

## NOBTS trustees approve new women's studies track and apologetics institute

By Gary D. Myers

Trustees at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary have approved a new master's program focusing on women's studies and a new apologetics institute.

A new Master of Divinity degree track in Women's Studies, approved by trustees April 15, is set apart from the women's ministry degrees at NOBTS by the increased emphasis on biblical languages, biblical exegesis, theological and historical reflection and exploration of biblical gender roles. In addition, the degree provides the same core ministerial competencies of the seminary's other master of divinity programs.

The 95-hour degree plan is designed to help women address the needs and concerns of women from a biblical basis. The program also includes a built-in internship component to provide women with supervised, practical experience ministering to the needs of women.

"This specialized focus in women's studies will provide our female students an excellent blend of both the classical theological disciplines and practical experience," NOBTS provost Steve Lemke said. "Not only will it afford focused training in theology and the biblical languages, but it also has a practicum for a mentored experience in women's ministry leadership."

NOBTS has been a leader and innovator in the area of practical women's ministry

through programs on the certificate, undergraduate, master's and doctoral levels. NOBTS was among the first seminaries to begin training for women who minister to women. The new degree enhances the overall program by providing a rigorous degree for women who will be leaders in the biblical and theological formation of women.

NOBTS professor and Greer-Heard Forum director Bob Stewart will lead the new Institute for Christian Apologetics.

The institute, which will equip Christians to give informed answers about the Christian faith, will offer apologetics training through conferences and events; develop resources for churches and ministers;

produce an online apologetics journal; and coordinate evangelism trips involving apologetics.

"Apologetics is one of the greatest interests of our students," Lemke said. "The Greer-Heard Forum and this new Institute for Christian Apologetics will help us take our training in apologetics to the next level. The institute will provide a vehicle for our faculty to address a variety of issues in apologetics in which they have great expertise, including dealing with the claims of the new atheism, defending the reliability of Scripture and confronting world religions and cults."

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**-Provost Steve Lemke**

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## This Week in Chapel *Jesus and All That Jazz*

TUESDAY, APRIL 29

**D. J. Horton**

Senior Pastor, Anderson Mill Road Baptist Church  
Moore, S.C.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30

**Dr. Tony Merida**

Dean of the Chapel

THURSDAY, MAY 1

**Dr. David Platt**

Senior Pastor, The Church at Brook Hills  
Birmingham, Ala.

## Next Week in Chapel

TUESDAY, MAY 6

**Celebration of Excellence**

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7

Missions Commissioning Service

**Dr. Ted Traylor**

Pastor, Olive Baptist Church  
Pensacola, Fla.

THURSDAY, MAY 8

**Dr. Fred Luter**

Pastor, Franklin Ave. Baptist Church  
New Orleans



**Monday, April 28 is the deadline to register for Red Carpet Week.**

## Student Week @ Glorieta

Student Week @ Glorieta is a great way to get you focused on the academic year ahead! You will be challenged by the speakers, captivated through the creative times of worship, inspired by testimonies from students like you who are following the "Mission of God", and this all takes place in the foothills of the Rocky Mountains!

Date: Aug. 1-9

Where: Glorieta Conference Center

Cost: \$350.00/person (conference fee, travel from New Orleans, all lodging, all but 2 meals while in Glorieta) - \$100.00 deposit due by May 30th.

Optional - White Water Rafting - \$100.00 but first 10 students who pay their deposit can raft for \$50.00.

### Speakers

David Platt is pastor of The Church at Brook Hills in Birmingham, AL. He is a former dean of chapel and assistant professor of expository preaching and apologetics at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, and a previous staff evangelist at Edgewater Baptist Church in New Orleans. A native of Georgia, David is a graduate of the University of Georgia and New Orleans seminary. He has also served as camp pastor for Centrifuge, Crosspoint, and church camps.

Michael Kelley is editor for Threads, a division of LifeWay Christian Resources in Nashville, TN. He is the author of the Threads Bible study, The Tough Sayings

of Jesus. Michael speaks at retreats and conferences and is a previous student pastor for Rolling Hills Community Church in Franklin, TN. A native of Texas, he is a graduate of Beeson Divinity School. Learn more about Michael at [michaelkelleyministries.com](http://michaelkelleyministries.com)

Rod Handley is founder and president of Character That Counts, a ministry communicating the unique and critical message of character, integrity, and accountability. He is co-founder of TGIW, Teaching Guys Infinite Wisdom, and author of eleven books, including Character Counts—Who's Counting Yours?. Rod is a former leader for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and a previous chaplain to the Seattle Supersonics. He speaks to BCM and FCA groups across the country as well as collegiate and professional football teams.

Marian Jordan is a speaker, teacher, and the author of *Sex in the City Uncovered*. She is a former teacher of systematic theology and biblical exegesis at Second Baptist School in Houston, TX, where she is currently enrolled at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Learn more about Marian's ministry at [redeemgirl.org](http://redeemgirl.org).

## All in the Family

Kevin and Elizabeth Ketchum are proud to announce that their son, Jonathan Bret Ketchum, was born on March 2, 2008, at 5:21 a.m. weighing in at 7lb 6oz and 22 1/2 in long. Thanks to everyone for your prayers and support throughout Elizabeth's pregnancy, delivery and recovery.

## Worship

Pearl Merchant is a worship band based in Lubbock, TX. The group, which gets its name from Matthew 13:45-46, is comprised of Sarah Simmons, Matt Simmons, Jon Wootten, and Laney Wootten. Pearl Merchant leads hundreds of college students in worship each week. Learn more about their ministry at [thepearlmerchantband.com](http://thepearlmerchantband.com).

For more info contact NOBTS BCM Director, Beth Masters at [dottimasters@aol.com](mailto:dottimasters@aol.com), 504-289-7074, or see her weekly at Living Room - Thursday Nights @ Carey Hall Parlor.



## Want Ads

Oak Park Baptist Church is looking for a part time financial secretary (30hrs or less) Need to have Quickbooks experience, good computer skills and a general bookkeeping knowledge. Competitive pay and could lead to a full time position that would include general office duties. Send resume to [pastor@oakparkbc.com](mailto:pastor@oakparkbc.com) or mail it to Oak Park Baptist Church, Attn: Personnel Committee, 1110 Kabel Drive, New Orleans, LA, 70131.

First Baptist Church of Hammond is currently looking for a PART-TIME MINISTER OF MUSIC to do a blended music program and to come primarily on Wednesday evenings and Sundays. We have a choir, organist and pianist. Contact Jim Lancaster, Pastor at (985) 345-4990 if interested or wanting more details.

Thank you for your help.

Jim Lancaster, Pastor  
[fbchammond@hotmail.com](mailto:fbchammond@hotmail.com)

Recently our pastor, Brother Clint Miller, a Doctoral Student at your seminary, received calling to a Baptist Church in Cape Coral, Florida. I will add, he was an excellent preacher and will be missed by our Church. He will be leaving at the end of May.

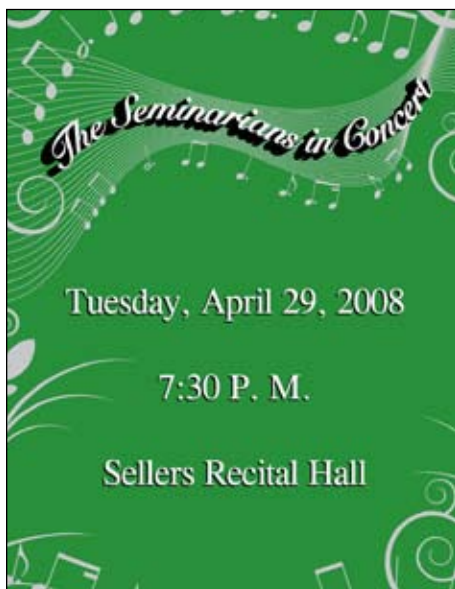
I am on the pastor search committee of our church, East Fork Baptist Church, 1810, third oldest Baptist Church in the Mississippi Association, Amite County, southwest Mississippi. Mrs. Homerline Clower, (Jerry Clower's wife is our chairman), she asked would it be possible for me to contact the Seminary and start the process of obtaining resumes of prospective individuals looking for a pastoral position in the church. Our Church has a long history of association with the New Orleans Baptist Seminary. The search for a new pastor has started in earnest after careful prayer.

Any help in this undertaking that could be provided by the Seminary would be gratefully accepted. Please feel free to contact me by email or phone.

Respectively,

William G. Barron  
Pastor Search Committee, East Fork Baptist Church, 1810

[williamgbarron@hughes.net](mailto:williamgbarron@hughes.net)  
Phone: 601 - 810 - 7843



## Get the Word Out, Gatekeeper Style

If you've got an event or some news to announce, post it in the Gatekeeper. Send it to [publications@nobts.edu](mailto:publications@nobts.edu) with "Gatekeeper" in the subject line by 5 p.m. each Tuesday in order to advertise in the next week's issue.

## Community Chorus Concert set for May 6

The New Orleans Baptist Community Chorus will present "To Thee, O Lord: A Spring Concert" Tuesday, May 6, at 7:30 p.m. The concert will take place at Holy Name of Jesus Church at 6367 St. Charles Avenue.

## Local Ministry Internships

Promiseland Fellowship is seeking people who will serve as interns in many different capacities. Students who would like to gain some experience leading worship, singing, preaching or another ministry area, please call the pastor, Lincoy Moliere, at 504.451.8487.

## Student Theological Fellowship meets May 12

The Student Theological Fellowship will meet at noon Monday, May 12, in the Creole Room. This will be the last meeting of the STF for the 2007-08 academic year. Doctoral student Mark Foster will be the featured presenter. Students, faculty and staff are invited to the bring-your-own-lunch event.

## Missions Chapel Set for May 7

Please join the NOBTS family for a special missions chapel Wednesday, May 7, at 11 a.m. in Leavell Chapel. We will commission NOBTS students, faculty and staff for short-term, long-term and summer missions service. Dr. Ted Traylor will share from God's Word as we recognize and pray for those who will be following the Lord in mission service.

Please notify Crystal in the Global Missions Center at [globalmissionscenter@nobts.edu](mailto:globalmissionscenter@nobts.edu) if you are planning to serve in any capacity during the summer and/or fall and if you have been appointed to a long- or short-term assignment.

## Summer Intern Needed

Celebration Church Outreach Ministries seeks a mission site coordinator for the summer. The coordinator will offer housing supervision, assist with group orientation and help as needed with mission groups. Housing, meals and a small stipend are included.

Send a resume, three references and a statement explaining why you would like this position to [tonic@celebrationchurch.org](mailto:tonic@celebrationchurch.org). Applicants may also call 504.272.5228 for more information.

## Dispatcher Needed On-Campus

Campus Police is now accepting applications for an upcoming dispatcher opening. If you are interested in contributing to on-campus security, please come by the Campus Police office to apply.

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faculty as associate professor of biblical interpretation.

Before coming to NOBTS in July 2007 to lead the operations department, Parker served as pastor at Ashby Baptist Church in Brierfield, Ala., one of 10 churches burned in a rash of arsons in 2006.

Parker holds a master of divinity degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, and a doctor of philosophy degree from the Memphis-area Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary.

In addition to his ministry experience, Parker has nearly 10 years of teaching experience on the undergraduate and graduate levels. He has served as an adjunct faculty member/instructor at Lee College in Baytown, Texas; Beeson Divinity School in Birmingham, Ala.; Lawson State Community College in Bessemer, Ala.; Birmingham Theological Seminary; and NOBTS.

NOBTS President Chuck Kelley announced the appointment of Craig Garrett as the new dean of students. A current doctor of philosophy student in psychology and counseling, Garrett came to NOBTS in 2006 after serving five years as chaplain for the Calder Woods Retirement Community in Beaumont, Texas. The retirement center is owned and operated by Buckner Baptist Benevolences.

Since his arrival on campus, Garrett has served the seminary in several roles, including a recent stint as managing director of the Providence Learning Center -- the seminary's conferencing and continuing education program. He also taught undergraduate courses in Leavell College.

An ordained minister and licensed professional counselor, Garrett holds a bachelor of arts degree from Texas A&M University and a master of education degree from Lamar University in Beaumont. He has completed master's-level work at Southwestern Seminary and NOBTS.

As dean of students, Garrett will provide pastoral leadership to students and oversee the student services area, including financial aid and campus life. Garrett also will be a part of the seminary's administrative council along with the president, provost and NOBTS vice presidents.

Trustees granted tenure to Reggie Ogea, associate professor of leadership and pastoral ministry; Donna Peavey, assistant professor of Christian education in Leavell College; and Ed Steele, assistant professor of music in Leavell College. Steele also received a promotion to associate professor.

Kelley also announced that Kathy Steele has been named as director of clinical training in the psychology and counseling program.



## 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](mailto:cmrconsultant@nobts.edu).

#### New Orleans Area

##### Full-time

- 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)
  - Eastlawn Baptist Church, Pascagoula, Miss.; pastor (107)
  - First Baptist Church, Breaux Bridge, La.; pastor (127)
  - Central Baptist Church, Brookhaven, Miss.; music and outreach (135)
  - Central Baptist Church, Brookhaven, Miss.; youth (135)
  - Woodlawn Baptist Church, Baton Rouge, La.; youth (81)
  - Greenwell Springs Baptist Church, Greenwell Springs, La.; worship (95)
  - God's Meeting Place Ministries, Inc.; Baton Rouge, La.; Inner-City Missions/ Thrift Store Manager (81)
  - Michael Memorial Baptist Church, Gulfport, Miss.; music (74)
- ##### Part-time
- Monroe Street Baptist Church, Bogalusa, La.; music (70)
  - 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)
- Shady Grove Baptist Church, Bogue Chitto, Miss.; music (124)
- Enon Baptist Church, Franklinton, La.; music and youth (71)
- Fellowship Church, Prairieville, La.; children (66)
- First Baptist Church, Folsom, La.; music (54)
- First Baptist Church, Chalmette, La.; children (9)
- Promise Land Fellowship, New Orleans, La.; youth (8)
- Promise Land Fellowship, New Orleans, La.; music (8)
- New Haven Baptist Church, Tickfaw, La.; students and music (65)
- Clifton Baptist Church, Franklinton, La.; youth (71)
- Heritage Heights Baptist Church, Laurel, Miss.; youth and children (138)
- Fernwood Baptist Church, Fernwood, Miss.; pastor (108)
- Mount Nebo Baptist Church, Roseland, La.; youth (78)
- Zachary Community Church, Zachary, La.; music (98)
- Des Allemands Baptist Church, Des Allemands, La.; children (36)

#### Pastor

##### Full-time

- Kingwood Assembly of Christ, Kingwood, Texas
  - First Baptist Church, Lawton, Okla.
  - Silvercrest Baptist Church, Augusta, Ga.
- ##### Part-time
- Coastal Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Fla.
  - Riddleville Baptist Church, Harrison, Ga.

#### Music

##### Full-time

- EdgeWater Church, Rainbow City, Ala.
- College Road Baptist Church, Ocala, Fla.
- Falmouth Baptist Church, Falmouth, Va.

#### Youth

##### Full-time

- Trinity Heights Baptist Church, Shreveport, La.

#### Children/Preschool

- First Baptist Church, Conroe, Texas
- Cave Springs Baptist Church, Roanoke, Va.
- East Paris Baptist Church, Paris, Texas

#### Combination

##### Full-time

- Williamsburg Baptist Church, Collins, Miss.; Music and Youth
- Northern Heights Baptist Church, Norfolk, Neb.; Associate Pastor/Youth and Education
- East Paris Baptist Church, Paris, Texas; Youth and Recreation
- Red House Baptist Church, Richmond, Ky.; Students and Recreation
- Liberty Baptist Church, Flowood, Miss.; Youth and Education or Music and Education
- Hueytown Baptist Church, Hueytown, Ala.; Associate Pastor/Music and Education
- Life Church (SBC), Athens, Ga.; Worship and Youth

#### Other

##### Full-time

- Mount Hermon Baptist Church, Danville, Va.; Education

## Houseparents/ Counselors 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 some 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. For more information, contact Cindy Churchill at 8421 Pritcher Road Lithia, FL, 33547 or call 813.650.8700.



NEW ORLEANS  
BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY



## [Recreation News]

### SPECIAL SEMINAR!!

The NOBTS Karate Club is hosting a very special seminar on Saturday, May 10th. On that Saturday, beginning at 12 noon, we will be having a "Women's Awareness & Self-Defense Course." Dr. Clement Riedner will be teaching this seminar. He is a 10th Degree Black Belt and holds several academic degrees, including an M.Div. and a PhD. He is the founder and director of the Christian Black Belt Association. All women and young ladies age 13 and older are able to attend this training. It is asked, however, that anyone under 18 be accompanied by a parent or guardian. The training will consist of awareness issues and tips, statistics and info, and some physical self-protection techniques. Cost is \$35 person or \$50 for two from the same family (for additional family members, see Carl Scroggs). This cost includes not only the 6-7 hours of training, but also a course booklet and a keychain weapon (very handy for defense – techniques will be taught with it). Please understand – this is not a karate or typical martial arts class. ALL ladies are invited and will benefit from this very practical and informative training. Attire for the day is casual, comfortable clothes. Some of the training will even be done outside. Please don't miss this great opportunity to learn some practical tips and techniques for your self-protection!

If you have any questions, please call Carl Scroggs at (504) 816-8586.

### NOBTS KARATE CLUB

The NOBTS Karate Club recently had a student compete at the Metro Open Karate Championships in Clinton, MS on April 19th. Here are the results:

Donna Pike	Executive Women Advanced Kata	1st Place
	Executive Women Adv. Sparring	1st Place

Donna also won the Overall Adult Under Black Belt Grand Champion Award.

## [Women's Ministry]

### "The Last Hoorah"

Student Wives "The Last Hoorah" Dinner

Fellowship of the Year A Chick-Fil-A meal will be provided for Student Wives and their families on Thursday May 8 in Sunshine Park starting at 6:00 p.m.- while the food lasts. Make plans to join us early!



### NOBTS Women Students – Coffee and Dessert Party

There will be a Coffee and Dessert Party to introduce women students to the Masters of Divinity Women's Studies Track on Monday, May 5 at 8:00 p.m. at the President's Home.

### 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.

## [Let's Go Walking!]

Debbie Smith would like to make available to Lady Students the opportunity to join her for:

Prayer Walking Laps In Sunshine Park. A fun, energetic way to visit with the Father

Monday and Friday: 6 - 6:30 a.m.

Tuesday: 7:00- 7:30 p.m.

Contact: Debbie Smith

504-273-0383

