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This Week in Chapel

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

“Cooperative Program Day”

Dr. John Sullivan

*Executive Director-Treasurer
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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Dr. Mark A. Croston

Senior Pastor, East End Baptist Church



Defend the Faith Apologetics Institute offers Jan. school

By Michael McCormack

Whether casual or intentional, the challenges to contemporary Christianity are many. Christian apologetics seeks set the record straight by presenting a compelling case for Christianity in today's world.

With the conviction that all Christians are responsible for making a case for their faith, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary has recently launched the Institute for Christian Apologetics. Along with the Institute comes the School for Christian Apologetics.

Seminary Trustees officially approved the NOBTS Institute for Christian Apologetics during their spring 2008 meeting. The new Institute and School, directed by NOBTS

professors Bob Stewart and Mike Edens, will be resources for Christians to develop their apologetic skills.

“The fundamental purpose why we do this is not to build an institute,” Stewart said, “but to train people to be more effective in carrying out the Great Commission.”

Stewart said the Institute 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.

The Institute's first event, *Defend the Faith: A School of Christian Apologetics*, is set for Jan. 11-16, 2009.

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Missionary Information Conference set for Sept. 23 in HSC 282

Dr. Bob Dilks, candidate consultant of the International Mission Board, will be leading a Missionary Information Conference beginning 7 p.m. in the Providence Learning Center's conference room on the second floor of the William Carey Building. Come early at 6:30 p.m. for refreshments. The meeting will be over by 8 p.m.

Preschool childcare will be available at no charge. Please make reservations with Crystal Taylor at the NOBTS Global Missions Center by calling extension 8124.

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"We're going to bring in very good scholars, including Paul Copan, Gary Habermas, Michael Licona and James Walker," Stewart said.

Biographical information about all 13 conference speakers is available on the event's website. Topics covered at the School will include cults and the Occult, Postmodernism and Christianity, science and Christianity, the Historical Jesus and world religions.

Stewart said seminary credit will be available through the School. Students will be able to earn up to six hours of credit and will have five courses from which to choose. Registration for the full program, plus six nights of lodging and meals for five days, is \$310. The full program only costs \$150, and program plus meals is \$240. Per day registration is \$30, and NOBTS students may attend all evening events for just \$30. General admission to each evening session is just \$10.

Information about course and event registration is available at www.defendthefaith.net or www.nobtsapologetics.com.

Edens pointed out how the School for Christian Apologetics and the seminary's annual Greer-Heard Point-Counterpoint Forum in Faith and Culture will build on each other. The Greer-Heard Forum features an evangelical scholar and a non-evangelical scholar in dialogue over critical issues in philosophy, science, religion and culture from differing perspectives. The 2008 topic for Greer-Heard is pluralism.

"When students do this in January and then there's pluralism for Greer-Heard – wow!" Edens said. "We're getting a running start at this thing."

Origins for the Institute

The origins for the Institute for Christian Apologetics are both biblical and relational. Stewart is fast to point out the Institute's and the School's biblical ties.

"The origin for the Institute is the recognition that apologetics is connected to evangelism and fulfilling the Great Commission," Stewart said.

INSTITUTE FOR CHRISTIAN APOLOGETICS



Stewart mentioned his own coming-to-faith experience in his junior year of high school. As he shared the gospel with his friends in high school and college, some placed their faith in Christ while others didn't.

"I began to realize that I had to have answers to certain objections," he explained, "so I got into apologetics."

Stewart believed then – as he does now – that effectively sharing one's faith necessitates the ability to reasonably communicate and defend the faith. As 1 Peter 3:15 says, "Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have."

"But prior to that, it says 'sanctify Christ as Lord in your heart,'" Stewart said. "The primary command is not to make a defense. The primary command is to make Christ the Lord of your heart. Obviously, if he's your Lord, you're going to want to defend him. You're going to be passionate about him."

To that end, the biblical command to defend the faith is ultimately tied to one's own personal relationship with Christ. The two are inseparable.

Both Stewart and Edens also mentioned the incredible timing of the Institute. Edens, who studied at NOBTS, returned to New Orleans the spring of 2007 from International Mission Board assignment to teach theology and Islamic studies and serve as associate dean of graduate studies at NOBTS. Soon thereafter, he and Stewart had a chance meeting over lunch. Though their backgrounds were different, their visions for ministry were remarkably similar.

"I think this has always been something that we wanted to do, but this is God's time for it," Edens said.

Both Stewart and Edens had a vision for equipping the church in the area of apologetics. Now a year and a half after their spring 2007 lunch meeting, their vision is taking shape in the form of the Institute for Christian Apologetics. The possibilities are many.

Future plans

Stewart and Edens are exploring delivery methods beyond the annual New Orleans campus school. They said they already have one church-based School for Christian Apologetics planned for the summer of 2009. Then, in November 2009, New Orleans Seminary will host the Evangelical Philosophical Society Apologetics Conference. Stewart and Edens also anticipate the development of a certificate program in apologetics. All this is in response to an expressed need, not just by Baptists but also from all kinds of Christians.

"It's not just training Baptist people," Edens said. "It's training people all across the spectrum of Christianity."

Edens talked about a congregational church leader from Connecticut who, when told about the Institute, said many at his church had already expressed an interest in that kind of training.

"We're getting that kind of affirmation every time we talk to a pastor, youth director or collegiate worker," Edens said. "This is an itch that needs to be scratched."

More information about New Orleans Seminary's Institute for Christian Apologetics and the upcoming event *Defend the Faith: A School of Christian Apologetics* is available online at www.defendthefaith.net or www.nobtsapologetics.com. Early registration goes through December 12.

Serve with Multi-Housing Ministry

Parkview Baptist Church reaches out to Multi-Housing Units with the gospel. This ministry is looking for a part-time assistant coordinator. The person must be willing to work on Sundays taking Bible Studies into the housing units. This is ideal for someone already living in Baton Rouge. Contact Becky Clausen at bclausen@pbcbcr.org.

Bogalusa Church Seeks Ministry Help

Main Street Baptist Church in Bogalusa, La., is seeking someone who can help the church in any capacity (youth, music, education, senior adult). The church has a home available for a family and will provide a monthly stipend. For more information, contact Pastor Charlie New at 985.735.8184, 985.294.1847 or thegoodnews@bellsouth.net.

Creative Arts/Worship Leader Sought

West Bay Community Church is a church plant looking for a Creative Arts/Worship Leader. The church plant is located in the Waveland/Bay St. Louis, Miss., area. The church planting team is meeting people in the community now to form a home Bible study. Initially, this will be a non-paid internship. Leaders plan for this to become a paid position.

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- 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.

Combination**Full-time**

- FBC, Broussard, La.; Music and Education
- FBC, Broussard, La.; Music and Youth
- Shiloh BC, Bridgeport, Ill.; Associate Pastor/Youth and Families
- Thompson BC, Smithdale, Miss.; Minister of Music and Education
- Warrington BC, Pensacola, Fla.; Minister of Music and Youth
- South Orlando BC, Orlando, Fla.; Associate Pastor/ Minister to Youth

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

Other**Full-time**

- FBC, Sherman, Texas; Media
 - FBC, Ruston, La.; Education/Admin
 - FBC, Lafayette, La.; Director of Worship Technologies
- Part Time**
- Paper Mill BC, Marietta, Ga.; Minister of Missions and Discipleship

PREPARE/ENRICH

Life Innovations, Inc. www.prepare-enrich.com

The department of Psychology and Counseling is hosting a PREPARE/ENRICH certification workshop. Details are below:

● **Date and Time of Workshop:** Saturday, Oct. 11, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

● **Location of Workshop:** Hardin Student Center 293, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, 3939 Gentilly Blvd, New Orleans, LA 70126.

● **Registration* and Payment Deadline:** September 26.

● **Seminar Director:** Kathy Steele, Ph.D.

● **Contact:** Purnima Bowen, 504.282.4455, ext. 3729, ksteele@nobts.edu.

● **Mail Registration to:** Department of Psychology and Counseling, Attn: Kathy Steele, 3939 Gentilly Blvd, New Orleans, LA 70126.

● **Cost of Workshop:** \$175 for non-NOBTS students, lunch is provided; \$100 for NOBTS students;** Spouses only pay an additional \$20. Only cash or checks are accepted. Make checks payable to Kathy Steele.

*Please pickup a registration form at the Psychology and Counseling office at Hardin Student Center 268.

**You are not required to be a Psychology/ Counseling student to attend this workshop.

**Library Book Sale starts Sept. 30****Shop the John T. Christian Library Book Sale at the following dates and times:**

- Tuesday, Sept. 30, through Friday, Oct. 3
- 9 a.m.–4 p.m. each day
- In the Library's World Mission Resource Center
- Payment can be made with cash or checks only

“A Lasting Promise,” NOBTS Marriage Retreat, Set for Oct. 3–4



The NOBTS Marriage Initiative Group and the NOBTS Women's Council were on the same page in recognizing a need for a marriage emphasis on campus. The result of these two groups coming together is “A Lasting Promise” – a marriage retreat for all NOBTS married and engaged couples.

The Friday night banquet and Saturday morning sessions will be led by faculty couples. Our hope is that this retreat will provide a time to strengthen our own marriages and encourage the marriages of others – all while we enjoy some wonderful “couple fellowship.” We would love for you to be a part of this significant weekend! Watch for more information to follow!

Urban Impact Ministries Homework Center

Urban Impact Ministries, a ministry to inner-city youth in Central City, New Orleans, has a homework center for middle schoolers Tuesdays from 5 to 7 p.m. For information about volunteering with this ministry, contact Jill Morgan at 504.523.5556. For more information about Urban Impact, go online to www.urbanimpact.org.

Chinese Church Seeks Youth Minister

Do you have a passion for teenagers and a passion for internationals? Chinese Christian Church in Baton Rouge (78 miles from NOBTS) is seeking a part-time youth minister. Those interested may call Rev. Liu at 225.939.0961.

Looking for Youth Ministry Leaders!

The Youth Ministry Institute receives requests from churches for small group leaders, worship leaders and speakers for DNow weekends, fall retreats and the like. To be considered for these opportunities, please email or drop off a resume and contact information to the YMI office/Kristin Wilkerson at jacksonsec@nobts.edu. Kristin or the local church leader will contact you about event information and dates to check on your availability. Be on the lookout as we connect you with these ministry opportunities.

Musicians Sought

Carver Baptist Mission Church wants to hire a keyboard player and other musicians for its 11 a.m. worship service. Please contact Kelly O'Connor at 504.875.1133 for more information.

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

- FBC, Luling, La.; Pastor (27)
 - Lexie BC, Tylertown, Miss.; Pastor (92)
 - FBC, Roseland, La.; Pastor (79)
 - FBC, McHenry, Miss.; Music (90)
 - FBC, Ocean Springs, Miss.; Children's minister (89)
 - 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)
- ##### Part-time
- Memorial BC, Bogalusa, La.; youth (70)
 - FBC, Folsom, La.; music (54) Sundays only
 - Kedron BC, Amite, La.; youth (75)
 - Rio Vista BC, Jefferson, La.; music /youth (12)
 - Northside BC, Slidell, La.; youth (28)
 - Big Springs BC, Brookhaven, Miss.; pastor (135)
 - 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)
- FBC of Laplace, Laplace, La.; Interim Music minister (31)
- FBC, Luling, La.; Worship leader (27)
- Jerusalem BC, Hammond, La.; Minister of Music (60)
- Greenwell Springs BC, Greenwell Springs, La.; Preschool Minister/ Director (85)
- Westside BC, Ponchatoula, La.; Minister of Children (54)

Pastor

Full-time

- Welsh Memorial BC, Frostburg, Md.
 - Calvary BC, Idaho Falls, Idaho
 - Northside BC, Vicksburg, Miss.
 - Whitehouse Fork BC, Minette, Ala.
 - Heartland Church, Knob Noster, Mo.
 - Deenwood BC, Waycross, Ga.
 - Mt. Calvary BC, Albertville, Ala.
 - North Prospect BC, Ypsilanti, Mich.
 - Calvary BC, Modesto, Calif.
 - Southern Oklahoma Chinese BC, Norman, Okla.
 - 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.
- ##### Part-time
- Union BC, Sylvania, Ga.
 - FBC, Omaha, Ark.
 - Calvary BC, Caribou, Maine
 - Meadowdale BC, Lynnwood, Wash.
 - Faith BC, Emporium, Pa.
 - Expressway BC, Freeport, Pa.
 - Tennille BC, Tennille, Ga.

Music

Full-time

- Second BC, Belton, S.C.
 - Clayton BC, Clayton, Ga.
 - New Hope BC, Foxworth, Miss.
 - FBC, Memphis, Ark.
 - Central BC, Brookhaven, Miss.
 - 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.
- ##### Part-time
- Central BC, Crestview, Fla.
 - Forest Heights BC, Tallahassee, Fla.
 - Mantee BC, Mantee, Miss.
 - Warrington BC, Pensacola, Fla.
 - Raimund Heights BC, Bessemer, Ala.
 - Connection Church, Zebulon, Ga.
 - Oak Hill BC, Meridian, Miss.

Youth

Full-time

- FBC, Fairlea, W.Va.
 - Harleton BC, Harleton, Texas.
 - Sand Spring BC, Lawrenceburg, Ky.
 - New Life BC, Adel, Ga.
 - FBC, Camdenton, Mo.
 - Cornerstone Community Church, Chariton, Iowa
 - Redland BC, Derwood, Md.
 - Sale Street BC, Lake Charles, La.
- ##### Part-time
- FBC, Vincent, Ala.
 - FBC, Helena, Ala.
 - FBC, Broussard, La.
 - East Prentiss BC, New Site, Miss.
 - Ramah FBC, Palmetto, Ga.
 - Freedom BC, Laurel, Miss.
 - Glory Fellowship BC, Jasper, Ala.
 - Teamon BC, Griffin, Ga.

Children and Preschool

- Koran BC, Houghton, La.
- Riverland Hills BC, Irmo, S.C.
- FBC, Bossier City, La.; female preschool minister
- Midway BC, Wichita, Kan.; assistant children's minister/daycare director

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September 22, 2008

Student Life NEWS

PREPARATION Can Ease Stress During Hurricane Season

An Article from the Testing & Counseling Department

Hurricane season runs from June 1st – November 30th, with August and September being the most active months. This can be an extremely stressful time for those of us living in the Gulf South. The uncertainty experienced as we watch computer models and projected paths for tropical storms and hurricanes coupled with memories of storms past can take their toll on adults and children alike.

The most important step you can make in relieving storm-related stress is to PREPARE your family. Monitor the progression of the storm on the Internet and by watching local and national news on the television. Make a plan for your family before an evacuation is ever called: know where your family will go and plan how you will get there. Keep up with the maintenance on your car and always have the gas tank at least $\frac{3}{4}$ full so that if an evacuation is called, your full attention can be placed on getting your family to a safe location.

It is important to remember that children are aware of the stress and anxiety around them, even if they are unable to understand the cause. Children respond to this stress in various ways, depending on their age and ability to comprehend the situation. While it is imperative that parents monitor the progression of an impending storm, it is not healthy for young children to view constant recurrent images related to the storm. Maintaining daily routines as close to normal as possible before and after a storm can help to relieve children's stress. Having conversations appropriate to your child's level of comprehension regarding your family's plans will also help. Above all, assure them that as parents, you are making plans to ensure your families safety. The U.S. Coast Guard recommends creating a "keep safe" box containing the child's most treasured possessions and a "Kids Activity Survival Kit" with some favorite books, crayons, paper, small toys or games and pictures to comfort your child in the event of an evacuation. **Continued Inside.**

[Financial Aid]

2009 Spring Semester Scholarship

NOBTS Scholarship Applications for the Spring Semester will be online at www.nobts.edu from **September 1-October 10th.**

Women's Auxiliary Scholarship for the Spring Semester

Applicant must be a student wife of a currently enrolled seminary student who has been enrolled for one semester. You can pick up the application in the Financial Aid Office.

**Application is due by Sept. 30th
for the Spring Semester.**

Charles B. Keesee Scholarship

If you are a North Carolina, South Carolina, or Virginia full-time student you can come by the Financial Aid office and pick up an application. You must be a full-time Graduate student on the main campus. **Deadline is October 1st
for the Spring Semester.**

[Women's Ministry]

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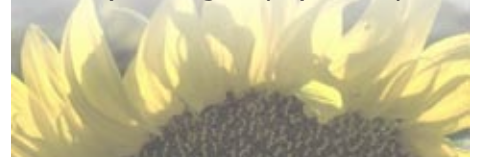
(Fellowship of Women Students)

Panel Discussion Luncheon

Tuesday, September 30

Creole Room (in the Cafeteria)

12:00 (following chapel) - 1:00 p.m.



NOBTS Karate Club

The NOBTS Karate Club is no longer accepting new students. We will accept new students again in the spring. If you have any questions concerning ages, times, fees, etc., please call Carl Scroggs at 816-8586.

Intramurals!

Now that we are past the recent hurricanes, Intramural Flag Football games are starting. Check with the Rec. Center for more details. Even if you're not on a team yet, there may be some spots open. And come cheer for your favorite team!

Youth and Children

Also, now that we are back from the recent evacuations, youth and children's activities will be starting. Look for flyers and check with the Rec. Center about upcoming events. And the Youth Bible studies will be starting soon! Keep your eyes and ears open!



Pray&PlayBasketball is in full swing again this semester! Come on out to the gym on Mondays and Fridays at 5:00 p.m. for some fun and fellowship! Get some exercise while having fun with fellow seminarians showing your skills on the court. Then take a break to share prayer requests and praises. Come join a great time of encouragement and exercise! If you have any questions, call the Rec. Center at 816-8594.

Newman School Open House

Newman School has announced their 2008-2009 Open House Dates. Please check www.newmanschool.org or call 504-896-6358 for more information.

Isidore Newman School
1903 Jefferson Avenue
New Orleans, LA 70115

[Testimonies]

Omers of Manna

Moses said, "This is what the LORD has commanded: 'Take an omer of manna and keep it for the generations to come, so they can see the bread I gave you to eat in the desert when I brought you out of Egypt.'" - Exodus 16:31-32

If you have testimony of God's faithfulness and provision for you and your family during Seminary please send it to us. We would love to be able to share these stories with new families and students coming into school as well as a reminder to us who have been here for awhile.

Please keep it to 500 words or less.

Not every testimony will be chosen to be put in the Gatekeeper but all of them will be compiled into a binder located in the Dean of Students Office.

Please come by and read through the stories of how God gave bread in the desert.

Send your accounts of God's goodness to emanning.contact@gmail.com

Programs and Events for All Campus Women:

Prayer and Praise Night

Monday, September 29
From 7:00-8:30 p.m. in Martin Chapel

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. in Christian Parrish's office in the Dean of Students (Hardin Student Center).

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 4 Times a 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
vaughnalcutt@gmail.com

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

[Testing and Counseling - continued]

Make sure that you include the information needed to keep in contact with friends and family once evacuation orders are in effect. Remember that cell phones can often receive text messages when they cannot receive phone calls. Research any additional text message fees related to your individual cell phone plan prior to a storm. Once you have reached your destination use email to keep in touch with loved ones. It is a good idea for your children to have ways to contact their friends as well. For older kids, being separated from their social network is often the hardest element of an evacuation.

Even when we take the precautions necessary to prepare ourselves for an impending storm and subsequent evacuation, the resulting circumstances will inevitably be stressful. Be able to identify stress symptoms:

Mood Swings
Difficulty sleeping
Forgetfulness
Nausea
Loss of temper, irritability
Cynicism or negativity
Tiredness or fatigue
Difficulty concentrating
Tension or anxiety
Self-criticism
Change in appetite
Self-doubt or guilt
Headaches and/or back pain
Repetitious thoughts

The following are some tips for coping with stress. Remember that the first step in coping with stress is to acknowledge that you are experiencing it.

- Learn your personal stress symptoms
- Focus on the positive circumstances of your life
- Spend time in prayer
- Try to maintain a sense of humor
- Get regular rest
- Eat small and frequent healthy meals and drink plenty of water
- Exercise
- Take time to take care of yourself
- Remove yourself from situations of conflict or additional stress

-Remember that change is inevitable and is always an opportunity for growth

These websites may be useful as you prepare your family for future storms and evacuations:

www.preparelouisiana.redcross.org
www.ohsep.Louisiana.gov
www.fema.gov/kids/feel.htm
www.weatherunderground.com
www.uscg.mil/news/stormcenter
www.weather.com
www.arcno.org

If you find that you or a family member is having an especially difficult time dealing with the effects of the 2008 hurricane season, please contact the Testing and Counseling office at 504-816-8004.

[Study Tour]



**Reformation
Study Tour**

March 13-22, 2009

Application Deadline:
October 10

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www.nobts.edu/Publications/ReformationTour.html

[Upcoming Conferences]

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[Community Info]

Gentilly Fest 2008

The Gentilly Fest needs volunteers for their inaugural event on Saturday, October 11, 2008 between the hours of 10a.m.-7p.m. Volunteers are asked to donate one hour of their time the day of the festival. Interested parties should contact Gloria M. DeCuir-Robert at decuirrobert@yahoo.com, or call 504-430-3041.

the JOHN 3:16 conference

SPEAKERS

Dr. Jerry Vines
Dr. Paige Patterson
Dr. Richard Land
Dr. David Allen
Dr. Steve Lemke
Dr. Ken Keathley
Dr. Charles Stanley

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