



Dr. Chuck Kelley (left), Jim Gibson and Dr. Jerry Garrard

## Jim Gibson named director of advancement relations

**J**im Gibson has joined the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary staff as Director of Advancement Relations.

“Jim Gibson will assist us in cultivating people who will catch a vision of the importance of theological education, and how their financial investment will have impact for the kingdom of God,” said Jerry Garrard, vice president of institutional advancement. “His primary focus will be to identify new financial supporters of NOBTS and also to strengthen alumni relations.”

Working from Nashville, Tenn., Gibson will primarily focus his attention to areas north of Interstate 20. The region includes Kentucky, Tennessee and portions of Alabama, Georgia and Mississippi. Long-time NOBTS staffer Jim Lee will continue to perform a similar role south of Interstate 20.

“I look forward to all that God will do in using Jim Gibson to assist us in providing funds to reach the mission of the seminary. His years of ministry experience, contacts throughout Southern Baptist life and his love for NOBTS places him in a unique position to make a difference now and forever,” Garrard said.

Gibson, who earned a master of church music from NOBTS in 1970, spent eight years in local church ministry serving churches in Texas, Louisiana and Oklahoma. For most of his career, Gibson worked in music publishing with LifeWay Christian Resources, Word Music and Meadowgreen Music.

“He has had such an impact on Southern Baptist worship and music down through the years,” said NOBTS President Chuck Kelley. “He’s touched so many lives and we are so very, very proud of all that he has done.”

One of Gibson’s most significant projects was the Celebration Hymnal. As the executive project manager, Gibson teamed with Integrity Music, Word Music and Tom Fettke to produce the hymnal. Since its release in 1997, the hymnal has sold over 2 million copies.

The last seven years of his publishing career were spent at LifeWay. From 1997 to 2001, Gibson served as associate director of the music ministries department at LifeWay. When he retired in 2004, Gibson was the director of music, publishing and recording.

In 2005, Gibson received the seminary’s distinguished alumni award. **V**

# Annual Fund update

BY BILL HUGHES

**O**ur 2009-2010 Annual Fund campaign kicked off on August 1 with a goal of \$1,025,000. The Annual Fund is a high priority because every dollar received is a dollar that NOBTS does not have to charge students for tuition. Annual Fund gifts go to help maintain our beautiful campus, meet payroll needs, and all other operational expenses. Since August, more than 600 friends and alumni have given nearly \$414,189 toward this worthy effort.

Understandably, our nation’s difficult economic circumstances may make giving more difficult for some people. Dr. Chuck

Kelley’s encouraging message is to meet our families’ needs as the first priority. Then, we should support our churches. After these needs have been met and if there is anything left over, NOBTS would be most grateful to receive a gift. There is no unsatisfactory gift – all gifts of any amount are welcome.

Tax-deductible gifts may be given conveniently online at [www.nobts.edu](http://www.nobts.edu), through the mail or in person at the Office for Institutional Advancement. Please make NOBTS a matter of prayer and consider supporting the Annual Fund. In addition to our appreciation for your support, our students thank you as well. **V**

For information about giving to the Annual Fund, call (504) 282.4455, ext. 3252 or visit [www.nobts.edu/Development/AnnualFund.html](http://www.nobts.edu/Development/AnnualFund.html).

Given To Date  
**\$414,189**

2009-10 Goal  
**\$1,025,000**

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## Student housing remains high priority at New Orleans Seminary

BY GARY D. MYERS

**S**ixteen new two-bedroom apartments at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary will be completed and ready for student families early this summer – just in time for the 2010-2011 school year.

The board of trustees approved the construction of the new apartments during a fall meeting in October 2009. Construction began on the \$2.7 million project in November and thanks to good weather and a dedicated construction crew, the project remains on schedule for a June completion date. During their spring meeting April 14, seminary trustees toured the construction site to see the progress first hand.

“To see these two bedroom apartments going up is a big relief,” said Trustee Chairman Craig Campbell. “This is the number one need – the kind of housing that is needed to replace the States Apartments. We just say ‘Thanks’ to all the donors and to the students, we say ‘Come.’”

### Board of Trustees

Replacing student housing units has been a top priority for trustees since 2005 when the States Apartments were destroyed by Hurricane Katrina. The seminary lost a total of 92 two-bedroom apartments due to the storm.

“We are about to add 16 apartments, but this still leaves a big gap,” NOBTS President Chuck Kelley told trustees after the tour. “More student housing remains one of our greatest needs.”

During the past three years, a number of students have started each semester in temporary housing waiting for campus housing to become available. The 16 units will ease some of the housing strain on campus, but the fix will be temporary. More apartments are needed to keep pace with enrollment growth on the campus.

The trustees approved a motion concerning a proposed third, eight-apartment building in October 2009. In a rare move, the full board authorized the trustee officers to approve the construction of a third building should the required funds become available within the next year. If construction begins soon, Kelley expects the costs for a third building to be between \$800,000 and \$1.4 million.

Seminary leaders want to get the project underway before construction begins on some of the city’s largest Katrina recovery projects to date, including the federally-funded construction of a large teaching



Photo by Boyd Guy

Sixteen new student apartments will open this summer.

hospital. Labor and material costs could increase 35 to 40 percent after construction begins on the hospital and other large projects.

When the board voted to approve the plan in October, trustee Thomas Clore challenged his fellow trustees to make others aware of the need for the third building. Through the efforts of the trustees, some money has been raised toward construction of the third building.

“We are praying that we would be able to have the finances needed for another eight units very quickly,” Campbell said. Campbell remains hopeful that enough funding will come through to begin construction on the third building this summer.

Even if the seminary is able to build the additional eight apartments, the school will still be 68 units short of pre-Katrina levels. With this ongoing need in mind, Kelley encouraged the board to continue to pray for more apartments.

“All of this doesn’t come close to replacing the States Apartments, but it does help us with an immediate need,” Campbell said. Replacing the other lost apartments remains on the top of his priority list. Campbell believes adding the additional apartments will poise the seminary for significant enrollment growth over the coming years. ▽

For information about housing plans at NOBTS, visit <http://www.nobts.edu/Development/NewStudentHousing.html>

## NOBTS trustees approve \$21 million budget; roll back austerity pay cuts

**T**rustees at NOBTS approved a \$21 million budget for the 2010-2011 school year, including only small increases in tuition and fees.

The trustees were also able to roll back some of the cuts issued under the seminary austerity budget in January 2009. Faculty and staff members who received a 5 percent pay cut during the height of the national economic crisis, will have their pay returned to the pre-recession levels for the 2010-2011 budget year. Trustee Chairman Craig Campbell commended the leadership and fiscal responsibility of NOBTS President Chuck Kelley and Vice President of Business Clay Corvin during the national recession.

In other action, the trustees approved four new Leavell College training sites. The new training opportunities include a prison

education initiative and theological training offered in the Haitian-French language.

The seminary trustees voted to launch the school’s first training program in a women’s prison. The Louisiana Correctional Institute in St. Gabriel, La., will host the new certificate training program. The program will be specially tailored for women and courses will be taught by women. Funding for the initiative was made possible through private gifts.

The Palm Lake Baptist Association in West Palm Beach, Fla., was approved to offer undergraduate courses in Haitian French. The Clark Baptist Association in Grove Hill, Ala., and the Pike Baptist Association in McComb, Miss., were approved as training sites for the church leadership certificate program. ▽

## DNA 21: Bible storying envisioned for church & personal discipleship

BY GARY D. MYERS and CHRISTOPHER J. BLACK

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either Strasburger skillfully conveyed Jesus' story of the prodigal son to the small group gathered around him. His style was easygoing and relational, yet he told the story with amazing detail and accuracy.

Strasburger and Dan Cullum led one of eight small groups during the launch of a discipleship thrust called "DNA 21" at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. More than 100 participants gathered in New Orleans and via the Internet in Atlanta and Orlando, Fla., to learn about Bible storying and relational small groups as a discipleship method. The small groups played a key role in modeling the concept during the three-day DNA 21 conference.

Bible storying is the art of presenting biblical content from memory. Great attention is given to preserving the details while conveying the message of Scripture. Stories are presented in an orderly fashion toward building a biblical worldview.

After telling the story, Strasburger began asking questions, leading the group to retell the biblical story. Each person contributed. When important details were missed, Strasburger or Cullum gently pointed out the missing element and moved on to the next part of the story.

To close out the hour-long small group session, Strasburger asked group members to examine their lives in light of the story. Each participant then shared how he or she was like one of the characters in the story.

This group, strangers just hours earlier, shared openly about themselves and their struggles. Not everyone

shared on the same level, but the session clearly illustrated how transparency can develop around intentional small groups.

DNA 21 developed out of Avery Willis' concern over the lack of discipleship in many churches. Willis, a former senior vice president of the International Mission Board who developed the MasterLife discipleship materials, planned the conference to promote Bible storying in relational small groups as a method of discipleship. He sees this not as a new initiative but rather a return to the way Jesus developed disciples in the first century.

"God wired us for stories. We like stories. We remember stories," Willis said. Video examples of Bible storying are available at [www.learningtosoar.org](http://www.learningtosoar.org) under the "Training" tab.

Bible storying has been around for more than 25 years and is commonly used on the mission field to reach oral cultures. As Willis looked at the discipleship needs of the American church, he began to see Bible storying as a viable option in the United States and other literate cultures.

Regardless of whether or not people can read, Bible storying proponents say it offers several unique advantages. Deep truths can be communicated in a short amount of time. Groups remain open to new people. Leaders are developed naturally in the group. The method is reproducible and the stories are memorable.

Willis noted truths "stick" when participants are encouraged to tell the story to others within their spheres of influence.

"The processes by which you get God's Word in the heart makes a difference. Jesus just kept asking questions," Willis said. "It is not just telling the story as accurately as you can, it is the process of



Photo by Gary D. Myers

Avery Willis leads a session on Bible storying in relational small groups during DNA 21 at NOBTS.

asking the right kind of questions."

True discipleship takes more than simply imparting information and developing knowledge, it involves transformation, Willis said.

"We've got to get involved with people just like Jesus did. You get involved, you explain, you coach, you support and empower," he said. The goal is to develop disciplined believers who are prepared and ready to disciple others.

In 2006, pastor Jim Putman of Real Life Ministries, a church in Post Falls, Idaho, asked Willis to help develop and implement Bible storying. Willis agreed to the challenge and Real Life became a test case for the storying discipleship method.

Putman started planting Real Life Ministries in 1998, along with Aaron Couch. The first year of Real Life Ministries was spent in what Cullum called "alignment," a process of working through doctrinal issues together. They had to determine where each of them stood theologically and what doctrines of the faith were essential, non-essential, negotiable and non-negotiable. To assist them, together they carefully worked through Henry Blackaby's "Experiencing God" discipleship study.

The philosophy of Real Life Ministries is that in order to make disciples, Christians must be in "accountable relationships" with a small group – just like Jesus and His disciples.

The results of Real Life's intentional small group approach have been phenomenal. Starting with only four couples in 1998, the church now has 8,500 members, with 7,000 involved in small groups. The church has planted five additional churches. Real Life was already growing when Willis taught Bible storying to the leadership. Now, storying is a key part of the church's discipleship groups.

During his presentation at the DNA 21 conference in New Orleans, Putman said relational small groups offer leaders the chance to ask and answer questions, confront and hold people accountable and to model discipleship principles. If all these aspects do not come together, a small group will be no more effective than other attempts at discipleship, Putman said.

"Our churches should be a place where everyone is a growing disciple," Putman said. "When that happens, a movement starts." 

### DNA 21 Discipleship Revolution

## Purple codex: NOBTS acquires copy of ancient manuscript

BY GARY D. MYERS

**T**he H. Milton Haggard Center for New Testament Textual Studies (CNTTS) at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary recently acquired a significant new tool for research – a facsimile of the Codex Petropolitanus Purpureus (Purple Codex).

A facsimile is a photographic reproduction of an ancient manuscript. This facsimile utilizes high-resolution, full color photographs of each page. From the wrinkles and holes in the pages, to the colors of the parchment and the ink, the photographs preserve all the details and characteristics of the original.

Dr. Bill Warren, Director of the CNTTS, purchased the facsimile at the Monastery of Saint John the Theologian on the Island of Patmos in March. Patmos is the small Greek island where John penned Revelation, the last book of the New Testament. An important addition to the center's holdings, the volume closes a gap in the seminary's collection of ancient manuscript facsimiles and microfilms.

This original manuscript of the four Gospels, often referred to as Codex N by biblical scholars, dates to the late 5th or early 6th century. The manuscript was written in Greek and probably originated in Asia Minor (modern-day Turkey).

According to Warren, no expense was spared when the original manuscript was created. The parchment, made from animal skins, was dyed purple – a color and dying process reserved for the wealthy. The text was written using silver-infused ink. The names for God (God, Jesus, Christ, Lord, etc.) were written with gold ink. Warren estimates that when the original was produced, it would have cost the equivalent of 8-10 years of wages for the average person.

"You had to be tremendously wealthy to pay for something like this," he said. "To think that someone treasured the Bible so much, they spent a fortune on this just to have a copy of the Gospels."

The pages are fairly large measuring 11 ½ by 12 ½ inches with wide margins. Created using the uncial style – uppercase letters with little punctuation – the codex has unusually large print. In fact, Warren said that the writing is among the largest found in any New Testament manuscript.

"It's a reader's Bible – it is made for public reading," Warren said. "You can tell that by size of the print. I've never seen one with bigger print."

The codex originally had 462 pages, however, only 230 pages survive today. The surviving leaves are held by museums and libraries across the globe. The National Library of Russia in St. Petersburg owns 182 pages of the original codex, hence the name "Petropolitanus." Thirty-three pages are held at the monastery on Patmos. The Vatican owns six pages. The remaining nine pages

are held in libraries and private collections in London, Vienna, Athens, New York City and Lerma, Italy. The far-flung locations of the original codex make the facsimile, which includes copies of all extant pages in one volume, even more unique.

Scholars do not know exactly when the codex was divided up or who did it. Some speculate that Crusaders ripped the pages from the manuscript in the 12th Century. However, the motive is clear – money.

"They actually ripped single pages out and took them to different settings and sold them," Warren said.

"This manuscript is an early copy of the Gospels, with only a handful of other manuscripts of Mark, for example, that are older than this one. It is a great representation of the early stages of what we call the Byzantine text form, yet with some readings from other textual traditions in a few places," he added.

The center will include a new study of the readings of Codex N in its next release of the CNTTS Critical Apparatus, the world's first searchable electronic textual database for the Greek New Testament, a database of nearly 17,000 pages.

The facsimile includes another important research tool for the center, an introductory companion volume written in Greek. This resource offers a detailed introduction to the original codex as well as the entire text of the surviving

pages set with a modern Greek font.

"This was one of the major manuscripts we did not have at the CNTTS, even on microfilm," Warren said. "It has not been an easy one to gain access to. This gives us another very early manuscript to help verify some of the gospel readings."

The center is one of the few settings in the United States to own a copy of this manuscript, Warren added. Only 2,000 copies of the facsimile were printed.

### How does this impact the average Christian?

"This new addition to the CNTTS will help to further undergird the work that provides us with a reliable copy of God's Word, whether in Greek or in our English translations," Warren said. "Our English translations of the New Testament are based on the Greek text, and that Greek text is based on the study of manuscripts such as this one."

"That scholarly work is being done at a handful of settings around the world, including here at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary at the H. Milton Haggard Center for New Testament Textual Studies where the hand-written manuscripts of the Greek New Testament such as this one are studied. Those studies provide the solid foundations that we enjoy for our Bible's accuracy," he added. "Any way you look at it, Codex Petropolitanus Purpureus with its beautiful and ancient text is a truly remarkable manuscript that benefits all of us." 

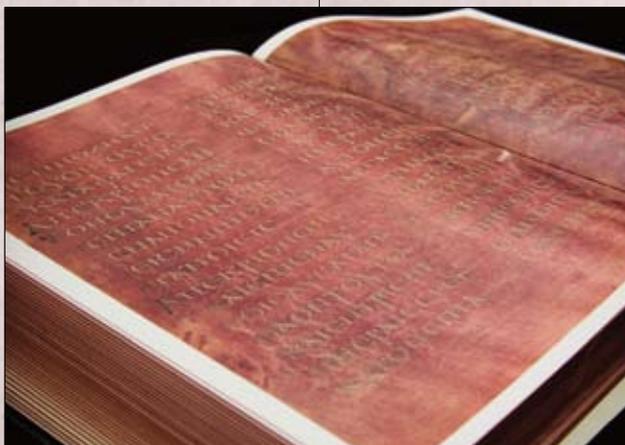


Photo by Boyd Guy

The Center for New Testament Textual Studies at NOBTS recently purchased a facsimile copy of the Codex Petropolitanus Purpureus, commonly known as the Purple Codex.

## Seminary's Angola extension center featured in NAMB documentary

BY DIANA CHANDLER

**A**NGOLA, La. (BP)--“Hate and indifference” are the only emotions Donald Biermann, 54, says he once knew.

Biermann was “always coiled and ready to strike,” “permeated” with evil and comparable to the possessed man Jesus delivered from a legion of demons, as recorded in the Gospels.

“What I really wanted was to be left alone. I trusted no one, and I tolerated no one,” said Biermann, an inmate at Louisiana State Penitentiary (LSP) -- known as the infamous Angola Prison.

Now serving a life sentence for second degree murder, his fourth incarceration, Biermann has had a personal encounter with Jesus.

Biermann is a 2005 graduate of the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary's on-site undergraduate program at Angola and a missionary to others imprisoned at correctional institutions across the state.

He was among some 800 Angola inmates in the audience for a viewing of “A New Hope,” a new North American Mission Board documentary heralding God's work through the LSP/NOBTS Extension Center at the penitentiary. The documentary was featured on season two of NAMB's “On Mission Xtra” television program, which aired earlier this year on FamilyNet.

Since the college opened in 1996, violence at the historically bloody prison has declined 72 percent, and 147 former and current inmates have professed ministry callings and earned bachelor of arts in Christian ministry degrees. Currently, 120 inmates are enrolled, said John Robson, extension center director.

“Seventy percent of our students became Christians after they came [to Angola],” Robson said.

“It's bigger than any one of us,” he said of the center. “It's not about us. It's about God being allowed to come in here and do what He does best.”

Robson was one of several extension center professors, NOBTS officials, Southern Baptist Convention leaders and Angola staff members on hand for the viewing. Among them was NOBTS president Chuck Kelley, who encouraged the crowd.

Kelley called the incarcerated believers “saints” and referenced 1 John 4:4, confirming all saints have God's Spirit, which is greater than Satan's.

“A New Hope” chronicles LSP Warden and SBC Sunday school teacher Burl Cain's work to reform the prison morally and its prisoners through the introduction of seminary training and its consequential effects.

When the U.S. Congress discontinued the use of Pell Grants for higher education in prisons in 1993, such opportunities ended at Angola. In an effort to restore higher education there, in 1995 Cain asked the seminary to open an on-site college. The NOBTS

administration embraced the idea.

“The potential of what could happen in humans' lives” was Kelley's motivation and the rare opportunity of a seminary to educate prisoners who can then minister to other inmates, prison visitors and others.

“God reached down in the most obscure place and raised up diamonds,” Kelley said.

Inmates must have a high school diploma or GED, profess a ministry calling and receive Cain's approval to enroll in the school, which has the same academic requirements as the New Orleans seminary's Leavell College.

Angola's current population includes 70 NOBTS graduates. They lead congregations at the six interfaith chapels on the

prison's grounds, assist chaplains in ministry and, in a new program, serve as missionaries for three-month stints at other correctional facilities in the state.

Currently, 28 incarcerated graduates are ministering in seven state correctional centers and the State Police Barracks, according to LSP communications officer Gary Young.

Some graduates have been released, including documentary subject Clifford Jones, who now serves as assistant pastor at St. John Baptist Church in New Orleans and owns a small home remodeling business. Jones

appreciates the education he received at the seminary's extension.

“It has given me so much strength and study habits, hermeneutics to understand and explain the Gospel. The college has been a beacon light to me,” Jones said.

The seminary transformed the atmosphere at Angola. Violence is down and hope is up.

In 1995, the year before the seminary extension center opened, the prison reported 1,016 violent incidents, including assaults, murders, suicides and escapes. In 2008, there were only 376 incidences of violence, mostly inmate-on-inmate assaults without weapons, according to LSP records.

“The Bible college here is a miracle story,” said Robert Toney, a NAMB-endorsed chaplain who has served at Angola the past 10 years. “It has brought tremendous hope to the prison population. But it wouldn't have happened without Southern Baptists and the vision that Baptists had,” Toney said.

Robson said the work God is doing through the extension graduates proves the school's success, after a challenging beginning.

“The challenges were to convince the students, the prison population and the free people that it was a good and righteous thing. The value had to be proven,” Robson said. “We just let our men be our showcase.” **V**



Photo by Gary D. Myers

Tudy Chapel at the Louisiana State Penitentiary in Angola, La.

# Celebration of Excellence

The Celebration of Excellence, held May 4, 2010, is an annual awards assembly, recognizing and honoring outstanding students in the graduating class of the academic year in the various degree programs. The students pictured here were honored during the event.



Associate Program  
**David Linn**



Baccalaureate Program  
**Robert A. Klotz**



Master of Divinity  
**Ricky Cummings**



Master of Divinity in  
Christian Thought  
**Jared A. Richard**



Master of Divinity in  
Christian Education  
**Kimberly Arthur**



Master of Arts in  
Christian Education  
**Stefanie Brown**



Master of Music in  
Church Music  
**Albert Joseph Wolfe Jr.**



Breazeale-Guidry Award for  
Excellence in Biblical Studies  
**Jeremy Starnes**



Broadman & Holman  
Seminarian Award  
**Michael Reichard Jr.**



Zondervan Greek Award  
**Nathan W. VanHorn**



Zondervan Hebrew Award  
**Jaimie Lynn Mosley**



North American  
Professors of Christian  
Education Award  
**Timothy Scott Milner**



C. C. Randall Award  
in Evangelism  
**Josh Carter**



James A. Headrick  
Award for Excellence in  
Christian Counseling  
**Megan Billings Clunan**



Christian History Award  
**Michael Reichard Jr.**



Robert S. Magee  
Doctoral Fellowship  
Fall 2010  
**Justin Langford**



Robert S. Magee  
Doctoral Fellowship  
Spring 2011  
**Courtney Eichelberger**

## NOBTS Provost Steve Lemke co-edits 'Whosoever Will'

BY PAUL F. SOUTH

**W**hat do you think about Calvinism? There has been an explosion in interest among Southern Baptists in this subject that has been part of the Christian thought and the Baptist heritage for centuries.

To provide a traditional Baptist perspective on this issue, Dr. Steve Lemke, Provost at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, and David L. Allen, Dean of Theology at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, co-edited the recently released *Whosoever Will: A Theological Critique of Five-Point Calvinism*. The book includes the presentations made at the John 3:16 Conference, which was held at First Baptist Church of Woodstock, Georgia in 2008.

The fact that Reformed theology in the Southern Baptist Convention is a topic of significant interest is underscored by the fact that this book, just released in April, is already in its third printing.

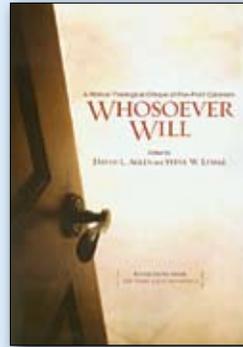
The John 3:16 Conference was the vision of Jerry Vines, but was co-sponsored by New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Liberty Baptist Theological Seminary, and Luther Rice Seminary. About a thousand people attended the John 3:16 Conference. Vines and other speakers emphasized the conference's intention was to address theological issues and provide information rather than attack Calvinists.

Although Calvinism has been stronger or weaker at times throughout Baptist history, LifeWay Research indicates that 90 percent of present-day Southern Baptists are not five-point Calvinists. "Calvinism has been in a significant minority among Southern Baptists for at least the last 50 years," said Lemke. "We wanted to provide the perspective of a majority of Southern Baptists on these crucial issues."

The resurgence in of Calvinism in the SBC has created emotional tensions at times, sometimes dividing both families and churches. Many books have been printed and conferences held which present the Calvinist perspective. This has created a request for scholars to present a biblical and theological defense of what Lemke termed "the traditional Baptist position."

Almost every week, Lemke continues to receive a steady stream of phone calls, e-mails and letters on this issue requesting a resource on this issue. "I've just had so many requests where people say, 'Give us a resource that will help us be able to give an answer, because these people come quoting this and quoting that. We really need a resource to understand better our Baptist convictions,'" said Lemke, who does not expect to change minds with the book but believes it will add to the ongoing discussion.

"We certainly don't intend for it to be Calvinist bashing, stereotyping or being unkind toward Calvinist people or the Reformed heritage," said Lemke. "Many of them are wonderful



### ■ *Whosoever Will: A Biblical-Theological Critique of Five Point Calvinism. Reflections from the John 3:16 Conference.*

Edited by Steve Lemke and David Allen  
B&H Publishing, 2010

Christians and pastors and ministers. But these issues are points of genuine disagreement."

"We just wanted to engage the conversation," said Lemke, noting that in books on issues like election, Calvinist and Arminian views are presented, but the traditional Baptist view is often left out.

"We genuinely disagree (with more Reformed views) and we're trying to make a strong argument against it. But certainly, we wanted to be irenic in spirit," added Lemke. "This is something about which Christians can disagree, just as they disagree on millennial views without breaking fellowship. There are a number of things about which Baptists disagree, and this is just another of them."

"We don't imagine that *Whosoever Will* is going to win over Calvinists to our perspective," said Lemke. "Nor are we advocating Arminianism – none of the book's contributors are Arminians." Instead, the goal of the book is to explain the middle ground between Calvinism and Arminianism, with the hope of striking the chords of balance and unity.

"We honestly believe that the balance is midway between Calvinism and Arminianism. It keeps that tension that we see in Scripture between divine sovereignty and human response. Look at Romans 9-11, one of those Scripture passages that Calvinists cite as the best evidence for a high view of divine sovereignty. But Romans 10 says 'whoever will may come.' If I am faithful to Scripture, I have to put those side by side and maintain that tension between free will and sovereignty. Most Baptists have been comfortable living with that tension."

Among the book's contributors, many of whom were key figures in the SBC's conservative resurgence in the 1980s, such as: Dr. Richard Land, President of the Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission; Dr. Paige Patterson, President of the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary; and SBC President Johnny Hunt.

"These were the generals and lieutenants of the conservative resurgence. These are not some outsiders or strangers to Southern Baptist life," said Lemke. "These are people at the very center of Baptist life. This view reflects a broad consensus by many convention leaders." ▣

## Gregoire receives Silver Beaver Award from area Scouting council

**P**aul Gregoire, Dean of Admissions and Registrar at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, was honored with the Silver Beaver service award by the Southeast Louisiana Council of the Boy Scouts of America, March 11. The Silver Beaver award recognizes the local, distinguished service of adult leaders.

Gregoire, who also serves as pastor of St. Bernard Baptist Church in Chalmette La., received the award for his work as chaplain and

committee member with Boy Scout Troop 84 in Chalmette. He served as a chaplain for the National Scout Jamboree in 2005 and will serve in that capacity again this summer.

Gregoire and his wife, Mae, have two sons, Ryan and Chad. Both sons, who are now in college, earned the rank of Eagle Scout during their time in Scouting. ▣

## Trustees: Lee and Warner elected to NOBTS faculty

BY GARY D. MYERS

**T**rustees at New Orleans Seminary elected Deok Jae Lee, the seminary's first Korean professor, to serve as Assistant Professor of Christian Ministry at the North Georgia Hub. Dan Warner, a skilled archaeologist, was elected as Assistant Professor of Old Testament and Archaeology at the Orlando Hub.

Lee, who earned master of theology and doctor of ministry degrees at NOBTS, was instrumental in launching the Korean-language program at the seminary's North Georgia Hub in 2006. The program offers Korean-language ministry training on both undergraduate and graduate levels. Under Lee's direction, the program has grown from a few students to an enrollment of about 100 in four years.

Lee also serves as pastor of the Southern Korean Baptist Church in Jonesboro, Ga.

"Deok Jae Lee has a greater passion for theological education than anyone I know," said seminary Provost Steve Lemke. "He has taught for us for several years and has done a magnificent job in building up our Korean program in Atlanta. With faculty status, he can become a more integral part of the institution."

Sin Ki Baik, president of the Council of Korean Southern Baptist Churches in America and pastor of Atlanta New Way Korean Baptist Church in Marietta, Ga., also welcomed the election of Lee to the NOBTS faculty.

"Dr. Deok Jae Lee is a precious leader for the Korean Baptist communities in the United States," Baik said. "He has contributed greatly to the growth of Korean Baptist Churches in America in many ways for years."

"I know that Dr. Lee will contribute to Korean Baptist churches through training up Korean Christian leaders with right theology and ministry skills," Baik continued.

The Korean Program recently expanded to include online coursework in the Korean language. The master's-level classes offered online are fully accredited and count toward a Master of Divinity



Lee



Warner

degree program at the North Georgia Hub or another institution. Students may earn a 16-18 hour Korean Biblical Language Graduate Certificate completely online.

Last December trustees also approved a Korean-language Doctor of Ministry (D.Min.) program. The new D.Min. program, still in the development stage, will be based at the North Georgia Hub.

Dan Warner, elected to serve as a ministry-based faculty member at the seminary's Orlando Hub, has been an adjunct instructor at NOBTS since 2006. He will occupy the Don and Helen Bryant Chair of Old Testament and Archaeology.

The ministry-based faculty category is designed for instructors who serve in other ministries to bring their practical experience into the classroom. These trustee-elected non-tenure track professors provide instruction for focused disciplines or delivery systems.

Warner has extensive field experience as an archaeologist serving on six digs in Israel. Since 2006, he has been a Senior Field Supervisor for the Tel Gezer Expedition in Israel.

"I am delighted to see Dan Warner come to our faculty as a ministry-based faculty member. He brings great experience as a teacher as well as an archaeologist," said Jimmy Dukes, regional associate dean for Florida extension centers and director of the Orlando Hub. "More importantly, he has a tremendous interest in students, and as a result he relates to them very well. I believe his addition will be a huge plus for us in Orlando as well as the NOBTS system."

Warner earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Biblical Studies from Spurgeon Baptist Bible College in Mulberry, Fla., and a Master of Theology degree at Grace Theological Seminary in Winona Lake, Ind. After starting Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) studies in Archaeology and Humanities at Florida State University, Warner went on to earn a Ph.D. from Trinity College at the University of Bristol in England. 



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## 2010 Faculty Awards



### Marvin Jones Awards for Excellence Outstanding Classroom Teacher

#### DR. SCOTT DRUMM

Associate Dean of Leavell College,  
Director of Institutional Research,  
Associate Professor of Theological and  
Historical Studies, Leavell College



### Marvin Jones Awards for Excellence Outstanding Faculty Churchman

#### DR. JERRY N. BARLOW

Dean of Graduate Studies,  
Professor of Preaching and Pastoral Work



### Ola Farmer Lenaz Grant

#### DR. DENNIS COLE

Chairman of the Division of Biblical  
Studies,  
Professor of Old Testament and  
Archaeology occupying the Mcfarland  
Chair of Archaeology



### Ola Farmer Lenaz Grant

#### Dr. JIM PARKER

Associate Vice President of Facilities,  
Associate Professor of Biblical  
Interpretation

## Promotions

- **DR. KRISTYN CARVER**, promoted from Assistant Professor to Associate Professor of Psychology and Counseling
- **DR. JOHN GIBSON**, promoted from Associate Professor to Professor of Communication in Leavell College
- **DR. KATHY STEELE**, promoted from Assistant Professor to Associate Professor of Psychology and Counseling

## Tenure Granted

- **DR. KRISTYN CARVER**
- **DR. PRESTON NIX**, Associate Professor of Evangelism and Evangelistic Preaching
- **DR. CRAIG PRICE**, Associate Professor of New Testament and Greek
- **DR. KATHY STEELE**

## Appointment

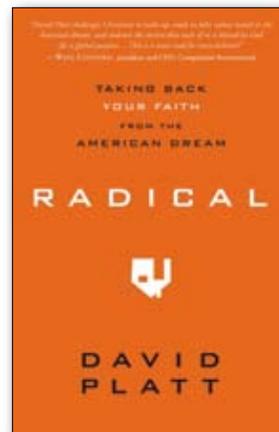
- **DR. JEFF RILEY**, Associate Professor of Ethics was appointed to serve as Chairman of the Theological and Historical Studies Division at NOBTS.

## in print *recent books by alumni*

### ■ Radical

By David Platt  
Multnomah, 2010

In *Radical*, David Platt invites you to encounter what Jesus actually said about being his disciple, and then obey what you have heard. He challenges you to consider with an open heart how we have manipulated a God-centered gospel to fit our human-centered preferences. With passionate storytelling and convicting biblical analysis, Platt calls into question a host of comfortable notions that are common among Christ's followers today. Then he proposes a radical response: live the gospel in ways that are true, filled with promise, and ultimately world changing.

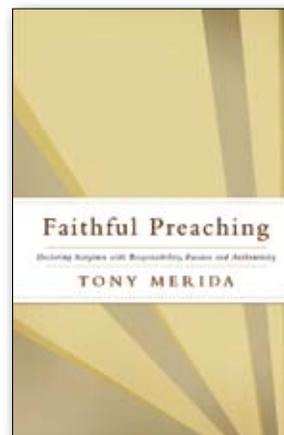


**David Platt** is the pastor of the Church at Brook Hills in Birmingham, Ala. He earned Master of Divinity, Master of Theology and Doctor of Philosophy degrees from NOBTS.

### ■ Faithful Preaching

By Tony Merida  
B&H Publishing, 2009

What is a preacher? What is preaching? Pastor Tony Merida asks these foundational questions to arrive at this overview of his book, *Faithful Preaching*: "Faithful preaching is the responsible, passionate, and authentic declaration of the Christ-exalting Scriptures, by the power of the Spirit, for the glory of the Triune God.



Expository preaching is the best approach for accurately explaining and applying God's Word, and for maintaining a God-centered focus in preaching. It also offers wonderful spiritual benefits to both the preacher and congregation. To be faithful expositors today, we must avoid the common problems associated with expository preaching such as boredom, irrelevancy and Christless messages. Faithful preachers will usher the people through the text passionately and authentically, pointing them to Christ."

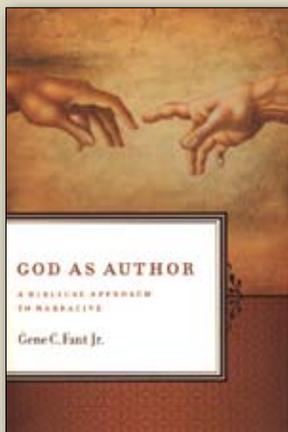
**Tony Merida** is the teaching pastor at Temple Baptist Church in Hattiesburg, Miss. and a ministry-based faculty member at NOBTS. He earned Master of Divinity, Master of Theology and Doctor of Philosophy degrees from NOBTS.

## in print *recent books by alumni*

### ■ God as Author

By Gene Fant  
B&H Publishing, 2010

*God as Author* takes a thoughtful literary approach to understanding the Gospel. Gene Fant writes in the preface: "Most of us have heard that Christ is 'the Author and Finisher of our faith' (Hebrews 12:2), so it makes sense that the Gospel would be God's story. As many a church message board has noted so succinctly, 'History is His Story.' In our easy discussions of special revelation, I cannot help but wonder if we have missed something awe-inspiring that may be revealed by a reversal of the lens that we turn toward narrative. Perhaps the Gospel is not just like a story; perhaps story, narrative in general, is like the Gospel."



**Gene Fant** is Professor of English and Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences, Union University, Jackson, Tenn. He earned a Master of Divinity degree from NOBTS.

### ■ Live Sent: You are a letter

By Jason Dukes  
Wheatmark, 2009

Jesus said in the Gospel of John, "As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you." Paul followed this teaching by introducing a very picturesque and challenging metaphor in 2 Corinthians 3. There, he defends the focus and authenticity and credibility of the message he delivered and the ministry he lived. He said the people who received this message were now letters written by the Spirit of the living God. The implication – the church must be SENT, not just gathered. The book is available at [livesentresources.wordpress.com](http://livesentresources.wordpress.com).

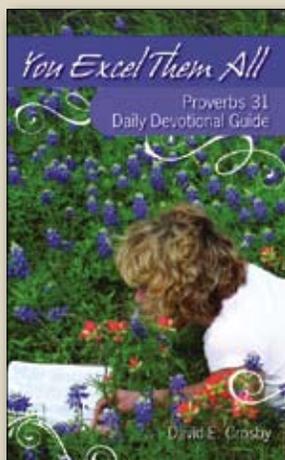


**Jason Dukes** is the pastor of Westpoint Church in Windermere, Fla. He earned a Master of Divinity degree from NOBTS.

### ■ You Excel Them All Proverbs 31 Daily Devotional Guide

By David Crosby  
Dove Inspirational Press, 2010

God wants His people to excel. Starting with the sayings of King Lemuel, this volume examines the virtuous woman in meditations on verses from Proverbs 31, to present actions of body, soul and spirit that characterize and create excellence in human beings.



This celebration of women and motherhood also incorporates guidance for all people, ranging from the very young to the very old, male and female, rich and poor. Scripture reading recommendations accompany the daily reflections on such topics as justice and confidence, to substance abuse, financial savvy, and anxiety. Each entry closes with a short prayer.

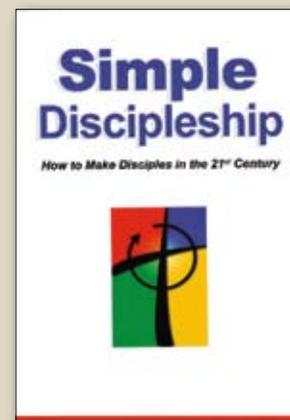
**David Crosby** is the pastor of First Baptist Church in New Orleans. He helped create the Baptist Crossroads Foundation, a group that partners with Habitat for Humanity to build homes in the Upper Ninth Ward of New Orleans. Crosby earned a Master of Divinity degree from NOBTS.

### ■ Simple Discipleship: How to Make Disciples in the 21st Century

By Tom Cocklereece  
Church Smart Resources, 2009

*Simple Discipleship: How to Make Disciples in the 21st Century* is a new tool that helps church leaders better design and organize their disciple-making ministries to achieve greater effectiveness.

Simple Discipleship (SD) is a values-based strategy using platform, program, personal, peer-group and proficiency discipleship methods delivered in a process manner. The book is available through Amazon.com or can be viewed at [www.simplediscipleship.com](http://simplediscipleship.com).



**Tom Cocklereece** is the pastor of Shady Grove Baptist Church in Marietta, Ga., and CEO of RENOVA Coaching and Consulting, LLC. He earned a Doctor of Ministry degree from NOBTS.

## Alumnus Chad Grayson: Amazed by God's work

BY PETE CHARPENTIER

**P**astor Chad Grayson has the city of Tupelo, Miss. on his heart and a seminary application on his desk. Yet, he knows God fuels his fervor for evangelism and his focus on education. In fact, as Grayson reflects on God's blessings in his service and studies, he simply says, "It's a God-thing!"

Grayson became the senior pastor of First Baptist Church of Tupelo, Miss. in early January 2010, and he senses that God is already accomplishing something great.

But to begin with, God produced abundant evangelistic fruit in pastor Chad's first three pastorates. For example, when he arrived for his first Sunday in March 2000 at Holly Grove Baptist, 23 gathered for Sunday School and approximately 28 assembled in worship. However, after just three and a half years of outreach, he baptized over 150 people, and Bible study attendance surged to more than 100. In pastor Chad's words, "It's a God-thing!"



Grayson

Next, when Grayson went to his second pastorate at Lincoln Road Baptist, the church had not recorded a baptism in five years. But in 18 months of ministry, God increased the fellowship from 20 to 70, and 10 people were baptized. Again, pastor Chad says, "It's a God-thing!"

The Lord then opened a door for Grayson to pastor Airline Baptist. And over the course of five and a half years of ministry, the church grew from 180 to over 600 in attendance. Grayson shares that God blessed with roughly 600 baptisms and 1,200 additions. Of course, pastor Chad chuckles and confesses, "It's a God-thing!"

As noted, Grayson is now the senior pastor of FBC Tupelo. His first Sunday at the church was January 3, and on Sunday evening, January 31, he baptized approximately 30 people. Once again, pastor Chad echoes his familiar refrain of praise: "It's a God-thing!"

But God has not only blessed Grayson's evangelistic efforts, the Lord also used the versatility of New Orleans Seminary in his educational pursuits. Pastor Chad learned about Leavell College

from a friend while serving in his first church, and he began extension center courses at Broadmoor Baptist in Madison, Miss. When Grayson speaks about his first classes at the extension center, he recalls his initial thoughts: "I get to go to church on Monday and go to school! I fell in love with it!"

Of course, pastor Chad sees his education at New Orleans Seminary as a "God-thing" because the Lord used the flexibility of its programs to help him prepare for ministry. For instance, when God moved Grayson from his first to his second church, it was at a time when he had maximized the courses available at the Broadmoor extension. So he began commuting from Hattiesburg, Miss. to the main campus in New Orleans to complete his bachelor of arts in Christian ministry and to begin his master of divinity.

When God called Grayson from Hattiesburg, Miss. to Bossier City, La., the Lord provided a way for him to continue his education through the extension center at Broadmoor Baptist in Shreveport. And now that he is serving at FBC Tupelo, pastor Chad is prayerfully planning to enroll in the seminary's doctor of ministry program.

Regarding the versatility of New Orleans Seminary's options for studying on campus, through extension centers or via online courses, pastor Chad says, "[NOBTS does] the greatest job of any seminary I know of making it so convenient for pastors to go to school." And since Grayson believes that God's call to ministry is also a call to prepare for ministry, he encourages others to maximize the flexibility of New Orleans Seminary's quality education opportunities.

Dr. Norris Grubbs, Associate Professor of New Testament and Greek, summarizes his interaction with Grayson and his education through the seminary with these words: "I think Chad is a good example of what we're looking to do for the most part in the seminary: Training people who are in church ministry, who are going to stay in church ministry, and who want to get better at it. And Chad has been able to stay right where he is and learn and grow, and God is really using him." Of course, Grayson would doubtlessly summarize God's work in his ministry and studies with one sentence: "It's a God-thing!"

## NAMB honors Tom Cox for 50 years of evangelism, missions

**T**he North American Mission Board honored Dr. Tom Cox, a 1962 graduate of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, for 50 years of evangelism and missions service.

The resolution praised Cox, saying that he had "faithfully preached the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ in North America and 'to the ends of the earth', resulting in literally thousands coming to a saving, transforming faith."

The resolution also cited Cox's half-century of service as a dedicated evangelist of Southern Baptists, who passionately ministered to not only the spiritual but also the physical needs of people in 117 countries.

NAMB officials also praised the work of Cox and his wife Kay in SBC churches throughout North America, encouraging believers

to "not grow weary in well doing."

Richard H. Harris, Senior Strategist, Missions Advancement and Ken Weathersby, Senior Strategist for Evangelization for NAMB, signed the resolution.

Cox is founder and evangelist of Tom Cox World Ministries in Mountainburg, Ark. He holds a Master of Arts in Religious Education from NOBTS. The ministry website is [www.tcwm.org](http://www.tcwm.org).

Cox earned a Doctor of Ministry degree from Luther Rice Seminary, a bachelor's degree from Samford University and studied at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky., and Clark Memorial College in Atlanta.

He has served churches in Alabama, Louisiana, Missouri and Oklahoma. He has been active in ministry since 1956.

# alumni updates

## 1960s

**Lacquement, Margie** (attended '64) retired from teaching in 2003. Her husband, Dale is pastor of Faith Baptist Church in Moreno Valley, Calif.

**Lovorn, Thomas "Tommy"** (BDiv '64) retired in 2004 after 47 years in the ministry. In 2009, he accepted the pastorate of God's Storehouse Baptist Church in Richmond, Va. Tommy is also a professor at RockbridgeSeminary.org. He and his wife, Janie, have published several books on church growth. He invites you to visit his website at www.tomlovorn.us.

## 1970s

**Martin, Bernon** (MDiv '77) celebrated his 20th anniversary as pastor on Aug. 24, 2009.

**Nelson, Dan** (MDiv. '76) celebrated 25 years as Pastor of First Baptist Church Camarillo, Calif., and completed a term as Trustee of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

**Rogers, Helen** (MRE '73) and husband, Bill, have retired from vocational ministry. They are serving their church family and delivering Meals on Wheels to senior adults in Independence, Mo.

## 1980s

**Ingersoll, Dale** (MDiv '88) has been serving as pastor of Westside Baptist Church in Ft. Pierce, Fla., since 1988. During his tenure, the church has grown to a membership of 2,500.

**McEntire, T. Wayne** (MDiv '88) has accepted the call to pastor First Baptist Church, Westlake, La.

**Wolf, Jay** (MDiv '81) recently celebrated his 20th anniversary as Pastor of First Baptist Church Montgomery, Ala.

## 1990s

**Driggers, Randy** (MDiv '98) recently introduced "Kingdom Stewardship Alliance", which is a ministry focused on providing tools for church leaders to teach the stewardship of estate planning.

**Hix, Alan** (MDiv '84; PhD '90) led a study-abroad trip to Israel for Shorter College during May/June 2009 and served as coordinator of Shorter College Excavations at Bethesda. He also presented a paper at the Batchelder Conference on Biblical Archaeology at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

**Hopper, Bobby E.** (MDiv '92) recently authored a book titled *I Will Speak Using Stories* that has been published by AuthorHouse Publisher.

## 2000s

**Cape, Beth** (DEdMin '05) accepted the call to Whitesburg Baptist Church in Huntsville, Ala., to serve as their Director of Preschool Ministries.

**Preachers, James** (MACE '05) recently earned his doctorate at Covington Seminary.

**Thompson, Milton "Dale"** (MDiv '05) accepted the call as Pastor of Faith BC in Climax Spring, Mo. in October 2008, and is currently enrolled in the PhD program at Midwestern Baptist Seminary.

**West, D. "Jack"** (MDiv '78; DMin '02) celebrated 25 years as pastor of Holloway Baptist Church in Deville, La., in January 2010.

**Wooten, David** (MDiv '07) has accepted the call to minister through Embraced by Grace, a Christian adoption agency located in central Florida.

## BIRTHS

**Arredondo, Arnold** (MDiv '02; ThM '05; PhD '09) and Joy (Winkles) (MACE '04) welcomed their second daughter, Reagan Kiley, August 21. The baby was also welcomed by her proud sister, Peyton.

**Bazer, Gary** (MACE '97) and wife, Ashley welcomed third child, Rebecca Jane, Jan. 2, 2010. Rebecca was the first child of the New Year born in Kit Carson County Memorial Hospital. Rebecca was also welcomed by her siblings, Jack and Hope.

**Palmer, Jason B.** (MDiv '08) and wife, Christie, welcomed their third son, Caleb, Dec. 22, 2009.

## DECEASED

**Allen, Josiah** (ThD '54) died Aug. 18, 2009, in Graceville, Fla. He is survived by his children and grandchildren.

**Allison, John "Philip"** (BDiv '56; ThD '60) died Jan. 30, 2010 in Memphis, Tenn. He is survived by wife, Alta and their children.

**Averett, Clyde W.** (BDiv '54; ThM '56; ThD '67) died March 9, 2010, in Baton Rouge, La. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Freida, and two daughters.

**Bennett, Henry Joe** (BDiv '50) passed away Dec. 11, 2009, in Jackson, Miss. He is survived by his wife of 70 years, Ileta and four children.

**Bethel, Donald H.** (attended '48) died Feb. 1, 2010 in Marion, Ill. He is survived by his wife, Sara Ellen, and children.

**Blanton, John B.** (BSM '59) passed away March 13, 2004, in Gaffney, S.C. He is survived by his wife, Julia, and his children.

**Bridges, Lewis M.** (MCM '61) passed away Feb. 5, 2010, in Jackson, Miss. Lewis is survived by Elsie (his wife of 56 years), three daughters and other family members.

**Brister, Howard** (BDiv '58) passed away March 8, 2010, in McComb, Miss. He is survived by Betty (his wife of 56 years) and their children.

**Bryan, Wayne D.** (ThM '47; ThD '51) died Feb. 7, 2010, in Birmingham, Ala. He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Dr. Betty Sue Bryan, and other family.

**Cannady, William** (MCM '65) died Aug. 30, 2009, in Nashville, Tenn. He is survived by his wife, Helen, his children and grandchildren.

**Clarke, James A.** (MRE '55) passed away Feb. 7, 2010 in Birmingham, Ala. He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Polly (Pauline; MRE '55), a daughter, and other family members.

**Clay, Horace E.** (attended '57) died Oct. 8, 2009, in Richmond, Va. He was preceded in death by his wife, "Happy". Horace is survived by his children and grandchildren.

**Coleman, James R.** (attended '49) died Jan. 21, 2010, in Milledgeville, Ga. He is survived by his children and step-children.

**Cornwell, Ernest** (attended '51) died Aug. 20, 2009, in Fredericksburg, Va. He is survived by his wife, Pauline, and his children.

**Davis, Glenda Agee** (attended '53) passed away Jan. 24, 2010, in Ashford, Ala. She is survived by her husband, J. Homer Davis, and her children.

**Dodge, Donald C.** (ThB '62) passed away March 7, 2010, in Orange, Texas. He is survived by his wife, Jean, his three children and other family.

**Duckett, Beulah Charlene** (Attended '47) died Feb. 28, 2010, in Mustang, Okla. She is survived by her husband of 64 years,

**Thomas "Ross" Duckett** (BX '47), three children and other family.

**Dunn, Jimmy** (MRE '63) passed away Sept. 10, 2009, in Nashville, Tenn. His first wife, Eleanor, died in 2001. He is survived by his wife, Ellen, his children and step-children.

**Dunnam, James T.** (BDiv '55) passed away Nov. 16, 2009, in Hattiesburg, Miss. He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Betty Sue, three children and four granddaughters.

**Green, Ervin Alton** (DCT '68) died Dec. 3, 2009, in Little Mountain, S.C. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth; his children and Doris A. Crow.

**Greer, Lilly "Beth"** (attended '53) passed away Oct. 28, 2009, in Bogue Chitto, Miss. She was preceded in death by her husband, **N. F. Greer** (BDiv '53). She is survived by a son, daughter and other family.

**Hampton, Essie Magdalene Johnson** (CCT '49) passed away Feb. 13, 2010, in Gaffney, S.C. She is survived by a sister, a sister-in-law and several nieces and nephews.

**Hester, Norman L.** (ADPM '78) died Dec. 17, 2009, in Bennettsville, S.C. He is survived by his wife, Catherine, three children and other family and friends.

**Jackson, Kent R.** (MCM '66) passed away Aug. 25, 2009, in Paducah, Ky. He is survived by his wife, Lucretia, children and grandchildren.

**Kidwell, Virgil "Bud"** (Attended '81) passed away Dec. 5, 2009 in Panhandle, Texas. He is survived by his wife, Karilyn and daughter, Kimberly.

**Kikugawa, Tadaaki** (BDiv '53) passed away Oct. 8, 2009, in Moraga, Calif. He is survived by his wife, Elinor, and three children.

**Lawson, Ella D.** (attended '64) passed away Dec. 18, 2009.

**Maloney, Betty Jean** (DRE '64) died Nov. 12, 2008, in East Ridge, Tenn. She was survived by her children and a step-daughter. She was preceded in death by her husband of 52 years, **J. Patrick Maloney** (BDiv '64) who passed away Oct. 26, 2004.

**Massey, Troy L. Sr.** (MRE '84) died Sept. 25, 2009, in Bogue Chitto, Miss. Troy is survived by his wife, Sandra, three children and several grandchildren.

**Mayfield, Bob** (DMin '93) passed away Nov. 23, 2009 in Tyler, Texas. He is survived by his wife, Pamela Sue, and a son.

**McKnight, Rayburn D.** (attended '62) passed away March 1, 2010 in Niota, Tenn. He is survived by Sara (his wife of 54 years), three daughters and other family.

**Miller, Jan Rochelle (O'Daniell)** (MACE '98) died August 30, 2009, in Beaumont, Texas.

**Mixon, Mildred** (widow of **Preston B. Mixon** (BDiv '55; MRE '64) died April 15, 2007, in Metairie, La. She is survived by her children, grandchildren and other family members.

## In Memory: Christian school pioneer Helen Driscoll

**O**ne of the first female graduates of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, as well as a trailblazing Christian educator and author, has passed away at 93.

Helen Driscoll died Dec. 6, 2009, in New Orleans. In 1956, along with her husband, the late Pastor Paul Driscoll, she founded Mid-City Baptist School, now Crescent City Christian School in Metairie, which serves children from daycare through high school. Driscoll also authored two books and numerous Bible study materials.

"In a day when Southern Baptists were training very few women in Bible and theology, she was determined to get the finest theological training available in order to render outstanding service to the Kingdom of God," said NOBTS President Chuck Kelley. "She and her husband planted their lives in this difficult city of New Orleans and probably led more of its citizens to Christ than any other Baptist pastor and wife in the history of New Orleans. Her intelligence, evangelistic zeal, teaching ability and supreme love for Jesus above all other things were greatly admired and will be long remembered."

Driscoll's life had a profound impact on two of the six Southern Baptist seminaries. She was a role model for Dorothy



Times-Picayune Photo

Patterson, wife of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary President Paige Patterson.

"If I were asked to name five or six of the most significant mentors in my life, Helen Driscoll would be one," she said. The Pattersons were members of Mid-City Baptist Church during their time as students at NOBTS.

It is estimated that in her 46 years as a headmistress, principal and teacher, she educated thousands of children. And, even at 90, as an active member of Williams Boulevard Baptist Church, she would walk through neighborhoods, sharing the gospel of Christ door-to-door.

Born in Marlowe, Tenn., Helen Wilson Driscoll graduated magna cum laude from Carson-Newman College in Jefferson City, Tenn. In 1944, she graduated from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary with the Master of Theology degree. She then taught on the seminary faculty for three years.

In 1948, she married J. Paul Driscoll, and they served for 58 years at Mid-City/Crescent City Baptist Church. In 1956, they founded what is now Crescent City Christian School. Paul Driscoll died in 2000. She wrote two books, *Around the World in Fifty Days* and *God's Redemptive Plan Revealed in the Old Testament*.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Joani Driscoll Dockery and Larry Dockery of Arlington, Texas; grandsons Sean and Timothy Dockery, also of Arlington; a sister, Nadine W. Ingle and sister-in law, Ann Wilson, both of Chattanooga, Tenn. 

**Morris, Charles E.** (ThM '70) died Sept. 6, 2009. He is survived by his wife, Beatrice, four children and 12 grandchildren.

**Murphy, Betty R.** (BRE '56) passed away April 24, 2006, in Kirkwood, Mo. She was preceded in death by her husband, **Victor Murphy** (BDiv '56), in 1986. She is survived by two daughters.

**Nations, James** (BDiv '64) died Dec. 6, 2009, in Brandon, Miss. He is survived by his wife, Faye, and five children.

**Pope, Betty F.** (MRE '56) died Dec. 16, 2009, in Jackson, Miss. She is survived by two brothers and several nieces and nephews.

**Rahaim, Cheryl W.** (attended '78) died Oct. 25, 2009, in Snellville, Ga. She is survived by her daughter and other family members.

**Roof, Mary Lou** (DPCT '45) of West Columbia, S.C., died March 1, 2010. She was preceded in death by her husband, Colie Roof, and is survived by a stepson and other family members.

**Salley, Charles** (BDiv '54) passed away Feb. 8, 2010, in Nashville, Tenn. Charles is survived by his wife of 54 years, Nell, and two daughters.

**Samchok, Dennis** (attended '87-'91) died Sept. 16, 2005, in Jonesboro, Ga. He was survived by his wife, Ellen, a daughter and a son.

**Seals, Larry A.** (attended '95-'00) died Nov. 13, 2009, in Mandeville, La. He is survived by his wife, Karen, his children and grandchildren.

**Stone, Joseph P. Jr.** (BDiv. '55) passed away Dec. 31, 2009 in Tuscaloosa, Ala. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Marie, and three children.

**Sullivan, J. Hartmon** (MRE '53) passed away Sept. 19, 2009, in Evansville, Ind. He is survived by his children and grandchildren.

**Sutton, Adeline** (MRE '48) died Aug. 7, 2008 in St. Louis, Mo. She is survived by her husband, **David Sutton** (BDiv '49), three children and a granddaughter.

**Taylor, Don** (attended '99-'01) died Aug. 24, 2009, in Conehatta, Miss. He is survived by his wife, Lesia, and children.

## looking back

Workers transport the Leavell Chapel steeple to campus in this 1975 photograph.

The steeple, damaged during Hurricane Katrina in 2005, was replaced in 2007.



**Thompson, Elton** (MDiv '85) died Jan. 30, 2010, in Baton Rouge, La. He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Linda, and their children.

**Tucker, Robert Fulton** (BDiv '57) passed away Oct. 5, 2009, in Helena, Ark. He is survived by his wife and children.

### MISSION APPOINTMENT

**David Harold White** (APM '05) has been appointed to serve as a Strategy Coordinator with the International Mission Board's Office of Global Strategy.



White

## Register for Alumni Online Community

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**Rev. Peter Lord** (BDIV '57) spent 30 years as Pastor of Park Avenue Church in Titusville, Fla. He pastored seven other churches during a ministry career that spans 60 years.



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