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Take on the challenge of a new semester with our guide to upcoming events, ministry opportunities and must-see places in Louisville.



Meet the editor:

I'm delighted to introduce our new *Towers* editor, S. Craig Sanders. For the past three years, Aaron Cline Hanbury capably edited this newsmagazine, but he departed in June to take a posi-

tion at Clearwater Christian College — his alma mater in Clearwater, Florida.

Craig began his duties in June, when he covered the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting. As a third-year master of divinity student — and our former assistant news writer — Craig knows well the Southern Seminary community. Craig's wife, Kaitlyn, is studying at Sullivan University to become a physician assistant.

In addition to editing *Towers*, Craig, as manager

of news and information, helps to lead our news operation, telling the story of God's work through the students, faculty and alumni of Southern.

Like this issue, which provides a preview of the coming semester, readers won't want to miss any issue of *Towers* this year as Craig's plans include many interesting and helpful features that will benefit students and the rest of the seminary community.

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Executive Editor

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Newslog



SBC 2014: Floyd elected president, Mohler reports historic SBTS enrollment

By SBTS Communications

Arkansas pastor Ronnie Floyd was elected president of the Southern Baptist Convention during the annual meeting in Baltimore, Maryland, June 10-11, as convention leaders called for prayer and revival in the face of a cultural crisis and denominational decline.

Floyd, pastor of Cross Church in northwest Arkansas, was elected on the first ballot with 51.62 percent of the vote. Southern Seminary Ph.D. student and rural Kentucky pastor Jared Moore finished third with 5.91 percent.

R. Albert Mohler Jr., president of The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, nominated Floyd, calling him a leader “with peerless experience in the Southern Baptist Convention.”

“At this crucial hour, we Southern Baptists desperately need a leader who can model convictional compassion and compassionate conviction — who can articulate our message in the midst of most trying times — and represent us all as the world around us turns upside down,” Mohler said in his nomination speech. “He will stand without compromise, articulate with clarity and lead us with confidence.”

Succeeding the historic presidency of New Orleans pastor Fred Luter, Floyd echoed the African-American leader’s call for revival, as the convention focused the

theme on “Restoration and Revival Through Prayer.”

“I want to see revival come to the church of Jesus Christ,” Floyd said at a news conference following his election, “so that America would be awakened with a powerful God consciousness where great numbers come to faith and trust in Jesus Christ as Savior.”

During the seminary’s annual report to SBC messengers, Mohler described the “vast shift” in “American society over the last 200 years,” citing polls that indicate one-third of Americans younger than 30 claim no religious affiliation.

This “moral upheaval,” Mohler said, “presents an enormous challenge to every preacher, every evangelist and every missionary.”

The seminary will enroll this fall more than 4,600 students, more than at any other time in the school’s history, Mohler said, including more than 1,700 master of divinity students. Those pursuing the M.Div. constitute the largest such group assembled at one time in one institution in the history of theological education, Mohler reported.

Concluding his report, Mohler thanked messengers for their support and for funding the seminary through the Cooperative Program.

SBTS names Mark Dever alumnus of the year

By S. Craig Sanders

R. Albert Mohler Jr., president of The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, presented Mark Dever with the distinguished alumnus of the year award at the seminary’s alumni luncheon during the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) in Baltimore, Maryland, June 11.

Dever, a master of theology (1987) graduate from Southern Seminary, began serving as senior pastor of Capitol Hill Baptist Church in Washington, D.C., in 1994, and has displayed a commitment to infusing theology into the life of his congregation and revitalizing churches in the nation’s capital. He is a former chairman of The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary Board of Trustees.

“Mark Dever is one of the greatest gifts of God to me, and to the church of the Lord Jesus Christ,” Mohler said. “When we talk about [church] revitalization, there’s a portrait of exactly what we hope and pray for at Capitol Hill Baptist Church in Washington, D.C. He models what is to be a pastor-theologian, he models what it is to demonstrate the influence of a pastor on other pastors.”

Mohler presented Dever with an “obligatory” certificate honoring the distinction, and an early printing of the works of English Puritan pastor Richard Sibbes, on whom Dever wrote his dissertation at Cambridge University.

During his presentation to the alumni, Mohler provided an update on the renovation to the Mullins Complex, which will provide student housing and faculty offices for Boyce College. He reflected on the retirement of historical theology professor Tom Nettles and the death of campus physician William Cutrer.





Moodie leads Boyce's new business program

By S. Craig Sanders

A cross-cultural business researcher and professor will lead the new business management program at Boyce College, the undergraduate school of The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Wisconsin native Scott Moodie joined the Boyce faculty as the assistant professor of business management. Moodie is currently completing his Ph.D. in management science at Spain's ESADE School of Business.

Moodie is responsible for Boyce's new degree offering in business administration, which is designed to integrate business and missions, and will prepare students for three avenues: intercultural business, non-profit organization efforts and local church administration.

"Scott is an exciting addition to Boyce College," said global studies coordinator John Klaassen. "He has been a part of international churches everywhere he has lived and will bring not only expertise on the business front but a thorough understanding of what it means to live globally, be a churchman internationally and work with businesses cross-culturally. His perspective will be unique among business leaders and his gifting will serve the church in ways that we have never experienced before."

Boyce dean Dan DeWitt lauded the new program for its ability to equip students to serve on the mission field.

"Boyce has established itself as a stalwart for biblical and theological education, but now we are enabling gospel ministers to advance the kingdom in difficult places in the world with skills for the marketplace and beyond," said DeWitt.

"This degree is setting a precedent for training gospel entrepreneurs to be on mission around the globe."

The four-year degree, which is pending SACSCOC approval, consists of 36 hours in biblical and theological studies, 33 hours of business studies, 15 hours of global studies and 12 hours of ministry studies.

Bridger directing Southern Seminary's Jenkins Center for Christian Understanding of Islam

By RuthAnne Irvin

J. Scott Bridger, an evangelical scholar of Islam, recently joined the faculty of Southern Seminary as the director of the Jenkins Center for the Christian Understanding of Islam and the Bill and Connie Jenkins assistant professor of Islamic studies.

"I think Scott Bridger is the singular individual God has prepared to take on the leadership of the Jenkins Center at this time," seminary president R. Albert Mohler Jr. said. "His academic preparation, his knowledge of the Arabic language and culture, his deep knowledge of Islam, not only as a structure of thought but as a way of life, his experience in the Middle East — all of these serve him singularly well as the one to take on this responsibility."

The Jenkins Center was dedicated in February as part of the annual Great Commission Week activities at Southern Seminary.

Bridger and his family spent 12 years in the Middle East where he studied and three of his five children were born. He began to study Islam during his undergraduate studies at the University of Tennessee, and earned a master's degree in Arabic and Islamic studies from the University of Haifa in Israel. He earned a doctor of phi-

losophy degree from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, with a dissertation on a Christian exegesis of the Quran.

Bridger previously served as assistant professor of world Christianity and Islamic studies at The Criswell College in Dallas, Texas.

Courses in Arabic language, Islam and the Quran and Muslim peoples and cultures will be offered through the seminary's Billy Graham School of Missions, Evangelism and Ministry. Bridger said workshops and an annual colloquium about Islam and related topics will be available for faculty and students this fall to "elevate their understanding of Islam and enhance their effectiveness in loving and engaging their Muslim neighbors." He also plans for the center to send groups of students to the Arab world and other Muslim contexts in the future.

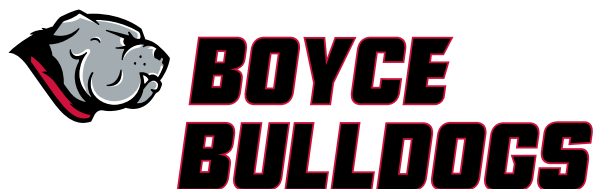
More information about the Jenkins Center is available at jenkins.sbts.edu.



D3 answers life's questions

Boyce College's annual D3 youth camp hosted more than 470 students during its two weeks, June 23-26 and June 30-July 3.

Students from 16 different states gathered on the seminary's campus for the theme "Why? Answering Life's Questions." The camp featured several speakers, including Boyce College dean Dan DeWitt, seminary president R. Albert Mohler Jr., pastor Eric Bancroft and others.



‘The College at Southern’: Boyce launches new branding with logo, website

By S. Craig Sanders

Boyce College, the undergraduate school of The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, launched a new logo and website to highlight its convictional leadership and distinctive spiritual atmosphere, June 9.

Emphasizing the proximity and shared resources with Southern Seminary, the new logo includes the phrase “The College at Southern.” The rebranding comes as the school relocates to the heart of the seminary campus, where at least 240 new students are expected to arrive August 8.

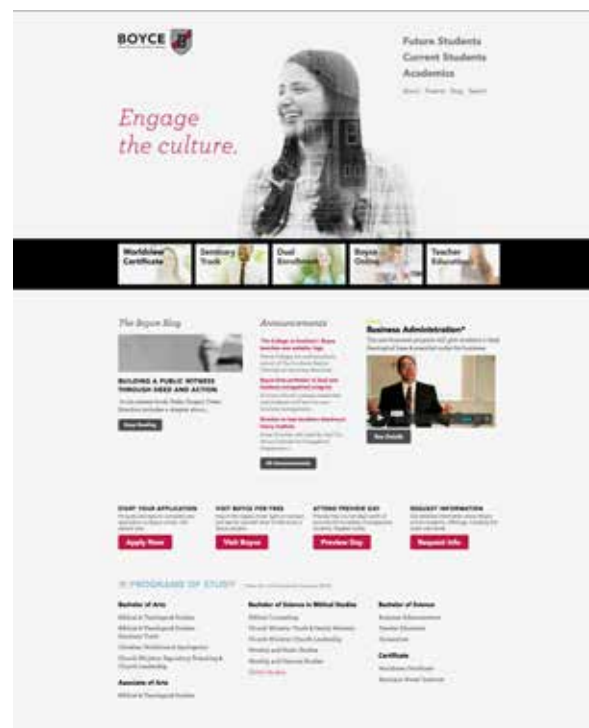
The undergraduate school updated its logo with an Old English-inspired letter “B” and the colors gray and red as part of a major redesign effort that includes the fresh website and an updated mascot logo. Gray connotes reliability, maturity and a solid tradition, while red signifies passion, courage and determination. This combination was chosen to reflect the foundation and vision of James P. Boyce himself.

“Boyce College stands on the gospel, and has since its founding,” said the college’s dean, Dan DeWitt. “Launching the new brand, website and logo is a celebration of and preparation for Boyce’s continued growth, while also honoring the institutional convictions that brought us here.”

BoyceCollege.com was updated to improve accessibility and provide quicker navigation for prospective and current students. The homepage now features prominent links to apply for admission, visit the Boyce campus, attend a Preview Day and learn more about the school’s academic offerings.

The school’s Bulldog mascot also received a redesign, corresponding to the logo colors of gray and red and improving on the mascot’s facial features. The mascot is now featured on the Boyce basketball court and athletic apparel.

The aesthetic remodeling complements the \$20-million renovation of Southern Seminary’s 88-year-old Mullins Complex, the new home for Boyce College. Updated during the first phase of the institution’s Master Plan, the complex includes spacious quad dormitories, a state-of-the-art student lounge and faculty offices.





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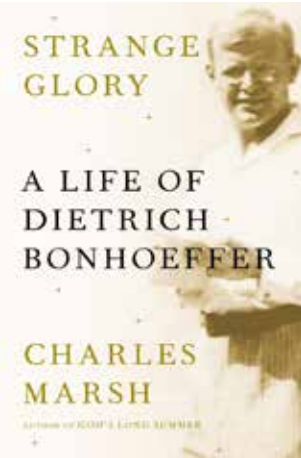
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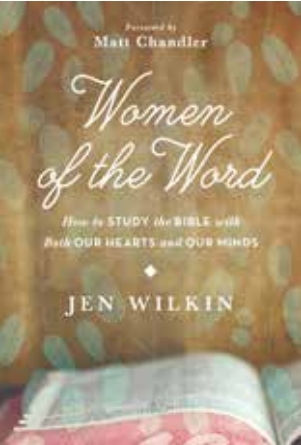
Strange Glory: A Life of Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Charles Marsh Review by S. Craig Sanders
German martyr Dietrich Bonhoeffer is experiencing a renaissance in critical and popular literature. On the heels of Eric Metaxas’ bestselling biography comes a critical study of Bonhoeffer by Charles Marsh, professor of religious studies at the University of Virginia and director of the Project of Lived Theology.

Strange Glory attempts to examine objectively the Bonhoeffer of his-
tory — complex in his aspirations, relationships and lived theology.

Marsh illustrates a young man with his sights on eternity, intelligent and absent-minded, yet lonely. This is apparent in the depictions of Bonhoeffer’s clingy friendships, culminating in what Marsh vaguely describes as “romantic affections” for his spiritual confessor Eberhard Bethge.

Nevertheless, the biography is rich in detail and imbued with a sense of place as Bonhoeffer travels around the world and is sentenced to a Nazi death camp, allowing the pastor’s life and thought to come to life.



(Crossway 2014, \$12.99)

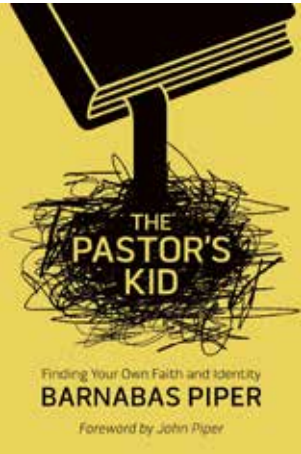
Women of the Word: How to Study the Bible with Both Our Hearts and Our Minds

Jen Wilkin Review by RuthAnne Irvin
The human heart cannot love what the mind does not know, according to Jen Wilkin in her new book, *Women of the Word: How to Study the Bible with Both Our Hearts and Our Minds*. And, in order to love God deeply, Christians must know him deeply, Wilkin argues in this brief overview of how women can study God’s Word effectively.

Wilkin teaches the importance of treasuring Scripture with both our hearts and our minds, encouraging readers to study Scripture with purpose, perspective, patience, process and prayer.

“Our study of the Bible is only beneficial insofar as it increases our love for the God it proclaims,” she writes.

In a welcome and humble tone, Wilkin invites women to grow in their love for God by a thorough study of his Word.



(David C Cook 2014, \$12.99)

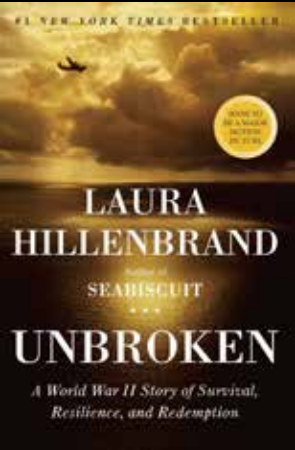
The Pastor’s Kid: Finding Your Own Faith and Identity

Barnabas Piper Review by RuthAnne Irvin
The pastor’s children are a largely-overlooked specimen in the church today. In his new book, *The Pastor’s Kid: Finding Your Own Faith and Identity*, fellow “PK” Barnabas Piper writes to PKs and their parents about the hardships of pastoral ministry but also the benefits and joys of the life of the pastor’s family.

With a raw honesty and sensitivity that only a pastor’s kid could project, Piper writes about the difficulties PKs face growing up in the unique environment of pastoral ministry.

In the book, Piper writes about the “fishbowl” concept of ministry, the expectations placed on the pastor’s family, identity issues that PKs deal with, two chapters for both pastor and child and seven rules for what not to do when you meet a PK.

This is a book pastors should read with their children for fruitful conversations and renewed relationships.

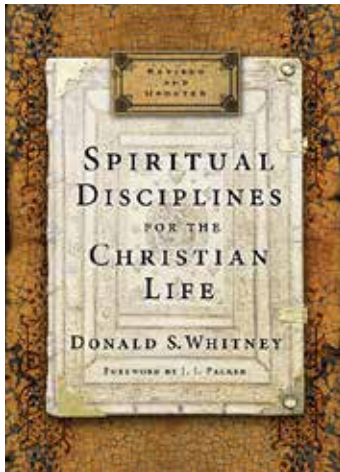


Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption
by Laura Hillenbrand
(Random House 2010, \$16)

“The subject of this book, Louis Zamperini, recently passed away, and there’s a movie based on the book coming out later this year. This is a great story of perseverance. Every man needs to read this book.”

Donald S. Whitney
Associate dean of the School of Theology and professor of biblical spirituality





(NavPress 2014, \$15.99)

Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life, revised and updated

Donald S. Whitney

Review by S. Craig Sanders

“Discipline without direction is drudgery,” writes Donald S. Whitney in a familiar opening to the 20th-anniversary edition of his classic book on biblical spirituality. Revised and updated, the book contains new material with more emphasis on the gospel that will help both first-time readers and those who enjoyed the first edition to ground their disciplines soundly in Scripture.

Whitney, professor of biblical spirituality and associate dean of the School

of Theology at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, improved on the 1991 edition of his most influential work by adding 11 new methods of meditation on Scripture, including a more explicit Christocentric focus in each chapter. He bolstered the content with more Scripture references in order to distance himself from a mystical approach to spirituality and removed any cultural references that would fade with the passing of time.

The expanded methods of meditation on Scripture carry on the legacy of the original edition, which introduced praying through the text as an enriching exercise for many Christians. Newer methods prescribed in the revised edition include formulating a

principle from the text, asking how the text points to Jesus, creating an artistic expression and using meditation mapping.

“A mind map is a diagram that outlines information in a more visually appealing and memorable way than words on lines,” writes Whitney, explaining the intellectually stimulating practice of meditation mapping with the example of Romans 8:28. “It’s not a different way to think, just a different way to write down what you think.”

Whitney also revised and updated the companion study guide for his best-selling work. The 140-page resource is a valuable tool for small group discussion and personal study, and is regularly priced at \$9.99.

Introduction to Global Missions

Zane Pratt, M. David Sills and Jeff K. Walters

Review by RuthAnne Irvin

God commissions his people to take the gospel to the peoples of the world. In their new book, *Introduction to Global Missions*, Southern Seminary missions professors M. David Sills, Zane Pratt and Jeff K. Walters equip readers with the best biblical tools necessary to understand and accomplish that mission mandate.

The three authors combine their own experiences to guide readers through various aspects of global missions. They explain what a call to missions looks like; the theo-

Pratt and Walters — who write in one voice — explain the missionary call on the life of each believer. From beginning to end, the Bible is missiologically they say, noting that God calls each Christian to global missions in some capacity.

“The way to find God’s will is to become so close to him that your heartbeat resonates with his own,” they write.

The book contains four sections: “Biblical and Theological Foundations for Global Missions,” “Historical Foundations for Global Missions,” “Culture and Global Missions” and “The Practice of Global Missions.”

In section two, “Historical Foundations for Global Missions,” they lead readers to see God’s work through history. They re-

al missions in the third section, “Culture and Global Missions.” The authors give an overview of several major world religions, encouraging readers to love people who hold to different religions for the gospel’s sake.

“Wherever Christians go with the gospel, it is important that they study the religious beliefs of the people they are trying to reach,” they write. “Given the level of syncretism with animism that exists in most religions, it is necessary to explore what people actually believe and do, not what their formal religion says they ought to believe. The purpose of this research is not disinterested scholarship or pluralistic dialogue but effective communication. People hear new information through the filter of their existing worldview.”

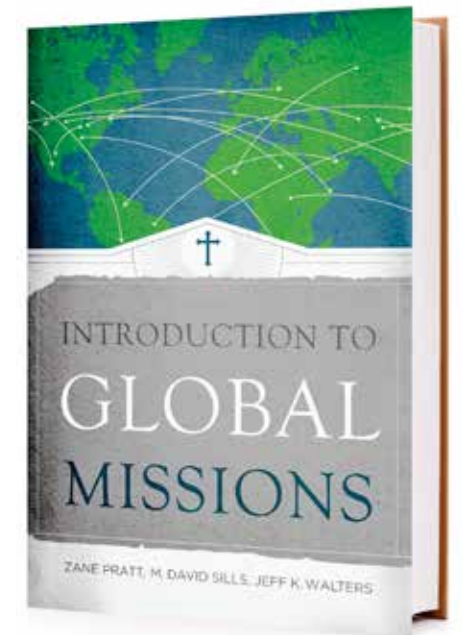
The fourth section, “The Practice of Global Missions,” concludes the book with application for both local churches and individual Christians.

Introduction to Global Missions concludes with “six keys” to thinking globally about the missionary call in local churches: “a biblical understanding,” “a global vision,” “understanding missiological principles,” “prayer,” “connecting yourself to missions” and “connecting the church to missions” through short-term mission trips.

“Much of what passes for evangelical missiology nods to biblical inspiration and inerrancy but then looks to secular

sources for its methodology as though the Bible were inadequate,” they write. “However, because the Bible is inerrant, authoritative, clear and sufficient, it not only has the final word in all legitimate evangelical missiology; it also has the formative word.”

Whether you go or send, *Introduction to Global Missions* is a great place to begin to study what God says about the Great Commission and the Christian’s role in that calling. (B&H Academic 2014, \$34.99)



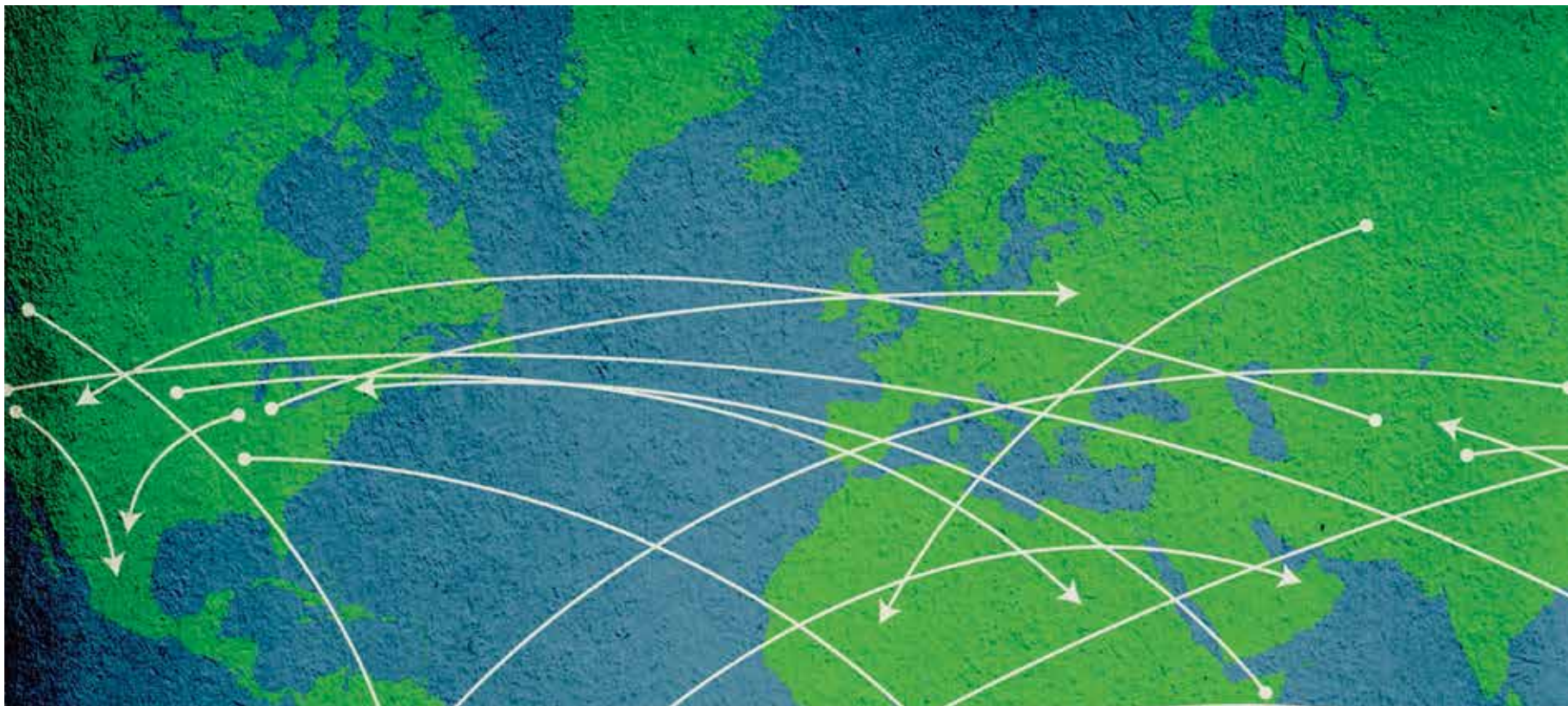
God was on mission from the start—the display of his glory in the goodness of all he had made—and he set his people on a mission from the start—to reflect his glory by being fruitful, multiplying, naming his creatures, and tending his world. The human race is intrinsically missional.

logical, missiological and historical basis for global missions; culture and global missions; and applications for individuals and local churches.

In the introduction of the book, Sills,

view the expansion of Christianity from the early church through the Reformation to the “Great Century and beyond.”

Sills, Pratt and Walters examine diverse cultures and the challenges of glob-



Missions for a post-9/11 world

By SBTS Communications

EDITOR'S NOTE: In the following, Southern Seminary missions professors M. David Sills and Jeff Walters discuss their new book, *Introduction to Global Missions*, with Towers writers Aaron Cline Hanbury and RuthAnne Irvin.

ACH: What makes *Introduction to Global Missions* different from other introductions?

MDS: The world is changing with increasing velocity, and global dynamics such as globalization, urbanization and diaspora migration patterns are forcing constant re-evaluation of how ministry is done. Ministers in the USA and around the world must be knowledgeable about other people groups, world religions, worldviews and assimilation levels to serve their communities and churches effectively.

Introduction to Global Missions is a textbook designed to teach students in colleges and seminaries. It serves as a broad compendium that addresses global missions issues for biblically faithful ministry in

today's world. With such rapid changes in our world, textbooks that were written just 15 to 20 years ago fail to prepare students and ministers for ministry in a post-9/11 world.

JW: What sets it apart is that it reflects the teaching of a significant number of our missions faculty and decades of combined experience. It is designed to help everyone from missions volunteers to local church pastors to future and current missionaries think about how to do missions well.

ACH: In your book, you devote a full section to historical foundations. Why?

MDS: Good stewardship of all God gives us includes the wise use of the church's experiences throughout the expansion of Christianity. Standing on the shoulders of those who went before us allows us to see farther down the road than they could. When we learn how the church dealt with heresies, threats and opportunities in the past, we are able to incorporate

those lessons in addressing challenges facing the contemporary church.

JW: The history of the church is the history of missions. Good missiology and missionary practice is built on the Scriptures, but it is informed by history. For example, we can see throughout history examples of good contextualization and bad contextualization. As we think about how to plant churches in various cultures, we want to avoid those past mistakes. Most of all, history inspires me. When I read about Carey or Judson or Bill Wallace or Jim Elliot, God uses their stories to fuel my own calling.

ACH: How do you hope to affect or influence readers?

MDS: I pray that every reader of this book will not finish it in the place where he or she started. I pray that each reader will grow theologically, missiologically and evangelistically. I pray that each reader will be more committed to missions, read the Bible through

a missiologist lens and understand whether God has called him or her to international missions service. And I pray that reading this book will move readers around the world as God uses it to stir hearts and mobilize his church.

JW: There's a lot of poor teaching out there on various aspects of missions — leadership, calling, contextualization, etc. My prayer is that God will use this book to help sending churches, agencies and missionaries fulfill their calling well and that the nations will be impacted.

RAI: Why is theological training imperative for a proper response to missions?

MDS: For the same reasons that physicians go to medical school, even though a desperate world is dying without adequate medical care, missionaries also should obtain all the education they can possibly get. The passion to serve, and the heartache for those who have never heard, should not force us to the field without proper preparation. The Back to Jerusalem movement in China is littered with stories of sincere Chinese believers who rushed to the mission field only to return in failure when they encountered the challenge of cultural differences, the power of dominant world religions and the lack of financial, logistical or administrative support. They had great zeal but unfortunately it was zeal without knowledge. In my travels in the Caribbean and in South America, I have encountered two separate but similar situations where a missionary was sent to the Muslim world without thorough grounding beforehand, and in both cases the missionaries converted to Islam and then served as a Muslim missionary in their home cities. If God opens the door to a missions opportunity, and the missionary candidate is sufficiently prepared and has the support of pastor and congregation, then certainly follow the

JW: Healthy missions strategy is focused on proclaiming the gospel among those who have never heard and establishing indigenous churches among those who turn to Christ. Missionaries on the field today are all working somewhere along that continuum — from engaging new people groups to discipleship and theological education in young churches. There is not a single aspect of that work that does not demand biblical, theological and practical preparation. Proclamation of good news means understanding the biblical gospel. Planting biblical churches means knowing biblical ecclesiology. Training pastors and leaders demands a solid foundation of biblical studies, theology and hermeneutics. For the missionary, then, theological education provides the platform on which all of our work is built. It is naive, even foolish, to believe that healthy evangelism and church planting can arise on anything less. On a personal note, missions history has shown over and over that good theology sustains missionaries in difficult times and places. David Brainerd, Adoniram Judson, and many others before and after them looked to their Bibles and their understanding of God, Providence and Christian hope as they faced suffering. When people were responsive and churches arose, such missionaries were able to see events with a proper God-glorifying perspective.

RAI: Which worldviews pose the greatest challenge for missionaries today and why?

MDS: The worldview that poses the greatest challenge for missionaries today is any worldview that is not Christian. Worldview answers the big questions such as where did we come from, where do we go when we die, what is truly real and what is illusory. It provides a system for interpreting all of life. It is the operating system of our life computer. It does not matter what

gle birds may find raised hands at the invitation, or outright rejection, but neither response will issue from an understanding of who Jesus is, what he has done, and why we need him. Critiquing the worldview of others is a threat to them. For them to leave one worldview and embrace another is a huge personal step, but it also requires them to throw away former religions, and their former theologians — who were often their mothers and fathers. We find peace, comfort, confidence and stability in a worldview that everyone around us shares. When that is challenged, anxiety and fear take their place. Any worldview that is not Christian is a great challenge in missions anywhere.

JW: I agree with Sills, but I would add that sometimes our own privileged Western worldview can be equally challenging. Paternalism and feelings of superiority come easy to our own culture but can be a fatal affliction for missionaries called to tell and show the gospel in other cultures. Discerning what is cultural from what is biblical might seem easy when observing others, but it can be very difficult to look at ourselves. Our own worldview also tends to displace the supernatural in favor of science and the empirically verifiable, even among Christians.

Christ has already delivered everything that God's justice demands. Freedom and joy come when we simultaneously rest completely in Christ and recognize this rest in Christ as a foundation for our active pursuit of holiness. Grace not only liberates us from the demands of the law but also frees us and enables us to pursue holiness.

Lord's leading and timing. But when the opportunity to get further education is there, the missionary and his hearers deserve the thorough grounding that seminary offers. Remember that in seminary you are not wasting time; you are digging a well that you and your hearers will drink from for the rest of your life. Dig deep.

the system is; when they are answering every question of reality through another narrative and seeing every event through a lens that is not divine revelation, their belief systems, value systems and behavior systems will be fundamentally flawed as well. The Christian missionary who presents John 3:16 to a people group who believe that all humans come from the union of two jun-



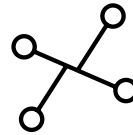
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Whether you're a newcomer to the Southern Seminary community or a veteran doctoral student, the dawn of a new semester can present a host of challenges, not the least of which is acclimating to fresh surroundings and extracurricular opportunities.

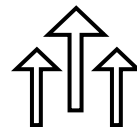
Before you dive into a stack of textbooks, the *Towers* team wants you to keep your head above the pages with a survival guide for the fall semester. But we don't want you merely to survive the grueling work of seminary education — we want you to thrive.

MULLINS GRAND OPENING

Witness the historic renovation of the Mullins Complex, the first phase of the seminary's Master Plan. The \$20-million update now houses Boyce College students and faculty offices, and includes a state-of-the-art student lounge. Take a tour of the facilities at the grand opening of the new and improved Mullins, immediately following fall convocation on Aug. 19.



EXPERIENCE the Southern Seminary community: A wide range of events can enrich your soul with the vibrancy of fellowship alongside SBTS students, faculty and friends. These are excellent opportunities to take a break from your studies, so mark your calendars now and make sure to be there.



EXCEL in the spiritual disciplines: Don't head into the holiday break with a solid GPA but a deteriorating devotional life. Southern Seminary provides many opportunities to incorporate the disciplines as part of your semester activities, but it takes a personal commitment to make it happen.



EXPLORE the Louisville area with our handy bucket list: If you're studying on campus, you could be living in Louisville for three to four years (or beyond), so there's no better time than the present to make yourself at home. This list certainly isn't comprehensive, but we've provided 10 items to check off this fall as you explore SBTS and Louisville.





FALL KICKOFF COOKOUT

Gather with the entire seminary community for free food and refreshments outside of Alumni Chapel following worship on Aug. 28.

BGS TURNS 20

Celebrate the 20th anniversary of the founding of the Billy Graham School of Missions, Evangelism and Ministry during the seminary's Heritage Week, Oct. 14-16.

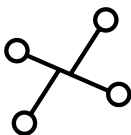


JOB AND BANK FAIR

A key component to making Louisville your home is finding a steady job and a trustworthy bank. Visit Heritage Hall on Aug. 28, from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., and meet with 40 local employers and several bank representatives.



"I have a feeling we're not in Louisville anymore," is exactly what you will say when the Seminary Lawn is transformed into the magical Land of Oz for Southern Seminary's **Fall Festival**, Sept. 5. Bring your family (but leave Toto at home) to walk the yellow brick road as you journey to the Emerald City for free food and entertainment. Dress up as your favorite character for this year's costume contest, although you're asked to be a good sport to the Wicked Witch of the West and not carry around large buckets of water.



EXPERIENCE

DATE NIGHT

One of the most important aspects in pursuing seminary education is maintaining a healthy marriage — and that means carving out time to spend with your spouse instead of your books. Southern Seminary offers seven date nights this semester, which affords spouses the opportunity to drop off their children at HRC for free childcare and go on a date for two.

Date night at SBTS

Saturday, Sept. 20
Friday, Oct. 10
Monday, Nov. 17

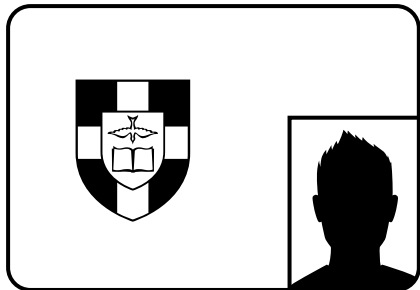
Date night OUT

Friday, Aug. 29
Friday, Sept. 19
Friday, Oct. 24
Friday, Nov. 14



GREAT COMMISSION 5K, OCT. 18

Join us for a great race, live music, family activities, prizes and more — all in support of Southern's student missionaries. Proceeds benefit SBTS students involved in Great Commission ministry around the world. Need to get in shape first? See page 16 for opportunities to stay physically fit.



REGISTER FOR A FREE* CONFERENCE

Counsel the Word: The Sufficiency of Scripture

Sept. 18-19

Paul David Tripp, David Powlison, Heath Lambert, R. Albert Mohler Jr.

The Commonweal Conference: The hard work of human flourishing

Sept. 26-27

Wayne Grudem and Barry Asmus

Andrew Fuller Conference: Whitefield and the Great Awakening

Oct. 21-22

David Bebbington, Esther Crookshank, Lee Gatiss, Bruce Hindmarsh, Thomas Kidd, Steve Lawson, Jerome Mahaffey and Stephen Nichols

The Expositors Summit

Oct. 28-30

John MacArthur, H.B. Charles Jr. and R. Albert Mohler Jr.

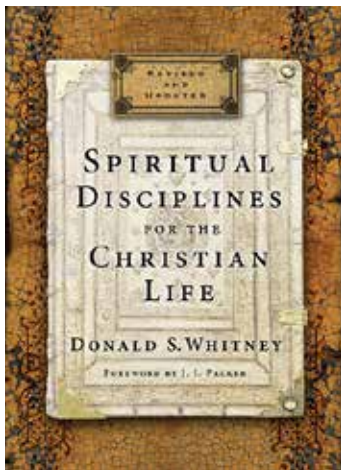
Doxology & Theology Conference

Nov. 13-15

Aaron Ivey, Bob Kauflin, D.A. Carson, Harold Best, Matt Papa, Michael Bleeker, Mike Cospers, Paul Tripp, Stephen Miller and Zac Hicks

*SBTS and Boyce students are eligible to register for one free conference each semester through a general conference scholarship. Students must present their Shield cards in the event productions office beginning Aug. 11. A limited number of scholarships is available for each conference.

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EVANGELISM

The **Bevin Center for Missions Mobilization** trains and sends the Southern Seminary community to evangelize the Louisville community and beyond.

Operation: Preach the Word

Operation: Preach the Word is a partnership with the Kentucky Baptist Convention to mobilize SBTS students to preach a sermon from a Great Commission text at KBC churches on Sept. 28. To register for the initiative, visit missions.sbts.edu.

Evangelism Response Center training

The ERC provides Southern Baptists the opportunity to share the gospel and pray with people across the nation via phone or online chat. A North American Mission Board representative will offer three training sessions (Sept. 3, Oct. 1, Nov. 5) at the Bevin Center for students to use the resource.

SERVING

Apply for ministry opportunities in local churches through the seminary's **Ministry Connections** office, located in Norton 154. Log in to your account at sbts.experience.com with your student email, and connect with ministry opportunities.

Always Ready: Training for Pulpit Supply and Interim Ministry

Sept. 12, 2 - 4 p.m. | President's Reception Room

The Bevin Center, the Kentucky Baptist Convention and Ministry Connections will provide training for current students interested in learning more about serving churches through pulpit supply and interim ministry.

BIBLE INTAKE

Find accountability on Scripture meditation and gain wisdom from seminary faculty in monthly **shepherding (School of Theology)** or **mentoring groups (Bilby Graham School)**. The monthly meetings also provide opportunities for prayer, encouragement and fellowship.

Aug. 27

Sept. 17

Oct. 22

Nov. 12 (MG) or 19 (SG)

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PRAYER

Looking for a place to pray? Rooms devoted solely to prayer are scattered throughout the campus, like the **Great Commission Prayer Room (HC 219)**.

Each morning at 7:45 a.m., gather with mission-minded students at the Bevin Center to pray for unreached people groups.

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LECTURE SCHEDULE

Jenkins Lectures, Sept. 2 – Michael Youssef
Gheens Lectures, Sept. 23-24 – David Wells
Julius B. Gay Lectures, Oct. 27 – John Perkins
Mullins Lectures, Oct. 28-30 – John MacArthur
McCall Leadership Lecture, Nov. 6 – Hugh Hewitt

WRITING CENTER

The Southern Seminary Writing Center provides free assistance to students in refining and editing research papers. To make an appointment, email writing-center@sbts.edu.

ACADEMIC JOURNALS

Southern Seminary’s academic journals are available online for free.

The Southern Baptist Journal of Theology

The Southern Baptist Journal of Missions and Evangelism

The Journal of Discipleship and Family Ministry

LIBRARY WORKSHOPS

Get to know the Boyce Centennial Library

Sept. 3, 10 a.m.
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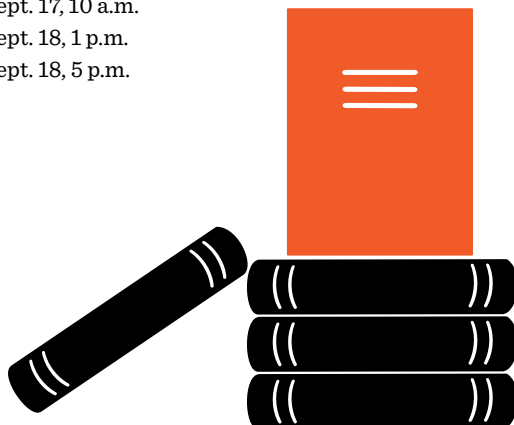
Sept. 16, 1 p.m.
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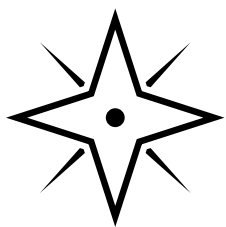
HEAR GOD’S WORD IN CHAPEL

Opening convocation, R. Albert Mohler Jr., Aug. 19
Randy L. Stinson, Aug. 21
Thomas R. Schreiner, Aug. 26
Adam Greenway, Aug. 28
Michael Youssef, Sept. 2
Thomas White, Sept. 4
Timothy Paul Jones, Sept. 9
Donald S. Whitney, Sept. 11
Gregory A. Wills, Sept. 16
Tony Rose, Sept. 18
Denny Burk, Sept. 23
Greg Gilbert, Sept. 25
Ray Ortlund, Sept. 30
Aaron Coe, Oct. 2

Heritage Week

R. Albert Mohler Jr., Oct. 14
R. Albert Mohler Jr. (Broadus Chapel), Oct. 15
Ronnie Floyd, Oct. 16

Jeremy Pierre, Oct. 21
Kevin Smith, Oct. 23
John MacArthur, Oct. 28
H.B. Charles Jr., Oct. 30
Bryan Loritts, Nov. 4
Hugh Hewitt, Nov. 6
John Kimbell, Nov. 11
D.A. Carson, Nov. 13



EXPLORE SOUTHERN SEMINARY AND LOUISVILLE BY CHECKING OFF THIS BUCKET LIST OF 10 MUST-DO ACTIVITIES FOR FALL 2014



Eat one of America's best burgers at **Mussel & Burger Bar**, located in east Louisville at 9200 Taylorsville Road. Try the B.B.B. (Bacon Breakfast Burger), which helped the restaurant earn the seventh spot on TripAdvisor's Top 10 Burger Joints in the U.S.



Meet the mummy inside the ancient artifacts museum on the second floor of the **James P. Boyce Centennial Library**, and visit the Billy Graham Room to learn more about his ministry and the history of the Billy Graham School.



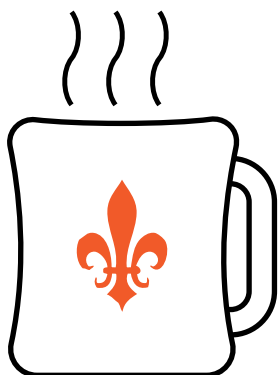
Sign up for a fitness class or join an intramural sports team at the **Health and Rec Center**. Don't just push yourself intellectually and spiritually at seminary. A basketball court, three racquetball courts, a running track, lifting equipment and a swimming pool can help you keep your body fit, too.



Watch a blockbuster movie at **Georgetown Drive-in** across the state line in Georgetown, Indiana. A vestige of a bygone era, the drive-in recently upgraded to digital projection and boasts two screens. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$6 for children, and it's cash only.



Shop at Kentucky's largest outlet mall, **The Outlet Shoppes of the Bluegrass**. Located off Interstate 64 at exit 68 in Simpsonville (Shelby County), the mall features more than 80 retailers, including Saks, Nike, Fossil and Dress Barn. The outlet mall held its opening to the public July 31.



Sip a cup of locally roasted coffee from **Sunergos Coffee** at 2122 S. Preston St. It's even better coupled with a maple bacon donut from the world-famous **Nord's Bakery** next door.



Be adventurous: scale the rock climbing wall in the **Sampey Commons** student lounge.



Root for the home team at **Louisville Slugger Field**. The beautiful park is situated at the Ohio River and features a walking concourse around the stadium. It's home to the Louisville Bats, the AAA-affiliate of the Cincinnati Reds, and soon to host the USL pro soccer team Louisville City FC in April 2015.



Buy your new Boyce and Southern gear during the grand reopening of **Fifth and Broadway**, Aug. 18-22. Drop by the store each day for free giveaways to celebrate the reopening.

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Thursday: Cotton candy
Friday: Ice cream sundaes



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Broadus and the Great Decision

HISTORY HIGHLIGHT

By Adam Winters



In late nineteenth-century Southern Baptist life, few names commanded as much respect as John A. Broadus. Baptists in congregations across the South esteemed him as a powerful preacher of the gospel and a champion of biblical orthodoxy. Scholars across the nation admired him for his command of modern and classical studies. His enduring legacy, however, is his status as a founder and president of Southern Seminary. Though many people today could not conceive of Broadus apart from his seminary ties, they would likely be surprised to learn that he consented to come to the seminary only after multiple refusals and a spiritual struggle. Broadus made the decision to dedicate his efforts to the establishment of the sem-

inary only after repeated persuasion on the part of James P. Boyce, who believed the seminary would never succeed without Broadus' presence.

The formation of the Southern Baptist Convention's first seminary grew out of James P. Boyce's dream for Baptist higher education. Yet, Boyce alone could not muster the necessary support within the denomination. He needed like-minded professors of high reputation who could divide the teaching load and earn the trust of Baptists across the South. Though Broadus and Basil Manly Jr. were the most prominent early candidates to fill the seminary's faculty slots, Broadus initially declined the nomination. Manly feared Broadus' decision

would prove a "death blow" to the efforts of establishing the seminary.¹ Broadus cited dedication to his work as pastor of Charlottesville Baptist Church and instructor at the University of Virginia (positions he had held since 1851) as too valuable to abandon even in the name of a central institution for Baptist higher education.² Boyce planned to open the Seminary in October 1858, but refusals by Broadus and two other nominated professors (E. T. Winkler and A. M. Poin-dexter) delayed the seminary's opening for another year. Without the addition of a prominent denominational leader to the faculty, the seminary's vital status lingered on life support.

Undeterred, Boyce again called upon Broadus. On March 29, 1859, Boyce wrote, "we are assured that we cannot make any other nominations that would be acceptable — we beg you to take this into consideration. Have not circumstances so changed since your refusal last year as clearly to point this out as duty now?"³ Boyce continued to implore Broadus' consent, promising him that the reputation of his name alone would bring sufficient credibility to the upstart seminary in the mind of the denomination. "Your simple name will be tower of strength to us," wrote Boyce in an April 11 letter. "Will it not be congenial to preach Christ daily to the most attentive hearers, knowing that you are starting influences to reach every quarter of the globe and the hearts of every class of men?"⁴ Broadus' decision was perceived to be the deciding factor in securing consents from other nominees to join the faculty. Boyce concluded his pitch with a desperate plea, stating that "if you fail me and Winkler fail me, I must give up, and I fear Winkler will go. My chief hope of getting him now is that he looks to you and your coming may move him."⁵

Boyce's final plea persuaded Broadus to accept the mantle of Southern Seminary professor and take his talents to Greenville, South Carolina. Broadus confessed he "trembled at the responsibility of the thing."⁶ He cited the fact that "few personal considerations about the matter are so attractive to me as the prospect of being associated in a great work with you. I rejoice in a warm mutual friendship now; and I trust we shall ere long learn to love each other as brothers."⁷

In spite of Broadus' emotional pledge to the seminary's future, Winkler eventually declined nomination to the faculty, opening the door for William Williams to become the seminary's fourth founding professor.⁸ Broadus served the seminary faithfully and unceasingly from 1859 until his death on March 16, 1895. Today, one cannot conceive of Broadus apart from his conviction of duty to the seminary. And one cannot conceive of Southern Seminary apart from the heroism of John A. Broadus.

ENDNOTES

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From paratrooper to police chief, Kevin Collins lives to serve

SOUTHERN STORY

By RuthAnne Irvin

It was the daily service opportunities that drew Kevin Collins to police work from the start.

His love for serving people grew as God guided his career path through unexpected circumstances. Growing up, Collins wanted to be a paratrooper and eventually a history teacher. His love for planes and his family's military history naturally led him to join the United States Army shortly after high school.

Through providential events and encounters, he did not end up where he planned.

Collins did not grow up attending church. At the age of 10, his mother began taking him to Hope Baptist Church in his hometown of Phoenix, Arizona. As Collins watched friends and cousins submit their lives to Christ and be baptized, he remained purposefully obstinate.

But, as he watched his aunt and Sunday school teacher live out their faith, consistently sharing the gospel with Collins, he saw his own sin and need of a Savior. His aunt consistently invited Collins and his mother to church and zealously shared the gospel with them before she died in a car accident.

At age 12, he submitted his life to Christ. God planned things differently, and for that he is thankful.

"I am more and more amazed by his love and grace as each day passes," he said.

I have always had a great desire to help protect those who have difficulty protecting themselves. ... To think that God is actually using me as one of his instruments of justice is a tremendous honor and quite humbling.

In 1989, during his last year serving in the Army, Collins met his wife, Jonanna Zion. After they married, Collins began school to become a history teacher. In this early season of marriage, he worked 50 hours a week and attended school full time. As he talked to teacher friends, he discovered teaching history was not the trajectory he wanted to pursue.

His dad, a police officer, suggested that Collins apply for the open position at the Phoenix Police Department. The initial application stage included several tests. For the first written and physical tests, 1,000

people participated. After almost six months of intense tests, training and more interviews, the department hired Collins as one of 10 out of the 1,000 applicants for the position. This began his 22-year career of serving others as a police officer.

Collins held various roles during his time in the Phoenix Police Department, including patrol officer, field training officer, firearms instructor, academy instructor, undercover police and most recently, critical incident manager. He loves his work as a police officer because he gets to help the helpless.

"My favorite part of police work is serving, especially as it pertains to watching over and protecting," Collins said. "I have always had a great desire to help protect those who have difficulty protecting themselves. I also have always been cognizant of the scriptural role police officers have from a Romans 13 perspective. To think that God is actually using me as one of his instruments of justice is a tremendous honor and quite humbling."

Late into his career, though, Collins felt led to retire, despite the benefits of staying with the police department. So when his colleague told him about an opportunity for retired police officers to teach police management in the United Arab Emirates, Collins knew retirement was the right path because of the possible service opportunities.

After his first month of training in the Middle East, he came home on leave where he attended a men's conference at Northwest Christian Church. During the conference, Collins met the keynote speaker, Dan Dumas, Southern Seminary's senior vice president for institutional administration, and they discussed Collins' recent retirement.

The chief of police at Southern Seminary recently retired and the seminary needed someone to assume the position. When Dumas approached him, Collins thought it would never work. But several months later, Collins interviewed for the position. When Southern offered him the job, he accepted and began as police chief in December 2013.

He loves his new work because of the freedom and opportunities to grow in his faith and help others do the same. And he continues to enjoy serving those around him.

"Being able to come here and discuss faith issues with the staff here, coming and being able to hopefully represent Christ, to be able to lead with a servant's attitude, just to be able to sit down and talk with the other officers, and the other staff here about Christ and different theological discussions we have in points of doctrine, you're just not going to have those discussions [outside of a place like Southern]," he said.

Collins feels like the Lord led him to the ideal work situation at Southern Seminary and he looks forward to the future of the Southern Seminary campus police department.

"I feel like I walked into the perfect professional and spiritual situation for me," he said. "For a work environment, I couldn't fathom it being any better."





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Seen at Southern

The Mullins Complex wasn't the only part of the seminary campus to undergo a physical transformation during the summer break. Photographer Emil Handke captured the fiercer Boyce Bulldog occupying his new territory on center court in the seminary gym, as well as the installation of new seats in Heeren Recital Hall and the creation of a loop road around campus.





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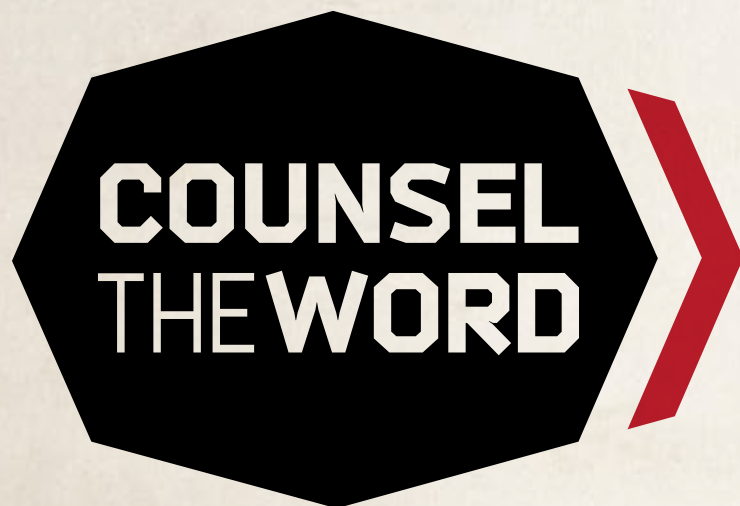
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SBTS AROUND THE GLOBE

By Andrew J.W. Smith

The Bevin Center for Missions Mobilization deployed seven short-term teams across the globe this summer, assisting alumni of The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at their long-term posts. The center sent a total of 45 students and a faculty member led each team.

“Our desire is to serve the churches that are in these different areas, to go and undergird the work that our alumni are doing in various places around the world and support their long-term vision for making the gospel go forth in those areas,” said Garrett Milner, student life director and a member of the South Asia team.

Sign up for future mission trips at the Bevin Center website, www.missions.sbts.edu.



PHOTO CAPTIONS

1. South Asia — Justin Abercrombie (right) having a conversation with a believer from a Hindu background.

2. France — The team hosted a crafts fair for children in one of the North African Quarters of Marseilles.

3. Salt Lake — Team members Caleb Harper and Robert Chapman pose with Latter-day Saints college students at the University of Utah.

4. Brazil — Boyce College student Brantley Beck preaching at the community center of Menino Jesus.

5. Himalayas — The Himalayan summer mission team



Announcements

Seminary Wives Institute

Registration for Seminary Wives Institute fall courses is now open for both returning and new students. Course descriptions as well as a list of courses through 2017 are available at www.sbts.edu/women/seminary-wives-institute. Courses routinely fill up, so SWI encourages students to register as soon as they are able. After August 1, a child care request form will be posted on the SWI Web page. Email SWI at swi@sbts.edu.

Food collection for The Attic

The Attic accepts food items between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Saturday. Donors should bring the items during these hours so that a volunteer may store them to keep for seminary families in need. Imperishable food is accepted and may be left in the donation bins. Families in need who would benefit from these donations must contact The Attic at theattic@sbts.edu and arrange an appointment for picking up food items.

Health and Rec

More information on hours and fitness classes are available at sbts.edu/hrc, the front desk or call 897-4720.

Seminary Clinic hours

Staff, students and their immediate family members are provided a health maintenance program through the clinic, located on the second floor of the campus center, Honeycutt 213.

Monday-Friday, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

More information and price listings are found on the clinic website, sbts.edu/clinic.

Free sewing class

The free sewing class led by Mrs. Barbara Gentry meets from 6 - 7:30 p.m., Mondays in Fuller Room 34. Sewing machines are provided at no cost. No experience is required, but women with experience may also participate. Knitting and crocheting lessons will also be offered. Mrs. Gentry leads the class assisted by Mrs. Donna Chancellor. For more information, call Mrs. Gentry locally at 423-8255.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
3	4 Aqua Alive; Cardio Jamz; Foundry (co-ed); Mommy and Me; Childcare 9 a.m. - noon	5 Aqua Alive; Fast Feat; HIIT; Total Training; Childcare 3 - 6 p.m.
10	11 Boyce classes begin Aqua Alive; Cardio Jamz; Foundry (co-ed); Mommy and Me; Spin Class; Childcare 9 a.m. - noon	12 Aqua Alive; Fast Feat; HIIT; Total Training; Childcare 3 - 6 p.m.
17	18 SBTS classes begin Heritage Golf Classic Aqua Alive; Cardio Jamz; Foundry (co-ed); Mommy and Me; Spin Class; Childcare 9 a.m. - noon	19 Convocation 10 a.m. Alumni Chapel R. Albert Mohler Jr. Mullins Grand Opening Aqua Alive; Fast Feat; HIIT; Total Training; Childcare 3 - 6 p.m.
24 / 31	25 Aqua Alive; Cardio Jamz; Foundry (co-ed); Mommy and Me; Spin Class; Childcare 9 a.m. - noon	26 Chapel 10 a.m. Alumni Chapel Thomas R. Schreiner Aqua Alive; Fast Feat; HIIT; Total Training; Childcare 3 - 6 p.m.

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WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<div>1</div> <div>Alumni Academy</div> <div>Cardio Jamz; Foundry (for Men); Childcare 9 a.m. - noon</div>	<div>2</div>
<div>6</div> <div>Foundry (Co-ed); HIIT; Mommy and Me; Spin Class; Childcare 9 a.m. - noon</div>	<div>7</div> <div>Aqua Alive; Fast Feat; HIIT; Total Training; Childcare 3 - 6 p.m.</div>	<div>8</div> <div>Boyce orientation</div> <div>Cardio Jamz; Foundry (for Men); Childcare 9 a.m. - noon</div>	<div>9</div>
<div>13</div> <div>Foundry (Co-ed); HIIT; Mommy and Me; Spin Class; Childcare 9 a.m. - noon</div>	<div>14</div> <div>Aqua Alive; Fast Feat; HIIT; Total Training; Childcare 3 - 6 p.m.</div>	<div>15</div> <div>SBTS orientation</div> <div>Cardio Jamz; Foundry (for Men); Childcare 9 a.m. - noon</div>	<div>16</div>
<div>20</div> <div>Foundry (Co-ed); HIIT; Mommy and Me; Spin Class; Childcare 9 a.m. - noon</div>	<div>21</div> <div>Chapel 10 a.m. Alumni Chapel Randy L. Stinson</div> <div>Aqua Alive; Fast Feat; HIIT; Total Training; Childcare 3 - 6 p.m.</div>	<div>22</div> <div>Cardio Jamz; Foundry (for Men); Childcare 9 a.m. - noon</div>	<div>23</div>
<div>27</div> <div>Foundry (Co-ed); HIIT; Mommy and Me; Spin Class; Childcare 9 a.m. - noon</div>	<div>28</div> <div>Chapel 10 a.m. Alumni Chapel Adam W. Greenway</div> <div>Fall Cookout</div> <div>SWI Term I begins</div> <div>Aqua Alive; Fast Feat; HIIT; Total Training; Childcare 3 - 6 p.m.</div>	<div>29</div>	<div>30</div>

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Questions

WITH

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— 1 —

Why is it important for Christians to study Scripture with both mind and heart?

We need a faith that is grounded in more than feeling. When we read the Bible primarily to “fill our emotional tanks,” we can form some unhealthy habits. I don’t know a single Christian who doesn’t long for transformation – we don’t want to stay in our sinful patterns. We want to be conformed to the image of God. Romans 12:2 tells us how transformation happens: by the renewing of our minds. In other words, the path to a changed heart is through a changed head. If we want to feel deeply about God we must learn to think deeply about God. Our love for him grows as our knowledge of him grows. The Bible gives us that knowledge.

— 2 —

What’s the best Bible study advice you’ve received?

The best piece of wisdom I picked up was to treat the Bible with the same respect I would give to any other book. Read it on its own terms, treating each of its books as a piece of literature, written with authorial intent, to people who lived in a particular historical and cultural context, composed of many different genres. Basically, read the Bible “literately.” This idea demystified Bible study for me. For many years I believed the Holy Spirit would magically partner with and bless whatever approach I wanted to take. I hopped around but never read books from start to finish. Once I was given permission to read the Bible as I would read any other book, my study (and my enthusiasm for studying) really took off.

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Where is your dream vacation destination and why?

My husband and I took a trip to Scotland about 10 years ago, and we’d do just about anything to go back. We both love this historical fiction series that was written by a Scottish author and set in Scotland. We “nerded out” in museums and castle ruins for two weeks straight. Throw in some shortbread and the fact that you need a sweater in June? Heaven on earth.