



***Which Direction  
is God Leading  
You?***

*Life Beyond  
Seminary*

**February 25-27**

Now is the time to prepare for your future!  
This could be one of the most important  
weeks of your seminary experience.  
Sponsored by Church-Minister Relations.

## Life Beyond Seminary set for February 25–27

Are you about to graduate? Maybe you're someone whose graduation is in the future but you like to plan. If you fall into either of these categories, then Life Beyond Seminary is the event for you. Life Beyond Seminary is a chance for you to meet with the leaders of different ministries from all over the United States. The event will kick off with a free dinner Monday night, Feb. 25, in

the Cafeteria at 5:30 p.m. We will then have the exhibit area open until 7:30 that evening. Representatives will be available in the atrium of the Hardin Student Center on Tuesday and then again on Wednesday until noon. Come join us for dinner and see what God is doing in other parts of the country and here in Louisiana and how you might play a part.

## Invest in New Orleans by planting a church

By Marilyn Stewart

"Invest in New Orleans" is the message New Orleans pastor Dennis Watson carries wherever he goes. "Plant a church here," he says.

If ever there has been an opportunity to see a major city experience spiritual transformation, this is the time, Watson said of the unprecedented opportunity available to Southern Baptists.

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## This Week in Chapel

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

**Dr. Steve Horn**

*Pastor, FBC Lafayette*

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

LIFE BEYOND SEMINARY

**Dr. Dennis Phelps**

*NOBTS*

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28

**Dr. Tony Merida**

*Dean of the Chapel*

## Next Week in Chapel

TUESDAY, MARCH 4

**Dr. Ron McCaskill**

*Pastor, FBC Donalsonville, Ga.*

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5

**Dr. Anthony Jordan**

*Executive Director,*

*Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma*

THURSDAY, MARCH 6

**Dr. Tony Merida**

*Dean of the Chapel*



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His remarks came during a vision tour sponsored by the Louisiana Baptist Convention, the Baptist Association of Greater New Orleans and the North American Mission Board. Such tours allow potential church planters and sponsors to see firsthand specific neighborhoods in need of a Southern Baptist church.

"New Orleans is a cosmopolitan and international city. We must look at the unreached people groups and diversity that's here and develop strategies accordingly," said Mike Canady, director of the Louisiana convention's mission and ministry team.

From a slow-to-return middle-class neighborhood to a bustling Vietnamese community to the city's Uptown cultural center, the sites visited on the tour last fall revealed diverse needs.

"The question that should haunt us as Southern Baptists is, 'Are we about to miss an opportunity?'" said Jack Allen, director of the Nehemiah Project for church planting at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and assistant professor of church planting. Allen also directs the seminary's Day Center for Church Planting.

According to data collected from the Louisiana Baptist Convention, of the 140 churches and missions in the New Orleans association before Katrina, 94 are operating today.

The number of returning and new congregations and missions continues to climb as the strategies developed in partnership with the Baptist association,

the state convention and NAMB are implemented.

"We are working on the process of enlisting partnering churches, seeking out church planters and building core groups," Canady said.

In eastern New Orleans, home of a large Vietnamese population, BAGNO is trying to bring a pastor from Vietnam to take the lead and continue the church planting efforts within the community.

Carver Baptist Mission, led by NOBTS student Kelly O'Conner, has grown to a core group of two dozen people. The new mission church meets in the Carver Baptist Center, a ministry that offers after-school programs for children and youth downtown. The open door to the gospel experienced in many New Orleans neighborhoods is linked to the compassion shown to the city by the more than 35,000 Southern Baptist volunteers mobilized following Hurricane Katrina.

"Because of the openness of the people and what we've been through, we're still staring an open door in the face," said Joe McKeever, director of missions for the New Orleans association. "Now is the time."

In a groundbreaking partnership with New Orleans Seminary, four Nehemiah church plant interns researched and assessed the needs in square-mile sections of the city. Students' video presentations included interviews with residents and spotlighted ministry work in the area. The 13-week projects culminated in proposals for church plants tailored to each neighborhood's needs.

NOBTS supervisor of accounting Chris Bundick, one of the four church plant

interns, found his mid-city assignment a challenge due to its wide socioeconomic swing and large non-family ratio – residents living with someone other than a family member. After several failed attempts to connect with residents, Bundick tried a video interview at a local grocery store.

With three questions – Do you consider yourself a good person? What will happen to you when you die? What is the basis for your religious beliefs? – Bundick found people willing to talk. Some admitted that they were struggling with those questions.

"People may be farther from the gospel than we think," Bundick said of the non-traditional responses to his questions. "We may have to start from ground level and begin with the question of 'Does God exist?' The potential is here, but it won't be easy."

In Uptown New Orleans, church plant intern Rob Wilton said even those with a postmodern mindset are interested in hearing biblical teachings instead of opinions. One resident, a tattoo artist, told Wilton he was seeking a church "that's real, has exciting worship and teaches the Bible."

The Nehemiah Project has proven effective as a strategy for training, funding, supporting and deploying church planters, Allen said.

"We desperately need each other," Allen said. "This is a day when the established churches in New Orleans need new churches and the new churches need the established churches to be strong."

As McKeever challenged the group to consider God's leading, he asked also for the prayers of their congregations.

"Tell them when they think of New Orleans to 'Pray big,'" McKeever said.

For more information about church planting in New Orleans and beyond, go online to the Day Center website at [daycenteronline.com](http://daycenteronline.com) or visit [jacksbuzz.com](http://jacksbuzz.com).

*(BP article with local reporting)*



## Make Disciples of All Nations, Right Here in NOLA

There are hundreds of international students at Tulane University who want more opportunities to interact with Americans to practice English and build friendships.

Starting in March, the BCM at Tulane will be launching both an ESL conversation partner time and an English Bible study for internationals. The ESL conversation time will last only an hour. The BCM needs much

help with the conversation time because it will only work with a low American-to-international ratio. Come build relationships and intentionally converse with internationals (every week or bi-weekly), and pray for opportunities to share your faith.

For more information please contact Kim Arthur, Tulane BCM Campus Minister, at [kim.e.arthur@gmail.com](mailto:kim.e.arthur@gmail.com) or 205.266.4291.



## BCM Needs Translators

The Baptist Collegiate Ministry at Louisiana State University is looking for Spanish-speaking interpreters to come on their mission trip to Mexico from March 14–21. The trip cost is waived for fluent translators. Please contact Mandy Trammell at [MTrammell@bcmlsu.net](mailto:MTrammell@bcmlsu.net) or 225.343.0408 if you are interested or if you can recommend any people to serve in this capacity.

Please note: Adults with medical certifications and construction experience are also welcome!

## Attend Camp Logos Feb. 27–29

The “Camp Logos,” Feb. 27–29, is an orientation and intensive workshop on how to maximize the features of the Logos Bible study and research software. The workshop is sponsored by Camp Logos and is taught by Morris Proctor. Please bring your laptop. If you don’t have one, Logos will provide one for you at an additional charge of \$10. This hands-on training includes instruction in short-cuts, insights and applications. Cost is \$199. For more information and to register, visit [www.mpseminars.com](http://www.mpseminars.com).

## 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. Just think, that’s cheaper than you can stay home for in the summer heat of New Orleans. 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](mailto:LCBailey81@hotmail.com) or Brad Strom at 256.654.0614 or [strombg@gmail.com](mailto:strombg@gmail.com).

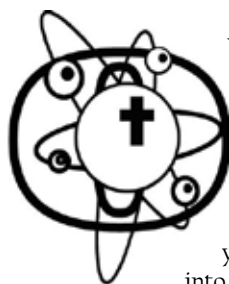
## Invite Someone to Preview Weekend

The office of Student Enlistment will be hosting a Preview Weekend for prospective students March 6–8. If you know someone who is interested in attending seminary let them know about Preview Weekend!

Activities during the weekend include the opportunity to attend classes, dialogue about degree programs, attend a special chapel service and a reception at the President’s home and enjoy dinner on the town with faculty members. The cost for the weekend is \$25 per person. This fee pays for two nights of accommodations and five meals.

For more information please contact Lauren Colvin in the Office of Student Enlistment at 1.800.NOBTS.01, extension 3303 or [enlistment@nobts.edu](mailto:enlistment@nobts.edu).

## Volunteer With MissionLab



Want to get involved with ministry in New Orleans? Here’s your chance! Contact Hannah at [hannah@missionlab.com](mailto:hannah@missionlab.com) for information on how you can get plugged into urban missions this semester. Opportunities are available to assist mission teams ministering through rebuilding, homeless outreach, children’s ministry and more.

# FunFestive

## FunFest ’08 is Coming

FunFest ’08 is set for Saturday, April 19, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. It’s time to start planning for the annual campus-wide event at Sunshine Park!

In an effort to involve a wide variety of people in this year’s event, we hope you will consider helping by volunteering your department, organization, or apartment/dorm/ living cluster to host a game or activity at this year’s event. This involves preparing a game or activity and possibly providing appropriate supplies and/or prizes. You will also need to work the activity throughout the funfest.

For more information, contact Liz Stewart at ext. 3282.

## Get Involved with Summer Missions



Summer recruiters from Highland Lakes Camp and Conference Center will be on campus during the

NOBTS Preview Weekend, March 6, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., and March 7, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Look for recruiters in the Hardin Student Center.

Every year Highland Lakes Camp recruits college and seminary students to join their Summer Missions Team. HLC sits on Lake Travis on the edge of Austin, Texas. The Summer Missions Team program is a life-changing missions experience for 12 weeks during the summer months.

Students accepted into this program will be placed onto teams that will serve in many ways such as working in the dining hall, serving as lifeguards, first aid station workers or doing maintenance and general work for camp upkeep.

The Summer Missionaries also travel in teams to Central Texas churches to share the gospel in fun and creative ways.

Please look for the Highland Lakes display on campus and speak with a recruiter.

For more information, please visit the website at [www.highlandlakescamp.org](http://www.highlandlakescamp.org). Information about a weekly stipend and scholarship is also available on the camp’s website.

# SAVE THE DATE!

## NOBTS STUDENT-LED STREET EVANGELISM

### Saturday, March 1 at 10 a.m.

Meet at the couches in the HSC  
Contact Monica Lovelace for more information:  
[missmonica03@yahoo.com](mailto:missmonica03@yahoo.com)

## 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

- First Baptist Church, Saint Rose, La.; pastor (23)
  - Bethlehem Baptist Church, Albany, La.; music/education (63)
  - 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)
- ##### Part-time
- Immanuel Baptist Church, Slidell, La.; outreach and teaching (28)
  - Immanuel Baptist Church, Slidell, La.; children (28)

- St. Luke's United Methodist Church, New Orleans, La.; music (5)
- Greenwell Springs Baptist Church, Greenwell Springs, La.; children (95)
- Clifton Baptist Church, Franklinton, La.; youth (71)
- Coteau Baptist Church, Houma, La.; youth (59)
- First Baptist Church, Hammond, La.; music (60)
- Monroe Street Baptist Church, Bogalusa, La.; music (70)
- Bayou L'ourse Baptist Church, Bayou L'ourse, La.; pastor (81)
- 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)

#### Pastor

##### Full-time

- First Baptist Church, Grand Isle, La.
- Concord Baptist Church, McCall Creek, Miss.
- Central Baptist Church, Waycross, Ga.
- Highland Baptist Church, Tullahoma, Tenn.

#### Music

##### Full-time

- Cross Keys Baptist Church, Florissant, Mo.
- Hillcrest Baptist Church, Nederland, Texas
- First Baptist Church, Glen St. Mary, Fla.
- Calvary Baptist Church, Albany, Ga.
- Sale Street Baptist Church, Lake Charles, La.
- Weems Creek Baptist Church, Annapolis, Md.

#### Youth

##### Full-time

- Country Meadows Baptist Church, Kansas City, Mo.

- First Baptist Church, Grand Isle, La.
  - Green Valley Baptist Church, Hoover, Ala.
  - First Baptist Church, Vidalia, La.
  - Lizella Baptist Church, Lizella, Ga.
  - First Baptist Church, Greenwood, Miss.
- ##### Part-time
- Pine Mountain Baptist Church, Pine Mountain, Ga.

#### Children/Preschool

##### Full-time

- First Baptist Church, Kosciusko, Miss.
- East Side Baptist Church, Mountain Home, Ark.

#### Combination

##### Full-time

- Temple Baptist Church, Ruston, La.; Youth and Recreation
- Pine Grove Baptist Church, Centre, Ala.; Music and Education
- County Line Baptist Church, Lithia Springs, Ga.; Youth and Education
- Rentz Baptist Church, Rentz, Ga.; Youth and Children

#### Other

##### Full-time

- Fellowship Baptist Church, McCall, Idaho; Church Planter
- Main Street Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, Miss.; Young Families
- Emmanuel Baptist Church, Farmington, N.M.; Education
- First Baptist Church, Henderson, Texas; Discipleship
- Mobile Baptist Association, Mobile, Ala.; Camp Director

### BCM Intern Needed

Mississippi Baptists are in need of a full-time BCM intern at the Gulf Coast Community College in Gautier. Previous experience in college ministry is desirable. Anyone interested in this position can contact Andy Wiggins in Church Minister Relations at 800.662.8701 or 504.282.4455, ext. 3291, or email [cmrconsultant@nobts.edu](mailto:cmrconsultant@nobts.edu).



NEW ORLEANS  
BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

February 25, 2008

# Student Life NEWS

## Funfest '08 Needs You!



An organizational meeting for Funfest '08 will be held Wednesday, February 27 at 3:30 p.m. in HSC Room 219. Representatives from campus divisions, offices, and organizations are invited to attend. We need lots of help to make this year's Funfest, slated for Saturday, April 19, fun for everyone.

**Please let Liz Stewart know what activity your group would like to coordinate (ext. 3282 or [lstewart@nobts.edu](mailto:lstewart@nobts.edu)).**

## Scholarships available for Miss. students



Scholarships available for Mississippi students who will begin their 2nd year of seminary in Fall 2008 and are interested in missions.

**Please see the Financial Aid Office for details. Application deadline is April 15th.**

## Attention Students from NC, SC, and VA

Applications for the Charles B. Keese Scholarship is available in the Financial Aid office.

**The deadline for the 2008-2009 scholarship is April 1st.**

## [Social Work]

### **Social Work student meeting set for Feb. 27**

The Christian Association of Student Social Workers will be having their first meeting of the semester on February 27th from 7-7:45 a.m. in the cafeteria. You can come, buy your own breakfast, and join us for the meeting. We would love to see anyone that is interested in developing camaraderie with other seminary students as we learn how to share Christ's love with New Orleans.

**If you have any questions, please contact Al Moody at (404) 933-1539.**

## [Women's Ministry]

### **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.

**For more information on the events listed above please contact Christian Parrish at [cparrish@nobts.edu](mailto:cparrish@nobts.edu) or X3334.**



## [Recreation News]

### INTRAMURALS

Intramural Volleyball games begin this week! If you missed the sign-up period, there may be some teams that still need players. And if you're not playing, come on out and support your favorite team. You don't want to miss out on all the fun!

**If you have any questions, please call Mike Massaro at (904) 248-8352.**



The doors will open at 8:00 a.m. for competitors to begin registering and for spectators to make their way into the gym. We will begin at 9:00 a.m. with an opening prayer followed by our competition. If you've never seen a tournament, why not come out and support our seminary folks as they give it their all and demonstrate what they have been learning. Spectator entry is free and it promises to be a wonderful time for all.

**If you have any questions please call Carl Scroggs at (318) 332-9426.**

### MEN'S GRAPPLING & SELF-DEFENSE

The NOBTS Karate Club is having a Men's Grappling & Self-defense workout on Mondays and Thursdays in the gym. On Mondays, we start at 11:00 a.m. Participants can show up anytime until noon. We usually stop around 12:30-1:00 p.m. On Thursdays, we begin after chapel is over and stop around 1:00-1:30 p.m.

**If you have any questions, please call Carl Scroggs at 816-8586.**

### NOBTS KARATE CLUB

The NOBTS Karate Club is having a "School Karate Tournament" on Saturday, March 1st in the NOBTS Gym. This is a tournament for the students of the NOBTS Karate Club to demonstrate what they have learned and compete in a fun, non-threatening environment.

All NOBTS Women are invited to...

# Girls' Night In

**Tuesday, March 4  
6:30 pm**

**Carey Hall Parlor**

**Dinner is provided.**



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

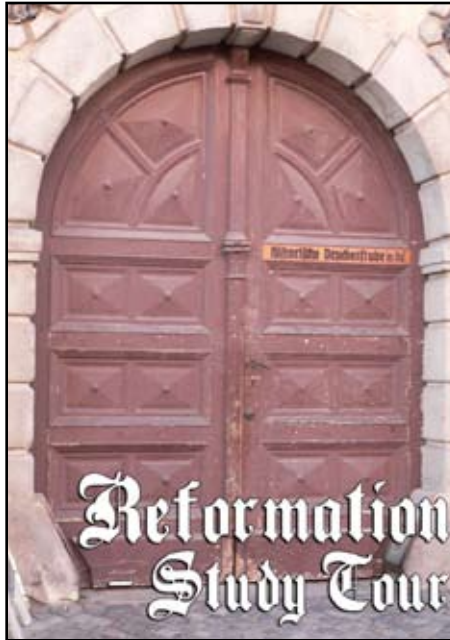
## [Bible Study]

### YOUTH BIBLE STUDY

The Youth Bible Study groups have started meeting again. The girls are meeting on Mondays at 8:00 p.m. and Thursdays at 8:00 p.m. Pauline Boren is in charge of the Youth Girls groups. The boys group will begin meeting on Friday nights at 10:00 p.m. starting on Friday, February 29.

All groups meet in the Recreation Center.

**If you have any questions, call:  
Pauline at (504) 256-7347  
for the girls and  
Mike at (904) 248-8352  
for the boys.**



**October 17-26,  
2008**

This tour will visit the historic sites of the Reformation in Germany and Switzerland.

Academic credit will be offered.

Come and learn as you experience Christian history in its context!

**For more information, contact Dr. Lloyd Harsch  
or Providence Learning Center.**

## [BCM News]

### Thursday night in Carey Hall join the BCM at 9:00 for LIVINGROOM!

Livingroom is a once a week worship/prayer experience for all who wish to attend. The atmosphere will be relaxed and non-confrontational. Through worship, prayer, and small group, everyone will be challenged to grow in their relationship with Christ and with others on campus. This evening is not designed for anyone to be preached at or to be entertained.

The goal is to humble ourselves before an awesome God and ask Him to use us and this campus in ways that can only be attributed as His work.

### Out-reach to UNO

Sunday afternoons the BCM meets at 3:45 outside Lipsey Hall to carpool over to UNO for an afternoon of ULTIMATE FRISBEE!!! You won't want to miss out on meeting UNO students and having fun hanging out!

### Spring Break Mission Trip

You could spend four days of your Spring Break ministering to the people of Jackson, MS. The BCM will be working along side the ministry at Mission First to meet the needs of the community. We will be leaving NOBTS around 5:30 on Wednesday March 26 and returning in the evening of Saturday March 29. The cost of the trip is only \$50, which includes all your meals while we are there, transportation, lodging, and a t-shirt! Keep your eyes open for more information!!!



**For more info on any of these upcoming BCM events please contact Beth Masters at 504-289-7074 or dottimasters@aol.com.**

## Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program

The VITA Program offers free tax help to low-to-moderate income (generally, \$40,000 and below) people who cannot prepare their own tax returns. Certified volunteers sponsored by various organizations receive training to help prepare basic tax returns in communities across the country. VITA sites are generally located at community and neighborhood centers, libraries, schools, shopping malls, and other convenient locations. Most locations also offer free electronic filing.

To locate the nearest VITA site, call 1-800-829-1040.



## The Office of Motor Vehicles is coming to the NOBTS campus!

**Tuesday, March 4, 2008  
10:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m.**

### Services that can be rendered:

Driver's license renewal (Class D & E)	Register and title vehicle
Duplicate driver's license (Class D & E)	Duplicate vehicle registration and title
Initial & duplicate ID Cards	Renew license plate
Mobility Impaired Hang-tag	Cancel license plate (FREE)
Name Change	Address change (FREE)
Address Change (FREE)	
Voters Registration and Organ Donation (FREE)	
<i>The services listed above are CASH ONLY transactions.</i>	<i>CASH or CHECKS are accepted for the services listed above.</i>

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