

NOBTS professor and wife critically injured April 4 crossing Gentilly Blvd

By Michael McCormack

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary professor Jimmy Dukes and his wife, Retia, were struck by a vehicle April 4, at approximately 7:35 p.m., as they crossed the street from the seminary's main campus in New Orleans to the school's Providence Guest House. Both received multiple injuries.

Dr. Jimmy Dukes, in New Orleans for an NOBTS Extension Center directors' meeting, has worked in various roles at New Orleans

Seminary since 1980. He joined the faculty in 1984. Jimmy Dukes currently serves as associate dean of the seminary's Florida extension centers, director of the seminary's Orlando hub and professor of New Testament and Greek. He earned master of divinity and doctor of theology degrees at NOBTS. In addition to his roles at NOBTS, Dukes serves as director of theological education/distance learning for the Florida Baptist Convention.

The Dukes were transported to separate hospitals – Jimmy to Tulane Hospital and Retia to University Hospital. Jimmy was later moved to University Hospital as well.

Jimmy Dukes received multiple fractures and injuries – two broken legs, a broken arm, a cracked vertebra and a punctured lung. He is scheduled for surgery April 6.

Retia Dukes experienced head trauma in the accident. Upon arrival at the hospital, she underwent surgery for a brain hemorrhage. She remains in critical condition.

Seminary President Chuck Kelley issued an urgent prayer update to the



Dr. Jimmy and Retia Dukes pictured with granddaughter Ella Faith.

seminary faculty, staff and alumni Sunday afternoon.

"The next several days are critical for Retia Dukes," Kelley wrote. "We call upon the grace of God and know that He will do whatever is necessary to meet the needs of His children. 2 Corinthians 4 and Psalm 46 are great passages for us to keep in our hearts in these days. Let us all keep these precious families before the Lord."

"Dr. Jimmy Dukes is the greatest educational visionary I have ever known," Kelley told the Baptist Press. "He

and his wife, Retia, have been valuable and important contributors to both the mission of NOBTS and the community of NOBTS families for many years."

"We are all asking God for their full recovery," Kelley said.

The Dukes' two sons, Erik and Jason, arrived in New Orleans Sunday. Erik is a family practitioner in Booneville, Miss. Jason is pastor of Westpoint Fellowship Church in Windermere, Fla.

The accident happened at dusk Saturday evening. A vehicle traveling east on Gentilly Boulevard/Chef Mentour Highway struck the Dukes as they crossed from the main campus to the seminary's guest housing across the street. NOBTS Campus Police officers and witnesses contacted first responders immediately. Several New Orleans residents, on the seminary campus to vote in an election that evening, stopped to offer help as well.

The family is posting updates on CaringBridge.org. Updates are found in the journal section. The site is free but requires registration.

This Week in Chapel

TUESDAY, APRIL 7



Dr. Don Wilton

Senior Pastor, FBC Spartanburg, S.C.

THURSDAY, APRIL 9

Dr. Perry Hancock

Executive Director,
Louisiana Baptist Children's Home

Next Week in Chapel

TUESDAY, APRIL 14

Dr. Robert Hamblin

Retired NOBTS Faculty

THURSDAY, APRIL 16

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Dr. Chuck Kelley

NOBTS President

Taylor family mourns death of Sheila Taylor's stepfather

Wayne Mayfield, stepfather of Sheila Taylor, passed away on Saturday, April 4. The service will be Tuesday, April 7, at 2 p.m., at Pinkard Funeral Home in Russellville, Ala.

The Seminary Family extends its deepest Christian sympathy to Sheila and her family during this time.

Cards may be sent to the Taylors at 4221 Seminary Place, New Orleans, LA 70126.

CMR Ministry Opportunities

- East Jena BC, Jena, La.
 - New Hope BC, Foxworth, Miss.
 - FBC, Easton, Md.
 - FBC, Pine Bluff, Ark.
- Part-time
- Enon BC, Jayess, Miss.
 - Goodwood BC, Baton Rouge, La.
 - Silver Creek BC, McComb, Miss.
 - FBC, Lauderdale, Miss.
 - Shady Grove BC, Marietta, Ga.

Youth

Full-time

- FBC, Sandersville, Ga.
- Heritage BC, Dothan, Ala.
- Korean BC of Memphis, Collierville, Tenn.
- Towaliga BC, Jackson, Ga.
- Cross Roads BC, Pelahatchie, Miss.
- FBC, Garrison, Texas
- FBC, Valdosta, Ga.
- FBC, Duluth, Ga.
- FBC of Leesburg, Leesburg, Ga.
- First Southern BC, Evansville, Ind.
- Grove Level BC, Dalton, Ga. (High School)
- Grace BC, Tullahoma, Tenn.
- East Jena BC, Jena, La.
- Westoak Woods BC, Austin, Texas
- FBC, Hazlehurst, Miss.
- FBC of Clermont, Clermont, Fla.
- FBC of Milton, Milton, La.
- Riverland Hills BC, Irmo, S.C. (High School)
- Trinity BC, Shreveport, La.
- Sandy Plains BC, Marietta, Ga.

Part-time

- Warrington BC, Pensacola, Fla.
- St. Clair BC, Boyce, La.
- Eastside BC, Collinsville, Okla.
- First Baptist Mableton, Mableton, Ga.

Children and Preschool

- Stave Creek BC, Jackson, Ala.; Children's Minister
- Bellevue BC, Nashville, Tenn.; Preschool and Children's Ministry Director
- Lost Mountain BC, Powder Springs, Ga.; Children's Minister
- Spring Hill BC, Mobile, Ala.; Preschool and Children's Minister/Director
- Community Life Church, Forney, Texas; Children's Minister
- Pinecrest BC, Portsmouth, Va.; Associate Pastor, Preschool/Children's Ministries
- West Acres BC, Evans, Ga.; Minister to Children

Combination

Full-time

- Christian Fellowship BC, Zebulon, Ga.; Music and Youth Director
- Fort Trial BC, Stanleystown, Va.; Associate Pastor of Youth/Children's Ministry
- Union BC, Hull, Ga.; Minister of Music and Education
- FBC, Pickneyville, Ill.; Associate Pastor of Music and Youth
- Bowdon BC, Bowdon, Ga.; Minister of Student Discipleship
- Hepzibah BC, Talladega, Ala.; Minister of Music and Education
- Bowdon BC, Bowdon, Ga.; Minister of Children and Youth
- Clearview BC, Pinson, Ala.; Minister to Children and Families
- East Pointe BC, Spanish Fort, Ala.; Youth and Education
- South Orlando BC, Orlando, Fla.; Associate Pastor/Minister to Students and Education
- First Southern BC, Evansville, Ind.; Youth Ministry/Recreation
- Sans Souci BC, Greenville, S.C.; Associate Pastor of Worship/Education

- Living Water BC, Longs, S.C.; Youth and Children's Minister
- Oak Street BC, Soddy Daisy, Tenn.; Minister of Music and Youth
- Fredonia Hill BC, Nacogdoches, Texas; Associate Pastor for Children/Family Ministries
- Central BC, College Station, Texas; Family Life/Education Minister
- Trinity BC, Thomaston, Ga.; Music/Youth
- FBC of Mt. Healthy, Cincinnati, Ohio; Pastor of Families and Education
- Enterprise BC, Enterprise, Miss.; Minister of Music/Youth/Children
- Cherokee Avenue BC, Gaffney, S.C.; Minister of Children and Youth
- Anchor BC, Lexington, Ky.; Associate Pastor, Youth and Recreation
- Oak Crest BC, Midlothian, Texas; Youth and Education Minister
- FBC, Lake Providence, La.; Associate Pastor of Youth and Children
- Marshall BC, Thomson, Ga.; Minister of Music and Youth
- Camellia BC, Prattville, Ala.; Worship Leader/Education

Other

- Tega Cay BC, Fort Mill, S.C.; Discipleship Pastor
- Ocean View Baptist Mission, Kona, Hawaii; Church Planter
- Westside BC, Sumter, S.C.; Academy Administrator
- San Francisco Peninsula Baptist Association, San Francisco, Calif.; Director of Missions
- FBC, Moberly, Mo.; Youth/Children/Preschool Pastor
- Gateway Baptist Church, Lake City, Fla.; Associate Pastor

Click for more ministry opportunities.

Metairie Church Plant Seeks Staff

Hope Fellowship, a new church in Metairie, is searching for a youth pastor, Children's minister, AV/IT minister and worship leader. Contact Pastor Jim Louviere for details.

Clinic Offers Discounted Cholesterol Test

In April and May, the NOBTS Clinic is offering the cholesterol screening test (Total, Triglycerides, HDL, LDL) for a discounted rate of \$15. This is a fingerstick test with immediate report. Call Gary Collins at ext. 8596 to make an appointment. Plan to fast 12 hours (sips of water only) for accuracy. Dr. Wirfs will make recommendations as appropriate.

Upcoming Summer Ministry Opportunities

- The Florida Baptist Convention is hiring a male worship leader for its Mission's Adventure Camp this summer. For more information, contact Eddie Blackmon at 1.800.226.8584, ext. 3122, or eblackmon@fbaptist.org.
- First Baptist Church of Montgomery, Ala., is hiring a single male Children's Ministry Intern this summer to begin in May. For more information, contact Glen Leathers at 334.834.6310 or gleathers@montgomeryfbc.org.
- Mars Hill Baptist Church in Watkinsville, Ga., is hiring a Summer Children's Intern this summer. This will be a 10-11 week, full-time position, beginning in May. Salary and housing are provided. Contact Pastor Charles Jones at 706.548.6962 or pastor@marshillbaptist.org.
- First Baptist Church of Mount Dora, Fla., is searching for a Summer Youth Intern. If interested, call Howie Hooper at 352.385.2222 or email hhooper@fbcmttdora.com.
- Westoak Woods Church in Austin, Texas, is looking for one or two seminary student to join its staff for the summer. The interim will help oversee Sunday Life Groups and Wednesday small groups, plan fellowships and other Bible studies, give leadership at summer camp, and help coordinate mission trips/events. For more information contact Patrick Wilson at pastor@westoak.org.
- Excite All-Stars Summer Camp of New Orleans is looking for 6 to 8 interns for group leaders this summer, June 1-Aug 7. If interested, contact Penny Williams at 504.248.2602 or 504.717.0085.

Cruise Ship Ministry Seeks Christian DVDs

Norman and Prescilla Mangum work with Global Maritime Ministries on the Norwegian Spirit cruise ship. Crew members are now organizing a weekly Christian movie night. This is a great way for them to fellowship with other Christian crew members. The crew is in need of DVDs. If you would like to donate a Christian DVD, bring them to Priscilla at the Facility Building, the Mangum apartment at 4527 2B Providence or send them through interoffice mail. They're also taking CDs.

Texas Camp Seeks Summer Missionaries

Highland Lakes Camp and Conference Center, located in Spicewood, Texas, is looking for members of its Summer Missions Team.

Summer missionaries receive free housing, meals and limited health/accident insurance; a \$60 weekly stipend; and a scholarship upon successful completion of 12 weeks of service. To apply or for more information, contact Danny Dawdy or Judy Sansom at 1.888.222.3482.

Sports Missions Opportunity in San Diego

Love sports? Want to travel to San Diego for just \$150? Mark June 27–July 5 on your calendar for an awesome opportunity to do sports-related missions with two churches. Upward Sports is inviting seminary students to be a part of this life-changing experience. For more information, contact Dr. Judi Jackson at jjackson@nobts.edu or 282.4455, ext. 3223.

Upcoming NOBTS Commissioning Service

NOBTS will host a Missionary Commissioning Service during chapel Thursday, May 7. Those at the Global Mission Center would like to include you in the service. Contact the Center if you are going to serve as a missionary on a short- or long-term assignment, or for the summer with NAMB, the IMB, or another church or mission agency.

Send us your name, where you will serve and a description of your assignment by email at GlobalMissionsCenter@nobts.edu, by phone at ext. 8124, or in person at Dodd 100.

Get Church Planting Experience

Interested in hands-on evangelism and church planting experience? Dr. Jack and Janet Allen will accompany qualified students on a 10-week journey (June 1–August 9) to plant a church in Austin. Since 2005, over 40 new churches have started.

The summer will include daily training, coaching and experience in personal spiritual formation and warfare, evangelism, disciple development, strategic planning, cultural exegesis, and indigenous leader development.

Qualified students will be eligible for course credit and up to \$3000. Contact Dr. Allen at jallen@nobts.edu.

Red Carpet Week

When? May 25–29. Where? New Orleans. Registration deadline is April 24. Click **RED CARPET** for more details.

Those who attend Red Carpet Week will have the opportunity to purchase suits and ties from Jim Tatum at Suits of Servants at a reduced cost. Suits are \$99.95 each. Ties are \$5.

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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

- Erwinville, BC, Erwinville, La.; Pastor (92)
 - Evangelical Formosan Church of New Orleans, Kenner La.; English Minister (14)
 - Temple BC, Hattiesburg, Miss.; East Campus Pastor (109)
 - Union BC, Brookhaven, Miss.; Pastor (135)
 - Silver Springs BC, Osyka, Miss.; (78)
 - Riverside BC, Denham Springs, La.; Youth Minister (93)
 - Silver Creek BC, McComb, Miss.; Youth Minister (117)
 - Plainview BC, Bogalusa, La.; Pastor (70)
 - Grace Memorial BC, Slidell, La.; Minister of Music/Adult Education (29)
 - Bogue Falaya BC, Folsom, La.; Youth and Music (51)
 - Mt. Hermon BC, Hermon, La. (105)
 - Emmanuel BC, Ocean Springs, Miss.; Minister of Worship and Youth (89)
 - Union BC, Picayune, Miss.: Associate Pastor of Youth (56)
- ##### Part-time
- Goodyear BC, Picayune, Miss.; Minister of Youth (47)
 - Goodyear BC, Picayune, Miss.; Minister of Music (47)
 - Unity BC, Magnolia, Miss.; Minister of Youth/Children (106)
 - FBC, St. Rose, La.; Worship Leader (22)
 - Highland BC, Bogalusa, La.; Minister of Music and Youth (70)
 - Immanuel BC, Hammond, La.; Minister of Youth (61)

- Westside Emmanuel BC, Bogalusa, La.; Music/Worship Leader (69)
- Coteau BC, Houma, La.; Youth Minister (57)
- Handsboro BC, Gulfport, Miss.; Minister of Music and Youth (77)
- FBC, Luling, La.; Worship Leader (31)
- Harmony BC, Picayune, Miss.; Youth Minister (bivocational) (48)
- Fordoche BC, Fordoche, La.; Bivocational Pastor (114)
- FBC, Harahan, La.; Bivocational Pastor (14)
- Lake Vista United Methodist Church, New Orleans, La.; Youth Pastor (5)
- Free Church of the Annunciation, New Orleans, La.; Children's Minister (7)
- FBC, Cecilia, La.; Pastor bivocational (124)
- Thompson Baptist, Smithdale, Miss.; Minister of Music (122)

Pastor

Full-time

- Meadville BC, Meadville, Miss.
- Parkview BC, Shreveport, La.
- Poplar Corner BC, Brownsville, Tenn.
- Yankton BC, Yankton, S.D.
- Lexie BC, Tylertown, Miss.
- FBC, Indianola, Miss.
- Shiloh BC, Chipley, Fla.
- New Life Fellowship, Gilberttown, Ala.
- St. Rest BC, Dubach, La.
- Parkview BC, Bluefield, Va.
- Woodland Heights BC, Bedford, Texas
- Pleasant Hill BC, Somerset, Ky.
- Central BC, Norfolk, Va.
- FBC, Montezuma, Ga.
- Mountain View BC, Huntsville, Ala.
- Faith BC, Emporium, Pa.
- New Hebron BC, Waskom, Texas
- FBC, Vinton, La.
- Smithville BC, Smithville, Miss.
- FBC, Lincoln, Calif.
- Enon BC, Atmore, Ala.
- FBC, Savage, Md.
- Unity BC, Fayette, Mo.
- Southside BC, Nahunta, Ga.
- Maplesville BC, Maplesville, Ala.
- College Parkway BC, Arnold, Md.
- Sedley Baptist, Sedley, Va.
- FBC, Americus, Ga.
- FBC, Ruidoso, N.M.
- FBC of Desloge, Desloge, Mo.
- Hilton Terrace BC, Columbus, Ga.
- First Baptist Newcastle, Newcastle, Okla.
- Retta BC, Burleson, Texas
- Crossroads the Church at Logan, Russellville, Ky.
- Cross Roads BC, Minot, N.D.
- Sunrise BC, Palmdale, Calif.
- New Hope BC, Monroe, La.

- Plant City BC, Lanett, Ala.
- Semmes FBC, Semmes, Ala.
- Sherwood BC, Huntsville, Ala.
- FBC, Port Wentworth, Ga.
- Ludington BC, DeRidder, La.
- Southeast BC, Greensboro, N.C.
- FBC, Mandan, N.D.
- The Church at Canyon Creek, Austin, Texas
- Cherrydale Church, Greenville, S.C.
- Amelia BC, Amelia, Va.
- Central BC, Flint, Mich.
- Forest BC, Forest, Miss.
- Sixth Street BC, Alexander City, Ala.
- Martindale BC, Martindale, Texas
- Northside BC, Vicksburg, Miss.
- Oak Ridge BC, Kershaw, S.C.
- The Hill BC, Augusta, Ga.
- FBC, Grenada, Miss.

Part-time

- North Hill BC, Minot, N.D. (Bi-Vocational)
- Sunrise BC, Palmdale, Calif.
- Stamford BC, Stamford, Conn.
- Ebenezer Baptist, Ellaville, Ga. (bivocational)
- Gardner BC, Boyce, La. (bivocational)

Music

Full-time

- FBC, Batesville, Ark.
- FBC, Belle Glade, Fla.
- Iuka BC, Iuka, Miss.
- Woodlawn BC, Austin, Texas
- Trinity BC, Lewisville, Texas
- FBC, Harrison, Ark.
- FBC, Mary Esther, Fla.
- Grace BC, Springfield, Tenn.
- Cherokee BC, Gaffney, S.C.
- Memorial BC, Killeen, Texas
- FBC, Hayden, Ala.
- Lena Vista BC, Auburndale, Fla.
- Hopeful BC, Lake City, Fla.
- Fredonia Hill BC, Nacogdoches, Texas
- Grawood BC, Keithville, La.
- FBC, Cleburne, Texas
- Eastmont BC, Wenatchee, Wash.
- FBC, Quitman, Ga.
- Calvary BC, Ruston, La.
- Bonsack BC, Roanoke, Va.
- FBC, Moss Bluff, Lake Charles, La.
- Northcliffe BC, Spring Hill, Fla.

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Scholars Paul Knitter and Harold Netland discuss religious pluralism at annual Greer-Heard Point-Counterpoint Forum



Harold Netland, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School professor, defends the truthfulness of Christianity before a large crowd in New Orleans Seminary's Leavell Chapel at the annual Greer-Heard Forum March 27.

By Gary D. Myers

A 2008 Pew Forum survey found that 65 percent of Americans believe that many religions lead to eternal life. The research revealed that 52 percent of American Christians believe salvation can be found at least some non-Christian religions.

At a time when American belief is shifting toward religious pluralism – the idea that all religions are equal in offering truth – New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary's annual Greer-Heard Point-Counterpoint Forum

March 27–28 addressed the issue. The two-day event on pluralism posed the question: Is Christianity the one true religion?

“The topic is very important given the politically-correct, tolerance-laden culture we find ourselves living in today,” said Robert Stewart, director of the Greer-Heard Forum and associate professor of philosophy and theology at NOBTS. “Ultimately we need to take a stand on the clear teaching of God's word, which teaches us that Jesus is the only Savior of the world.”

Stewart said that evangelical Christians

as a whole are not embracing pluralism. However some are drifting away from an exclusive view of salvation.

“Some Christians are probably more inclusivistic in their theology than pluralistic,” he said. “The recent Pew Forum survey found that a majority of American Christians believe that some non-Christian faiths lead to eternal life and that 37 percent of those Christians were evangelical Christians.”

The keynote speakers at the main forum March 27, Harold Netland of Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, and Paul Knitter of Union Theological Seminary, presented divergent answers to the question of pluralism.

Citing the often conflicting and contradictory views of the various religions, Netland rejected pluralism as a viable option. He instead argued in favor of the evangelical position that Christianity is the one true religion. Knitter, who identifies himself as a Christian and disciple of Jesus Christ, argued that Jesus “is a way open to other ways.”

Netland opened the forum by acknowledging that his belief that Christianity is the one true religion puts him at odds with many in today's culture.

Click [GREER-HEARD](#) to read complete article.

Renowned theologian Millard Erickson speaks at NOBTS

By Michael McCormack

Quoting hockey legend Wayne Gretzky isn't a typical launching pad for talks on theology.

But for renowned theologian Millard Erickson, who addressed a packed crowd at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary's Leavell Center March 27, Gretzky's words provided the perfect introduction for his topic of discussion: the Trinity.

Gretzky, known as “The Great One” by hockey fans, was once asked the secret of his success, Erickson said.

“Other hockey players skate to where the puck is,” Erickson quoted Gretzky as saying. “I skate to where the puck is going to be.”

Erickson drew a quick comparison.

“Too often in the church and in theology, we skate to where the puck is or where the puck used to be instead of where the puck's going to be,” he said.



Millard Erickson speaks to a crowd gathered at New Orleans Seminary's Leavell Center March 27.

Erickson, who was hosted by the NOBTS Baptist Center for Theology and Ministry in conjunction with the annual Greer-Heard Forum, highlighted one specific aspect of the doctrine of the Trinity – the issue of authority.

“The issue pertains to the relationships of authority that apply among the members of the Trinity – the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,” he said.

Specifically, the question is whether the Father, the Son and the Spirit are eternally equal in authority or whether the Father is the eternally supreme member of the Trinity, with the Son and Spirit subordinate to the Father with regard to authority, Erickson explained.

Erickson surveyed both sides of the debate, but he made clear from the start that his main concern was not for where the debate stands today but for where today's debate may be taken by the next generation of theological thinkers.

The typical terms applied to the two views on the authority of the Trinity debate, Erickson said, are “complementarian” and “egalitarian.” Complementarianism argues for God the Father's supremacy with regard to authority over the Son and the Spirit.

Click [ERICKSON](#) to read complete article.

April 6, 2009

Student Life NEWS



**Saturday, April 18
11 a.m. – 2 p.m.**

Fun Fest '09 is set for Saturday, April 18, 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.



[NOBTS Women]

Student Wives Fellowship



**Outing to
Café Du Monde
April 30th**

Meet at the HSC at 6:30 p.m.

To make your reservation or for more information please contact Brooke Newsom, x.8820 or Christian Parrish, x.3334.



**Monday Brown
Bag Bible Study**

Every Monday from 12-1 p.m. in the Balcony Room (in the Cafeteria)-
Spring Study: "Elijah: Obedience in a Threatening World." The study is done during the lunch hour. There is no homework!

Campus Prayer Time

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



[Recreation News]

Activities



Intramural Volleyball

Intramural Volleyball is getting ready to start up! Go ahead and start getting your volleyball team together now! We have sign-up sheets for Volleyball teams at the Rec. Center so come on by and sign up your team. There is even a place for "free agents" to sign up if you don't have a team and still want to play. The date of the first Team Captain's Meeting and details of when games will be played will be announced later. If you have any questions, please call the Intramurals Director, Chase Clunan, at (504) 228-0906.

We also have other activities happening right now:

On-Going Gym Activities:

Home School P.E.

Mondays & Fridays.....1-5 p.m.

Play & Pray Basketball

Mondays & Fridays.....5 p.m.

Karate (ages 5 & up)

Tuesdays & Thursdays.....4-9 p.m.

We close the curtain at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays so folks can enjoy some volleyball or basketball while Karate is using the other half of the Gym. Come take advantage of this other free play time!

Youth Boys Bible Study

The next Youth Boys Bible Study meeting will be held on April 9th! All

Youth boys are encouraged to attend, build relationships and continue to grow spiritually. If you have any questions, please call Mike Massaro at (904) 248-8352.

Lifeguard Service

If anyone is interested in serving as a lifeguard for the NOBTS Pool this summer, please contact Carl Scroggs at (318) 332-9426 or Mike Massaro at (904) 248-8352. Summer will be here before you know it and we want to make sure that we're ready to keep all of our swimmers safe! If you're interested, please give us a call.

Please continue to check the various bulletin boards around campus for more information about other upcoming Recreation events. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me by e-mail at gymdirector@nobts.edu, call the Recreation Center at 816-8594, or simply stop by the Recreation Center to see what's happening. - Carl Scroggs

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME...

NEW ORLEANS ZEPHYRS VS.
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6 PM
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DEAN OF STUDENTS OFFICE

[NOBTS Women]

Funfest Volunteers

The NOBTS Family Funfest will be on Saturday, April 18 in Sunshine Park, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. QUEST and Student Wives Fellowship will be sponsoring two booths during the festival. We need volunteers to work these booths in 30 minute intervals. Volunteers may contact Christian Parrish at cparrish@nobts.edu or X3334 to sign up.

[Revival Testimony]



Editor's note:

The following article is a personal testimony about March's campus revival. The Gatekeeper welcomes additional testimonies about this significant campus event.

The need for accountability

By Bill Halladay

"Lord, I have done it again. Please forgive me and make me clean." For years, I have repeated this prayer over and over again, only to find myself trapped in the mire of sin the very next day. Even though I have a Bible college degree and am currently working on a graduate degree at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, I felt that I would never have an effective ministry that would honor God because of the sinful habits that had enslaved me.

On Tuesday, March 10, 2009, the first spring revival service at NOBTS, God changed my life and moved me forward on my journey to Christlikeness. The speaker invited the student body to come forward to the altar, where he had placed a large wooden cross. Beside the cross were pens, paper, and nails. I knelt at the cross and told the Lord, "This is it! It has to happen now!"

And it did. I nailed my sins to the cross and began to walk out of the chapel. It was as if the Lord said, "Turn around."

[Coming Soon]



When I did, a godly professor who I have grown to admire and desire to learn from was standing directly behind me. The Lord seemed to say next, "Approach him," so I did. As we embraced, I felt the weight come off of my back! The Lord had heard my prayer! It was going to happen. I was going to finally be freed from my bondage.

Less than a week prior to this service, this professor had invited me to attend a

New Orleans Hornets basketball game. This invitation was exactly what I needed to break down the student-professor relationship wall and create a mentoring relationship that will help me in my walk with Christ as well as "stir up the gifts" and passions that God has given me in common with this professor.

The night after the basketball game, God gave me the courage to open my [Revival Testimony - continued on p. 5](#)

[Financial Aid News - Scholarships]

Reminder:

NOBTS Scholarship Application is now available from April 1st - April 30th at www.nobts.edu ([Application](#)).

Mississippi Baptist Foundation Scholarship

For any full-time student from MS. Deadline is April 30th. You can pick up an application in the Financial Aid Office or you can go online and submit the application at www.ms baptist foundation.org.



Mississippi WMU Scholarship

- Full-time Graduate or Doctoral students
 - 2nd year of Seminary
 - MS student
 - Preparing for missions
- Deadline is April 30th.

South Carolina Baptist Foundation Scholarship

Limited Scholarships available. Please email Jacque Wenger at jacquewenger@scbaptist.org to receive an application for this scholarship. Deadline is April 30th.

[NOBTS Women]

Quest — Girls Night at the Gym

All women students are invited!

Come join us
for food, fellowship,
and Volleyball at
the gym.

Tuesday, April 7th
7:30-10:00 p.m.

[Tax Filing Help]

Need help filing your taxes?



There are a number of [VITA programs](#) in the New Orleans area that may be able to assist you.

Dillard University**

Howard House, Room 105

5 PM - 7 PM, Mon. - Thurs.

9 AM - 3 PM, Fridays

10 AM - 2 PM, Saturdays

Loyola University - College of Law

526 Pine St., Room 153

5 PM - 7 PM, Mon. & Thurs.

10 AM - 2 PM, Saturdays

International students should ask for Andy when they arrive.

St. Roch Community Church**

1738 St. Roch Ave

Mondays - Saturday, by appointment only

Call 940-5771 to schedule an appointment

Be sure to bring all necessary tax documents (W-2, 1099, etc.) and ID and Social Security card for everyone listed on your return.

**The programs at Dillard and St. Roch are not qualified to assist International students.

FIX YOUR EYES

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

— **Hebrews 12:2 (NIV)** —

[NOBTS Women: Heartbeat Event]



Come join us in Carey Hall for game night with the single ladies. Members of Heartbeat please bring snacks and drinks. For more information or questions contact Vanee Daure at vdaure@nobts.edu or 816-8572. Hope to see you there!

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heart by writing a note to this professor and sharing with him my need of personal accountability and my desire to learn from him through a mentoring relationship. As we walked out of the chapel together, he assured me that he had understood the meaning of my note and was willing to help me! Praise the Lord!

You see, we must be intentional in order to best help Christians younger in their

faith, or simply weaker in their faith, to become more like Jesus Christ. When I take the time to invest in someone else's life by allowing that person to follow me as I follow Christ, the process of discipleship occurs. Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 says, "Two are better than one because they have a good reward for their efforts. For if either falls, his companion can lift him up, but pity the one who falls without another to lift him up" (HCSB).

Do you have a relationship with someone to help you on your journey to Christlikeness? God never intended us to live the Christian life alone. Find someone today with whom you can share your deepest hurts and struggles so that you too can live in victory! Hallelujah! What a Savior!

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