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## Campus Revival: Kelley calls on seminarians to embrace the cross, God's love

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NEW ORLEANS – The most important lesson Chuck Kelley has learned in his 14 years as president of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary is the same that the Apostle Paul preached boldly to believers in Romans 8.

Embrace the cross, and live in the power of God's love.

Kelley called it the "Wow" of walking with God.

"(God) is not our enemy. He's not one who is angry with us; He is not mad at us. He is somebody who is on our side," Kelley said. "What shall we say of these things. If God be for us, who can possibly be against us. He who did not spare His own Son but delivered Him up for us all, how will He not also freely give us all things? (Romans 8:31-32)"

Across his years as seminary president, the school's endowment has doubled. The seminary survived Hurricane Katrina. And now, new family housing nears completion on campus, all the work of God.

"God has done amazing things," Kelley said. "And I've had a front-row seat."

However, with God's promise comes another assurance, found in Rom. 8:35: Christians will not be shielded from enduring trials and tribulations, led like "sheep to the slaughter." Tough times are a fact of life.

Kelley recalled those sometimes-heartbreaking times from his tenure.

There are the images of Hurricane Katrina – a flooded campus, a fearful seminary family of faculty, staff and students, all wondering what Kelley as president would do.

Kelley summed it up bluntly: "That's life."

However, hardships are not unique to the life of seminary presidents, Kelley said. Nevertheless, they are illustrative of the hardscrabble road God's called will endure in ministry. Moreover, there is no hiding from those trials and tribulations.

"Paul wasn't writing about seminary presidents," Kelley said. "He was writing about believers. Everybody in every church you're going to serve. . . is a sinner. And they will prove it – vividly."

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NOBTS Chapel

New Orleans Campus Chapel Schedule

Chapel Services are held at 11 a.m in Leavell Chapel

Tuesday, April 20  
Senior Week  
Ricky Cummings

Thursday, April 22  
Senior Week  
Jon Moyers

Tuesday, April 27  
Dr. Tony Merida, Pastor  
Temple Baptist Church  
Hattiesburg, MS

Thursday, April 29  
Dr. David Platt, Pastor  
Church at Brook Hills  
Birmingham, AL

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### IMB Consultant on Campus

Dr. Bob Dilks, Personnel Consultant from the International Mission Board, will be on campus at NOBTS, April 26 and April 27. He would welcome the time to sit down with you to discuss your interest in overseas service with the International Mission Board. Please call his assistant, Pat Jenkins, to schedule your personal interview time. She can be reached directly at 1-800-765-0011 or by email at: [pjenkins@imb.org](mailto:pjenkins@imb.org). The deadline for scheduling an appointment is Thursday, April 22, 2010.

Dr. Dilks will also be hosting a Mission Information Conference Tuesday, April 27th, from 7:00 – 8:00 pm in the Providence Learning Center Conference Room, located on the 2nd floor of the William Carey Building. If you are planning on attending and have children, you will need to secure childcare for your children during this time.

### Commissioning Chapel Service May 6

On Thursday, May 6, we will be having a Missions Commissioning Chapel Service for the last chapel service of the school year. At this service we will pray for all those that are going to be taking part in mission trips this summer. We will take the names that we receive and make a master list for student and faculty so that they may pray for you throughout the summer. If you are going to be going on a mission trip, whether it be international or domestic, or if you will be serving on a camp staff, please send your name and where you will be going (if that information can be published) to Mandy Gilmore at the Global Missions Center, 504-282-4455 ext. 8124 or [globalmissionscenter@nobts.edu](mailto:globalmissionscenter@nobts.edu). Please contact us as well if you have been appointed for service with NAMB or IMB since May 2009.

### Upcoming Church Music Events

#### Celebrate Life

Thursday April 29, 7:30pm in Leavell Chapel  
Celebrate Life will feature the Seminary Chorus and NOBTS children's choir. The theme of the concert is sanctity of life. This theme will be explored through the lively Creation-oriented music of Haydn, a tribute to Helen Keller by the children's choir, and a spiritual that brings together reflections on the slave era and a heavenward focus for the believers of that era. Pieces by Bach and Mendelssohn will also be featured in the concert.

#### Celebration of Praise: The Seminarians & Ladies Ensemble in Concert

Tuesday April 20, 7:30pm in Sellers Recital Hall  
The Seminarians is a men's choir comprised of seminary students, staff, and faculty. This group is returning from a regional tour.

### We've got Baptist publications

Free copies of SBC Life, the Oklahoma Baptist Messenger, the Louisiana Baptist Message and the IMB missions magazine CommissionStories are available in the PR office.

#### H1N1 Vaccine

The H1N1 vaccine is available at the Walgreens on Gentilly Boulevard Monday-Friday from 2-4pm. The cost is \$18.

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## The Gatekeeper

### Gatekeeper Submissions

The Gatekeeper is published weekly during the school year and twice in the summer.

Items for The Gatekeeper are due Wednesday at Noon to appear the following issue.

Submissions to The Gatekeeper appear as space allows and are subject to editing.

Email your Gatekeeper submissions to [gmyers@nobts.edu](mailto:gmyers@nobts.edu).



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Though seemingly at odds, the triumphs and tragedies promised in Scripture are true, Kelley said. It is one of the mysteries of an eternal God that cannot be understood by any mortal man.

Kelley compared the gap between God's knowledge and ours to that of the views of toddlers and college-trained nutritionists on the comparative health benefits of ice cream and broccoli.

"If there can be that kind of gap between the understanding of a three-year-old and an adult, how great is the gap between our understanding and that of God? . . . There will always be mystery, things you are unable to comprehend."

While Kelley said it is not a moral failure to ask "Why?" in troubled times, the proper question is "What does God do when we are in the midst of the trauma and the difficulty and the pain and the tough times of life?"

The answer, Kelley said, is found at the end of Romans 8. God promises that though His love, we are "more than conquerors."

"The answer is overwhelmingly simple," Kelley said. "He loves us . . . The love of God is enough."

Returning to the illustration of the ice cream-loving, broccoli-bashing toddler, Kelley painted a picture of a wired three-year-old, who bounces from the kitchen table and bolts for the backyard, only to miss a back step and crash wounded and weeping on the ground. From this, there comes a portrait of a loving parent, who doesn't offer a lecture, but love. So it is with God.

"When I would fall down, and was screaming my head off, I did not get a lecture about center of gravity. What my mom or dad would do, after making sure there were no broken bones . . . they would hold me and hug me and tell me 'It's OK. I love you. It's going to be all right.'"

"The love of my father would not make the pain go away, it would make the pain less severe than the love of my father," Kelley said. "This is what God does when we are in those hard points of our lives. He does not make the pain go away. He does not make the trouble disappear. What God does is love us, with such a great love, His

love is more important than the suffering we are experiencing."

Though God will bring His children through hard times, His strategy is not to make them easier, but to love with a deep love more powerful than circumstances. Kelley pointed to Rom. 8:32, and to Mark 14, when Christ, faced with the prospect of death on the cross, asked the Father to allow him to escape crucifixion. In Kelley's words, "the pause button was hit" on a salvation story started in Genesis.

However, the Father said "No." Thus, the Creator would be crucified by His creation. God issued His edict and the Son obeyed with one thought in mind, Kelley said.

"They thought of me. It was my sin. Looking at my sin and your sin and knowing where that unforgiven sin was going to take me, the Father said to the Son - 'Drink the cup to the full. Has there ever been such love in the history of the world?'"

In the light of such love, we can trust God through the toils and snares of life and ministry. Simply enduring will callous the heart. Lashing out leads to rage. Holding it inside will trigger depression, Kelley said. Only through embracing God's love can we overcome, a truth that Paul understood, Kelley said.

"It is through the love of Christ that we overwhelmingly conquer," Kelley said.

Kelley closed with a reference to 2 Timothy 4, when Paul, largely abandoned on earth, took heart because he knew God was with him. As a result, he could face trial before Caesar with confidence.

"You cannot understand the love of God until you understand how much God loves you," Kelley said. "It is through your suffering that you begin to get an idea that Jesus has suffered far more than you can comprehend. He did all that because you put Him on the cross. To embrace the cross is to embrace the love of God."

Kelley's message was the climax of the annual Spring revival on the NOBTS campus. The three-day event marked the first time in his tenure that Kelley delivered the revival messages.



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Teens in Action began in 2005 out of a desire to help teenage girls move beyond the drama of their daily lives to live set-apart, Christ-centered lives that will astound the world around them. The camp is held at Judson Baptist Retreat Center in St. Francisville, Louisiana, June 7-11, 2010. For more information, contact Amy Clark: 225-571-3367 or amyco2005@gmail.com. To register now, visit: [www.judsonretreat.org](http://www.judsonretreat.org).

## Church Planting Volunteer Needed

NAMB Church Planter, Heath Rohner is seeking a volunteer Youth Leader to serve in an internship role in a new church plant 60 miles North of New Orleans. Church plant (Cross-Point Church) is located in Amite,

## Youth Intern Needed

Do you have a heart for students grade 7-12th? Do you see yourself possibly serving in student ministry when you graduate? Are you looking for an opportunity to serve this summer and also make some money? If so we may have an opportunity for you. Harp's Crossing Baptist Church in Fayetteville GA (just south of Atlanta) is looking for 2 interns this summer. We are looking for 1 male and 1 female who would serve May 30th- August 8th. If interested please contact Chris Watson at 770-461-5318 ext. 20 or email [cwwatson@harpcrossing.com](mailto:cwwatson@harpcrossing.com) by April 30th.

## Voice or Clarinet Lessons:

Jennifer Hoover, a graduate music student, is offering beginning to intermediate clarinet or voice lessons. Scheduling is somewhat flexible.

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## BCM Weekly Worship Service

Join BCM for The Well on Tuesday nights for dinner and worship. Dinner begins at 5:15 followed by worship and Bible study at 6:15 in the Baptist association building located at 2222 Lakefront Drive. This will be a time to worship with other believers from across the city and a great way to meet new people from UNO and William Carey School of Nursing. For more information join the facebook group "BCM Living Room at NOBTS" or email Beth Masters at [dottimasters@aol.com](mailto:dottimasters@aol.com)

## Church in need of Summer Missionaries

Grace Baptist Church in 9th Ward New Orleans is seeking two male summer missionaries to help staff our seven-week youth camp. The camp runs from June 1 to July 16. Housing and a NAMB-funded stipend are included. To apply, contact Jenny Guillory at 985-688-2093 or [Jenny@GraceForNewOrleans.com](mailto:Jenny@GraceForNewOrleans.com).

## Save the Date – Marriage Workshop Weekend May 14-16

Williams Boulevard Baptist Church is hosting a Marriage Workshop Weekend May 14 - 16, 2010. The cost is \$15 for seminary couples. A Children's Event is provided during the Marriage Workshop and costs only \$1 per child per day needed.

<http://williamsblvd.org>

Look for more details in next week's Gatekeeper.