

NOBTS to hold undergraduate and graduate commencement services

NOBTS graduation service scheduled for May 17 at 10 a.m.

By Staff

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary will combine the Leavell College and NOBTS graduation services this spring. Previous calendars listed separated graduation dates for the undergraduate and graduate programs. However, only one service will be held on May 17 at 10 a.m. The change was made due to a smaller than usual graduating class.

"Having a single graduation assures us of having a larger crowd and gives greater significance in the celebration of the achievement of these graduates," Seminary Provost Steve Lemke said.

The move also facilitates greater stewardship of seminary resources, he noted.

The change to the commencement service also necessitates other schedule changes. The

President's Reception will move from Thursday to Friday, May 16. It will be from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the President's Home. Only one Graduation Breakfast will be held – Saturday, May 17, at 7:30 a.m. in the River City Café.

Students are reminded that the graduation rehearsal on Friday, May 16, at 2:30 p.m., is a mandatory event. Candidates for graduation will receive seat assignments and important information about the commencement service during the rehearsal.

Due to the combined graduation, seats in Leavell Chapel will begin filling up shortly after the doors open at 9 a.m. on the day of graduation. Families of graduates are urged to come early for the best seating.

For more information, go online to <http://www.nobts.edu/Publications/SpringGraduation08.html>.

This Week in Chapel

TUESDAY, MARCH 18

Dr. Jim Richards

*Executive Director,
Southern Baptists of Texas Convention*

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19

Dr. Thomas S. Rainer

President, LifeWay Christian Resources

THURSDAY, MARCH 20

Dr. Tony Merida

Dean of the Chapel

No Chapel Next Week

HAVE A GREAT SPRING BREAK!

Scholars to debate reliability of New Testament at 2008 Greer-Heard Forum

By Paul South

Two prominent religious scholars will debate "The Textual Reliability of the New Testament," April 4 and 5 at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

Bart Ehrman, chair of the Department of Religious Studies at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill and Daniel Wallace, a professor of New Testament Studies at Dallas Theological Seminary, will be featured as part of the Greer-Heard Point-Counterpoint Forum.

Ehrman has published a number of books and articles on the New Testament and early

Christianity, including two anthologies of early Christian writings.

Among his best-known works: *Misquoting Jesus: The Story Behind the Men Who Changed the Bible and Why*, *The Lost Gospel of Judas Iscariot: A New Look at the Betrayer and the Betrayed*, and *The Orthodox Corruption of Scripture: The Effect of Early Christological Controversies*. Ehrman holds a bachelor's degree from Wheaton College, and M.Div. and Ph.D. degrees from Princeton Seminary. He challenges the reliability of Scripture.

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Registration is
FREE for NOBTS
students who
register before
March 31

Register at:
greer-heard.com

Female Chaplains Needed

The Texas Department of Criminal Justice needs several women to work in at least four prisons with women inmates.

The department requires that each applicant have a certain amount of paid ministry experience. For more information about chaplain positions in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, go online to tdfc.state.tx.us and look under "employment/professional."

Dempsey-Henley State Jail in Dayton, Texas, is just one in need of a committed chaplain. Chaplain Sandy Biles currently serves there and needs another chaplain to work alongside her with the 575 women there.

For more information on the Dempsey-Henley State Jail, call Biles at either 936.258.2476 or 281.844.3733.

Meningitis Vaccine

Recently, the NOBTS Clinic responded to a number of individual requests for the meningitis vaccine. We now have seven doses remaining. If you would like to receive the meningitis vaccine, please reserve your dose and schedule your appointment by calling the Clinic at 504.816.8596.

This disease that is highly lethal and carries a high potential for serious permanent brain damage, even in healthy adults. Protection from the disease is a simple, one-time immunization and is strongly encouraged by the general community of health care providers and the CDC.

Risk factors for meningitis include close quarters with an infected person or carrier (e.g., dormitory living, cruise ship, train or plane travel) and international travel.

Learn About Ministry in Arkansas March 18-19



The Arkansas Baptist Convention will be on campus March 18 and 19 to discuss ministry opportunities in their state. They will have representatives from the collegiate ministry department, the evangelism/church starting department and the music/worship department. Please be sure to drop by their booth in the Hardin Student Center atrium sometime during the two days they are here.

Houseparents Needed

The Steppin' Stone Ranch, a ministry that reaches out to at risk teenage girls, is seeking to fill two houseparent/counselor positions. These girls are ages 13-17 and are in need of compassion and the love of Christ. The ministry is looking for single, female seminary graduates. This is a paid, full-time position with benefits. It is not a volunteer position. If you are interested, contact Cindy Churchill at 8421 Pritcher Road Lithia, FL 33547, or 813.650.8700.

Spring Break Library Hours

- Thursday, March 20, 7:30 a.m. – 11 p.m.
- Friday, March 21, Closed for Good Friday
- Saturday, March 22, 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.
- Sunday, March 23, Closed
- Monday – Thursday, March 24-27, 7:30 a.m. – 9 p.m.
- Friday, March 28, 7:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- Saturday, March 29, Closed

The Library's regular hours resume Monday, March 31. For more information, see www.nobts.edu/Library.

Literacy Workshops

Spread God's love by teaching someone to speak English! The Louisiana Baptist Convention is sponsoring three literacy workshops — tutoring children and youth, English as a Second Language, and adult reading and writing. The 14-hour workshops will take place March 27-28 from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. and March 29 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at New Orleans' First Baptist Church.

For additional information, call First Baptist at 504.482.5775 or email Joe Cannon at esl4him@bellsouth.net.

April 19, 2008 11 am – 2 pm

Sunshine Park

NOBTS
 FUNFEST
 '08

Volleyball Tournament

Giant Slide

Games

Popcorn

Sno Cones

Inflatables

Preschool Area

IMB North Africa/Middle East Representative On-Campus April 8

Mark your calendars faculty and students! On Tuesday, April 8, NOBTS will host the IMB's John T. Brady in chapel. Faculty and students are encouraged to bring a lunch and join Mr. Brady for a time of fellowship and discussion in the Creole Room from noon to 1 p.m.

A graduate of Southwestern Baptist Seminary, John Brady now serves as the regional leader for the IMB to Northern Africa and the Middle East. He leads more than 430 Southern Baptist workers as they seek to spread the gospel and spark church planting movements among some of the world's most unreached people groups.

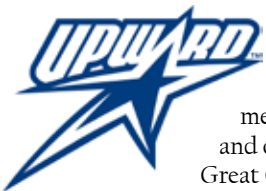
Following chapel and lunch, all are invited to join the Global Missions Center and the Pastoral Ministries Division in welcoming Mr. Brady to the Leavell Center for a brief presentation on what God is doing in Northern Africa and the Middle East.

Dispatcher Opening On-Campus

NOBTS Campus Police is accepting applications for a dispatcher opening.

Anyone interested in contributing to on-campus security may please come by the Campus Police office to apply.

A Week of Missions in California



Here's your opportunity to create a memory for yourself and others, fulfill the Great Commission, see California and get away for a week for only \$250.

Sign up now for a Basketball and Cheerleading Camp to be held in San Diego July 26–August 2. Cost is ALL INCLUSIVE and includes round trip airfare from New Orleans to San Diego, lodging, all materials and meals. Plus you have the opportunity to help continue an Upward Ministry and make a difference in the lives of children.

For more details or information contact Jonathan Bailey at 318.308.6242 or LCbailey81@hotmail.com or Brad Strom at 256.654.0614 or strombg@gmail.com.

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In *Misquoting Jesus*, Ehrman wrote: “the more I studied the manuscript tradition of the New Testament, the more I realized just how radically the text had been altered at the hands of the scribes, who were not only conserving scripture, but also changing it.”

While at Princeton, Ehrman began to reject teachings learned as part of his evangelical upbringing. Following a professor's comment that “perhaps Mark made a mistake” in the gospel account, Ehrman began a journey that would result in what he called a “seismic change” in his view of the Bible.

“The Bible,” Ehrman notes in the introduction to *Misquoting Jesus*, “began to appear to me as a very human book. ... This was a human book from beginning to end.”

Daniel B. Wallace is founder of the Center for the Study of New Testament Manuscripts. He is the senior New Testament editor of the New English Translation (NET) Bible and co-editor of the NET-Nestle Greek-English Diglot.

Wallace's work, *Greek Grammar: Beyond the Basics*, is used in more than two-thirds of the colleges and universities that teach the subject. His recent books include *Reinventing Jesus* and *Who's Afraid of the Holy Spirit?*

Wallace is a graduate of Biola University and holds master's and doctoral degrees from Dallas Theological Seminary. His postdoctoral work includes study in Greek grammar at Tyndale House in Cambridge.

Wallace contends the Bible is reliable and that Christ is at the center of the truth of Scripture.

In a review of Ehrman's *Misquoting Jesus*, Wallace contends that, while there are variants in translation, they are insufficient to shake the foundational doctrinal truths of Scripture.

Other speakers

The conference will also feature New Orleans Seminary's Bill Warren, Michael Holmes of Bethel University, David Parker of the University of Birmingham and Dale Martin of Yale University. Each is a highly respected scholar in the field of New Testament textual studies.

Greer-Heard Director Robert Stewart, Associate Professor of Philosophy and Theology who occupies the Greer-Heard Chair of Faith and Culture said the annual forum is unique.

“It brings together an evangelical scholar



Daniel Wallace

and a non-evangelical scholar to dialogue on an important topic in faith or culture in a context that is fair and balanced,” he said.

In its history, the forum has attracted some of the world's leading thinkers.

“We try to get the best thinkers to represent each position. We don't tilt the playing field. It is intended to be a level playing field for all parties involved,” Stewart said. “As an evangelical Christian I am convinced of the truth of the Christian worldview and believe that all we need to put forward a convincing case for the Christian faith is a fair arena. Greer-Heard provides just that.”

“Too often Christians and non-Christians, evangelicals and non-evangelicals, speak past each other rather than speaking to each other,” he added. “Greer-Heard provides for genuine dialogue.”

The Greer-Heard Point-Counterpoint Forum in Faith and Culture is a pilot program of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. The Forum is designed to provide a venue in which a respected evangelical scholar and a respected non-evangelical scholar dialogue on critical issues in philosophy, science, religion and/or culture from their differing perspectives.



Bart Ehrman

The forum is a 5-year pilot program made possible by a gift from William L. Heard Jr. and his wife, Carolyn. The program provides a forum for an evangelical scholar and a non-evangelical scholar to come together for dialogue on a particular issue of religious or cultural significance. The forum is not exactly a debate, although by design the speakers necessarily differ in their opinions. Instead, it promotes civil discourse on important topics and an environment in which to discuss differences.

Previous forums have included John Dominic Crossan and N. T. Wright conversing on the Resurrection of Jesus Christ (2005); William Dembski and Michael Ruse discussing intelligent design (2006); and Daniel Dennett and Alister McGrath dialoguing on the future of atheism (2007).

Audio CDs and MP3 downloads are available for purchase online at www.greer-heard.com. The contents of the first conference are also available in *The Resurrection of Jesus: John Dominic Crossan and N. T. Wright in Dialogue*, edited by Robert B. Stewart (Fortress Press, 2006).

An upcoming book based on the second conference is slated for release later this year.

Church-Minister Relations

Ministry Opportunities

The following are a few of the ministry positions received by the Church-Minister Relations office. Churches are listed according to the type of ministry position needed and whether the position is classified as part-time or full-time. All positions within a 2-hour radius of New Orleans are listed separately with the approximate distance in parentheses. To contact any of these churches, or to have your resume sent to other unpublished ministry opportunities, visit the CMR office (second floor, Frost Building) or contact them at 504-282-4455 or 1-800-662-8701, ext. 3291, or cmrconsultant@nobts.edu.

New Orleans Area

Full-time

- First Baptist Church, Saint Rose, La.; pastor (23)
- Woodlawn Baptist Church, Baton Rouge, La.; youth (71)
- Calvary Baptist Church, New Orleans, La.; pastor (10)
- Edgewater Baptist Church, New Orleans, La.; pastor (3)
- Handsboro Baptist Church, Gulfport, Miss.; pastor (74)
- First Baptist Church, LaPlace, La.; pastor (41)
- New Zion Baptist Church, Kentwood, La.; pastor (90)
- First Baptist Church, Livingston, La.; music (74)
- East Moss Point Baptist Church, Moss Point, Miss.; pastor (105)
- First Baptist Church, Zachary, La.; children (98)
- New Zion Baptist Church, Covington, La.; pastor (43)
- Roseland Park Baptist Church, Picayune, Miss.; music (47)
- The Lord's Church, Kentwood, La.; music and youth (90)
- Trinity Baptist Church, Hammond, La.; youth (60)
- Briarwood Baptist Church, Franklinton, La.; youth/children (71)
- Superior Avenue Baptist Church, Bogalusa, La.; youth (70)

Part-time

- Monroe Street Baptist Church, Bogalusa, La.; music (70)

- Gillsburg Baptist Church, Osyka, Miss.; music (96)
- Mount Hermon Baptist Church, Mount Hermon, La.; youth (104)
- Chinese Presbyterian Church, Kenner, La.; youth (15)
- New Orleans Community Church, Metairie, La.; music (10)
- Main Street Baptist Church, Bogalusa, La.; associate pastor/music and youth (70)
- Christ Baptist Church, Houma, La.; music (59)
- Faithview Baptist Church, Saucier, Miss.; youth and/or music (85)
- Highland Baptist Church, Metairie, La.; music (10)
- First Baptist Church, Irvington, Ala.; music (127)
- Trinity Baptist Church, Hammond, La.; youth (60)
- North McComb Baptist Church, McComb, Miss.; youth (113)
- Northside Baptist Church, Slidell, La.; music and youth (28)
- Rolling Hills Baptist Church, Carriere, Miss.; pastor (55)
- Pine Lake Baptist Church, Vancleave, Miss.; youth (101)
- Superior Avenue Baptist Church, Bogalusa, La.; youth (70)
- Poydras Baptist Church, St. Bernard, La.; youth (17)

Pastor

Full-time

- Kirby Woods Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn.
- Berean Baptist Church, Tulsa, Okla.
- Faith Baptist Church, Battle Creek, Mich.
- First Baptist Church, Vandalia, Ohio
- Colston Branch Baptist Church, Bamberg, S.C.
- Simpson Baptist Church, Simpson, La.
- First Baptist Church, Iola, Kan.
- Joyce City Baptist Church, Smackover, Ark.

Part-time

- Faith Baptist Church, Mendon, Mass.
- Ranch Acres Baptist Church, Carlsbad, N.M.

Music

Full-time

- First Baptist Church, Wetumpka, Ala.
- Green River Baptist Church, Waynesboro, Tenn.
- College Park Baptist Church, Houston, Texas
- Trinity Baptist Church, Thomaston, Ga.

Part-time

- First Baptist Church, Milton, La.

Youth

Full-time

- New Life Baptist Church, Adel, Ga.
- First Baptist Church, Kingwood, Texas
- West Hartselle Baptist Church, West Hartselle, Ala.
- Maplewood Baptist Church, Sulphur, La.
- Putnam Baptist Church, Shelby, N.C.
- Lee Road Baptist Church, Taylors, S.C.

Part-time

- Parkway Baptist Church, Smyrna, Tenn.

Children/Preschool

Full-time

- First Baptist Church, Albany, Ga.
- First Baptist Church, Portland, Texas

Combination

Full-time

- Buchanan Baptist Church, Buchanan, Va.; Children and Youth
- First Baptist Church, Alvarado, Texas; Associate Pastor/Children/Adult Education and Administration
- Northport Baptist Church, Northport, Ala.; Education and Administration
- Crossroads Community Church, Falling Waters, W.V.; Worship and Students
- Shiloh Baptist Church, Bridgeport, Ill.; Associate Pastor/Youth and Families
- First Baptist Church, Bloomfield, N.M.; Associate Pastor/Evangelism and Discipleship
- Capitol Hill Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Associate Pastor/Family Discipleship and Student Ministries
- Suburban Heights Baptist Church, Klamath Falls, Ore.; Music and Education

Other

Full-time

- Ridgecrest Baptist Church, Montgomery, Ala.; Student Education
- Bull Street Baptist Church, Savannah, Ga.; College



NEW ORLEANS
BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

March 17, 2008

Student Life NEWS

The Suits have Arrived!

The suits from Mr. Jim Tatum are here!

Come by the Mary Hardin Room (in the Post Office area) THIS WEEK to pick up your suit.

Follow the signs set up in the HSC Atrium.

We will be available during normal office hours.



[BCM News]



Bible Study

BCM Living Room will be meeting Thursday night at 9 p.m. in the Carey Hall Parlor, you won't want to miss out on this time of

worship and prayer. Come ready to be honest before the Lord and ready to pour your heart to God in prayer.

Spring Mission Trip

It's not too late to sign up for the BCM Spring Break Mission Trip! The cost is only \$50 and will cover all of your expenses except one meal on the way and back from Jackson, MS. We will be working with Mission First doing construction and demolition work along with landscaping and working with children!

See Beth for more details and to sign up!

Beth Masters 504-289-7074 or dottimasters@aol.com.

[Financial Aid]

Scholarship for Student Wives

The Women's Auxiliary Scholarship application is available in the Financial aid office.

The deadline is April 30th.

[Women's Ministry]

Student Wives Classes

NOBTS student wives have the opportunity to take classes free of charge. This course is a part of the Ministry Wife Certificate.

"Ministry With Grievors", taught by Dr. Jeanine Bozeman and Loretta Rivers in HSC 216, will be offered on Tuesday evenings (April 1- May 13) from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Registration for the Tuesday night class will take place on April 1.

Immunizations are required to take this class. In order to enroll in the course a student must meet the immunization requirements by the second night of class.

Contact Christian Parrish (X3334 or cparrish@nobst.edu) if this will be your first student wives course or if you have not taken student wives classes in a while, for more information regarding immunization.

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Student Wives Class – continued

Free child care is available to student wives who attend the Tuesday night class. Childcare reservations can be made by contacting the NOBTS preschool at 504-816-8585 by the Friday before class.

Student Wives Fellowship

The Student Wives Fellowship will host their next meeting on Thursday, April 10 at 7:00 p.m. in the Creole Room in the cafeteria. Elizabeth Luter wife of Fred Luter (pastor of Franklin Avenue Baptist Church), will be the speaker. Refreshments and a time of fellowship are also a part of the evening.

Childcare during this meeting is available for a small fee through the NOBTS preschool for children up to 8 years. To make childcare reservations contact the preschool at 504-816-8585. Reservations must be made by the Tuesday before the meeting date. Cancellations must be made by the Wednesday before the meeting date.

For All NOBTS Women: Brown Bag Bible Study

Every Monday from 12:00-1:00 p.m. in the Balcony Room (in the Cafeteria).

Bring your lunch and join us for a great time of Bible study.

Campus Women's Prayer Time

You are invited to join in a prayer time with other campus women. Thursday mornings 7:30 to 8:00 a.m. in Christian's office in the Dean of Students.

For more information on the events listed above please contact Christian Parrish at cparrish@nobts.edu or X3334.

All NOBTS Women are invited to...

Girls' Night In

Tuesday, March 18

6:30 pm *New Date!*

Carey Hall Parlor

Dinner is provided.



A night of food, friends,
and inspiration with
NOBTS alum Kim Wilson