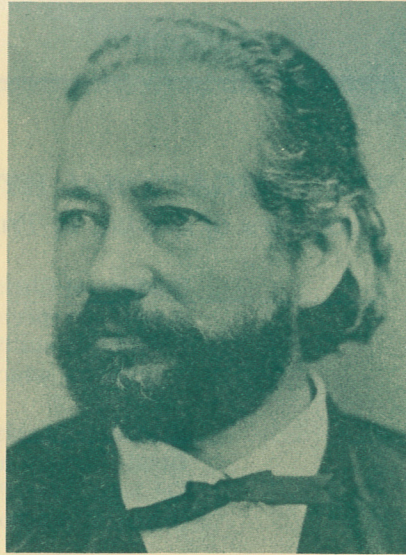


James Petigru Boyce is regarded as the founding father of Southern Seminary. Born January 11, 1827, in Charleston, South Carolina, he was educated at Charleston College (1843-45), Brown University (1845-47) and Princeton (1849-51). At Princeton he studied systematic theology under Charles Hodge. At Brown his teaching methodology and concept of theological education were influenced by the teaching of Francis Wayland.



While studying at Brown for a career in law, Broadus was converted under the preaching of Charles Fuller. Less than a year later he decided to become a minister. In 1848 he married Elizabeth Llewellyn Ficklen. They had three daughters.

After serving as pastor of First Baptist Church, Columbia, South Carolina, and professor of theology at Furman University, Boyce became the principle apologist and fundraising agent in the effort to establish a Southern Baptist seminary. When the seminary was founded in 1859, he became the first chairman of the faculty, which included John Albert Broadus, Basil Manly Jr., and William Williams.

Boyce taught various subjects including theology, homiletics, New Testament and church history, but he is remembered primarily for his administrative ability and concept of theological education. He nurtured the seminary through the difficult years of infancy and childhood, devoting tireless energy to generating financial support. After the school was suspended during the Civil War, Boyce led in its reopening in 1865. At the first meeting of the seminary's professors after the war, he proposed: "Suppose we quietly agree that the Seminary may die, but we'll die first."

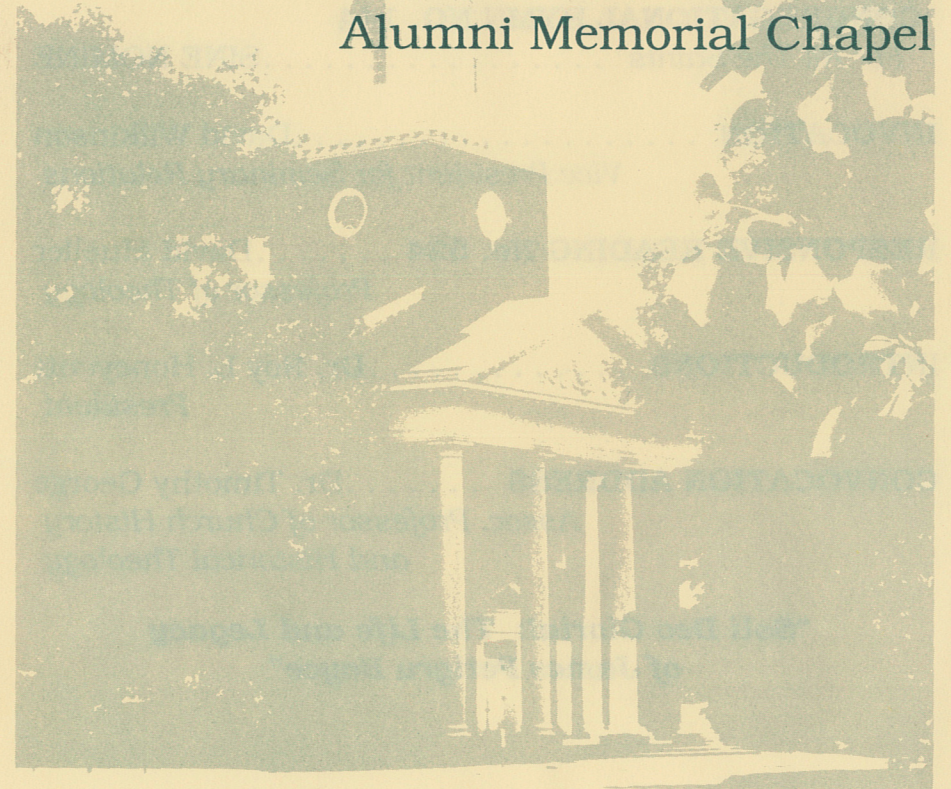
Twenty three years later, with the seminary on solid footing, Boyce went to Europe to rest from an illness. He died in Southern France on December 27, 1888. His epitaph fittingly reads, "First President of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary; to him, under God, the Seminary owes its existence."

*Southern Seminary's first observance of Founders' Day was on January 11, 1907. This day of remembrance, held annually on or near the birthday of James P. Boyce, the first chairman of the faculty, has been observed ever since. It is an occasion for celebrating a rich heritage that offers hope for the future.*



# Convocation and Founder's Day

February 2, 1988  
Ten O'Clock  
Alumni Memorial Chapel



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**THE ORDER OF SERVICE**

February 2, 1988

*Presiding, Roy L. Honeycutt, President  
Boyd M. Jones II, Organist*

**ORGAN PRELUDE**

Prelude and Fugue in G, BWV 541 . . . . . J.S. BACH

**\*PROCESSIONAL**

Crown Imperial . . . . . WILLIAM WALTON

**\*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN NO. 144**

*For All The Saints* . . . . . SINE NOMINE

**INVOCATION** . . . . . David Wilkinson

*Vice President for Seminary Relations*

**RESPONSIVE READING No. 524** . . . . . David Mueller

*Professor of Theology*

**INTRODUCTIONS** . . . . . Dr. Roy L. Honeycutt

*President*

**CONVOCATION ADDRESS** . . . . . Dr. Timothy George

*Assoc. Professor of Church History  
and Historical Theology*

***“Soli Deo Gloria!: The Life and Legacy  
of James Petigru Boyce”***

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**\*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN No. 315**

*Soldiers of Christ, in Truth Arrayed* . . . . . MENDON

Soldiers of Christ in truth arrayed,  
A world in ruins needs your aid:  
A world by sin destroyed and dead;  
A world for which the Savior bled.

His Gospel to the lost proclaim,  
Good news for all in Jesus' name;  
Let light upon the darkness break  
That sinners from their death may wake.

Morning and evening sow the seed,  
God's grace the effort shall succeed.  
Seedtimes of tears have oft been found  
With sheaves of joy and plenty crowned.

We meet to part, but part to meet,  
When earthly labors are complete,  
To join in yet more blest employ,  
In an eternal world of joy.

**\*BENEDICTION** . . . . . Dr. Pamela Scalise

*Asst. Professor of Old Testament*

**\*RECESSIONAL AND ORGAN POSTLUDE**

Symphonie I, Op. 14 . . . . . LOUIS VIERNE

\*Congregation standing. The congregation will please remain in the chapel until the Academic Recessional is completed.

As a Founder's Day memento, Kosmosdale Baptist Church in Louisville has generously provided copies of James P. Boyce's *Abstract of Systematic Theology* to the seminary community. Copies will be placed on the table in the foyer of Norton Hall.