

In memory

Seminary honors life of Landrum P. Leavell II at Oct. 7 memorial service in Leavell Chapel

By Gary D. Myers

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary paused Oct. 7 to celebrate and remember the life, ministry and legacy of President Emeritus Landrum P. Leavell II.

Leavell, who led the seminary from 1975 to 1995, died Sept. 26 in Wichita Falls, Texas. He was remembered as a family man, a pastor, a preacher, a visionary leader and a Christ-follower who genuinely cared about people.

The worship and memorial service included a eulogy from Nelson Price, former NOBTS trustee and long-time friend of Leavell, and a testimony from Leavell's son, Roland Q. Leavell II. Composer and musician Squire Parsons sang Leavell's favorite song, "Sweet Beulah Land."

During the service, NOBTS President Chuck Kelley read John 1:1-16. He said Leavell was one who, like John the Baptist, pointed to the Savior.

"As was John the Baptist, so was Dr. Landrum P. Leavell II – a herald of Light, a herald of the Truth," Kelley said.

Kelley then sought to "paint a portrait" of the former seminary leader for the many students, professors and staff members who did not have a chance to personally know Leavell. Kelley did so by borrowing from one of Leavell's sermons.

According to Kelley, Leavell once preached a sermon about the three books every seminary student at NOBTS should know and understand. Leavell wanted his students, first and foremost, to study, know and understand the Bible.

"Truly he was a man of The Book," Kelley said. "He knew that the Bible was the Word



Landrum P. Leavell II, 1926–2008, was New Orleans Seminary's 7th president from 1975 to 1995.

of God. He knew it was inspired – that it was absolutely true. He knew this gospel had the power to transform any human life."

Kelley described how Leavell spent time in God's Word each day and expected others to do so as well. Leavell wanted each person associated with New Orleans Seminary to hold the Bible above every other book.

Then Kelley held up two other books that Leavell wanted his students to know and understand. One was an English grammar text, the other, a check book.

Leavell had a firm desire for his students to know and properly use the English language, Kelley said. Kelley recalled that in speech and in writing, Leavell always exhibited a noticeable command of language.

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This Week in Chapel



TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14

Dr. Preston Nix
NOBTS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16

No Chapel

Chapel After Fall Break

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28

Dr. O.S. Hawkins
President, GuideStone Financial Resources

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30

Dr. Mark Tolbert
NOBTS

Campus-wide Prayer Time

When?

Every Thursday at 6:30 a.m.

Where?

Leavell Chapel – Enter through the Dean of the Chapel Office.

Who?

Open to the entire Seminary Community.

Notary Available for Absentee Ballots

Have you prepared and mailed your absentee ballot yet? If not, have your ballot notarized by Joan Wetzel (ext. 8018) on Tuesday, Oct. 14, anytime between 5:15 p.m. and 6:15 p.m. Wetzel will be in the Hardin Student Center just outside Café New Orleans to notarize absentee ballots. No appointment is necessary and there is no fee.

This is an opportunity for you to be a good citizen before the November election!



Student Theological Fellowship Weekly Symposia

Would you like a chance to discuss theology outside the classroom? Every Friday from noon to 1 p.m., the Student Theological Fellowship meets in front of Café New Orleans for a time of fellowship and tutorial. Come and eat your Lunch with theologians and discuss theological issues that impact your lives and ministries.



FBC Gretna Seeks Worship Leader

FBC Gretna is looking for a part-time worship leader. The church would prefer someone who can play the piano or keyboard, but the guitar is acceptable. This is a paid position requiring Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings only. If anyone is interested, please contact Carl Scroggs at 318.332.9426.

Fordoche BC Seeks Pastor

Fordoche BC is looking for a pastor, an interim pastor, or just someone to supply preach while it continues its pastor search.

The church is just over 2 hours from the seminary. If anyone is interested, please contact Phil Dozier at 225.637.2559. If anyone has questions, please call Carl Scroggs at 318.332.9426. He has supply preached there before.

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With regard to his third book choice, Leavell also wanted his students to be responsible with their finances. He believed ministers, and institutions for that matter, should live within their means.

"Grammar stands out when you don't use it properly. A check book stands out when you don't use it properly and lose control of your finances," Kelley said. "They become invisible and the message and the ministry you are performing take center stage when you master the basic fundamentals and let the mission be the priority of your life."

Kelley added a few more items to help paint a more detailed portrait of Leavell. The first item was another book, "Don't Miss a Blessing," written by Leavell's wife, JoAnn.

Simply put, Leavell cherished time with his family, Kelley said. In spite of his busy schedule, Leavell always made time for his wife and children.

"There ought to be in the life of a godly man a passionate commitment to both your ministry and to your family," Kelley said. "I have never known a day in the life of Landrum P. Leavell II that his family was not at the top of his agenda. He loved them. He cared for them and he incorporated them into his life in ministry."

The last item Kelley used to illustrate Leavell's life and ministry was an ice cream maker. For Kelley it was a representation of Landrum Leavell's love and concern for people.

"You can't really know the Leavell family if you haven't had their Butterfinger ice cream," Kelley said. "They learned how to [make ice cream] well, not for themselves, but for us."

"And this is the one thing Dr. Leavell would want you to take away from his life in ministry is to understand that it's all about people," Kelley explained. "People matter to God. Ministry is all about people. So many of us are here in this room because this man invested in our lives. I know he invested in mine."

Kelley closed with the image of a relay race. In a relay race, many runners participate on a team each passing a baton to the next when his or her portion of the race is done.

"Dr. Leavell would want every one of us to know that we are not here to commemorate the finish of a race," Kelley said. "He would want you to know that we are celebrating the end of leg of a relay, for he is passing the baton to you and me. The race isn't over until Jesus comes."

The service took place in the Roland Q. Leavell Chapel, named for Leavell's uncle who was NOBTS president from 1946 to 1956. The legacy of the Leavell family is seen in its many namesakes at NOBTS: Leavell College, the Leavell Center for Evangelism and Church Health and an endowed faculty chair in New Testament and Greek.

A LEGACY OF LEADERSHIP

Nov. 26, 1926:

Landrum P. Leavell II is born in Ripley, Tennessee.



1948: Graduates from Mercer University. Ordained to the ministry.

1948-1975: Pastors churches in Mississippi and Texas.

1951: Earns the Bachelor of Divinity degree at NOBTS.

July 28, 1953:

Marries Jo Ann Paris of New Orleans.



1954: Earns the Doctor of Theology degree in New Testament and Greek at NOBTS.

1975: Elected as 7th NOBTS President. Steeple added to Roland Q. Leavell Chapel.

1976: School of Christian Training (now Leavell College) restarts with 30 students.



1980: J.D. Grey Missionary apartments completed.

1982: NOBTS begins Extension Center training.

1987: Hardin Student Center and Providence Guest House open.

1992: Seminary celebrates 75th Anniversary. Launches the first center for Evangelism and Church Growth in SBC.

1994: Leavell retires as NOBTS President.

1995: Leavell enters retirement Dec. 31 after serving a year as interim president.

2003: Undergraduate program renamed Leavell College.

Sept. 26, 2008: Landrum Leavell dies at 81.

ESL classes at Gentilly Baptist Church

Would you like to teach ESL or take part in a ministry aimed at reaching internationals? It's not necessary for you to know another language to share the gospel with people who have come to our city from across the globe. Free ESL lessons draw them to us where we can share the Bible, pray with them and minister to them while they are living here.

It's a pressing need: the U.S. Census Bureau estimates that there are close to 21,000 residents of Orleans Parish who speak a language other than English. The world is at our doorsteps! For more information, call Bryce Blackman at 870.897.2689.

Family Fun Fest at Faith BC

Faith Baptist Church, located in Uptown New Orleans, is hosting its first Family Fun Fest. Students who would like to help a church in the process of revitalization are welcomed to volunteer.

Faith desires to make a strong connection with its community as the church rebuilds in Uptown. The Faith Family Fun Fest will be Wednesday, Oct. 29. Potential volunteers can contact Thomas Hudson at tommytomm516@yahoo.com or 478.318.3758. The event is geared toward young children and will be a block party for the community. Faith Baptist Church's website is www.faithuptown.squarespace.com.

Former NOBTS professor Bob Simmons dies at age 81

Dr. Bob Simmons, 81, of Meridian, Miss., died Friday, Oct. 3. He is survived by his wife, Mary Johnson Simmons; a son, John Douglas Simmons; daughter, Ann Simmons Brown; grandson, Robert Gardner; great grandchildren, Kailynne and Kane Gardner, all of Meridian; and a sister, Nora Jane Jennings of Clarksdale, Miss. Dr. Simmons served on the faculty of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary from 1983 to 1992.

Minister to International Teens

Do you have a passion for teenagers and a passion for internationals? Chinese Christian Church in Baton Rouge is seeking a part-time youth minister. For more information, call Rev. Liu at 225.939.0961.

Be a Navy Chaplain

Answer your calling in the Navy Chaplain Corps. Live, work and pray together with those who seek your counsel.

As a Navy Chaplain

Candidate, you'll sign on and be placed on reserve status.

While attending seminary classes and Navy Chaplain School, you'll

participate in on-the-job fleet training, with pay and benefits during summer training, until graduation.

Contact Lt. Deirdra Ponds by mail at 4400 Dauphine St., Bldg 602-2C, New Orleans, LA 70146; by phone at 504.678.0549; or by email at deirdra.ponds@navy.mil.



Join the Evangelism Response Center

What is it? NAMB's Evangelism Response Center (www.erconline.net).

How does it work? You log yourself in through your phone and begin taking any calls that come your way.

What types of calls come in? Calls range from sharing the gospel with lost people and praying for hurting saints.

How often does the phone ring? The number of calls is usually one to two calls per hour.

How long are the conversations? It varies, but usually no more than about 5 minutes.

How can I sign up? Contact Michael Procella by email at michaelpocella@dangerousdiscipleministries.com.

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- Trinity BC, Henderson, Texas.; Youth and Families Minister
- FBC, Hohenwald, Tenn.; Minister to students/ Children
- Burning Bush BC, Ringgold, Ga.; Associate Pastor/ Minister of Music
- Green Valley Chapel, Putnam, Conn.; Church Planter/ Pastor
- Zion BC, Covington, Ga.; Minister of Youth and Recreation
- Calvary BC, Harlingen, Texas.; Associate Pastor of Music and Education
- Bethel BC, Sycamore, Ga.; Associate Pastor of Music and Students
- FBC Sherman, Texas.; Minister of Education and Media
- Oak-Griner Baptist, Ocala, Fla.; Associate Pastor / Youth
- Crestview BC, Shelby, N.C.; Youth/ Children's Minister
- FBC, Kosciusko, Miss.; Minister of Youth and Recreation
- FBC, Jasper, Tenn.; Minister of Music/ Youth
- Eastgate BC, Burton, Mich.; Minister of Youth/ Music

Other

Full-time

- FBC, Ruston, La.; Education/ Admin
 - FBC, Lafayette, La.; Director of Worship Technologies
 - FBC Marlow, Marlow, Okla.; Associate pastor
 - Ogletown BC, Newark, Del.; Administrative Pastor
- Part Time
- Paper Mill BC, Marietta, Ga.; Minister of Missions and Discipleship

Misconceptions About the Flu/Flu Shot

MYTH: "I got the flu from the flu shot!"

FACT: The flu vaccine is "killed" organisms in a suspension. Killed organisms stimulate immunity and are incapable of causing the active disease. Immunity is achieved about a week or so after receiving the shot. If you've already been exposed and are "incubating" the organism, the flu shot will not prevent the active disease. Although persons with impaired immune systems may not receive full benefit from the vaccine, some protection is better than none.

MYTH: "I shouldn't get a flu shot because I'm pregnant!"

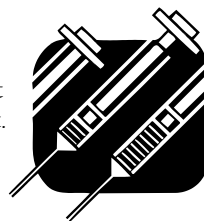
FACT: The CDC highly recommends influenza immunization to specific at-risk

populations including the elderly, young children, people with chronic diseases and disabilities and pregnant women. Flu vaccination during pregnancy provides additional protective immunity to the unborn.

MYTH: "If I get the flu, I'll be sick ... but it won't kill me!"

FACT: People do not die from the flu, per se. However, a significant number of people die from flu-related complications annually.

To Schedule Your Flu Shot: Please reserve your dose by calling the clinic at 504.816.8596 or email us at Clinic@nobts.edu and provide the following information: Name, NOBTS ID#, and contact phone number(s).



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

- Ingalls Avenue BC, Pascagoula Miss.; Youth minister (109)
 - New Life Baptist Mission, Nicholson, Miss.; Church planter (43)
 - Union BC, Picayune, Miss.; Senior Pastor (57)
 - New Zion BC, Covington, La.; Senior Pastor (53)
 - Greenwell Springs BC, Greenwell Springs, La.; Children's Pastor (88)
 - Seminary BC, Seminary, Miss.; Youth minister (130)
 - Evans Creek BC, Pearl River, La.; Senior Pastor (45)
 - Hayes Creek Southern BC, Franklinton, La.; Pastor (77)
 - FBC, Plaquemine, La.; Pastor (88)
 - Steep Hollow BC, Poplarville, Miss.; Music and Education Minister (70)
 - Roseland Park BC, Picayune, Miss.; Youth Minister (49)
 - FBC, Kenner, La.; Minister of music (16)
- ##### Part-time
- Rio Vista BC, Jefferson, La.; music /youth (12)
 - Hope Church, Covington, La.; contemporary worship leader (90)
 - Central BC, Brookhaven, Miss.; students and college (135)
 - New Orleans Community Church, Metairie, La.; music (10)
 - Highland BC, Metairie, La.; music (10)
 - Emmanuel BC, Columbia, Miss.; pastor (144)
 - Diamondhead BC, Diamondhead, Miss.; (54)

- Bridgedale BC, Metairie, La.; youth and families (12)
- Bridgedale BC, Metairie, La.; children and families (12)
- FBC, Gautier, Miss.; youth (102)
- Easthaven BC, Brookhaven, Miss.; children (132)
- Bethel BC Kentwood, La; Pastor (92)
- First Baptist of Laplace, Laplace, La.; Interim Music minister (31)
- FBC, Luling, La.; Worship leader (27)
- Jerusalem BC, Hammond, La.; Minister of Music (60)
- Westside BC, Ponchatoula, La.; Minister of Children (54)
- Palestine BC, Bogalusa, La.; Music Minister (63)
- Thompson BC, Smithdale, Miss.; Music minister (123)
- Hebron BC Soso, Miss.; Youth Minister (145)

Pastor

Full-time

- FBC, Chattahoochee, Fla.
 - Eastside BC, Spartanburg, S.C.
 - Goodwater BC, Magee, Miss.
 - FBC of Eldon, Eldon, Mo.
 - Comfort Community Church, Port Lavaca, Texas.
 - Crossroads BC, Mobile, Ala.
 - Ellerbe Road BC, Shreveport, La.
 - FBC, Louisville, Ga.
 - Leighton BC, Leighton, Ala.
 - McCormick BC, McCormick, S.C.
 - Calvary BC, Waynesboro, Miss.
 - University BC, Middletown, Ohio
 - FBC, Indianola, Miss.
 - FBC, Murray, Ky.
 - FBC, Carthage, Mo.
 - Memorial BC, Richton, Miss.
 - Big Stevens Creek BC, North Augusta, S.C.
 - Pitts BC, Pitts, Ga.
 - Wrens BC, Wrens, Ga.
 - Second BC, Angleton, Texas
 - Calvary BC, Bel Air, Md.
 - Sunrise BC, El Paso, Texas.
 - Grace BC, Philadelphia, Miss.
 - Whitewater BC, Oglethorpe, Ga.
- ##### Part-time
- Meadowdale BC, Lynnwood, Wash.
 - Faith BC, Emporium, Pa.
 - Expressway BC, Freeport, Pa.
 - Tennille BC, Tennille, Ga.

Music

Full-time

- FBC, New Smyrna Beach, Fla.
- FBC, Mary Esther, Fla.

- FBC of Mount Dora, Mount Dora, Fla.
 - FBC of Red Bay, Red Bay, Ala.
 - Sale Street BC, Lake Charles, La.
 - FBC, Dayton, Tenn.
 - Fredonia Hill BC, Nacogdoches, Texas.
 - Hiland Park BC, Panama City, Fla.
 - FBC, Lebanon, Mo.
 - FBC, LaBelle, Fla. (Bi-Vocational)
- ##### Part-time
- Raimund Heights BC, Bessemer, Ala.
 - Connection Church, Zebulon, Ga.
 - Oak Hill BC, Meridian, Miss.
 - FBC, Irvington, Ala.
 - Crestview BC, Shelby, N.C.

Youth

Full-time

- FBC, Camdenton, Mo.
- Redland BC, Derwood, Md.
- Sale Street BC, Lake Charles, La.
- Byne Memorial BC, Albany, Ga.
- First Baptist Raleigh, Raleigh, Miss.
- Adaville BC, Spindale, N.C.

Part-time

- Ramah FBC, Palmetto, Ga.
- Freedom BC, Laurel, Miss.
- Glory Fellowship BC, Jasper, Ala.
- Teamon BC, Griffin, Ga.

Children and Preschool

- FBC, Lindale, Ga.
- FBC, Soso, Miss.
- FBC, Clarksville, Tenn.; female preschool minister
- Harrisburg BC, Tupelo, Miss.; female preschool minister
- Life Line BC, Little Rock, Ark.; children's minister
- FBC, Broussard, La.
- FBC, Cumming, Ga.
- Neptune BC, Neptune Beach, Fla.
- FBC, Crestview, Fla.; Children's Minister

Combination

Full-time

- Faith BC, Starkville, Miss.; Music and College Minister

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NEW ORLEANS
BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

October 13, 2008

Student Life NEWS

[NOBTS Women]

Monday Brown Bag Bible Study

Every Monday from 12:00-1:00 p.m. in the Balcony Room (in the Cafeteria)
Fall Study: "Woman: God's Divine Design" led by Dr. Rhonda Kelley

Campus Prayer Time

This prayer group meets on Thursdays from 7:30-8:00 a.m.
Contact Christian Parrish at X3334 or cparrish@nobts.edu for location.

Prayer Walking Time

Do you enjoy walking around the track? If so join a group of women who pray as they walk around the track every Tuesday evening at 7:30 p.m.

Ladies Workout 4X/Week in the Gym

Mon., 6-7 p.m. – Aerobic Circuit
Wed., 12:10-12:50 p.m. – Body Flow
Thurs., 6-7 p.m. – Aerobic Circuit
Thurs., 7:15-8 p.m. – Body Flow

\$20 every month or \$2 per class will be charged to your seminary account monthly. Instructor: Vaughn Calcutt, vaughncalcutt@gmail.com

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



2008 NOBTS Craft FAIR



For all students & their families
Sponsored by Student Wives Fellowship

Thursday, Nov. 6 • HSC Atrium • 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Join us for a night of food & shopping!

Chick-Fil-A sandwiches will be sold:
Sandwich = \$3.00, Combo Meal (chips + drink) = \$5.00

Do you have a craft to sell?

Table registration has started! Come by the Dean of Students Office and grab a registration form. The registration fee is \$15, BUT show your NOBTS Student ID and receive a \$5.00 discount off of the registration fee. Registration deadline is October 30. First come, first served on table choices.

[Area News]

Washington Parish Fair

Sonic Flood will be performing on Wednesday, October 15th @ 7:30 p.m. on the main stage in Franklinton, LA at the Washington Parish Fair. It would make a great outing for Local Youth Groups.

SECOND TERM CLASS (Fall 2008)

Student Wives may earn a Ministry Wife Certificate by completing "The Minister's Wife" course and five other courses at no charge. Childcare for children 6 weeks to 8 years of age during the on-campus classes is free of charge. Reservations for childcare may be made through the Preschool at X8585 and must be made by the Friday before class.

Campus Class

"**Personal Bible Study**," taught by Mrs. John (Christi) Gibson in HSC 216, will be offered on Tuesday evenings (October 28 - December 9) from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Registration for the Tuesday night class will take place on Tuesday, October 28.

On campus students need to meet the immunization requirements according to state law. Shots are administered free of charge to student wives, who want to take these courses, through the campus clinic. Contact Christian Parrish (cparrish@nobts.edu or X3334) before class begins to get more information about immunization requirements.



[Recreation News]

Youth Bible Study

Don't forget that Youth Bible studies are happening now! Youth Boys meet on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. and Youth Girls meet on Mondays at 7:00 p.m. Come be a part of these inspiring and uplifting groups! If you have any questions, please call Mike Massaro at (904)248-8352 or Jessica Wilbanks at (228)282-9222.

Introduction to Papyrology

A Study of Greco-Roman Ancient Documents from the Ground Up

October 21-23, 2008
 Tuesday, Oct. 21, 1 to 5 pm
 Wednesday, Oct. 22, 8 am to 12 pm
 Thursday, Oct. 23, 8 am to 12 pm
 Thursday, Oct. 23, 1 to 4 pm, Special Session

A Special Workshop Sponsored by the Milton H. Haggard Center for New Testament Textual Studies
 Free to NOBTS Students
 Non-NOBTS Students \$50
 E-mail ntsec@nobts.edu to register

Taught by Dr. Michael Theophilos
 Research Scholar at Oxford
 B. Th., M. A., Th. M., M. St., M. A., D. Phil.
 Dr. Theophilos completed his doctoral work at the University of Oxford. In 2006 he was a Visiting Research Fellow at the Hebrew University, Israel. Since 2005 he has worked in collaboration with the Classics Department at Oxford University on unpublished Greek papyrus texts from Egypt.

Children's Recreation!

The Rec. Center will be having a special children's recreation event on Saturday, October 25. This promises to be a great time for the kids on campus to come together and have some great fun and interaction. Look for details in flyers to come. All kids in 1st through 5th grade, make plans to attend! For more info, call the Rec. Center at 816-8594.