Consortium for Global Education.

A native of Tuscaloosa, Ala., Dockery has had a distinguished career as a theologian and educator. In addition to his degree from Southwestern Seminary, he holds degrees from the University of Alabama at Birmingham (B.S.), Grace Theological Seminary (M.Div.), Texas Christian University (M.A.), and the University of Texas at Arlington (Ph.D.). Dockery was named a distinguished alumnus by Southwestern Seminary in 2002.

In 1995, Dockery was elected president of Union University in Jackson, Tenn. Under his transformational leadership, enrollment more than doubled, net assets more than tripled, and Union sprang to a place of national leadership in Christian higher education.

In 2014, he was installed as Trinity’s 15th president and served in that role for five years, then transitioned to the role of chancellor.

He has been married to Lanese for more

“He is a statesman of Christian higher education who is deeply respected across the evangelical world.”

— GREENWAY ('02)

than 45 years, and they have three married sons and eight grandchildren. Their travels have taken them to the various regions of the United States and Canada, as well as to Europe, Latin America, Asia, Africa, Australia, and the Middle East. 📍—Staff

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FALL 2020

'Love one another,' Greenway charges graduates

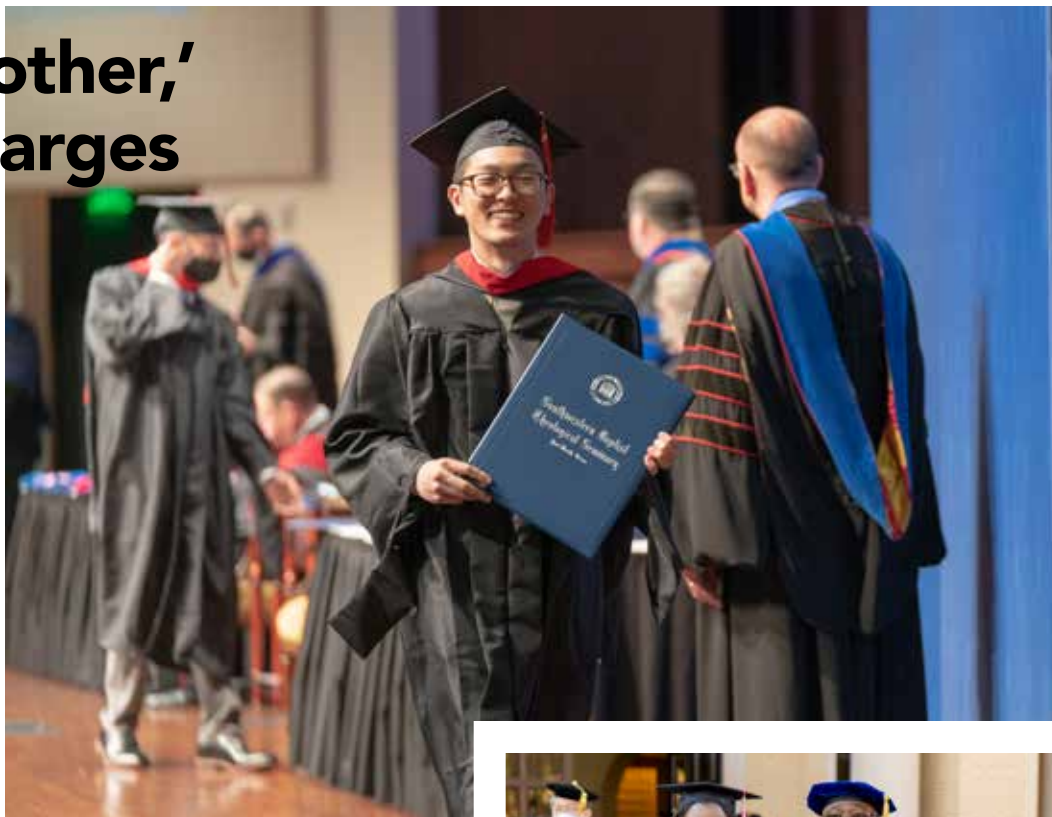
SOUTHWESTERN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY and Scarborough College recognized, celebrated, and commissioned 638 bachelor's, master's, doctoral, and certificate graduates during its fall 2020 commencement ceremony, Dec. 4, of whom 223 were present.

The ceremony took place in MacGorman Chapel, but due to COVID-19 restrictions, only graduates, faculty, and production staff were present in the room. All wore masks and remained socially distanced throughout the ceremony. Graduates' families were invited to view commencement via a live simulcast from various locations across the Fort Worth campus. Masks and social distancing were required in these locations, as well. The ceremony was also livestreamed online.

Due to the cancellation of the spring commencement ceremony last May necessitated by COVID-19, spring graduates, who received their diplomas by mail, were invited to return for the fall ceremony in order to formally walk across the stage alongside the fall graduates.

During his address to the graduates, President Adam W. Greenway ('02) noted the unique context in which the students are graduating and in which they will serve, acknowledging not only COVID-19 but also the often-vitriolic rhetoric concerning various issues in society, particularly on social media. Given this context, Greenway posed the question, "How should a watching world know that you are a Southwestern Seminary graduate?"

Preaching from John 13:31-35, Greenway said his prayer for the graduates is that they would follow Jesus' words in verse 35: "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."



"What we need is less of the incendiary, the antagonistic, the hostile, the critical, the negative; we need more Gospel, more grace, more mercy, more love, more King Jesus," Greenway said.

"And I would say to those of you who, in a few moments, will receive your Southwestern Seminary diplomas and will be conferred your certificates and degrees, my fellow Southwesterners, go forth, live your life in such a way, empowered by the Spirit of God, where people will know that you are a Southwestern Seminary and Scarborough College graduate because they see the love of God in you; they see how you love one another; they see how you love others. I believe that bears the fragrant aroma of Christ. I believe God is glorified in that."



"What we need is ... more Gospel, more grace, more mercy, more love, more King Jesus."

- GREENWAY ('02)

"The need is great," Greenway concluded. "The time is short. By this will all people know that you are disciples of Christ and, prayerfully, they will know that you are graduates of the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and Scarborough College: by the love you show one toward another." 📖—A.S. and K.C.

'Make the most of the time,' Greenway exhorts graduates

ON WHAT PRESIDENT ADAM W. GREENWAY ('02) called a "high, holy" day, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and Scarborough College celebrated 294 certificate, bachelor's, master's, and doctoral students during its spring commencement ceremony, May 7, of whom 210 were present.

"We come together because we celebrate not just the degrees that have been earned and the diplomas that will be presented," said Greenway, "but because sitting before us is the hope that the church of the Lord Jesus Christ will have a more faithful ministry because of, literally, the hundreds of years of combined consecrated study and preparation that has been invested."

The ceremony took place in MacGorman Chapel, with attendance limited to faculty, graduates, and up to four guests for each graduate due to COVID restrictions. Up to four additional guests for each graduate were invited to watch a live simulcast of the ceremony from a separate location on the Fort Worth campus. The ceremony was also livestreamed online.

In his address to the graduates, Greenway preached from Ephesians 5:15-21, emphasizing Paul's admonishment to make the "most of the time, because the days are evil."

"The days are evil now and before you," Greenway said. "You will be sent out to minister in an environment that is perhaps as adversarial to what we believe and confess than any environment that any graduating class has ever gone forth from this institution into since our chartering in 1908.

"The kinds of conversations we are having, the kind of issues that we will confront, demand nothing less than the wisdom that comes from above." —A.S.



NEW SOUTHWESTERNERS CELEBRATE

Graduates and their friends and families took to social media.

"Finally getting to walk. No spring commencement, so glad SWBTS made it possible so we can walk today." Paul Stohler, a 2006 Master of Divinity graduate who completed his Doctor of Ministry in spring 2020 (Twitter)

"There are many defining moments in life. Today is one of those moments for Tim and our little family. ... Tim has pushed himself through late nights, has challenged deep concepts of his beliefs, and remained incredibly objective and quietly firm. I am through-the-roof proud of him." Janese Rivers, wife of MTS graduate Tim Rivers (Facebook)

"Congratulations Rev. Josh Hughes [Master of Divinity] from Eastside Baptist in Liberty, S.C. We are so proud of you and love you!" Kay Padgett (Facebook)

"Celebrating Barbaro Abel Marrero, president of Havana Baptist Seminary, graduation with Ph.D. from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary." Steven Branson (Facebook)

"So incredibly proud of my wife [Heather Williams, MTS]. ... The folks at SWBTS have been awesome and so welcoming. Allow the celebration to commence!" Tim Williams (Facebook)



'Spirit of Southwestern' was on display

THE WEEK OF FEB. 15, SEVERE WINTER STORMS brought snow, freezing temperatures, icy roads, power outages, and a shortage of clean water in Texas and across the southern United States. Many families from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary were affected, and the campus was closed for a full week. But in the midst of these difficulties, the seminary's faculty, staff, and students banded together in order to support and provide for one another, demonstrating what President Adam W. Greenway ('02) characterized as "the spirit of Southwestern."

"I could not be more proud of our faculty, staff, and students, all of whom have stepped up in a moment of need," said Greenway in a campus-wide email, Feb. 19. "I could tell you numerous stories of students serving one another, staff working around the clock to serve the seminary community, and faculty caring for student families. After witnessing our seminary family come together this week, I can attest to you that the spirit of Southwestern remains alive and well."

Amidst such circumstances, multiple departments of seminary staff quickly mobilized in order to care for the dozens of affected families. —A.S.



Award-winning Kazakh pianist named artist-in-residence

Tanya Karyagina brings national and international experience

Tanya Karyagina, an award-winning pianist with extensive international performing experience, has been named artist-in-residence in the School of Church Music and Worship at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Dean Joseph R. Crider announced in March. —A.S.



IN *SWJT*: HAWKINS EXAMINES TRUETT, CRISWELL ON RACE, RACISM

The "lost legacies" of George W. Truett and W.A. Criswell regarding matters of race and racism are examined in an article of the spring issue of the *Southwestern Journal of Theology*. The article is written by O.S. Hawkins ('74, '20), president of GuideStone Financial Resources and the successor of both Truett and Criswell as pastor of Dallas' First Baptist Church. He reveals that Criswell strongly advocated segregation in his early career, a position of which he later repented, and Truett failed to speak out against the blatant racism in his church.

Hawkins notes that "giants of the faith" like Truett and Criswell "dwindle into more ordinary men the more we know about them." However, he adds that "we should not put asunder other good they may have done to the benefit of the expansion of the Gospel. We are all sinners, and all walk on feet of clay."

Hawkins' article is one of eight in the spring issue of the *SWJT* exploring the doctrine of humankind. Other aspects include an explication of the image of God, what it means to be created male and female, a Christian understanding of human sexuality, the significance of the human body, and questions of transhumanism and artificial intelligence. The spring 2021 issue is available online. —A.S.

Settlement returns Harold E. Riley Foundation control to Southwestern, Baylor

A SETTLEMENT RETURNING CONTROL of the Harold E. Riley Foundation to Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and Baylor University “vindicates” the schools’ action in bringing a lawsuit to protect the “donative intent” of the foundation’s namesake and longtime benefactor of the schools, Southwestern Seminary President Adam W. Greenway said following a Feb. 8 hearing in which the settlement was entered in the 67th Judicial District Court of Tarrant County, Texas, presided over by Judge Don Cosby.

Greenway expressed thanks to “report that, in the Lord’s kindness, truth and justice has indeed prevailed.”

The lawsuit filed by Southwestern and Baylor in September 2020 alleged the HERF board led a “secret coup” in June 2018 in an “attempt to seize control of the Foundation and its assets,” which altered the foundation’s purpose, removed the schools’ rights and status as charitable members and sole beneficiaries, and misappropriated assets worth millions of dollars.

Under the settlement, the rights of Southwestern and Baylor to name trustees to the HERF board are restored, and Mike C. Hughes, Charles Hott, and David August “Augie” Boto are required to resign from the board and all paid positions of the foundation, effective immediately upon request of Southwestern and Baylor. Hughes was the HERF president and previously served as Southwestern’s vice president for institutional advancement from 2006-2017. Boto is the former executive vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee and served as its interim president from 2018-2019.

Hott, HERF’s former chief investment officer, was a Southwestern trustee from June 2017 until Jan. 26, 2021, when he was notified by board chairman Philip Levant that in light of Hott’s disclosure of material conflicts of interest on his annual report to the seminary he was considered as having resigned from the board under longstanding board conflict of interest policy. As part of the settlement, Hott represents and agrees that he is no longer a seminary board member.

The now former HERF board members are also prohibited from engaging in any efforts “designed to or will ... discourage third parties” from financially supporting the schools or

would “divert” gifts from the schools to third parties. Additionally, Hughes, Hott, and Boto agree “not to seek or accept any position or employment from or appointment in any fiduciary capacity, whether as an officer, director, or trustee at any Texas public and/or private nonprofit charitable organization,” as well as all Southern Baptist Convention entities.

The settlement was precipitated after one week of trial testimony in a temporary injunction hearing in which only one witness, Hughes, testified and often had difficulty answering questions about actions of the foundation’s board that Southwestern and Baylor alleged were contrary to the intent of Harold E. Riley, who established the charitable organization for the sole benefit of the two schools that he had financially supported for many years.

The settlement also came after the Texas attorney general’s office – who intervened against Hughes and the foundation leadership in the lawsuit in December to “protect the public interest in charity” and joined in the settlement – issued a subpoena compelling the testimony of Paige Patterson, the former president of Southwestern who was terminated in May 2018, less than two weeks before the HERF governance was changed. The subpoena was issued after evidence was presented showing involvement of Patterson, coupled with information provided to the Texas attorney general indicating efforts by Patterson and his associates to divert funds and redirect gifts away from the seminary to the Sandy Creek Foundation, his personal nonprofit organization.

Various other obligations are stipulated in the settlement.

In a statement, Greenway hailed the settlement: “Southwestern Seminary is pleased with this outcome. This agreement vindicates our desire to honor Mr. Harold E. Riley’s legacy and to hold accountable those individuals whose actions served to undermine his donative intent. While painful and costly, this cause of action was necessary to protect charitable donors who deserve the confidence that the purpose of their generous gifts will be fulfilled with integrity and without interference. This victory is not only for Southwestern Seminary and Baylor University, but for all who are com-

mitted to ensuring that resources intended to advance Kingdom purposes are not misused.

“Mr. Riley had a long and deep commitment to Southwestern Seminary that began with his father’s experience as a student on Seminary Hill, where Harold lived as a teenager. In order to honor his father, Ray I. Riley, and to benefit future generations of students like his father, Harold contributed major gifts to Southwestern, including the lead gift for the Ray I. Riley Alumni Center. Harold also gave \$16 million for the lead gift in building the J.W. MacGorman Chapel and Performing Arts Center in honor of our longtime New Testament professor, who deeply impacted Ray Riley. When Harold passed away in 2017, flags on the seminary’s Fort Worth campus were lowered to half-mast in his honor.

“Today’s settlement returns the foundation to its original purpose consistent with Mr. Riley’s wishes to benefit students and future ministers of the Gospel, like his father many years ago. I am thankful to report that, in the Lord’s kindness, truth and justice has indeed prevailed.”

In his December motion to intervene in the lawsuit, Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton

“In the Lord’s kindness, truth and justice has indeed prevailed.”

– GREENWAY ‘02

alleged Hughes and Hott “began to develop a scheme ... to receive substantial salaries and benefits from this charitable Foundation and find a way to change the structure of the Foundation to the detriment of its sole charitable beneficiaries, Baylor and Southwestern.”

While the settlement resolves the civil claims in this matter, seminary leaders have pledged full cooperation with state and federal officials as they look into this and related matters.

In light of the settlement and in coordination with the resignations of Hughes, Hott, and Boto, on Feb. 6 Southwestern and Baylor named their new HERF board members: Colby T. Adams, vice president for strategic initiatives and chief of staff, and F. Edward Upton, associate vice president for institutional relations, both representing Southwestern Seminary; Jeff Wallace, senior director of investment operations, finance and legal, and Doug Welch, chief compliance officer, both representing Baylor University. 🏢—Staff



The World Missions Center highlights opportunities in South Asia.

**GLOBAL
MISSIONS
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2021**

DURING ITS GLOBAL MISSIONS WEEK, March 22-25, the World Missions Center hosted workers from the International Mission Board's South Asia affinity team to share how God is working in the region as well as to connect students with opportunities to reach people with the Gospel.

Among the events of the weeklong emphasis was the Going Global Luncheon, March 24, during which IMB personnel gave an overview of the missionary task available to every Christian. With about 130 unreached people groups in the South Asia affinity, IMB personnel said, there are numerous opportunities for people of all life stages, personalities, skill sets, and niche interests.

For information or inquiries about missions opportunities through Southwestern or the IMB, email wmc@swbts.edu. —K.C.



God is doing 'fresh, marvelous' work on Seminary Hill, Greenway tells trustees

God is doing "a fresh and marvelous work" on Seminary Hill, President Adam W. Greenway ('02) declared to Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary's board of trustees during their spring meeting, April 12-13.

During the meeting, Greenway announced the seminary plans to resume "full, normal on-campus operations in the fall," and the board approved the 2021-2022 budget, elected officers, received encouraging enrollment updates, approved changes to bylaws and degree programs, promoted faculty, received announcement of the appointment of six new faculty, and conducted other business.

This meeting was the board's first in-person gathering since the fall of 2019. COVID-19 restrictions resulted in both the spring and fall 2020 meetings being held in a primarily virtual format. During the meeting, social distancing

was practiced, and some board members participated via videoconferencing.

"I cannot, to our board, commend strongly enough the resiliency of our faculty and our staff," Greenway said, "who have gone above and beyond the call of duty to be as flexible as they can be, to ensure that our students remain the priority in all that we do here at Southwestern Seminary."

Speaking of the "remarkable things" God has done to "provide for and sustain" the student body, Greenway noted that enrollment has been steady over the last year, with the number of graduate applications for the fall 2021 semester showing an 83 percent increase over last year, and the number of undergraduate applications showing an increase of 103 percent.

"Despite the fact that we have not had the

Swain to SWBTS: God is the center of evangelical theology



CHRISTIANS' UNDERSTANDING OF GOD, as revealed in Scripture, is inextricably tied to their understanding of being, argued Scott Swain, president of the Reformed Theological Seminary in Orlando, Florida, during the annual Day-Higginbotham Lectures at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in March. Hosted by the School of Theology, the two-part series took place on Southwestern Seminary's campus, and the lectures could also be viewed virtually. —K.C.

Longtime music ministry leader joins faculty



JON DUNCAN ('89) has been appointed senior professor of church music and worship in the School of Church Music and Worship. He joins the faculty with more than 40 years of local church and denominational service. Duncan has earned several degrees, including a Master of Music from Southwestern in 1989. —K.C.

opportunities to be in venues for major recruiting events and to be on the road, the Lord is reawakening prospective students to the marvelous educational opportunities that await them here at Southwestern Seminary across our five schools," Greenway said. "And that is the tremendous fruit of what has been happening in terms of our investments in admissions and enrollment efforts."

Greenway also noted God's financial provision, with the 2021-2022 budget representing an 11.5 percent increase over the current year's budget. Greenway said this financial plan is "an indication that the Lord is returning our seminary to a position of financial health and strength."

"We're going to close this fiscal year in a position of fiscal vitality, health, and strength because of the blessing of the Lord and because of the stewardship that our administration is committed to providing under the direction and leadership of you, our board of trustees, particularly our Business Administration Committee," Greenway said.

Regarding the seminary's ongoing response to COVID-19, Greenway said Southwestern has maintained "a position of caution and concern as we close out this spring semester," but that the institution plans to resume "full, normal on-campus operations" beginning this August.

Greenway concluded his report by declar-

ing that the "future remains exceptionally bright—as bright as a West Texas sunset—for Southwestern Seminary." He continued, "The Lord is doing a fresh and marvelous work here on Seminary Hill, and I am thankful every day for the trust that you have placed in me ... as president of my beloved alma mater, The Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary."

At the recommendation of the Business Administration Committee, the board approved a \$34.4 million budget for 2021-2022, representing an increase of 11.5 percent over the current year budget, and an increase of 5.3 percent over the 2019-2020 budget year.

Trustees also elected board officers: as chairman, Danny Roberts, executive pastor of North Richland Hills Baptist Church in North Richland Hills, Texas; as vice chairman, Jonathan Richard, senior pastor of First Baptist Church Estancia in Estancia, New Mexico; and as secretary, Jamie Green, retired speech-language pathologist in Katy, Texas.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Greenway recognized and thanked the outgoing members of the board of trustees, who completed their terms of service: Denise Ewing, Randy Martin, Eddie Miller, Herschel Smith, and former board chairman Kevin Ueckert. He also personally recognized outgoing chairman Philip Levant for his leadership of the board over the past two years. —A.S.

At the April 13 meeting, President Greenway informed the board of the appointment of six new faculty members—four in Scarborough College and two in the Roy J. Fish School of Evangelism and Missions.

- M. Todd Bates has been appointed professor of philosophy and associate dean of Scarborough College.
- Ian Buntain has been appointed associate professor of missions in the Fish School and director of the World Missions Center.
- Mark McClellan has been appointed professor of missions in the Fish School and director of Hispanic Programs.
- Blake McKinney has been appointed assistant professor of history in Scarborough College.
- Joshua M. Philpot has been appointed assistant professor of biblical studies in Scarborough College.
- Justin Wainscott has been appointed assistant professor of Christian ministry in Scarborough College and director of Discipleship and Campus Ministries.

The appointment of Wainscott is effective June 1; the others are effective July 1.

Feb. 3

"At a time of confusion and chaos, many of us are uncertain of what to speak, how to speak, and when to speak. What we need is a reorientation of what to speak, and it's the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. It's going to take battle-field-like courage in the days ahead to preach the Gospel."

BRIAN ARNOLD
president of Phoenix Seminary

Feb. 11

"We're headed into a period when the acids of modernity are going to require the greatest level of conviction and the most stupendous level of clarity. And it's going to require a courage that was never required of Southern Baptists before us. ... We're going to need all the Gospel, all the Scripture, all the Holy Spirit, and all of Jesus all the way to the gates of hell. Between here and there, we have a lot of work to do. Let's get at it."

R. ALBERT MOHLER JR.
president of Southern Baptist
Theological Seminary

Jan. 27

"We must not allow the enemy to distract us from the urgency of the fact that there are tens, hundreds of thousands, literally, around our world dying every day, going into a Christ-less eternity, while we continue to fixate and fight over things that ultimately do not matter in the grand scheme of eternity. We will never be the church triumphant if we are a people divided."

ADAM W. GREENWAY ('02)
president of Southwestern Seminary

Southwestern resumes chapel services for spring semester

Due to COVID-19, Southwestern Seminary canceled on-campus gatherings from March until December 2020 when commencement was held, although in-person instruction resumed in August.

Apr. 21

"Cultures change, faces change, names change, but Jesus' lordship over the church does not change. He is the supreme authority in our lives and in the church. So, I want to encourage you today to serve the church; to be the kind of leader that will help advance the Gospel."

JIM RICHARDS
executive director of the Southern
Baptists of Texas Convention

Apr. 7

"Savor the longsuffering of God. ... We don't have to worry about our own adequacy. We can all just agree we are inadequate. But He is completely adequate, and because He is, we are all miracles of mercy."

MATTHEW MCKELLAR ('85, '91)
professor of preaching



Feb. 24

“God’s plan for you is to experience His call on your life, confirmed and strengthened by the church around you, for His glory. Do not miss the window of opportunity that God has granted you in this place.”

KEVIN UECKERT ('98)
pastor of the First Baptist Church
of Georgetown, Texas

Mar. 3

“As we depart from this place, may every breath that we draw and may every conversation that we have be seasoned with grace. May every breath that we draw be in gratitude saying to God, ‘I praise you for the grace and mercy you had upon me. I praise you for saving me through Jesus Christ.’”

BENJAMIN M. SKAUG
dean of Texas Baptist College



Mar. 10

“Theological education in the Southwestern tradition has rendered service to the churches in numerous ways. The tradition has enabled believers to know God so as to help them proclaim and serve the living Christ. It has strengthened the church’s teaching, evangelistic, missiological, and apologetic tasks. These efforts have served as a touchstone for understanding what the church believes and for recognizing the principles by which the allegiance of its members will be judged. Such beliefs and practices come from serious theological reflection.”

DAVID S. DOCKERY ('81)
interim provost, Founder’s Day Address

“I CANNOT STRESS STRONGLY ENOUGH how much I have looked forward to this day,” said President Adam W. Greenway ('02) during Southwestern Seminary’s convocation service, Jan. 27, in MacGorman Chapel on the school’s Fort Worth campus—the first chapel gathering of the seminary community in nearly a year. Due to COVID-19, Southwestern Seminary canceled on-campus gatherings from March until December 2020 when commencement was held, although in-person instruction resumed in August. With precautions such as face masks and socially distanced seating observed, the convocation service was the first of the seminary’s resumed weekly chapel services for the spring 2021 semester.

Chapel took place every Wednesday. Previously, chapel services were held on Tuesdays and Thursdays. These are notable quotes from each of this semester’s speakers:

Mar. 24

“We’re going to face trials, but we always win. There’s no outcome in which we don’t win, because we know the end now. And we read it in the Bible in the victory that our Lord Jesus Christ has accomplished for us in His work on the cross, His resurrection, and His place before the Father as our total advocate.”

TED J. CABAL ('90, '95)
professor of philosophy of religion



Mar. 31

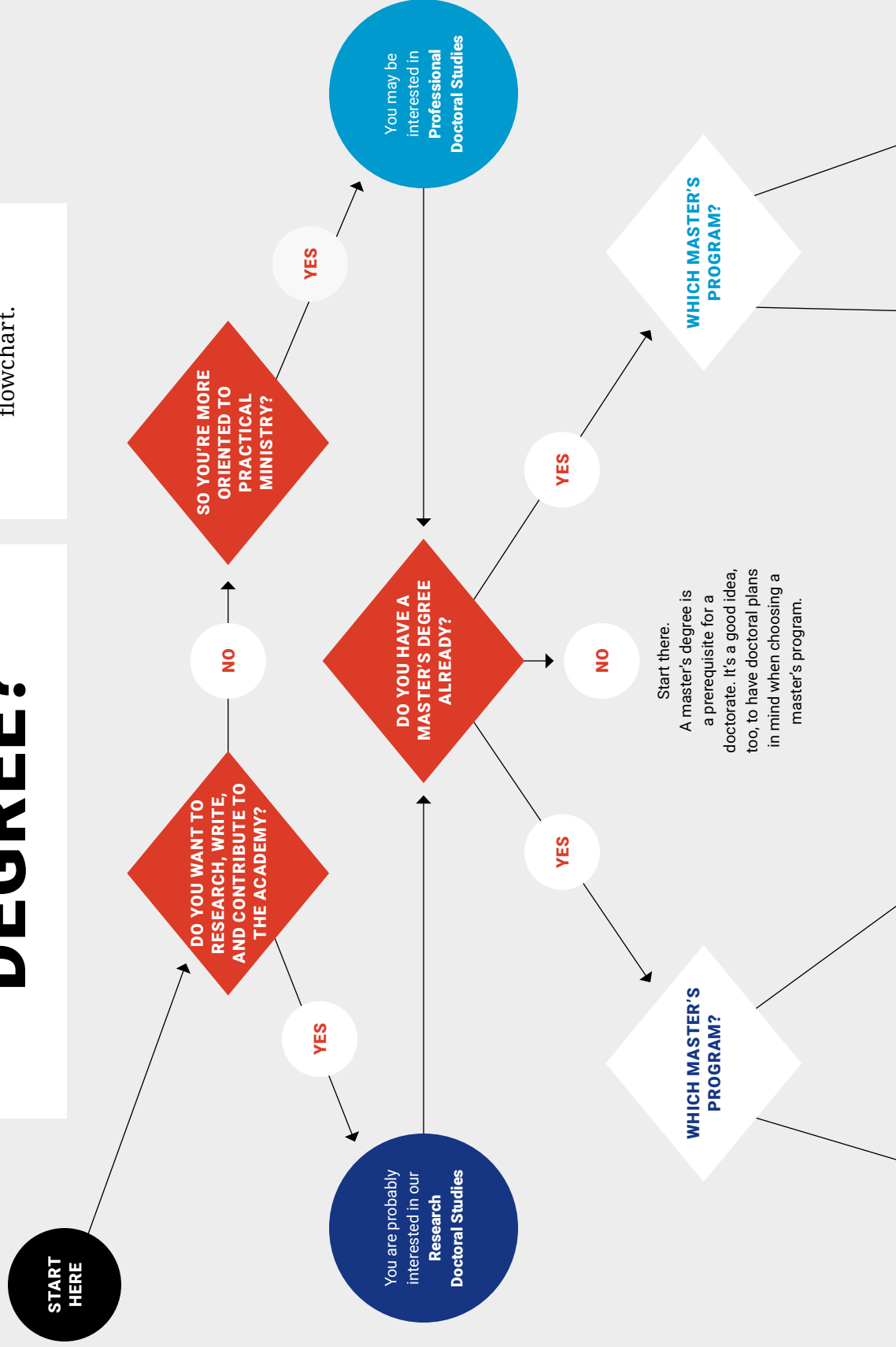
“The church is designed to participate within the unfolding drama of God’s redemption story in Christ. ... As beings uniquely created in God’s image, we are created to create, so we need to be enthralled with the greatest story ever told and find out how we, as followers of Christ, can go out and share that with the world.”

JARED WELLMAN
lead pastor of Tate Springs Baptist
Church, Arlington, Texas

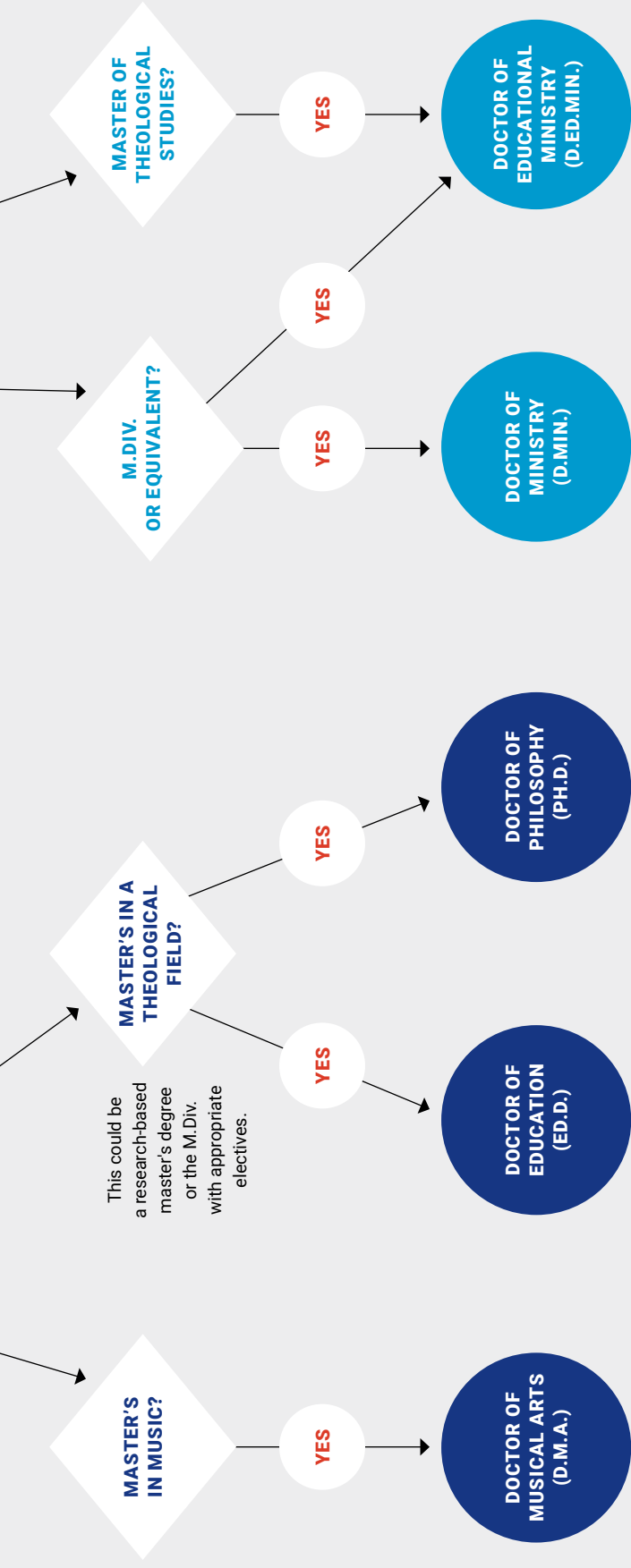
WHICH DOCTORAL DEGREE?

Has God called you to pursue further training through doctoral work?

Explore this flowchart.



Start there. A master's degree is a prerequisite for a doctorate. It's a good idea, too, to have doctoral plans in mind when choosing a master's program.



GOAL
pursue the highest level of performance skill and musical understanding for a lifetime of performance, teaching, and ministry

PROGRAM DESIGN
seminars in church music and worship, music history, theory, ensemble, performance and pedagogy, and colloquiums (4-7 years)

CONCENTRATIONS
piano performance and pedagogy, voice performance and pedagogy, and guitar performance and pedagogy

OUTCOME
perform and teach with a Christian worldview in the academy, the church, the mission field, or the world at large

GOAL
serve in frontline ministry (church, nonprofit, parachurch, Christian school) but also contribute to scholastic community (writing, speaking, teaching)

PROGRAM DESIGN
cohorts of up to 15 students; on-campus seminar work once a semester (30 months)

CONCENTRATIONS
6 majors available in areas of higher education administration, organizational leadership, and teaching and educational ministry

OUTCOME
be a published writer, excellent teacher, thought leader, and problem-solver

GOAL
be part of the academic community
– engage in a lifelong service of writing, of scholarship, of pouring back into the research field

PROGRAM DESIGN
seven major seminars, three minor seminars (4-7 years)

CONCENTRATIONS
16 majors available from schools of theology, evangelism and missions, educational ministries, and church music and worship

OUTCOME
“speak the language of the academy” in the church, higher education, or the marketplace

GOAL
strengthen ministry through professional development

PROGRAM DESIGN
annual seminars, guided discussions, ministry coaching (3 years)

CONCENTRATIONS
biblical counseling, Christian formation and discipleship, leadership, church revitalization, evangelism and missions, executive leadership, family ministry, Great Commission apologetics, pastoral theology, text-driven preaching, worship leadership

OUTCOME
impact the local church; become an authority in your area of ministry

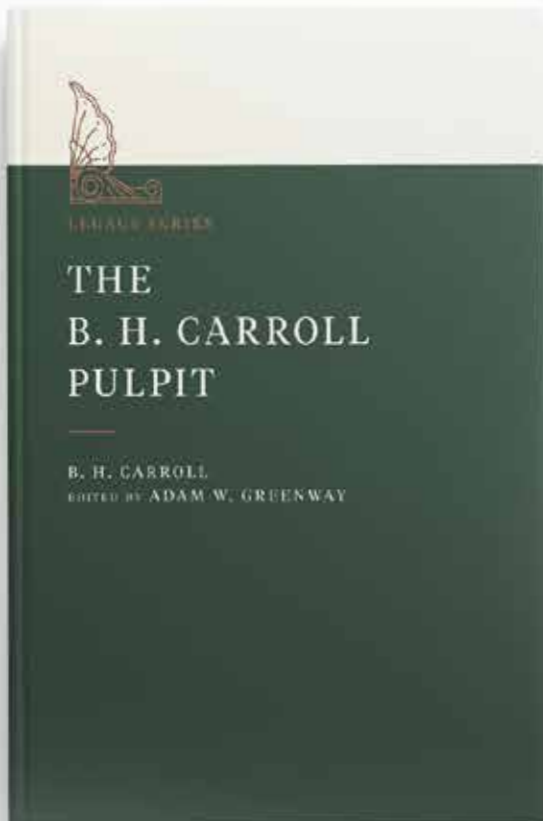
GOAL
lead, instruct, and coach other church and ministry leaders

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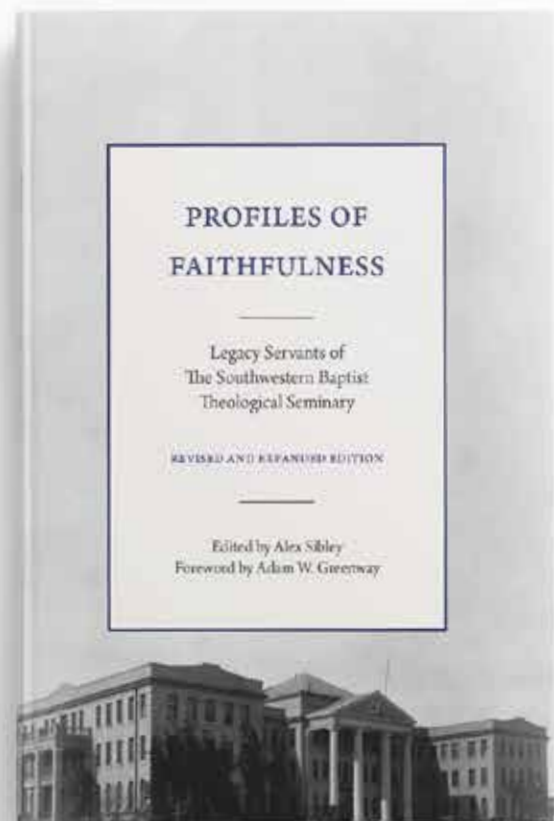
CONCENTRATIONS
biblical counseling, Christian formation and discipleship, Christian leadership, church revitalization, evangelism and missions, executive leadership, family ministry, Great Commission apologetics, worship leadership

OUTCOME
lead and serve others through teaching and coaching

NEW FROM SEMINARY HILL PRESS



The B. H. Carroll Pulpit collects 40 sermons and addresses from the founder and first president of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, B. H. Carroll, and is edited by the seminary's ninth president, Adam W. Greenway. It's the second volume in the Legacy Series of Seminary Hill Press.



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Southwestern Seminary exists to train people for the work of ministry. And it's the people who make Seminary Hill a special place. It's easy to see why.

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Henrison Bunn-Thai

Current M.A. in Great Commission Apologetics student

A BURDEN FOR THE LOST motivates Henrison Bunn-Thai and his wife, Savannah, in their calling to plant a church in Utah. In obedience to this calling from the Lord, Bunn-Thai surrendered his own career plans to pursue theological education at Southwestern Seminary, which he chose "because of its reputation for faithful biblical scholarship. Almost all of the men who have discipled me graduated from Southwestern Seminary. Their pursuit of knowing God and making Him known to others deeply inspired me to look into Southwestern Seminary."

He says one of the most important lessons he's learned at Southwestern Seminary is that "the goal should not be to simply graduate with a piece of paper, but rather the goal is to align with the Father's will: to conform into the image of His Son and our Lord, Jesus Christ."



STUDENT



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CARL J. BRADFORD

Assistant Professor of Evangelism; Master of Divinity, 2011; Ph.D., 2018

"I ENJOY TRAINING PRESENT AND FUTURE CHRISTIAN LEADERS to have a biblical and theologically informed understanding of evangelism while practicing a culturally appropriate and intentional approach to evangelism. It's this balance we lack in our churches.

"Ultimately, I desire for every student to leave my class understanding that evangelism is defined and informed from God's Word. If we define evangelism biblically, then we will practice evangelism correctly. Second, evangelism is motivated by a love for God and a love for those He created. We will not faithfully practice evangelism if we love God but don't have a heart for sinners. Last, I see every student participating in the spiritual discipline of evangelism on multiple occasions. For we only become excited about evangelism if we take part in evangelism!"

STUDENT



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Grace Kim

Current Ph.D. student

"WHETHER A PROFESSOR, A STUDENT, OR STAFF, everyone is so friendly helping me to feel at home," Kim says of her time at Southwestern. "International students could feel lonely being away from home. Yet because everyone is so kind, I was able to adjust to Southwestern Seminary very fast and have been enjoying building relationships."

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John and Pat Carlson

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JOHN AND PAT CARLSON ARE longtime ministry partners of Southwestern Seminary who are committed to investing in students called to preach the Gospel. Their particular calling is to support students preaching for spring revivals because, they say, "there is nothing like getting out and actually doing it."

"Southwestern stands for something,"

says John Carlson. "Students at Southwestern are going to make a difference in this world, and they are going to proclaim the Gospel, and nothing is more important than presenting the Gospel and having good people leading people to faith in Christ. If you are not doing that, there's a lot of nice things you can be doing, but they are not the important things."

Southwestern News

FACULTY



MATTHEW MCKELLAR

*Professor of Preaching;
Master of Divinity, 1985;
Ph.D., 1991*

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"AMONG THE MANY THINGS I ENJOY about teaching preaching at SWBTS, two aspects stand out above all others. First, I am grateful for the privilege of stressing to students that they can trust the divinely inspired and inerrant Scriptures. Their sermons must be built on the objective reality of biblical revelation rather than subjective human speculation. Secondly, I relish the opportunity to introduce the principles of text-driven preaching that stand at the center of the preaching department's homiletical perspective at SWBTS. It is a delight to encourage and equip students to 'carve' as close as possible to the biblical text that the Holy Spirit inspired."

"I relish the opportunity to introduce the principles of text-driven preaching."

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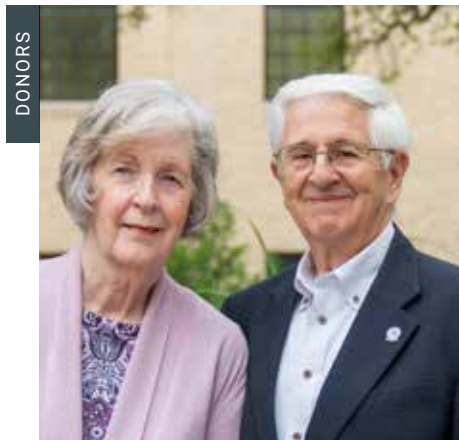
Frank Harber

Senior pastor, Champions Crossing Church, Trophy Club, Texas; president, The Institute for Christian Defense; M.Div., 1992; Ph.D., 1994

AS AN EVANGELIST WITH A LAW DEGREE, alumnus and former SWBTS evangelism professor Frank Harber has found a unique avenue for sharing the Gospel: the court system. Inspired by Paul’s witness across multiple court cases in the book of Acts, Harber leads the Institute for Christian Defense (ICD) in defending the faith through both apologetics and religious liberty cases for pastors and churches. “I had this incredible theological training, second to none, that I got from Southwestern, and now I combine it with a law degree to actually inform what I’m doing in religious liberty,” he says. He tells his clients, “I’m going to do everything I can to win your case, but I want you to know this: that together, we are going to preach Jesus.” He explains that the institute is “just another way to spread the Gospel,” adding, “There’s more important things than winning court cases; preaching Jesus is infinitely more important. ... And who knows, maybe we’ll stand in the Supreme Court and I will look these justices in the eye and tell them, ‘I’m here because I believe that Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life.’”

DAVID AND MARCIA MCQUITTY

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FOR DAVID AND MARCIA MCQUITTY, giving to Southwestern Seminary is an act of gratitude to the institution that trained them for ministry. Both David and Marcia graduated in 1969 with Master of Divinity degrees.

“We thought that we had received so much from Southwestern that we were committed to giving back,” says David. “We wanted to be proper stewards, and we gave even while we were students. It might have sometimes been a small amount, but it was always a commitment that we had.”

David and Marcia both say the relationships they formed with professors, administration, and students at Southwestern Seminary sustained them through their many years in ministry. Because of this, they have never hesitated to financially support the seminary that has provided much value to their ministries.

“We have always tried to give more in silence than in public, and we have given through everything from scholarships to opportunities to endow activities and special projects that the seminary has. We have been very much blessed, and we think that’s a priority in our lives—to be faithful stewards in all that we have been given.”



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CHARLES RIKARD

Administration and Education Pastor, Calvary Baptist Church, Nacogdoches, Texas; MACE, 2008

“MY STUDIES AT SOUTHWESTERN PREPARED ME by casting a vision for family ministry across the whole framework of the local church. We desire to see family ministry resonate in every area of our church, from babies to grandparents, and feel that we all have a role in preparing people for future Kingdom growth. Southwestern gave me the tools and vision to

explore how such a concept could exist within the local church.

“We annually host a family-centric Sunday that emphasizes the role of the parent in discipleship. We also incorporate family ideals into each ministry area, streamlining our age-grade ministries to focus on parent-equipped discipleship training.”

Start a Biblical Counseling Ministry in Your Church

The goal is to become more like Christ. But how?



BIBLICAL COUNSELING COULD BE DESCRIBED AS “INTENSE DISCIPLESHIP.” Like discipleship, the goal is to become more like Christ, but sometimes, individuals need specialized attention for struggles that are affecting their personal life or relationship with others. Depending on the type of problem, the person could meet with a spiritually mature man or woman or someone with biblical counseling training. Here are some suggestions to consider when starting a biblical counseling ministry:


Before planning a formal biblical counseling ministry, incorporate biblical counseling principles to your existing ministries. For example, you could offer a class for small-group leaders to deepen the nature of discussions that encourages people to share about their struggles. A culture of transparency, beginning with pastors and other leaders, promotes a church environment that doesn't shame people into hiding their issues. We're all a work in progress and need each other for accountability, prayer, and support.

Whether you're the pastor or lay person with a biblical counseling background, you could start equipping men and women by discussing a book on biblical counseling. There are many good options. *Instruments in the Redeemer's Hands* by Paul Tripp is one of them. You could also give a copy of the book to your pastor if he's not familiar with biblical counseling.

If you're counseling already, include an observer in your counseling sessions. This allows the person to experience

real counseling, and you could discuss the case afterwards as part of training. Over time, you could team counsel or observe that person's counseling sessions to provide feedback.

Consider registering for Southwestern's certificate program in biblical counseling. It's ideal for both laypersons and leaders who are not interested in completing a master's degree but desire practical training in providing Gospel-centered care. It includes a biblical foundation of biblical counseling and skills to address common life problems. Most of the participants are serving in ministry in various ways.

Stay connected to an established biblical counseling organization for resources on various topics and information on upcoming events. Here are a few suggestions: ACBC (biblicalcounseling.com), BCC (biblicalcounselingcoalition.org), CCEF (ccef.org). If possible, take a group with you to a biblical counseling event to learn from specialists and develop relationships with other biblical counselors. 



LILLY H. PARK serves as associate professor of biblical counseling at Southwestern Seminary.



Have Gospel Conversations with Atheists

AS A FORMER ATHEIST, I understand a little how some atheists think. Like most atheists I've met, I remained staunchly convinced of my atheism even though I could not produce convincing reasons for it. Christians witnessing to me at that time surely were tempted to give up! Some things I have learned about sharing Christ with atheists I learned the hard way. So, they are presented here as "don'ts":

1 / DON'T TRY TO BE A CLONE OF YOUR FAVORITE APOLOGIST. They write books and speak at conferences, so they do all the talking. But you are usually one on one or with small groups. Jesus and the apostles modeled how to have meaningful dialogues when they were with individuals. So, take pressure off yourself and let your friend talk, too.

2 / DON'T ASSUME YOU KNOW THEIR BELIEFS. Atheists are people, not standardized targets. One-size Gospel fits all, but not all atheists have the same beliefs. They may or may not believe in objective right and wrong, whether there is purpose in the world, and most importantly, have an opinion about who Jesus is. By asking "Gospel" questions

(where did we come from, what's wrong, what's the answer, where are we going?), you will be able to diagnose them and converse more meaningfully.

3 / DON'T ASSUME THEY KNOW YOUR BELIEFS and, most importantly, really understand the Good News. Share it simply as the teachings of the most influential person who ever lived. Ask what they think about it, and how they come to that view. Let the Holy Spirit work on them through presenting the real Jesus.

4 / DON'T THINK YOU HAVE TO DISAGREE ABOUT EVERYTHING. When atheists say something like, "The world is a sad place," or "I love my family," enthusiastically agree with them. Now you can tell how these things make so much sense for you from the biblical perspective.

5 / DON'T ASSUME THEY ARE CONSISTENT IN THEIR BELIEFS. Ask questions like, "How do you make sense of believing in the dignity of persons if we are accidental byproducts of nature?"

6 / DON'T ASSUME YOUR CONVERSATION IS NOT "WORKING" if the atheist shows no movement toward God. God is at work when we don't see it (as in planting, watering, and weeding).

7 / DON'T THINK YOU HAVE TO KNOW EVERYTHING. Definitely don't fake it. If your friend raises tough questions, admit you need to think about them. Now you have opportunity to set up another (Gospel) conversation! Go, get help, and learn more about the (scientific, theological, philosophical, etc.) issue at hand. God wants you to grow by practicing, not by waiting until you have a doctorate in evangelism and apologetics.

In conversations with atheists, I try to be patient and let the Holy Spirit do His work. Perhaps I can contribute to their realizing their need for Christ. And always prayer is essential. I continue to pray for some atheists years after I last saw them. The harvest is ultimately the Lord's. 🙏



TED J. CABAL ('90, '95) serves as professor of philosophy of religion at Southwestern Seminary.

Originally founded in 2005, the undergraduate school of Southwestern Seminary now boasts a name that encapsulates more clearly "who we are and what makes us distinctive as a higher education institution."



Newly renamed Texas Baptist College provides
‘trustworthy’ Christian education
‘for more faithful Kingdom service’

TEXAS BAPTIST COLLEGE

BY ALEX SIBLEY



Embedded within Southwestern Seminary, TBC provides an expedited pathway to graduate theological education.

IN THEIR COLLEGE YEARS, many students begin to think through life's ultimate questions—"Who am I?" "Where am I going?" "What is truth?" And in an age when many so-called "Christian" and even "Baptist" institutions of higher education are falling away from their biblical, theological, and confessional commitments, a distinctly Christian college built on an unflinching commitment to the authority and sufficiency of the Word of God and that fosters a thoroughly biblical worldview among its student body, is of utmost importance.

Texas Baptist College (TBC), the newly renamed undergraduate school of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, provides the ideal institutional environment where students can pursue the answers to these questions within a "distinctly biblical, Christ-centered framework," says President Adam W. Greenway ('02).

The school "is designed to serve students who are looking for an authentic educational experience, deeply committed to the Christian worldview but with a focus upon the real world of the workforce and vocation today," he says.

The undergraduate school at Southwestern Seminary was first launched in 2005 as the College at Southwestern. In 2017, it was renamed L.R. Scarborough College, after the

seminary's second president. Four years later, the school now boasts a name that Greenway says encapsulates more clearly "who we are and what makes us distinctive as a higher education institution"—Texas Baptist College.

Noting that every word in this name is significant, Greenway explains, first, that TBC is located in Fort Worth, Texas, "part of a greater Metroplex area that is rich in opportunities for learning, for recreation, for culture, for diversity, for opportunity—all kinds of resources present here in this great state called Texas."

Second, TBC is "unapologetically, unashamedly committed to the truths of biblical orthodoxy that have been faithfully held to by Baptists down through the tunnel

Southwestern Seminary, there is a "distinct opportunity for all kinds of students, but especially those who are looking for an expedited pathway to graduate theological education and seminary," Greenway adds.

Greenway notes that changing the name from "L.R. Scarborough College" is not intended to disregard Scarborough's legacy, but rather continues Scarborough's emphasis on Texas Baptist education.

"L.R. Scarborough continues to be one of the great heroes in the history of Southwestern Seminary, as the first professor of evan-

The college delivers "the highest level of academic excellence, but with a commitment for real-world training."

of time. We are unapologetic in our commitment to Baptist distinctives and to a vision of Christ-centered education that is committed to the richness of a heritage of faith that has long preceded us."

Finally, as a college, TBC is "committed to undergraduate education delivered with the highest level of academic excellence, but with a commitment for real-world training, giving you the skills that you need not only to pursue a job, but to fulfill your vocation."

Since the college is "embedded" within

gelism at any seminary, the second president of our seminary, a denominational statesman and leader from whom the Cooperative Program traces its roots," Greenway says. "In no way are we seeking to walk away from the heritage of L.R. Scarborough."

"But L.R. Scarborough, among other things, was a preeminent Texas Baptist," Greenway adds, "one who was committed to reaching this state with the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to perpetuating the best of our Baptist identity and distinctives. We believe, in many ways, the broader name Texas Baptist College enables us to continue to emphasize the legacy of L.R. Scarborough alongside that of our founder, B.H. Carroll, and so many others who were committed to a vision of training and educating God-called men and women for all the vocations everywhere they may serve, but especially right here in the great state of Texas."

Three core distinctives

CHRIST-CENTERED

Jesus Christ is at the center of who we are, what we believe, what we confess, what we teach, and what we seek to practice in all aspects of TBC. The totality of our Christian worldview determines our commitments and orients our perspective. As ambassadors for the Kingdom of God, we are called to be salt and light in a fallen world.

SCRIPTURE-DRIVEN

God's Word is the ultimate source of truth; it tells us who God is, who we are, and how we are to live our lives. Because we start with the question, "What does Scripture say?" our foundation is secure and our path forward is clear. The Bible is one grand, ongoing story that finds its culmination in the person and work of Jesus Christ.

STUDENT-FOCUSED

Students are the most important people at TBC. The focus of all we do is serving students so that they may be deployed for maximum Kingdom impact in the church, marketplace, or wherever else God may call. We are a college that connects our students with other believers communally, academically, and spiritually. Texas Baptist College will become a home for our students as they make friendships that will last a lifetime.

Vision statement

Texas Baptist College exists to glorify God by providing trustworthy Christian higher education for more faithful Kingdom service.

TBC is located in Fort Worth, Texas, part of a greater Metroplex area rich in opportunities for learning, recreation, culture, and ministry.



In addition to its new name, TBC also has an updated vision statement and three core distinctives—“centered on Christ,” “driven by Scripture,” and “focused on students.” These elements all coincide with the addition of Benjamin M. Skaug to the college faculty as dean. Skaug began his duties Jan. 1, 2021, and brings a fresh perspective on all that the college can be.

Echoing TBC’s new vision statement, Skaug says, “Texas Baptist College exists to glorify God by providing trustworthy Christian higher education for more faithful Kingdom service.”

On the school’s first distinctive—“centered on Christ”—Greenway explains that “the focus, the direction, the attention of all that we do” is, “How does this help connect students to the person and work of Jesus Christ?”

“He is the hero of the story of redemption,” Greenway says. “He is the one in whom we find our life and our meaning. And He is

the source of all true knowledge and authentic education.”

The second distinctive, “driven by Scripture,” means that the Bible is the “authoritative, sufficient textbook for every classroom here at Texas Baptist College,” Greenway says. “We are a text-driven institution.”

In this way, says Greenway, “the Christian worldview permeates and saturates everything that happens in our classrooms—not just the Bible and theology classes, but the history and biology classes.”

As Skaug explains, this means that every subject is viewed through the lens of Scripture. “Every single class that we provide is to shape students in the Christian worldview so that they know how to think as a graduate of this institution biblically and theologically, as it pertains to all the subjects that we can think about,” he says.

Students as well as their parents and pas-

tors can thus rest assured that TBC’s faculty will never “veer” from the Word of God, Skaug says, but rather will teach every subject “in accordance with the truth found in Scripture.”

On TBC’s final distinctive—“focused on students”—Greenway says, “At the end of the day, no college or university can exist apart from those who come to study there, the students. The students are the key constituent for us at Texas Baptist College, and everything that we do in terms of the classroom, the campus experience, the instruction, all that happens is really designed to focus upon students—equipping those students who come to us and then helping to deploy them well wherever they may serve.”

Skaug notes that “every single professor who is called to this place to teach, all the staff members who are here to help carry out the instruction, we all do this because we’re called to pour into students. ... It’s our job to grow them, to stretch them, to carry them



along in sanctification so that they grow day by day, week by week, year by year, in greater sanctification and Christ-likeness.”

Skaug says that TBC’s student body comprises three specific types: first, those who know what their ministry calling is and thus come for specific preparation in that area; second, those who do not know where God is ultimately leading them but nevertheless are seeking a Christian education to prepare them to serve, either in Christian or secular vocations; and third, those who only desire to stay for a short time, perhaps to get a “solidly biblical and solidly theological” foundation for a secular vocation, or perhaps because they intend to pursue degrees at other institutions but do not want to take their core classes at a secular university.

For these lattermost students, TBC offers two associate’s degrees—the 60-hour Associate of Arts in Christian Studies, and

the 60-hour Associate of Arts in Humanities. These shorter degrees prepare students “biblically, theologically, and in the great ideas and the great books to send you out where you need to go from here,” Skaug says.

For the former two types of students, TBC presently offers five bachelor’s degrees—the Bachelor of Arts in Christian Studies, the Bachelor of Arts in Humanities, the Bachelor of Arts in Music, the Bachelor of Music in Worship Studies, and the Bachelor of Music in Performance.

In addition, TBC offers three programs uniquely designed for the first type of student—that is, those who already know their specific ministry calling. These are the five-year B.A. in Christian Studies + Master of Divinity, five-year B.A. in Humanities + Master of Divinity, and the five-year B.M. in Worship Studies + Master of Music in Worship Leadership. These fast-track degree programs allow for the completion of both undergraduate and graduate degrees in just five years,

At TBC, students are the core constituency, and every program is intentionally designed to equip and deploy them for Kingdom service.



Degrees offered by TBC

- Associate of Arts in Christian Studies
- Associate of Arts in Humanities
- Bachelor of Arts in Christian Studies
- Bachelor of Arts in Christian Studies + Master of Divinity (five years)
- Bachelor of Arts in Humanities
- Bachelor of Arts in Humanities + Master of Divinity (five years)
- Bachelor of Arts in Music
- Bachelor of Music in Worship Studies
- Bachelor of Music in Worship Studies + Master of Music in Worship Leadership (five years)
- Bachelor of Music in Performance



Skaug: 'If God is calling you here, we want you here. ... Come to Texas Baptist College today and see your life changed.'

Almost 85% of grads leave debt-free

HERE'S WHY

How does the cost of Texas Baptist College compare to similar schools? It turns out, Texas Baptist College is one of the most affordable Christian colleges in the nation, and because of that, around 85 percent of students are able to graduate debt-free.



Cost Comparison

	Cost per credit hour	Average tuition per year (30 hours)
Baylor University	\$1,674	\$50,232
Dallas Baptist University	\$1,074	\$32,220
Oklahoma Baptist University	\$1,059	\$31,770
Criswell College	\$523	\$15,690
Texas Baptist College	\$340	\$10,350 (SBC rate)

meaning that students are equipped for ministry in a shorter amount of time so they can enter the ministry more quickly.

Other programs—including bachelor's degrees in business, education, and communications—are in early stages of development.

Regardless of which degree program students choose, Skaug says, "We will prepare you rightly for this unique time in your life and the life of the church so that you can go out in faithful service to the Kingdom of Christ."

"Many colleges focus upon training people with the skills to be able to get a job," says Greenway. "And while that is important, we want students here to realize that it is not merely about the job that you will seek, but about the vocation you will fulfill."


"Throughout church history," Greenway continues, "the language of vocation has been used to encapsulate the fact that all of work should be seen as a sense of calling and ministry, and an opportunity to use one's God-given skills and talents not just to earn a living,

but to make an impact.

"And so, here at Texas Baptist College, we desire to help students be able to have the real-world skills; to have a distinctly biblical worldview integrated with the practical training for whatever their pursuit may be. And that they will leave here with the skills not only to earn a living, but to be able to give back, to be able to make a difference, and to hopefully be used as Christ's hands and feet wherever they may serve."

Skaug concludes, "If God is calling you here, we want you here. And we want to train you, pour into you, and we want to see your life change so that you go out into the world and do exactly for the glory of God what Jesus Christ is calling you to do.

"Come to Texas Baptist College today and see your life changed."

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Get to know the new dean



Benjamin M. Skaug began his duties as dean of Southwestern Seminary's college on Jan. 1, 2021.

Skaug was ordained to the Gospel ministry in 2004 by Central Valley Baptist Church in Meridian, Idaho. He did his undergraduate studies at the College of Idaho, then earned his Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry degrees from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and his Ph.D. from Gateway Seminary.

His previous academic work includes serving as vice president for institutional advancement at Gateway Seminary and director of development at Southern Seminary. He also taught as an adjunct professor at California Baptist University.

At the time of his election to Southwestern's faculty as both dean of the college and associate professor of theology, Skaug concluded a four-year pastorate at Immanuel Baptist Church in Highland, California, having served there since 2016.

"I knew that I wanted to be part of this great team" at Southwestern Seminary, Skaug said at the time of his hiring. "While it was extremely difficult for me to say goodbye to the single greatest church I have ever had the honor of serving, Immanuel Baptist Church, I knew that this is where God was calling me."

Skaug is the author of *How Could a Loving God Send Anyone to Hell?* and also has published in the area of biblical spirituality.

He has been married to his wife, Jodie, since 1995, and they have one child, Jessica.



How the story of one family intertwines with Seminary Hill and global missions.

Photographs for this story were supplied by the International Mission Board and demonstrate the Fort family's decades of service in medical and evangelistic missions around the world.

The Family Fort

BY ART TOALSTON

UNSPEAKABLE LOSS ended Alma Fort's days at Southwestern Seminary. Her husband, Giles, a World War I veteran, had sensed a call to ministry, moving with his wife and toddler daughter into married student housing on the second floor of Barnard Hall in 1922. The couple had a son two years later.

Soon, though, Alma was widowed while pregnant with their third child.

The tuberculosis that Giles contracted during the war as a Navy dentist flared up when he and his wife, en route to a revival engagement, were caught in a blue norther—a swift cold front with strong winds that, in just minutes, can send temperatures tumbling 20 degrees or more.

The Navy arranged for Giles to recuperate in New Mexico, but the dry climate didn't forestall a battle with double pneumonia that, in 1925, left his call to ministry unfulfilled.

Or did it?





Nearly 100 years ago, Alma Fort persevered, her grief abruptly compounded by a train wreck as she and the children were traveling with Giles' body from New Mexico to Tuscaloosa, Alabama, for burial with his extended family. In the wreck, his casket fell from the railcar and broke open.

On a Sunday afternoon soon after her husband's death, after the added trauma of the train wreck, and facing motherhood alone, Alma entered a church auditorium to pour out her heart to God while her young son, named Giles after his father, played with his preschool sister, Sarah.

"Lord, if you'll just get me through this tough time so that I can put food on the table, a roof over their heads, and clothes on their back, I'll raise this little boy to serve you," she prayed, "and when you're ready to use him, he'll go with my blessing."

During the Depression, Alma found work in Waco, Texas, as a banking clerk, walking to work each day, supporting not only her three children but, for a time, her mother and grandmother, who came to live in the home.

In 1953, Alma's prayer came to fruition, as Milton Giles Fort Jr., who had served in World War II's Pacific theater in the Navy, arrived in Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe) as a Southern Baptist missionary. He was a general practice graduate from the Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, and his wife, Wana Ann, was a pediatrician who had graduated second in her class from Baylor.

Mother and son shared Southwestern ties: Alma had been a seminary wife; Giles, in the 1940s, was a key part of the Baptist campus ministry at Texas A&M University that worked with Southwestern to launch a student missions conference that became an annual event, attended by Gordon Fort when he was at A&M.

Years later, three of Alma's five grandsons studied at Southwestern before heading to Africa as Southern Baptist missionaries in their parents' footsteps. David took core courses required for appointment by the Foreign Mission Board (now International Mission Board) as a missionary surgeon; Gordon and Gregg earned Master of Divinity degrees to serve as church planters and, amid their overseas service, they also earned Doctor of Ministry degrees.

Alma Fort, in God's providence, became the Fort family's Southwestern "lynchpin," as Gordon described it, producing more than 275 years of missions service.

Display of dedication

Giles and Wana Ann Fort, who served in Zimbabwe nearly 36 years, are honored in Mathena Hall's Cooper Medical Missions Classroom along with Rebekah Naylor, longtime missionary doctor in Bangalore, India, and daughter of Robert E. Naylor, Southwestern's fifth president (1958-1978), and missionary surgeon Bill Wallace, who was tortured and killed at the hands of Chinese communists in 1951.

Among the memorabilia from the Forts displayed on one of the classroom's walls are photos of the family, including David, Gordon, and Gregg along with the missionaries' oldest son, Milton Giles Fort III, a retired gynecological oncologist with Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, and youngest son Grady, with Down syndrome, who also lives in Baton Rouge and was raised on the mission field.

Photos of the Forts treating patients and interacting with believers in the African bush also are in the collection as well as a well-traveled suitcase, a native dress that was part of Wana Ann's wardrobe, and a copy of her book, *A Thousand Times Yes: Two Doctors Who Answered God's Call*, published in 2013 by New Hope Publishers, an affiliate of Woman's Missionary Union. Her husband died the same year. She died two years later.

Gordon Fort, now the IMB's senior ambassador for the president, was on hand for the classroom's dedication after Mathena Hall opened in 2017. "Seeing the pictures of my parents and the memories that flood into my mind ... it's like the Lord is saying, 'This is an example that needs to be followed.' Mom would be the first one to say she wanted God to have the glory. She wanted people to see that two very ordinary people—in terms of their intellect, Mom and Dad were incredibly brilliant people in the medical field—but these were two servants who just said, 'Lord, wherever you lead, I'll go. Wherever you take me, I'll trust you.'"

Family's readiness

At the 1980 Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting in St. Louis, Giles and Wana Ann Fort and sons David and Gordon were the final speakers during Tuesday evening's missions emphasis.

David, who was preparing for medical missions at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School, spoke to his parents and to messengers in saying, "My understanding of God as loving, merciful, compassionate, and concerned for an entire world has developed not only from my personal experience with Him, but also from the understanding of Him ... and this expression of Him in your lives."

Gordon, then entering his third year of M.Div. studies at Southwestern, reflected on the possibility that "my parents might one day have to give their lives in the Lord's service. But I am thankful our Lord knew the consequences of the decisions they would have to make" and that he can "trust my eternal Father to do with them what will serve His eternal purpose best."

Wana Ann explained that warfare had escalated in Rhodesia as guerrilla movements fought to overthrow the government to gain Black-majority rule. A number of missionaries and local leaders had been killed, including fellow missionary Archie Dunaway one night in 1978 while the Forts were on furlough. And other missionaries evacuated the Sanyati station.

Still, "God's call to me to go is as clear today as it was in the summer of 1943 when he first said 'Go'" at a missions conference in Ridgecrest, North Carolina. "He's never said 'Stay.'" The Forts spent their last years of missionary service in Zimbabwe's capital, Harare. "When I think of all He's done for me, I can only respond with a 'Yes,'" Wana Ann said. "He sends us back to minister to those who have suffered over there during these years of war in our troubled country. ... Almost every family has had some kind of terrible suffering."

Giles, in his message, underscored Southern Baptists' Bold Mission Thrust initiative begun in the mid-1970s to share the Gospel with every person in the world by the year 2000. "God has given to Southern Baptists a vision of reaching a lost world for Him," he said to the convention. "We must not fail, we must not let our vision be dimmed, we must not let anything take our eyes off the goal, because there are millions ... waiting out there for us to fulfill the vision that God has given to us. We must make ready for the Lord's return. We must see that everyone has an opportunity to know Him as Lord and Savior before He comes again."

A mission unfolds

When the Forts' intention to serve in China was altered by communism's belligerence toward Christianity, an article in the Foreign Mission Board's magazine, *The Commission*, stirred them toward Rhodesia in 1952. The writer, Ralph T. Bowlin, one of four missionaries in the country, mentioned their hope for establishing a hospital. One of the missionaries, he noted, "has more than she can cope with in regard to medical attention. She has not had any institutional medical training, but she has studied books, consulted medical authorities, and has depended upon wisdom from God."

The Forts began Sanyati Baptist Hospital in a mud hut. An orange crate with a hot water bottle served as an incubator for premature babies. Over the years, the mission station grew to encompass a church, an 86-bed facility with a surgery wing, a midwifery school, elementary and high school, various missionaries, and a local staff. Each Sunday, Giles went out to preach in new places for planting the Gospel.

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—GORDON FORT



Fort on Seminary Hill

Classes that made a lasting impact.

JACK GRAY, WHO TAUGHT SPIRITUAL FORMATION AND MISSIONS.

Gray, who traveled to Rhodesia to be the speaker for the missionaries' annual meeting in the early 1970s, told of revival that had swept into Southwestern from the testimony of students from Asbury College and Seminary in Kentucky. "I can remember exactly where I was sitting in the auditorium," Gordon said of the Sunday when he surrendered to God's call in his mid-teens. "The Lord was stirring in my heart. When Dr. Gray was preaching I just sensed the Spirit of the Lord calling me to ministry."

EBBIE SMITH, A MISSIONARY TO INDONESIA FOR 15 YEARS BEFORE JOINING SOUTHWESTERN'S FACULTY TO TEACH MISSIONS.

"Ebbie would have us watch all these videos from cultures around the world," Gregg said. Having minored in sociology and cultural anthropology in college, he gained valuable insight into "how the Gospel overlays all these cultures that I had studied." Smith later traveled to the village in Zimbabwe where Gregg was based to work alongside him in evangelism and church planting during one Easter week.

Alma came for a visit several times over the years, once as the honored guest when a new isolation ward opened at the hospital. Having retired in Harlingen, Texas, she was playing the organ at a Hispanic mission.

And there were the blessings and challenges of the Forts' five sons.

Wana Ann, in her book *A Thousand Times Yes*, recounted, "Giles, being the oldest son, sought independence. David was concerned about excelling in everything and following the rules. Gordon was mischievous, but when he fully surrendered to the Lord, he had a complete turnaround. Gregg was a true African who mastered the language, whose frame of reference was completely based on Africa, and who became fully accepted by the people. And Grady was positive, happy, and had a trusting, childlike faith."

The parents didn't lessen their expectations of the two sons who later would enter Southwestern Seminary in their call to the ministry. "Good, better, best," Gordon recalls. "Never let it rest until your good is better, and your better is best." Gregg remembers his dad telling him, "Just because you're going to preach doesn't mean you can give up on physics and chemistry." Though his father had no formal training in preaching, Gregg remembers his frequent exhortation, "You either put fire in your sermons or put your sermons in the fire. You need the Holy Spirit's fire before you preach."

Classes of consequence

Gordon, who had experienced the regimentation of a British boarding school since age 8, "will never forget the feeling" of his first days at Southwestern. "Having a class where studying the Bible was required, where learning Greek was required.... We're praying before class, and I can go to a chapel, and we can sing and worship, I felt like I was in heaven." And putting the principles he was learning into practice at the rural church he was pastoring "was just perfect for me."

For Gregg, Southwestern's influence was twofold: "One is my own spiritual formation and the other is the missions side. There were men on the spiritual formation side who spoke into my life and then there were the men who spoke into missions. They were incredibly brilliant but not so full of themselves that they could not be incredibly humble at the same time."

At SWBTS, "There were men on the spiritual formation side who spoke into my life and then there were the men who spoke into missions."

—GREGG FORT

Yearning for prayer

Gordon also emerged from Southwestern with a lifelong passion for prayer, initially led to ask God, "Teach me to pray," from the challenges he was facing as a young pastor in discipling new believers. Learning about an intercessory prayer ministry on campus, he became involved and was its leader for two years. A broom closet on campus was converted into a prayer room; a telephone line was installed for prayer requests and updates; and a Rolodex was kept for intercession by those who committed to regular times of prayer.

"God used that experience to help me in the years ahead in Africa when there was no other solution except to call on the Lord and ask Him to intervene," Gordon said. And it has continued as "the foundation stone" in various prayer initiatives he has led as IMB's ambassador and, earlier, in two vice presidential roles.

Another enduring source of Gordon and Gregg's gratitude to Southwestern is their Doctor of Ministry studies that undergirded their work on the mission field. Gordon's project drew upon his initial work as a church planting catalyst in Botswana, titled "Initiating the Evangelization of the Kalanga People by Implementing a Coordinated

Team Strategy to Plan Indigenous Churches.” Gregg’s project drew from spiritual warfare challenges he encountered soon after going to the field, titled “Training Churches in the Hurungwe District of Zimbabwe to Deal with Demonized Persons through a Contextualized Biblical Approach.”

“In our first baptismal service, three women out of 13 manifested a demonic spirit,” Gregg said. “I think every rural baptism that we went to there was some form of demonic manifestation—people who have professed their faith in Jesus Christ and yet, when they’re about to be baptized, these demonic spirits are manifested. So, you’ve got these questions, Where does it come from? Why does it manifest at baptism?”

Missions professor Ebbie Smith saw value in Gregg’s potential project. “You will get pushback and it will be difficult,” Smith said, “but I would encourage you to do it.” Returning to the field, Gregg began interviewing African traditional healers, Zimbabwean pastors, and fellow missionaries to hear their stories.

The project moved toward the concept of “demonization” for anyone, Christian or non-Christian, affected by ancestral spirits or other demonic forces. And it set forth a series of biblical lessons for churches to break the bondage and bring a person to freedom as part of salvation in order to eliminate any demonic manifestation at the sacred moment of baptism.

“It was an incredible journey. The D.Min. documentation is one of the most significant things in my missionary experience,” Gregg, now based in South Africa, said. “It still continues to find a voice and continues to find an outlet. So that’s been pretty remarkable.”

Staying on task

Gordon, who has returned to Southwestern several times as a chapel speaker, asked in one message, “Are you under the illusion this morning that God owed you the Gospel? Do you think that you have a right to hear the Gospel as many times as you want to, while there are those in our world who have never even heard it for the first time?”

Some might say the unreached are too far away, he commented.

“Listen, the distance from this school to the unreached is nothing compared to the distance that Jesus traveled from the right hand of His Father to a manger and to the cross.”

And some might shy away from being ridiculed or attacked.

“If you got up this morning and you thought to yourself, on my way to school I’m going to stop off at Krispy Kreme and share the Gospel with some guys there, and you knew that when you did, they’re going to throw a chair at you or smack you on the back of your head, how many times would you stop there? I’d start dragging my heels a little.”

The apostle Paul faced more serious questions, Gordon noted: “Who’s going to hit me with stones today? Am I going to get whipped again? Will I be shipwrecked? Will I be hungry? Will I be cold tomorrow?”

“Why could Paul stay at his task? ... Because he said, ‘When I proclaim the Gospel, something happens. It’s God’s power that draws people to salvation,’” Gordon said, drawing from Romans 1:16 and speaking in sync with what his parents, Giles and Wana Ann, spoke through their lives years earlier.

“It’s the power of God that changes the human heart.”

Fort urged Southwesterners in chapel that day to embrace any earthly loss and to say to God, “If there is anywhere, any place, any time that you can use me for the sake of your Kingdom, to share the message of hope with those who are lost, then God, before you ask me, I’ve already decided that my answer is going to be yes.

“Whatever it is. Wherever it is. Whenever it is.” 

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T.W. HUNT, A MUSIC FACULTY MEMBER WHO TAUGHT MUSIC IN MISSIONS.

Gordon began to understand that “singing is an expression of the cultural and spiritual soul of a people. This had incredible implications in church planting and encouraging the indigenous development of a hymnology appropriate to the cultural forms and musical instruments of the people.” Hunt’s course also caused Gordon to ponder the structures of American churches versus those in Africa and ask, “Why do we build rectangular buildings for people who live in round huts?”

ROY FISH, EVANGELISM PROFESSOR FOR WHOM SOUTHWESTERN’S FISH SCHOOL OF EVANGELISM AND MISSIONS IS NAMED.

“Oftentimes he would open the door and walk in singing ‘Amazing Grace’ or one of the great hymns,” Gregg recounted of the sense of revival in Fish’s classes. “He’d say, ‘I just feel like worshipping.’ ... In the struggle we have with our flesh and our minds, he had asked God to let him go through even one day walking in the Spirit in total victory. I can hear him say, ‘I have known what it is to touch the hem of the garment for a day.’”

Others credited by Gordon and/or Gregg for touching their lives and shaping their ministry included Justice Anderson, Earl Martin, and Cal Guy in missions; James Leo Garrett and Boyd Hunt in theology; Jack MacGorman, Curtis Vaughan, and Clyde Glazener in New Testament and Hebrew; Scott Tatum in preaching; and Oscar Thompson in evangelism.



**ONE STUDENT'S STORY OF FINDING HOPE
AFTER A LIFETIME OF TRIALS**



In Christ Alone

CYPRIEN YAMURAGIYE WAS BORN CRIPPLED in the African nation of Rwanda, his hands and feet deformed and his right eye closed. He would become an outcast to the family and village that feared him, and his young life was marked by countless trials, trauma, and hopelessness. Any god who created him, Cyprien once thought, must be cruel.

“How can God be loving?” he asked. “How can the God who made me this way be merciful?”

Despite living with a sense of despair from a young age, Cyprien’s life now testifies to the miraculous work of the God who does love him and has saved him. Cyprien ultimately encountered that love and hope found in Christ alone, and is now being trained at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary to fulfill his calling to spread the Good News of the Gospel to others also in search of hope.

BY KATIE COLEMAN

At the time of his birth, Cyprien's parents assumed him to be an animal born in human form. But not knowing what animal, they named him "Yamuragiye," meaning "Unknown."

Cyprien was beaten by his own parents and was eventually cast out from his family. He began a homeless life at age 6, forced to live on the streets and in markets begging for food and water. People who encountered Cyprien feared him, however, and most would not approach him. Others spit on him and beat him.

Cyprien remembers those years as ones of despair and grief. He struggled to survive and only encountered people who feared him. Believing their lies that he was sub-human, Cyprien says that between the ages of 8 and 10, he believed there was no longer any reason to live and attempted to commit suicide.

"But God saved me from myself," Cyprien says.

Soon after his suicide attempt, Cyprien experienced kindness for the first time when a Muslim woman came to his village and found him begging in the street.

"Somehow compassion and pity was put in her

by both sides."

As a result of the injuries sustained, one of Cyprien's legs had to be amputated. To this day, he says he also lives with the effects of post-traumatic stress disorder and chronic headaches.

Despite the horrors of the genocide, Cyprien says the Lord protected him and used "good Samaritans" to save him and send him with other severely injured children to an Italian hospital. After three years, Cyprien returned to Rwanda, again homeless.

Then came a turning point in Cyprien's life. While receiving treatment in a Rwandan hospital, he met Rosalie, a Pentecostal woman who was in the hospital with her disabled child.

Rosalie spent much of her time sharing the Gospel with patients, including Cyprien. But during those first conversations, Cyprien outright rejected the message she preached. "How could a good God allow such horrible circumstances in my life?" he thought.

"Maybe He is merciful to you," he told Rosalie, "but He's not merciful to me."

"I wrongly thought, 'How can He give me eternal life if

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heart," Cyprien says, remembering the day he says he was treated like a human for the first time in his life.

The woman invited Cyprien to live with her and her children and was able to provide him food and shelter for a brief time. She struggled to provide for her own children, so she eventually brought Cyprien to a Catholic orphanage.

The mocking of his disabilities and an unknown birthday continued at the orphanage, so to create some sense of humanity, Cyprien decided to claim January 1, 1980, as his birthday. Although the humiliation continued, Cyprien was grateful for a safe place to receive food and shelter.

But then, in 1994, genocide came to Rwanda and started another period of suffering for Cyprien.

"At the time, identity was a matter of life," Cyprien says. "In my case, I had no identity, and I couldn't find myself to be one of any ethnic group, so I was beaten

He can't even give me hands and legs?" Cyprien says.

Despite Cyprien's dismissal of the Gospel, Rosalie persisted in her conversations with him and continued to pray for his salvation.

"She knew I needed to hear the truth of the Gospel," Cyprien says. "She kept on and made sure I could hear it."

Through Rosalie's acts of kindness and commitment to share, Cyprien slowly became more receptive to the Gospel message.

"There was this thing that was very powerful that I could not deny," Cyprien says. "She was not perfect, but she lived according to what she believed. I could see the love of God in her life and toward me and others around her. It was very difficult for me to deny that God is love, because I could see that love in her life day by day."

Through the work of the Holy Spirit, Cyprien says his view of God began to change. He finally accepted that,



Southwestern Seminary student Cyprien Yamuragjye carries with him a distinguishable joy.

through Christ alone, he could find salvation and hope. In 2000, Cyprien made the decision to follow Christ and was later baptized.

From the moment of his salvation, Cyprien says he began to see an immediate transformation. He now had a joyful countenance and newfound hope.

The transformative change compelled him to share the Good News with others, including his parents and the Muslim woman who first took him in a decade prior. He immediately believed his life's calling was to share and preach the Gospel.

As Cyprien became more vocal about his faith in Christ, he was often detained, beaten, and imprisoned. The next decade would follow a similar pattern as he traveled throughout Africa sharing the Good News of Christ. However, this often put him at opposition with countries and their governments.

As he traveled to such countries as Uganda, Egypt, and Sudan, he was threatened with violence, frequently put in jail, and was eventually given 48 hours to leave Sudan.

Cyprien fled the country through Egypt and traveled to Israel, where he was detained for a brief time because of his entering the country through the Sinai Peninsula. Despite his time in jail, Cyprien says he was allowed to share the Gospel with both prisoners and guards who would ask him about his story.

Cyprien's arrival in Israel marked another turning point in his life. He was increasingly eager to receive education for spiritual growth and theological knowledge so that he could more effectively share the Gospel. He was confident in his calling but did not yet know how to pursue such a calling.

It was ultimately a Jewish lawyer who, despite being atheist, connected Cyprien with a local pastor and a yearlong program at the Israel College of the Bible. The program was instrumental in his spiritual growth, Cyprien says, but he still wanted additional education.

As Cyprien began to share his testimony to churches in Israel, Larry and Anita Ladehoff, an American couple who were living and working in Israel, heard Cyprien's story and were immediately drawn to his joyful countenance. They formed a fast friendship and even invited Cyprien to live in their basement apartment for a time.

"While living with us, he pursued opportunities to share his story of God's redemption in his life, in churches, and even synagogues throughout Israel," Anita says. "He was well received and well loved."

When the Ladehoffs learned of Cyprien's desire to grow in theological knowledge, they were compelled to assist him in that effort. Through their connections with friends who attended Southwestern Seminary, they were able to help Cyprien enroll in the seminary and facilitate his move to the United States in 2017 to begin his stud-



Cyprien must use special accommodations to navigate campus and drive.

ies in the Master of Divinity program.

"I was preaching the Word of God, but I wanted to learn more and knew I needed good theology so I could fulfill my calling," Cyprien says. "I was not necessarily looking for a school in the United States, but I was definitely looking desperately for a good theology school, and God led me to Southwestern Seminary."

Since 2017, Cyprien has continued to grow in his faith, his evangelism efforts, and his theological education. He says this can largely be credited to the

comfortable you are," he says. "That's all I can do, is to learn and practice what I'm learning."

In recent years, Cyprien has connected with other believers in Rwanda to start a ministry to reach people with the Gospel, and he hopes to return one day to facilitate the work there. This ministry team in Rwanda has connected with Cyprien's parents, and in 2018, he received word that they responded to the Gospel and made the decision to follow Christ.

His church, Southcliff Baptist Church in Fort Worth,

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support of Southwestern Seminary students and faculty, including Malcolm B. Yarnell III, research professor of theology.

Yarnell says Cyprien is an example of a Christian who turns his personal and physical limitations into Gospel opportunities.

"In Rwanda, his name means 'Unknown,' but Cyprien has this incredible ability to make Jesus 'known,'" Yarnell says. "That he has a difficult physical handicap and that he has witnessed a horrific genocide—these things do not inhibit him. Rather, they enable him to tell people about Jesus."

One of the ways in which Cyprien has been able to grow as an evangelist is through frequent participation in the seminary's "Everyday Evangelism" efforts, which includes teams going door to door in local neighborhoods to share the Gospel. Matt Queen, L.R. Scarborough Chair of Evangelism, says he has had the opportunity to witness Cyprien's evangelistic fervor during these efforts.

"When I have evangelized with Cyprien in our 'Everyday Evangelism' outings, I feel as though I am evangelizing with one of the heroes of the faith," Queen says. "He not only shares the Gospel, he has made significant sacrifices for the Gospel."

Cyprien explains that although he enjoys evangelizing on his own, he especially enjoys doing group evangelism and learning from other people.

"The more you do it, the better you become and more


has been instrumental in supporting his current and future ministry work. Pastor Carroll Marr ('84) says they are working to establish a nonprofit evangelism ministry, Christ My Only Hope, through which Cyprien will eventually facilitate his ministry in Rwanda.

"Cyprien is a man who knows God intimately and knows Him through suffering," Marr says. "I think he has come to understand the joy of entering into the suffering of Christ. And few of us ever have the opportunity to experience God in that way."

Marr is also writing a book detailing Cyprien's life story and testimony. All proceeds from the book, which he hopes to release this fall, will support Cyprien's ministry. Updates for the book and his ministry will be shared on ChristMyOnlyHope.com.

Cyprien says his time at Southwestern Seminary has helped him pursue his calling, giving him the tools and knowledge he needs.

"God can use unlearned people, but learning is always best," Cyprien says. "I knew I needed to learn, and I wanted to find a good school where I could learn what was right. We don't have to be perfect in everything we do, but when it comes to the Word of God, I think we have to be very serious, because our life depends on it."

"It's a blessing to learn from others, and I think [Southwestern Seminary] is the perfect place to be because it helps me in my calling." 

KATIE COLEMAN is a news writer at Southwestern Seminary.



‘Dangerous to the kingdom of evil’

Why Southwestern’s doctoral graduates leave Seminary Hill prepared.



BY ALEX SIBLEY

There is always a “pivot” in prospective students’ lives when they make the decision to pursue doctoral studies, says Joshua Rose (’07). In his work as director of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary’s Doctor of Education program (Ed.D.), he has noticed this pattern in their stories.

This pivot is based on the fact that the students previously had a sense of peace, Rose says, but at some point, that peace was “shattered,” and they now see the pursuit of further ministry training as a means of restoration. In other words, these students experienced a call from the Lord, and nothing would satisfy them until that calling was obeyed and fulfilled.

Though Rose speaks primarily to prospective Ed.D. students, the other doctoral program directors affirm the importance of this calling for all students seeking higher education. Along similar lines, Jonathan Arnold, director of Research Doctoral Studies, notes the passion that doctoral students must have in order to succeed in their respective programs.

“If you’re passionate about it,” Arnold says, “then you’re not going to be able to live without that degree. And those are the people that we’re looking for, and those are the people who are going to be able to do the doctorate. And thankfully, God has gifted people and created people across the spectrum of fields that we offer who are that way.”

Southwestern Seminary offers both research and professional doctorates, the former being more scholarship-based and the latter more application-focused. These two categories comprise five total degrees: research doctoral degrees include the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.), Doctor of Education (Ed.D.), and Doctor of Musical Arts (D.M.A.), and professional doctoral degrees include the Doctor of Ministry (D.Min.) and Doctor of Educational Ministry (D.Ed.Min.).

Under program directors like Arnold, Rose, R. Allen Lott, Coleman Ford, and Shane Parker, these degrees aim not just to educate students, but to form them into Christ-like Kingdom servants who will use their training to advance the Gospel.

“When you leave Southwestern,” says Rose, “you’re leaving with a heritage, you’re leaving with a responsibility, and you’re leaving with the tools to be dangerous to the kingdom of evil.”

Here is a look at Southwestern’s doctoral programs and how each degree uniquely prepares students for Kingdom service.

01. Ph.D.

Doctor of Philosophy

Arnold says the Ph.D., which features concentrations from the schools of theology, evangelism and missions, educational ministries, and church music and worship, is designed for “scholar-innovators”—that is, students who “want to be part of the academic world,” devoting themselves to “a lifelong service” of writing, scholarship, and “pouring back into” their respective fields through new, innovative research. The program comprises seven major seminars and three minor seminars, and typically takes four to seven years to complete.

“The bottom line is, you do the Ph.D. program at Southwestern because you understand a divine call on your life to be involved in academics of some sort,” Arnold says. “And ultimately, the people who succeed in this program are the ones who cannot put that down. They can’t stop studying. They can’t stop reading. They can’t stop writing.”

Arnold notes, however, that this is not to the neglect of Kingdom service.

“We have a much bigger picture in mind here for our Ph.D. students” than equipping them to serve on faculty at institutions of higher education, Arnold says. “And that is that they’re able to change the world with the Gospel message.”

Current Ph.D. student Joshua Hebert, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Kemp, Texas, says his doctoral studies complement his pastoral responsibilities “tremendously” by deepening his “well of knowledge” along with his “ability to handle that knowledge effectively and responsibly.”

“This also can make my study time more efficient by having more material mentally available to draw from,” he says.

Aaron Halstead (’17, ’18), also a Ph.D. student and pastor of Mid-Cities Church at Maplewood in Maplewood, Missouri, says his doctoral studies have similarly been “formational” in his “walk as a disciple of Jesus.”

“Multiple professors have instilled in me the desire to study not just for information’s sake, but to know God,” he says. “That emphasis has carried over into what I believe my role as a pastor and preacher is: my people don’t need to just know about God; they need to know God as He is.

“That truth has forced me to humble myself and realize that my own abilities and knowledge are not as important as I might like to believe. I’m simply a vessel available to the Lord; He’s the one whom my people need. If I can help facilitate that, then I’ve served my purpose.”

02. Ed.D.

Doctor of Education

Joshua Rose says the Ed.D. program is “uniquely situated for the scholar-practitioner—a student who feels a strong vocational call to be involved in frontline ministry, whether that be a local church, nonprofit organization, parachurch organization, or Christian school context, but then also who feels a calling to contribute in the scholastic community, whether that be through full-time faculty, adjunct faculty, executive school board, writers, thought leaders, or conference speakers.”

The 30-month intensive program requires a total of four weeks of on-campus participation, and students write their dissertations along the way. It consists of cohorts of up to 15 students who progress through the program together. The inaugural cohort of nine students began in October 2020.

Among these first students is Katie Hargrave of Arlington, Texas. A Christian school administrator, Hargrave says the degree has been a perfect fit for her academically but has also established the necessary community with faculty and peers.

“Being a full-time teacher in the midst of navigating COVID-19 has been stressful, and because of this, I knew that to be successful

I needed a program that was both highly structured and highly relational,” Hargrave says. “That is exactly how I would describe the Ed.D. program.”

“Every day, my cohort is texting in our group text with encouragement, reminders, or just about our lives,” Hargrave says. “It has been fun being academically challenged by my peers while also feeling like I can joke with them and share about my life.”

Another member of the inaugural cohort is Heath Woolman, next generation pastor of the First Baptist Church in Kissimmee, Florida. For him, the Ed.D.’s emphasis on the “scholar-practitioner” was a significant attraction.

“I am called to serve the local church, and I love pastoral ministry, but I also love the academy and higher education,” Woolman says. “I wanted a terminal degree that would benefit my calling and position me to contribute in higher education as well.

“For anyone looking to pursue an advanced doctoral education that will challenge and equip you to fulfill your calling and be better positioned to be used by God in the future, Southwestern Seminary is the place to be.”

Did you know?

SWBTS’ Research Doctoral Studies office has launched new initiatives to benefit both current students and alumni:

The ThinkerSpace for Scholar Innovators provides opportunities for further academic development beyond students’ degree programs through engagement and collaborative training among students, faculty, alumni, and visiting scholars. These opportunities include certificate programs such as the Certificate for Teaching Excellence, which comprises a series of workshops and a two-semester teaching assistantship with a mentor professor.

The RDS Commons, located physically in Price Hall and virtually in Canvas, encourages participation in interdisciplinary conversations and projects.

“What we’re trying to do within the Ph.D. community is to develop a rapport where the students love each other across disciplines so that they get to know each other outside of just the people who are working on exactly the same program that they’re working on,” says RDS director Jonathan Arnold.

“[This] will engender great conversations and idea development so that we have an educational ministries person talking with an evangelism-focused person, talking with a New Testament scholar. And they’re all coming up with ideas together and are able to serve the Kingdom in brand new ways.”

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(Did you know?)

Southwestern offers the entire Doctor of Ministry curriculum in the Korean language.

"I am so grateful that God graciously uses SWBTS to train Korean pastors and leaders with SWBTS' evangelical heart, conservative theology, and Baptist spirit," says Korean D.Min. director Jeremiah Kim ('02, '18).

"The Korean D.Min. program aims to raise pastor-theologians for the Korean churches both in Korea and the U.S., as well as around the world.

"Even though SWBTS is an American institution, because of its unswerving stance on biblical authority, its cooperative Baptist heritage, and its uncompromising evangelical and missional spirit, SWBTS has so much to offer for the Korean church, which is only second to the U.S. church in world mission effort."

03. D.M.A.

Doctor of Musical Arts

The Doctor of Musical Arts (D.M.A.) program prepares "superb performers for professional careers in performance and teaching, who will approach their calling from a Christian worldview, whether it be in the academy, the church, the mission field, or the world at large," says program director R. Allen Lott. D.M.A. graduates are thus equipped as "performer-teachers."

Lott explains that the program enhances students' performance skills as well as their knowledge of pedagogy and literature relating to their respective performance area. He says students are "immersed" in private lessons and performance opportunities, and they present several recitals throughout the degree program.

"In addition," he says, "supportive courses in worship, music theory, and music history give them important foundations for performance, teaching, and ministry contexts."

"Students should enroll in the D.M.A. program if they want their faith to inform their musicianship as they pursue the highest level of performance skill and musical understanding for a lifetime of performance, teaching, and ministry," Lott says.

Current D.M.A. student Juhee Baek ('18), originally from Seoul, South Korea, says Southwestern Seminary is the "best in this field of classic church music with its long history of excellence in education and discipleship."

In addition to the numerous performance opportunities Southwestern has provided, including chapel orchestra and the school's Music Academy, Baek says she appreciates the "solid bedrock of scriptural truth."

"As an esteemed institution of learning, Southwestern offers a great foundation for which students can learn the pillars of proper teaching of the Gospel," Baek says. "The school has intensive studies of not only music but also courses related to scriptural theology and worship. These resources help facilitate my understanding of the Bible and assist in the spreading of the Gospel through music."

04. D.Min.

Doctor of Ministry

Professional Doctoral Studies director Coleman Ford says that both the D.Min. and D.Ed.Min. are designed for pastors, ministry leaders, and missions and denominational workers who have a burden for "seeing something change" in their ministries, be it a strengthening of their church's preaching ministry, growth in their people's theological knowledge, or increased zeal for evangelism among their congregation.

The degree program, and especially its capstone Ministry Research Project, "gives them the mechanism" for making that change happen, Ford says. In this way, he explains, PDS students become "expert-practitioners"—those whose studies directly impact the local church.

"From the very beginning," Ford explains, "they work on a doctoral proposal that has their local church in mind."

For example, Pastor Matt Henslee, a 2017 Master of Divinity graduate who subsequently completed his D.Min. in May 2021, built his Ministry Research Project on training select members of his church—Mayhill Baptist Church in Mayhill, New Mexico—to become

everyday evangelists in their community.

“Not only did each of them share their faith,” Henslee says, “[but] almost all of them have already begun training others to make disciples.”

Both of the PDS degrees comprise three core components: annual seminars, guided discussions, and ministry coaching. Jessica Williams, who is pursuing her D.Min. in biblical counseling, says she greatly appreciates the ministry coaching, wherein students are paired with professors in similar fields who provide them guidance and encouragement.

As a teacher and counselor of women at Walnut Street Baptist Church in Louisville, Kentucky, Williams says such coaching has been a “great blessing and encouragement.”

Williams’ ministry coach, Associate Professor of Biblical Counseling Lilly Park, “is able to speak into my life and ministry experience right now,” Williams says. “I have found this combination of skilled and relatable instruction to be a tremendous blessing and benefit that has exceeded my expectations at Southwestern Seminary.”

05. D.Ed.Min.

Doctor of Educational Ministry


Shane Parker, director of the D.Ed.Min., says the program offers the same basic course structure as the D.Min. but with the additional benefit of study in the areas of classroom teaching and leadership development. This equips graduates to lead and serve other leaders through teaching and coaching.

David Kizziah, senior pastor of Arab First Baptist Church in Arab, Alabama, says he chose to study at Southwestern specifically because of the faculty and program design of the D.Ed.Min.

“The way the program is designed to have ongoing coaching specifically tailored toward guidance on one’s writing project is a nuance of the program that seems so unique when compared with similar programs at other schools,” he says.

Fellow D.Ed.Min. student Chris Phillips, a church planter in Denver, Colorado, says he has seen the program’s greatest impact through his own leadership.

“Since the program focuses on the pastor as theologian, visionary, communicator, and more, the impact comes personally through my own leadership, which then leads me to better equip, empower, and lead my team,” he says. “Ultimately, I’ve seen that move into our people in our church.

“I’ve seen people go deeper in their theology through casting vision for their areas of leadership, and have a heart to be the leader God has called them to be.” 

“When you leave Southwestern, you’re leaving with a heritage, you’re leaving with a responsibility, and you’re leaving with the tools to be dangerous to the kingdom of evil.”

— Joshua Rose (’07)

To learn more about SWBTS’ doctoral programs and to see how God might be leading you to further your ministry training, see “Which Doctoral Degree?” on pages 18-19.

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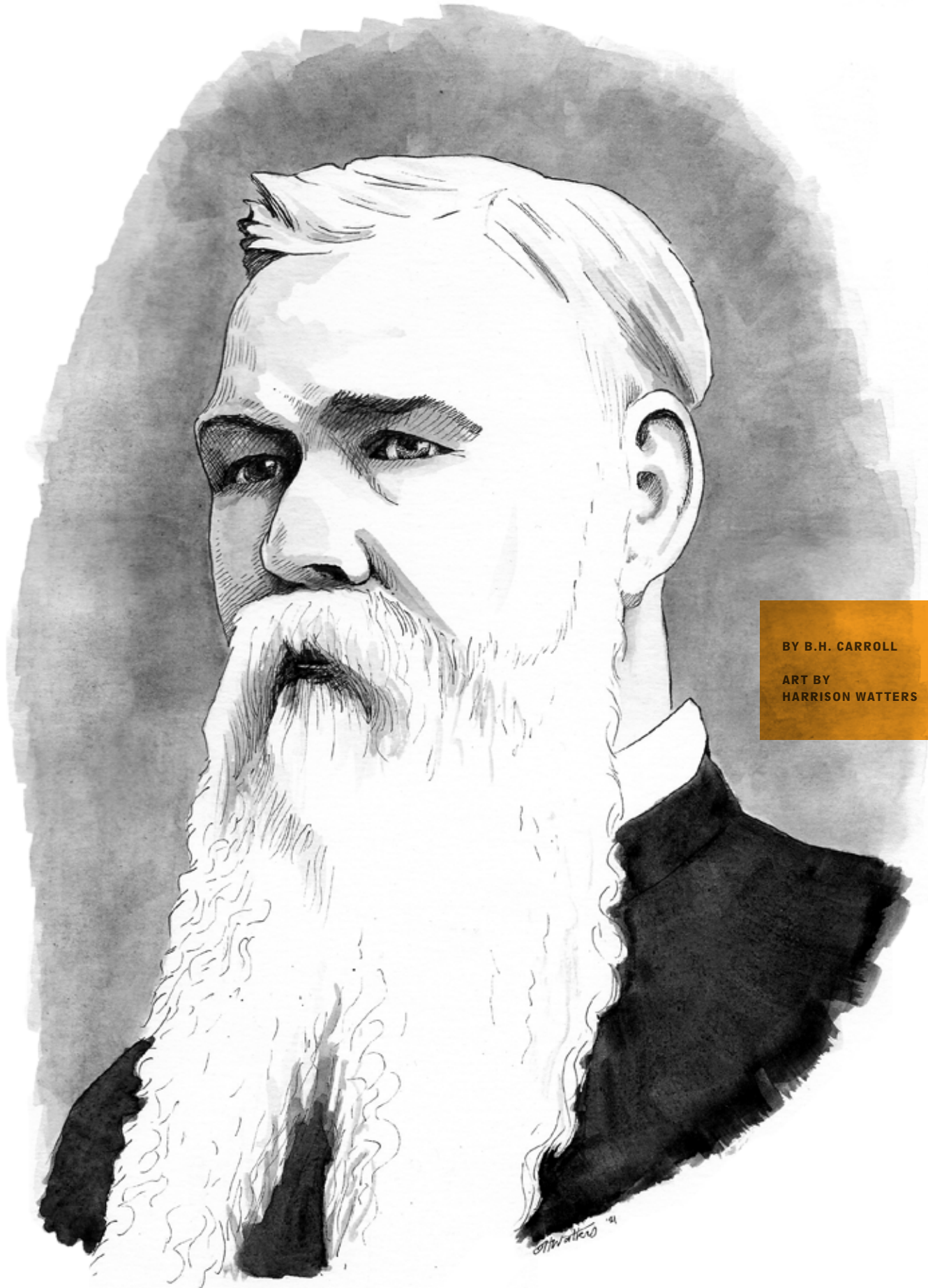
'The True Seminary Idea'

The Southwestern Seminary founder
on the essentials of theological education in Texas.

The 1907 Baptist General Convention of Texas heard a report from B.H. Carroll as dean of the Baylor Theological Seminary in which he made the case for the need for a stand-alone seminary, separate from Baylor University, in what he called “the true seminary idea.”

In the report, Carroll discussed the educational influences of James P. Boyce, John A. Broadus, Charles Haddon Spurgeon, and Francis Wayland. He also answered critics’ suggestions that Southern Baptists need only one seminary—Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. While acknowledging the importance of and need for ongoing support of Southern Seminary, Carroll forcefully defended the need for another seminary that would serve the Southwest. The next year, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary was founded.

Carroll’s report is published in the Seminary Hill Press book *The B. H. Carroll Pulpit*, released in March. What follows are excerpts of the Carroll address.



BY B.H. CARROLL
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We come now to the most important part of this report, what the Dean regards as *the true seminary idea*. While he is not the pioneer of the thought, he may go beyond some others in its application. The historical sources of the idea are found first of all in the Bible.

One needs to consider carefully the several simultaneous schools of the prophets from Samuel's day to the time of Isaiah and Amos in order to determine four important things:

1. What the literary entrance qualifications?
2. What the extent of literary curriculum?
3. What the theological curriculum?
4. What altogether the highest qualifications of ministerial success?

The same questions should be applied to our Lord's school of the Apostles and evangelists and to Paul's quasi-school of young men whom he attracted to himself, taught and directed, and what he sets forth in his letters as qualifications of ministerial success.

In modern times the great exponents of the true seminary idea were Spurgeon, who embodied it in his famous pastoral college; Dr. Francis Wayland in chapters X-XIII of his *Principles and Practices of the Baptists*; Dr. James P. Boyce in his epoch-making address on the three changes necessary to be made in theological education; Dr. John A. Broadus, Boyce's colleague, who applied to seminary instruction Jefferson's idea of elective schools, as embodied in his model, the University of Virginia, instead of an all-round cast-iron curriculum.

According to the Bible these points are clear:

1. God calls into His ministry men from all classes, some indeed learned in a worldly sense, the most of them unlearned.
2. In the training of these men for service His schools, whether for prophets, or apostles, or evangelists, did not require a collegiate education as either entrance qualifications or make it a necessary part of the course of study to be pursued, the main thing required was instruction in the mysteries of His Kingdom.

Dr. Wayland showed by unanswerable argument that to restrict the ministry to college-trained men would be unscriptural, unbaptistic, unhistoric and suicidal. Spurgeon found on his hands as the fruit of his own ministry a host of God-called men with scanty educations and was driven by Divine providence to establish his pastoral college which gave both biblical instruction and such literary instruction as bore most directly on their life work.

Dr. Boyce insisted on three points:

1. To offer opportunity of theological training to all classes of those whom God calls into his ministry and not simply to those who have completed a college course.
2. To encourage the brightest students to remain for post-graduate work with a view to highest attainments on special lines.
3. The subscription by all the faculty to definite articles of faith.

His address, taken altogether, is the most masterly discussion of theological education in a thousand years. It was his inaugural, his platform, his one great plea, and was incorporated in the Seminary, as a vital foundation idea. But Spurgeon's idea, as embodied in his pastoral college and set forth in his lectures to his students of which several volumes are published, advances beyond Boyce in this, that the preacher school can best instruct the mass of the preachers in the literary branches bearing directly on their life work. And Spurgeon's idea will ultimately prevail. All however agree that the most important education for the preacher is to know God's Word. To cut down our Texas Baptist preacher force to college men would strike from our roll two thousand honorable names and leave more than two thousand churches and mission stations without a gospel. It would stop all our wheels of progress and change us from Baptists to Presbyterians. The power of Baptists and Methodists has been in providing all classes of preachers for all classes of men. We need in the ministry some carpenters, our Lord himself was one; some tent-makers, as was Paul; some fishermen, as were the original twelve; some tax-collectors, as was Matthew; some gatherers of sycamore fruit, as was Amos; some ploughmen, as was Elisha; some Nazarites, as was John the Baptist; even some Jonahs, if only the Lord will prepare the whales to convert them to foreign missions. ...

The simple truth is that what Dr. Boyce foresaw has come to pass. Hear his words: "The day will yet come when the churches will rise in their strength and demand that our theological institutions make educational provisions for the mass of their ministry." And what does he call the mass? Those without a college education. And what does he call the education that must be provided? An education in the Word of God. He says the college education is valuable, education in the Word of God is essential. And how does he distinguish between the classifications of education? He calls men trained in Bible knowledge "educated ministers," and the college class he calls "the ministry of educated men." A city paper reports me as saying "preachers need no college education." It would not have misrepresented if it had said "Preachers need no college education in order to be preachers." All my life I have worked for colleges and urged every preacher to take a college course when the conditions of his particular case warrant it.

Hear this deliberate pronouncement: It is infinitely more important to give theological training to the thousands of our preachers who are not college graduates than to give theological education to the tens who are college graduates. The latter course, by itself, gives the denomination a tad-pole development—all head and no body—destroys its constituency, strips it of capacity to be a spiritual world power, squarely antagonizes both Bible teaching and example, repudiates nearly two thousand years of glorious Baptist history, makes our name Ichabod.

This Seminary was not established as a rival of any other. Its title to confidence neither now nor hereafter should be sought in the real or supposed demerit of other seminaries. If it be a mere negation, let it perish. If our Father wills it to stand, it must be because there is need for it and merit in it. 🏠

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—B.H. CARROLL

B.H. CARROLL
was the founder and
first president of
Southwestern Baptist
Theological Seminary.

Family worship for every day of the week

Let the Little Children Come: Family Worship on Sundays (And the Other Six Days Too)

In his new book, *Let the Little Children Come: Family Worship on Sundays (And the Other Six Days Too)*, Scott Aniol ('13) strives to convince church leaders and parents that children best grow into faithful, mature worshipers of Jesus Christ when they are led to Jesus by their parents in the context of intergenerational church gatherings and in daily worship at home.

In Part 1, Aniol, associate professor of church music and worship at Southwestern Seminary, presents biblical and theological reasons families should worship together both on Sundays and the other six days too, addressing common objections and suggesting some practical ways family worship might be recovered. In Part 2, Aniol offers practical tips and myriads of resources for engaging children in church worship as well as family worship at home.



THE B. H. CARROLL PULPIT

40 sermons and addresses from the founder and first president of Southwestern Seminary.

Edited by the president of Southwestern Seminary Adam W. Greenway ('02) and published by Seminary Hill Press, this volume is a primer of Carroll's homiletical and persuasive powers, featuring messages from his time as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Waco and president of Southwestern Seminary. These messages are of note both for the importance of the subjects addressed and for the influence they wrought; and they provide a representative sample of the main themes and concerns of Carroll's nearly 50 years of ministry in the pulpit, from his church, and from denominational platforms.

BYLINES

An Executive Order Marginalizing Women and Girls

Katie McCoy ('11, '16)

assistant professor of theology in women's studies

"Under this order, a biological male has a right to compete against females in high-school sports, use the women's locker room, and use the women's restroom. ... In fact, to insist otherwise ... is tantamount to denying him the right to use any social space."

(in *World magazine*)

Why Gratitude is Key to Worshipping Our Creator

Scott Aniol ('13)

associate professor of church music and worship

"Many times what we call love or joy or praise are, in reality, mere feelings that are more about us or the gift than the one who showed grace toward us. Gratitude ensures that we are directing the affections of our hearts to God above all."

(at *The Federalist*)

Cross-Cultural Evangelism

Dean Sieberhagen

associate professor of Islamic studies

"Cross-cultural evangelism cannot just touch the surface but must penetrate deep into all the levels of culture so that when a people are saved in any culture it is transforming all aspects of their lives."

(on *sbtexas.com*)

"For many parents, the question of children and worship, both public and family, is a vexing issue. We know it is important, but we struggle to know how to think clearly and practically about it. ... [Aniol] not only provides a biblical, theological, and historical framework for thinking about children and worship, he also provides tools—a catechism, a Bible reading scheme—and helpful specifics on different types of worship services."

— CARL R. TRUEMAN, GROVE CITY COLLEGE



THE OXFORD HANDBOOK OF JONATHAN EDWARDS

Oxford University Press (2021)

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CALDWELL III

This resource offers a state-of-the-art summary of scholarship on Edwards by a diverse, international, and interdisciplinary group of Edwards scholars, many of whom serve as global leaders in the burgeoning world of research and writing on "America's theologian."



1 & 2 PETER AND JUDE: THE CHRISTIAN STANDARD COMMENTARY

B&H (2020)
EDITED BY DAVID S.
DOCKERY ('81)

This series focuses on the theological and exegetical concerns of each biblical book, while paying careful attention to balancing rigorous scholarship with practical application. Drawing on the wisdom and skills of dozens of evangelical authors, the CSC is a tool for enhancing and supporting the life of the church.

Former vice president for student affairs Lawrence Klemppauer was 'a great servant leader'



LAWRENCE ROBERT KLEMPNAUER ('64), who served at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary from 1980 to 2000, died on Dec. 1, 2020, in Fort Worth, Texas. He was 87.

Klemppauer was born Dec. 15, 1933, in Kansas City, Kansas, to Robert and Jessie Klemppauer. He graduated from Kansas University in 1955 before being commissioned into the Army through the ROC, serving three years before moving to Midland, Texas, in 1958.

During his time in Midland, Klemppauer responded to God's call on his life to full-time ministry and later moved his family to Fort Worth, where he ultimately received his Master of Religious Education from Southwestern Seminary.

Klemppauer served as minister of education to Baptist churches for nearly two decades before he was elected vice president for student affairs at Southwestern in 1980. Klemppauer

spent the following 20 years faithfully serving the seminary, providing key leadership in areas of student affairs and programs, as well as teaching courses as an adjunct professor. He retired in 2000 but continued in faithful Christian service in such roles as the Sunday School director of the Tarrant Baptist Association.

Klemppauer's students during his tenure at Southwestern Seminary included current president Adam W. Greenway ('02).

"Saddened to learn just now of the passing of Dr. Lawrence Klemppauer, who served at SWBTS for many years as VP for Student Services and taught courses in our School of Educational Ministries, including the required one I took during my M.Div. student days," said Greenway on Twitter.

Melissa Reynolds, who worked as Klemppauer's administrative assistant from 1994 to 2000, wrote on the family's memorial page,

"He had a glorious sense of humor, and he spread the joy of Jesus Christ everywhere he went."

"He was a great servant leader, and I was so blessed to work with him. He had a glorious sense of humor, and he spread the joy of Jesus Christ everywhere he went."

Klemppauer is survived by his wife, Doris; their three children; four grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. 📖—K.C.

FORMER PROFESSOR OF VOICE JACK COLDIRON DIES AT 94

JACK H. COLDIRON ('60), Distinguished Professor of voice at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary from 1963 to 1994, died on May 9. He was three weeks shy of his 95th birthday.

Coldiron was born in Kingsport, Tennessee, on May 30, 1926. He earned his bachelor's degree at Stetson University in DeLand, Florida, in 1953, and his Master of Church Music at Southwestern Seminary in 1960. He did additional studies at several schools and institutes, including the Royal Academy of Music in London. Stetson University awarded him an honorary doctorate in 1992.

Coldiron's first teaching position was as professor of voice at Stetson University, where he served

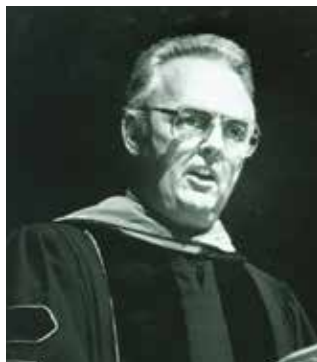
from 1954 to 1957, and again from 1960 to 1963, with a two-year stint in the U.S. Army in between. He joined the faculty at Southwestern Seminary in 1963, where he taught for just over three decades.

Following his retirement, Coldiron was asked to teach at Baylor University in Waco, which he did for the next 20 years. He then served as a visiting professor at TCU in Fort Worth, retiring again in 2016. Upon completing 59 years as a professor of voice, Coldiron reflected in an article published by Broadway Baptist Church in Fort Worth, where he was a longtime member and deacon, that he had led "a very good life."

Coldiron is survived by his wife of 64 years, Donna, their two children, and two grandchildren.

📖—A.S.





'Legacy professor' Charles A. Tidwell dies

CHARLES A. TIDWELL ('70), professor of administration at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary from 1965 to 1995, died on Jan. 28. He was 89.

Tidwell was born on July 14, 1931, in Montgomery, Alabama. He received his Bachelor of Arts at Baylor University in 1953, his Master of Religious Education at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary in 1955, and his Doctor of Education at Southwestern Seminary in 1970. He later did additional studies at The American University in Washington, D.C., during a sabbatical leave in the areas of church program development and church family financial planning.

Prior to his seminary teaching, Tidwell was a church administration consultant, section leader, and editor with the Baptist Sunday School Board (now Lifeway Christian Resources).

Tidwell joined the faculty at Southwestern Seminary in 1965, teaching most of the courses offered in the School of Religious Education's Department of Administration over the next 30 years, as well as developing new courses in this field of study. In 1977, he was named to fill the newly endowed Chair of Denominational Relations established by the Sunday School Board. The inauguration of this chair provided for additional instruction in all the programs fostered by the Board.

Tidwell is survived by his wife of more than 60 years, Norma Jean; and their two children, Charles and Evelyn, and their families. 📖—A.S.



FORMER OT PROFESSOR LARRY WALKER DIES AT 88

LARRY LEE WALKER, professor of Old Testament and Semitic languages at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary from 1967 to 1980, died on March 8. He was 88.

Walker was born on July 11, 1932, in Fort Wayne, Indiana. He earned his Bachelor of Arts from Bob Jones University in 1955, his Bachelor of Divinity from Northern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1958, his Master of Arts from Wheaton College in 1959, and his Ph.D. from Dropsie College for Hebrew and Cognate Learning in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in 1967.

Walker joined the faculty at Southwestern Seminary in 1967, serving for 13 years. Walker was one of the 13 original members of the Committee on Bible Translation of the New York Bible Society.

Walker was preceded in death by his wife of 60 years, Rebecca, and his son, Craig Allen Walker. He is survived by his four children, David, Daniel, Linda, and Melissa; 10 grandchildren; and one brother. 📖—A.S.

Longtime Hebrew, Old Testament professor and three-time alum dies at 76

HARRY B. HUNT JR. ('68, '72, '78), professor of Hebrew and Old Testament at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary from 1976 to 2002, died on Jan. 19. He was 76.

Hunt was born on July 16, 1944, in Marshall, Texas, to Harry Bass Hunt Sr. and Annie Beverly Ross Hunt. He completed his Bachelor of Science at Stephen F. Austin University in 1966 and proceeded to earn three degrees from Southwestern Seminary: Master of Divinity (1968), Doctor of Theology (1972), and Doctor of Philosophy (1978).

Prior to graduating college, Hunt married Patricia Lou Blackwell on Jan. 23, 1965, at Central Baptist Church in Carthage, Texas. From 1966 to 1971, Hunt pastored Pleasant Valley Baptist Church in Jonesboro, Texas. This was followed by a second pastorate at Friendship Baptist Church in Gladewater, Texas, from 1971 to 1973.

Hunt then began his career in academia. He



served as associate professor of religion at Southwest Bible College in Bolivar, Missouri, from 1973 to 1976, and then transitioned to Southwestern Seminary to teach Old Testament and Semitic languages, which he did for the next 26 years, retiring in 2002.

Hunt is survived by his wife of 56 years, Pat; son, Doug Hunt and wife Chantry; daughter, Amy Cunha and husband Russ; and four grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Elvin Webster Hunt. 📖—A.S.



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ALUMNI UPDATES

1970

Toby Thomas Irwin (*MDIV 1973*) to Eola Baptist Church in Eola, Texas, as pastor.

Paul K. Kim (*MDIV 1976*) to Cambridge, Massachusetts, as pastor emeritus.

1980

Anthony Blair Christop Ryan (*MARE 1983*) to Commonground Church in Cape Town, South Africa, as elder/pastor.

Charles Edward Williams (*MCM 1984*) to Eastmont Baptist Church (part-time) in Montgomery, Alabama, as assistant worship pastor, orchestra/tech.

Paul Magyar (*MM 1985*) to West University Baptist Church in Houston, Texas, as worship pastor.

Karen Gosselin (*MM 1988*) to Alabama Baptist State Board of Missions in Birmingham, Alabama, as coordinator of the Office of Worship Resources.

Myrom Eugene Roberts, Jr. (*MM 1989*) to Summerhill Baptist Association in Columbus, Georgia, as director of missions.

1990

John Frederick Conrad (*MM 1990*) to Mount Home Baptist Church in Morganton, North Carolina, as minister of music.

John Dennis Daniels (*MDIV 1995*) to First Baptist Church of Clinton in Clinton, Mississippi, as minister of senior adults.

Kenton Carl Anderson (*PHD 1997*) to Providence University College

and Theological Seminary in Otterburne, Manitoba, Canada, as president.

Aubrey Dwayne Parker (*MACE 1999*) to Mississippi Baptist Convention Board in Jackson, Mississippi, as director of discipleship.

2000

Virgil Ray Swift (*MACE 2001*) to Louisiana Baptist Convention in Alexandria, Louisiana, as director of pastoral leadership.

2010

Richard C. Wilcox (*MACE 2019*) to Faith Bible Church in The Woodlands, Texas, as pastor of groups ministry.

RETIREMENTS

1960

William E. Malphrus (*MDIV 1968*) retired with wife, Cynthia, living in Lexington, South Carolina.

1970

Robert Reynolds (*DIPHTH 1971*) retired with wife, Marjuel, living in Rockwall, Texas.

David Procter (*MDIV 1973*) retired with wife, Selena, living in Salado, Texas.

Stansel L. Allcorn (*MDIV 1979*) retired with wife, Claudie, living in Abilene, Texas.

1980

James A. Holloway (*MRE 1983*) retired with wife, Mary, living in Blakely, Georgia.

Charles McDaniel Wood, Jr. (*MDIV 1986*) retired with wife, Janice, living in Hoover, Alabama.

Charles Edward Williams (*MCM*

1984) retired with wife, Pamela, living in Montgomery, Alabama.

ANNIVERSARIES

1980

Robert N. Civil (*1981*) and Sherry Dell (Kent) Civil, 63rd wedding anniversary (December 1957)

MEMORIALS

1950

Franklin Ivy Boggs, Jr. (*BSM 1951*)
Audrey Carr Evans Cowley (*MRE 1951*)

Peggy J. Scroggins (*MRE 1954*)
Edwin Allen Seale (*MRE 1954*;
BDIV 1956)

Ossie Eugene Pitts, Jr. (*MRE 1956*;
GSRE 1963)

Walter Babe Haynie (*BDIV 1957*)
Jean Daniel Martin (*MRE 1957*)
Neil "Jack" Jeter (*MDIV 1958*)

1960

Jack H. Coldiron (*MCM 1960*)
Davis Lowery Cooper (*BDIV 1960*)
Kaywin Joan Baldwin LaNoue
(*MRE 1960*;
PHD 1994)

Betty Sue Lewis (*MRE 1960*)
Clyde Ray Cain (*BDIV 1961*;
MDIV 1970;
DMIN 1989)

James Larry Ramsour (*BDIV 1961*)

David Preston Daniell (*MRE 1962*)
Jesse M. Funkhouser, Jr. (*MRE 1962*)

Kenneth Gene Patrick (*MRE 1962*)
Alton Clark Scanlon (*BDIV 1963*)
Aline Cary Cole (*ARE 1964*)

Willard Clifford Cole (*BDIV 1964*)
Lawrence Robert Klempnauer
(*MRE 1964*)

Wayne Leroy Burtcher (*BRE 1965*)
Charles A. Tidwell (*DRE 1965*;
EDD 1970;
PHD 1994)

Frank W. Tribble, Jr. (*MDIV 1965*)

Marion Joseph Fonville (*BDIV 1966*)
Fred H. Wolfe (*MDIV 1967*)

Harry Bass Hunt, Jr. (*MDIV 1968*;
THD 1972;
PHD 1978)

William F. Nolan (*DIPHTH 1968*)
Marcia Kay Miller (*MRE 1969*)

1970

Joe Morris Atkinson (*MRE 1970*)
Jerry Wayne Bowen (*MRE 1972*)
Robert Dee Posey (*MRE 1972*)
Sherry Louise Johnson Timmons
(*MRE 1972*)

Jesse L. Kidd (*MDIV 1973*)
Terence Leigh Racher (*DIPRE*)
Rod H. Masteller (*MDIV 1974*)
James G. Smith (*MRE 1974*)
Robin D. Bayles (*MM 1976*)
Randall L. Galloway (*MDIV 1978*)
Daniel J. Morgan (*MDIV 1979*)

1980

Mart Jennings Duggan (*MDIV 1981*)
Patrick Tyler Stewart (*MDIV 1981*)
Jimmy Dale Pritchard (*MDIV 1981*;
DMIN 1992)

Ronnie Dean Bruton (*MRE 1982*)
Alice Ebel (*MRE 1983*)
Robert Earl Fowler (*MRE 1983*)
Robert Price Mayfield (*MRE 1983*)
Marcus R. Rego (*MDIV 1983*)
Carole L. Smith (*MRE 1984*)
James Jay Bobo (*MAMISS 1988*)

1990

Michael Ronald Helton (*DIPHTH 1993*)
Christopher Leslie Turner (*MRE 1993*)

2000

Lori M. Dockrey (*MACE 2001*)
Herschell Alan Matthies (*MDIV 2002*)

2010

Benjamin H. Arbour (*MTH 2010*)



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The Southwestern story
of Lee Weaver

BY
KATIE COLEMAN

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OR MORE THAN 30 YEARS, Lee Weaver has devoted both his time and his financial support to Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and its commitment to equip future ministers.

Although most of his adult life was spent in faithful service to Baptist churches as a member and deacon, it was his nine years on the Southwestern Seminary board of trustees that provided him unique insight to what is needed in supporting theological education



Lee Weaver has been connected to Southwestern Seminary for more than 30 years.

tist churches in each city.

While working with an oil company officed in downtown Fort Worth in the late 1980s, Weaver connected with a lawyer who worked in the same office building and who was well acquainted with Southwestern Seminary.

The friend eventually mentioned that the SBC's nominating committee was seeking to provide a name for a recently vacated posi-

Weaver says he valued the opportunity to serve the seminary and was compelled to give financial support beginning in 1989.

"I felt a responsibility as a trustee member to not just give my time, but to give financial contributions as well," Weaver says. "I have had a number of opportunities to be affiliated with non-profit organizations, and one of the tenets that I preach is that if the board of trust-

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— LEE WEAVER

tion on the Southwestern Seminary board of trustees and wanted to recommend Weaver for the position.

Weaver was elected in 1989 and served four years of the previous board member's term, and then served an additional five years of his own term. During that time, Weaver co-chaired committee assignments, including the business affairs committee. He was also elected vice chairman in 1994 and then chairman of the board in 1996.


In 1998, Weaver completed his service as a trustee, but has remained connected to the seminary as a member of the Southwestern Advisory Council and as a faithful donor and ministry partner.

"I enjoyed that time of getting acquainted with trustees from around the country and becoming more involved in the policy-making behind the trustee governing," Weaver says. "I also enjoyed getting more acquainted with the educational process of our pastors, church members, and staff."

ees is not committed enough to contribute financially, how can they ask other people to?"

Weaver regularly gives to the Southwestern Fund and other special areas as the need presents itself. After his first wife passed away in 2010, Weaver established the Wanda Weaver Memorial Endowed Scholarship Fund in her honor, designated for students in the School of Theology or the Roy J. Fish School of Evangelism and Missions.

Weaver's introduction to the seminary's needs in 1989 sparked his desire to financially support the institution, but he says it is the ongoing commitment to train pastors, ministers, and lay leaders that has compelled him to remain a faithful ministry partner of Southwestern Seminary.

"My involvement led me to recognize that pastors and other ministers may teach a deeper understanding of the Scriptures if they have the understanding built on more in-depth study in order to send preachers with an untainted message of the Gospel," Weaver says. 

and, as a result, the churches of the Southern Baptist Convention.

A graduate of Texas Tech University with a Bachelor of Science in Petroleum Engineering, Weaver's career in the oil and gas industry prompted several moves to different Texas cities including San Antonio, Midland, Dallas, and finally Fort Worth, which he has called home for more than half his life. In each of those moves, he and his late wife, Wanda, faithfully attended and served Bap-

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SOUTHERN BAPTISTS, AT THEIR BEST, have always been a people marked by cooperation. Led by the belief that we can do more together than we can apart, the churches of the SBC work together to send missionaries, plant and revitalize churches, educate the next generation of church leaders, and provide disaster relief on a scale that rivals the Red Cross and the United States government.

Now, more than a century and a half since it was formed, our convention is blessed with almost 50,000 churches, two mission agencies, six seminaries, the Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission, Lifeway Christian Resources, the Executive Committee, the Woman's Missionary Union, along with more than 10 million individuals from different backgrounds, races, ethnicities, and socioeconomic groups. And since the advent of the Cooperative Program in 1925, more than \$19 billion have been given, all for the purpose of seeing the Great Commission realized. Southern Baptists work, serve, and give because at the very heart of who we are is the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the knowledge that we are to share that Good News with a world that needs the hope that is found in Jesus Christ alone.

Each entity, church, and auxiliary of the SBC carries with it the burden of the Great Commission. What started in 1845 in Augusta, Georgia, with a small group of messengers has developed into the greatest missionary-sending organization, church planting movement, disaster relief team, and theological education force in the world.

As one of the sending and educational organizations for the Southern Baptist Convention, perhaps no entity has been more efficient and effective as the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. From its founding in 1908, Southwestern Seminary has continuously and diligently equipped and sent out tens of thousands of ministers, church leaders, and missionaries. The work that happens on Seminary Hill in Fort Worth, Texas, reverberates globally through Southwesterners who are ministering around the world.

Lately there has been much noise that seeks to divide and distract Southern Baptists from our mission. But rest assured that the work of the Kingdom that happens at

Southwestern continues daily and without fail. God has blessed Southwestern Seminary, and I believe He will continue to bless our school in the days ahead. As we work and wait for His return, we keep working in a spirit of unity to accomplish the mission before us, seeking to move away from irrelevant controversies that only divide and distract us from working together.

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engage in the life of your church through your tithes and offerings, you are also engaging in the life of the Southern Baptist Convention through your church's financial support of the Cooperative Program. As a result, you are providing the financial fuel that will help to train the next generation of church and ministry leaders who could very well be the ones who lead your children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren to Christ.

When we work together, united by the grace of Jesus Christ and focused on His Gospel, there is nothing in this world that can stop us from this mission. We are better together. We can accomplish more together. We need each other. We have much to be thankful for yet much more still to do. 🙏

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