The New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary Foundation Board continues to play a key role in funding important campus improvements. During their Saturday, March 5 meeting, Board members voted to give $95,000 toward a project to replace the skylight in the Hardin Student Center. This project uses interest earned from the Board’s investments over the past year.

Dr. Harvey applauded the Board’s commitment to the project. He also thanked the individual Foundation members who funded endowed chairs, endowed scholarships and new research and ministry centers at NOBTS during the past year.

“The Foundation Board exists to support the Seminary by growing the endowment and assisting the Seminary in projects to insure the fulfillment of the Seminary’s mission,” Dr. Harvey told the Board members. “You are making a significant difference in what we are doing at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.”

During the meeting, Foundation members were given the opportunity to tour the new recreation areas and playgrounds which were funded through Foundation Board giving. Harvey thanked them for the $480,000 given last year to build the new play areas.

Seminary families are already enjoying use of the play areas, including Sunshine Park and playgrounds at the Preschool Center, the Manor Apartments and the Farnsworth Apartments. The largest new recreation area, Sunshine Park, has transformed the quadrangle behind Willingham Manor. Sunshine Park includes play equipment, basketball courts, a soccer field, a sand volleyball court, exercise stations, covered pavilions and a walking track.

Board members also toured the new Courtyard Apartments for single students.

The Foundation Board weekend began Friday, March 4 with a dinner for current and prospective Board members at the Plimsoll Club in downtown New Orleans. President Dr. Chuck Kelley shared the vision and purpose of the Seminary and encouraged others to join in the work of NOBTS.

During the evening, Foundation Member Dr. Keith Manuel had the opportunity to lead one of the Plimsoll Club waitresses to faith in Christ.

The Board welcomed thirteen new members who were approved at the 2004 NOBTS Trustees meeting. They are Mr. and Mrs. Richard Adkerson, Mr. Steve Davison, Dr. David Hamm, Mr. Tom Callicutt, Mr. Randy Driggers, Dr. Mike Wetzel, Mr. Gordon and Mrs. Pat Campbell, Dr. Joe McKeever, Mr. Gene Warr, Mrs. Robin Dawson and Mrs. Becky Harris.

“You are making a significant difference in what we are doing at New Orleans Seminary.”

-Dr. Charles Harvey
A Special Thank You to Those Who have Given this Year

By Dr. Charles Harvey

Words can’t express the appreciation for the many supporters who have given sacrificially to New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary in the past year. Your gifts have made a huge difference in the Seminary’s training of ministers for God’s Kingdom service. As more students have responded to God’s call to serve, our student body has continued to grow requiring additional support to offer quality education and services. Without your gifts, many students would not be able to pursue an education and the Seminary would be unable to offer quality education at an affordable price. This year’s gifts are reminders that God is continuing His work of providence through faithful supporters.

Our support base has continued to grow as evidenced by the increased pages of gift recognitions on the following pages. People are excited and confident about the work of this Seminary and are responding with gifts, promotion, and prayer.

It is not unusual to meet people who have heard of the Seminary’s work from other people or alums. The good news is contagious. Alums are joining this growing support base in record numbers voicing a desire to give back to a school that laid an important foundation for their ministry. The state alumni officers have led the way by unanimously committing to personally give at least $100 this next year for their Seminary. They join a faithful group committed to regular support for student training for ministry.

From small to large gifts, you are making a difference at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. You will notice the timeline below that runs for the next few pages indicating some of the exciting changes that have occurred on campus. They do not fully express the depth of the changes that have occurred but they do illustrate that God is doing some awesome things at this Seminary through your gifts. Thank you for being a part of God’s work.

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"Thank You."
Summer program offers fresh approach to Greek studies

This summer, New Orleans Seminary’s Summer Biblical Languages Institute (SBLI) will offer intense courses in Greek grammar and exegesis. The innovative approach gives students the opportunity to learn the language and even travel to Greece.

NOBTS has offered summer language courses for many years. The Summer Institute, a fresh approach to language studies, was founded in 2003 to allow students to earn all 10 hours of Greek required for the master’s program in one summer. SBLI provides students with the optional trip to Greece to enhance the learning experience.

Some students involved in the Summer Institute will take all four courses offered: Introductory Greek Grammar, Intermediate Greek Grammar and two exegesis classes covering 1 Corinthians. Tackling these four classes in a brief two-month period seems impossible. However, Dr. Gerald Stevens, professor of New Testament and Greek at NOBTS, said it is merely a matter of immersion.

“The key to making this language accomplishment possible in one summer is immersion pedagogy, just like missionaries learn a language,” Stevens said. “The task looks impossible, but in fact, it is entirely feasible.”

While SBLI allows students to earn all their Greek credit in a single summer, it is also open to students who can only take a selection of the classes. The program is easily adjustable to the individual student’s needs.

The first exegesis class, covering 1 Corinthians 1-8, will be taught on-campus by Dr. Craig Price, NOBTS dean of students. For the last half of 1 Corinthians, students have the option of remaining in New Orleans and studying under Price or traveling to Greece with Stevens. Besides completing the study of 1 Corinthians, students will spend considerable time touring biblical sites in Greece.

“Emphasis will be placed on visiting archeological and historical museums, combing through ancient biblical sites, as well as encountering cultural experiences in Greek life,” Stevens said.

The Institute only lasts eight weeks, but the benefits to students will continue long past the end of summer. A grasp of the biblical language will greatly enhance the ministry of those who participate.

For more information contact Dr. Stevens at (504) 282-4455, ext. 3734.

Moscow Trip
May 25 - June 3

From May 25 through June 3, a group of New Orleans Seminary students, faculty and staff will take part in a mission trip to Moscow, Russia. The trip is part of NOBTS’ ongoing Moscow partnership.

Participants will prayerwalk around the Kremlin in Moscow’s Red Square - the center of power in Russia.

The group will also lead disciple associations with church leaders, strategize in established Russian churches and participate in evangelistic and church planting activities.

Pray for participants as they take part in God’s work to raise up leaders in the Russian church.

SE Asia Trip
June 2005

NOBTS students will travel in June to a large city in a Southeast Asian country to share the gospel. Because of security concerns, specific information regarding the trip cannot be given.

Volunteers will spend the majority of their time in university classrooms, conversing with English language students about American society. The group will also visit some of the smaller towns surrounding the city.

Pray that participants will have wisdom in how to best represent Christ to Muslim students. Pray for opportunities to develop relationships with students outside the classroom and for safety in travel.

East Asia Trip
June 2005

In June, 20 volunteers will travel to East Asia. Due to security concerns, names of people involved, dates of the trip and specific countries where they will work cannot be disclosed.

One group of students will hike and travel in a region where the people have little exposure to the gospel, while another will teach English as a Second Language.

Pray for participants’ safety as they travel and for wisdom as they proclaim Christ in this part of the world.
The Greer-Heard Point Counter-Point Lecture

“Enormous forces in our culture are determined to deny that Jesus was raised from the dead,” N.T. Wright, an Anglican evangelical scholar, said. “Over and over again, they use arguments that can be shown to be invalid and propose alternative scenarios which can be shown to be impossible.”

Wright and John Dominic Crossan, a member of the Jesus Seminar, voiced divergent views of the resurrection during the inaugural Greer-Heard Point-Counterpoint Forum at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary March 11.

Wright, bishop of Durham, England, defended the literal, bodily resurrection of Jesus as the only tenable view, while Crossan, a professor emeritus at DePaul University, set forth a metaphorical interpretation of the resurrection.

NOBTS President Chuck Kelley described the event, attended by over 920 people, as “a great opportunity for our seminary family and many other guests to see how we can dialogue with the world and get the Gospel out there without sacrificing our convictions ... a great model for how to take a strongly held belief like we have in the resurrection and then share and defend that belief with those who don’t accept it.”

The forum continued on March 12 with a number of noted scholars responding to Crossan and Wright, including presentations by Gary Habermas; Craig Evans; R. Douglas Geivett; Ted Peters; William Lane Craig; and NOBTS’ Chuck Quarles.

Established through a gift from Bill and Carolyn Heard, the forum was designed to help students and ministers learn to think critically and to be prepared to engage secular society.

The 2006 Greer-Heard Point-Counterpoint Forum, “Debating Design,” is scheduled for Feb. 10-11, 2006. William Dembski, one of intelligent design’s leading thinkers, and Michael Ruse, an evolutionist and Professor at Florida State University, will discuss whether the universe is the product of intelligent design or evolution. Dembski was recently named as Director of the Center for Science and Theology at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

N.T. Wright defends the bodily resurrection of Jesus during the Greer-Heard Point-Counterpoint Forum as John Dominic Crossan and Dr. Robert Stewart watch on the platform.

The Baptist Center’s “Mission of Today’s Church”

Southern Baptists are passionate about the church. The Baptist Center for Theology and Ministry (BCTM) tapped into that passion Feb. 10-12 as pastors, professors and denominational leaders gathered at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary to discuss what it means to be the church.

During “The Mission of Today’s Church” conference, 22 Baptist leaders spoke on issues ranging from cooperation and congregational polity to bivocational ministry and the Lord’s Supper.

Dr. Stan Norman, Associate Professor of Theology at NOBTS, created BCTM as a vehicle to bring the theology taught in Baptist seminaries and colleges to the local church. The center seeks to recover and communicate the Baptist distinctives that are on the decline in various churches today.

The wide range of presenters included NOBTS President Chuck Kelley; Norman; David Dockery, President of Union University; Ed Stetzer, from the North American Mission Board; and other key Baptist leaders.

Planning is underway for next year’s BCTM conference. The date and topic will be announced on the Baptist Center’s website (www.baptistcenter.com) later this year.

The Manual Family Lecture on Archaeology and the Bible

Archaeology can be a powerful tool in establishing the historicity of the Bible. But rarely do archaeologists find as much support for the biblical text as they did at Megiddo, Gezer and Hazor. The facts in the ground mirror the text in 1 Kings 9:15-16.

The evidence brought world-renowned archaeologist William Dever to New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary Feb. 3. He shared his research during the Manual Family Lecture on Archaeology and the Bible – a lecture designed to present current archaeological research pointing to the reliability of Scripture.

Dever said evidence found among the ancient ruins at Megiddo, Gezer and Hazor confirms the biblical accounts of King Solomon. He finds no evidence of revisionists who wish to discredit the Bible and deny the existence of ancient Israel.

Articles about these events are available at www.nobts.edu/Publications.
New Orleans Seminary launched two new construction projects in January. The new initiatives, which include student and staff apartments, come in response to the Seminary’s continued enrollment boom.

“These are the last of our really urgent building projects,” said President Chuck Kelley. “At the end of this project, more than half of our housing will be less than 5-years-old and more than half of our housing will be termite resistant.”

Rising student enrollment and the sale of the Seminary’s off-campus apartments are both factors driving the urgency of the two projects. The seminary now has more on campus students than it had total students just nine years ago.

The largest part of the construction will be new two-bedroom apartments for students. The 48 new apartments on Providence Place will be made up of five separate, three-story buildings (pictured below). A new staff village includes three three-bedroom townhouses for larger staff families and eight two-bedroom staff apartments. Both projects are scheduled for completion by January 2006.
Trustees express reservations about sole membership plan

The New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary Board approved a document listing and explaining their reservations about sole membership.

In the Fall of 2004, trustees complied with the request of Southern Baptist Convention messengers by approving a charter amendment naming the SBC sole member of the Seminary's corporation. Messengers will have the opportunity to vote on the NOBTS charter amendment at the 2005 SBC Annual Meeting in Nashville. In a separate motion, trustees directed their executive committee to develop a document explaining their reluctance to adopt sole membership.

According to Rev. Tommy French, Trustee Chairman when the reservations were stated, NOBTS officials will be allowed to communicate the reservations at the Convention.

NOBTS Reservations Concerning a Charter Amendment Proposal

The purpose of this document is to explain why New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary has reservations about the legal risks of financial liability and the possible effects on Baptist polity that could come if the attached proposal to make the SBC the sole member of the legal corporation of the seminary is adopted. The proposal is a request to make the Southern Baptist Convention the sole member of the legal corporation of the Seminary in order to clarify and strengthen the ties binding the Seminary and the Convention. Being in perfect agreement with this goal, the Trustees engaged in a process of careful research and study to evaluate the proposal. That process included the following steps.

1. Listening carefully to be sure the proposal was properly understood. That listening process included two meetings of the President with Executive Committee attorneys, three meetings between NOBTS Trustees and Executive Committee attorneys, one meeting of NOBTS Trustees with Dr. Morris Chapman and his staff, and one meeting of the entire NOBTS Board of Trustees with the officers and staff of the Executive Committee. Legal counsel for the seminary and other Louisiana attorneys were present in those meetings.

2. Researching the implications of the proposal in light of Louisiana law. Basic research was done by the permanent legal counsel of the Seminary. The results of his research were shared with other Louisiana attorneys and confirmed by them. An independent legal counsel was employed to review the proposal. One practicing Louisiana attorney has been on the Board of Trustees for several years. Another Louisiana attorney was added to the Board before the final decision of the Board was made. An attorney addressing the same issue of entity relationships between the Louisiana state convention and its entities was included in one of the key meetings between NOBTS Trustees and Executive Committee attorneys. Throughout the process the Trustees sought advice from Louisiana legal professionals who have practiced law for a lifetime in Louisiana.

3. Exploring the implications of the proposal for historic Baptist polity. Baptist polity was a major concern of the NOBTS Trustees and president from the beginning of consideration. The Trustees asked the president to prepare a paper exploring polity concerns with sole membership, had a panel discussion on the issue between the entire Board and a group of NOBTS theologians and historians, and asked the president to seek and report feedback from Convention leaders and other non-NOBTS conservative professional Baptist theologians and historians on polity concerns in light of sole membership.

By the time this process concluded, NOBTS made several discoveries, including the following.

1. There are several matters on which the Seminary and the Executive Committee agree completely. Both the Seminary and the Executive Committee are grateful for and supportive of the Conservative Resurgence. Both the Seminary and the Executive Committee agree the Seminary always has been and always will be an entity of the Southern Baptist Convention, with the Convention having complete control over the selection of Trustees, the content of the Seminary’s charter, and the definition of ministry guidelines for the Seminary. Both the Seminary and the Executive Committee agree that this relationship and these rights of the Convention must be secured in perpetuity in a manner clearly protected by Louisiana law. The disagreement is over the most appropriate way to accomplish this objective.

2. Louisiana law differs from that of the states in which other SBC entities are located, and that difference is significant. The basis of this recommendation is a piece of corporate law called the Model Act. The Model Act has been passed as law in nine states. Ten of the entities of the Southern Baptist Convention are in the nine states which passed the Model Act. Louisiana is not one of those states, and therefore New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary is under a different legal code than the other SBC entities. The Model Act has one interpretation of sole membership, but Louisiana law appears to have a different interpretation. Sole membership in Louisiana means something different than sole membership in the home states of other entities.

3. The most important legal problem with sole membership in Louisiana is an increase in liability for the Southern Baptist Convention. Out of concern for increasing the exposure of the SBC to liability lawsuits, the Trustees of NOBTS feel compelled to warn the convention messengers about three possible negative consequences of utilizing the sole membership strategy in Louisiana.

First, this strategy could potentially put the Cooperative Program at risk. The motion passed by the SBC in June 2004 asked the NOBTS Board of Trustees to make the SBC the sole member of the seminary’s corporation in a way that assured the messengers historic rights and gave the Convention legal immunity. Multiple Louisiana attorneys have told us it is impossible for this proposal to fulfill both requests. The general counsel for the seminary has spent a lifetime practicing law in the state of Louisiana and specializes in the church and Louisiana law. We consulted numerous other Louisiana lawyers, Baptist and non-Baptist, including hiring as a consultant a man widely recognized as one of the top corporate lawyers in the state. We noticed even the Louisiana Baptist Convention did not use sole membership to strengthen the ties to its state entities. The
problems coming from approval of this proposal. If the Convention were to decide to change from sole membership to another corporate model, the Louisiana attorneys we have consulted tell us it would probably not change the liability of the SBC in the state of Louisiana. Once this form of control is implemented, it will always be recalled as an indication of the true nature of the relationship between the seminary and the Convention. If this change does prove to be a problem, there will be no going back.

Third, the specific process that has been initiated by the Executive Committee could increase the likelihood of legal liability for the SBC. In a letter the general counsel for the Executive Committee informed us that entity consideration of charter changes should precede any request for a change in charter by the Convention. He went on to say that if the Convention initiated a proposal asking an entity to change a charter it could “strain if not tear the corporate veil” of protection from liability, perhaps weakening the defense strategy of the Convention against lawsuits by making it appear the Convention is managing the subsidiary entity. Last April New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary announced it would be bringing a proposal on changing its charter to the 2005 meeting of the SBC. However, the Executive Committee chose to ask the Convention to request a charter change before the seminary initiated a proposal. If the written advice we received is correct, the danger is even more likely for liability problems coming from approval of this proposal.

4. The attorneys we consulted tell us that with minor changes in our present charter Louisiana law would protect all the Convention rights sole membership seeks to protect, but without the risk of increased liability. Minor changes in the present charter would complete the protection of SBC rights without increasing SBC liability in lawsuits involving the seminary. Other alternatives could be explored, but the staff of the SBC Executive Committee asked us not to prepare any alternative to sole membership and has refused to consider any option but sole membership. We believe that a process that does not at least consider more than one option is a flawed process.

5. There are grounds for significant concerns about the implications of sole membership for Baptist polity. Sole membership in the eyes of many professional Baptist historians and theologians, many SBC leaders, and many SBC church members is a step toward the centralization of control and authority in Southern Baptist life. It is not the size of the step, but rather the direction of the step that causes concern. The centralization of control and authority will ultimately lead to a diminished voice for the messengers of the Convention. A diminished voice of the messengers leads to a diminished voice of the local church. The manner in which the staff and officers of the Executive Committee handled the discussion with the Seminary has reinforced, not lessened our concerns for the future implications of this change.

Historic Baptist polity emphasizes the decisive influence of the SBC over its entities through duly elected Trustees as opposed to direct control of the entities by the Convention itself. The Convention controls entity charters, ministry guidelines, and Trustee selection, while the Trustees exercise operational control and governance of the entity. The Conservative Resurgence used this historic polity to institute the most significant course correction in the history of the church in America. Our historic polity at the national level has proven itself in normal operations and in times of reformation.

6. This proposal ignores a source of the problem of entities in state conventions which made abrupt changes in their relationships with state Baptist bodies. The question no one has asked or discussed is why state entities that unilaterally changed their relationship with their state convention were able to explore such a move. If an SBC entity head dared to suggest this kind of change it would result in immediate dismissal or severe reprimand. Why? Every entity board is filled with Trustees who have a great allegiance to the Southern Baptist Convention, and every SBC entity needs Cooperative Program funds, the goodwill of Southern Baptists, or both to be able to survive. To our knowledge in those cases where a state entity has abandoned its historic relationship with a state convention, the entity head was playing a major role in the selection of his own Trustees, and in nearly all cases, the Cooperative Program did not provide a significant portion of the entity budget. What makes historic Baptist polity work is careful Trustee selection for all entities and continuous development of financial support and goodwill for entities.

As requested by the messengers of the 2004 Southern Baptist Convention, the Trustees of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary recommend the charter change proposal to the messengers of the 2005 Convention. We do so, however, with the reservations expressed above. These reservations are not born out of a desire for greater independence or an attempt to change in any way the relationship we have always had with the Convention. These reservations reflect our concern for the legal and fiscal health of the Convention and for the conservation of historic Baptist polity. Our passionate commitment to the Southern Baptist Convention gives us an obligation to share these concerns.

From the beginning of this discussion with the Executive Committee staff, however, we have always insisted that the messengers have the final say. Should the messengers, knowing these reservations choose to approve the proposed amendment, it will be implemented shortly after the close of the Convention. Should the messengers reject this proposal, an alternative approach to accomplish the same objective will be crafted in light of the peculiarities of Louisiana law and historic Baptist polity and presented to the next meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention. In either case the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary affirms without reservation the bedrock principle of Baptist polity that in any Southern Baptist discussion, the Convention messengers have the deciding voice.

For more information on sole membership visit www.nobts.edu/SoleMembership
Price joins NOBTS as Dean of Students

The Seminary has welcomed a new dean of students to the campus community. Dr. Craig Price, an experienced pastor and teacher, began his role as "pastor to students" in January. In April, trustees elected Price to the faculty as Assistant Professor of New Testament and Greek.

"It is an honor and a privilege to be here...this is a fantastic institution," Price said. "I am excited about my role of serving students as they are preparing to serve God's people."

Price has 25 years of pastoral experience serving churches in Arkansas, Florida, Georgia and Texas. He comes to NOBTS after serving as pastor of Hot Springs Baptist Church in Hot Springs, Ark. since 1998.

"The love for people that arises out of Dr. Price's rich pastoral experience will serve our institution and students well," said Provost Steve Lemke. "In addition, his expertise in how to use New Testament exegesis in sermon proclamation is an added plus to our emphasis on expository preaching."

Educated at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Price earned a Master of Divinity in 1984 and a Doctor of Philosophy degree specializing in New Testament studies in 1989. Price holds a Bachelor's and a Master's degree in audiology and speech pathology from the University of Florida.


"It exciting to be back in academia," Price said. "My largest responsibility will be interfacing with students, but having the opportunity to teach again is very appealing."

Price and his wife Dee have been married for 26 years. They have two daughters, Shelley (18) and Drew (15).

Book by Norman Focuses on Baptist Distinctives

_The Baptist Way_ by Dr. Stan Norman, Associate Professor of Theology, is scheduled for release in May. The new book provides an introduction to the principles that distinguish Baptists from many other Christians.

For Norman, healthy Baptist churches intentionally and diligently adhere to Baptist distinctives.

Wife of Professor Emeritus passes away in March

Dorothy Young, wife of Professor Emeritus in Theology Dr. J. Terry Young, passed away March 31 in Phoenix, Ariz. Mrs. Young taught junior high and high school math for 33 years. She taught in New Orleans for 23 years.

Dr. Young retired in 1998 after a 27-year teaching ministry at NOBTS.

Presentations

- Dr. Ken Keathley, Assistant Professor of Theology, presented “Salvation and the Sovereignty of God: The Great Commission as the Expression of the Divine Will” during the Baptist Center for Theology and Ministry (BCTM) Conference at NOBTS.
- Dr. Chuck Kelley, President and Professor of Evangelism, presented “Why Bother with the Southern Baptist Convention?” during the BCTM Conference.
- Dr. Stan Norman, presented “Together We Grow: Congregational Polity as a Means of Corporate Sanctification” during the BCTM Conference.
- Dr. Chuck Quarles, Associate Professor of New Testament and Greek, presented “The Gospel of Peter: A Pre-canonical Resurrection Narrative?” during the Greer-Hardin Point-Counterpoint Forum.
- Dr. Robert Stewart, Assistant Professor of Philosophy and Theology, presented “The Mission of the Church to Mormons” during the BCTM Conference.
- Dr. Scott Drumm, Assistant Professor of Theological and Historical Studies, presented “Painting Post-Mdernism: Post-Modern Themes in the Art of Rene Magritte” at the Southwestern Regional meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society at NOBTS in March.
- Dr. Steve Echols, Associate Professor of Leadership, presented “The Flexibility of Jesus Leadership Style in Light of Emotional Intelligence Research” at the SW Regional ETS meeting.
- Dr. Bill Warren, Professor of N.T. and Greek, presented “A Charge, a Cross, and a Curtain: An Understanding of the Abandonment Cry of Jesus in Mark” at the SW Regional ETS meeting.
- Dr. Philip Pinckard, Associate Professor of Missions, presented “A Comparison of Church Planting in the N.T. & Church Planting Movements in the 21st Century” at the SW Regional ETS meeting.
- Dr. Ken Taylor, Associate Professor of Urban Missions, presented “A Case Study of an Effective Business Platform in a Restricted Access Environment” at the SW Regional ETS meeting.
- Dr. Steve Lemke, Provost and Professor of Philosophy, presented “Agent Causation, or, How to Be a Soft Libertarian” at the SW Regional ETS meeting.

Publications

- Dr. Ed Steele, Assistant Professor of Music, and Dr. Kathy Steele participated in a week of teaching in Havana, Cuba in March. Dr. Ed Steele taught a workshop on the “History of Sacred Song” at the Seminary and Dr. Kathy Steele gave a conference on teaching music in Havana.
- Dr. Ken Keathley, Assistant Professor of Theology, and Dr. Lloyd Harsch, Assistant Professor of Church History, led students on a mission trip and church history tour to North America in March. Students interacted with local people groups and visited sites associated with St. Augustine of Hippo.
Dr. Chuck Quarles: Faithful to God’s Call through Difficult Circumstances

Shortly after his birth a hospital nurse recognized the potential of Chuck Quarles, who now serves as Associate Professor of New Testament and Greek at NOBTS. “When I look at the way that boy moves his mouth I do believe God either plans for him to be a lawyer or a Baptist preacher,” she told his mother.

The nurse was right. By age 19, Quarles was pastoring Concord Baptist Church in Bruce, Miss. But God also had plans for Quarles to be a missionary and a seminary professor. During the midst of his wonderful experience at Concord, God began pushing him toward missions.

A mission trip to Kenya was pivotal in Quarles’ call to missions and teaching. He preached at a crusade and witnessed in the streets. He saw thousands respond to the gospel, but found few churches available to disciple the new believers.

“I sensed a call to train Christian leaders in these missionary settings and from that point on it became my focus,” he said.

“After that first trip to Kenya, I was never quite the same.”

The text of 2 Timothy 2:2 became foundational to his call: “The things which you have heard from me among many witnesses, these things commit to faithful men who shall be able to teach others also.”

“I began to sense that I could have the greatest impact in Kingdom work by investing my life and ministry in the lives and ministries of many others who will lead churches around the world,” Quarles said. “I could multiply my ministry through those who are trained.”

After he completed his master’s and doctoral degrees, Quarles and his wife, Julie, began the appointment process to serve as missionaries with the International Mission Board. Day after delay extended their wait for 10 and a half years. Finally, they were appointed to serve in Romania, in the field of theological education.

Their first two years on the field were filled with blessings. They saw God work in miraculous ways. Quarles was not only training hundreds of pastors and missionaries at Bucharest Baptist Theological Seminary and the University of Bucharest, he was also helping plant a new church.

During their third year, things began to dramatically change. The struggles began with neighborhood children throwing bricks and beer bottles at their children. Then, someone began sabotaging the family car.

About the same time, the entire family began to experience nausea, headaches and fatigue. A faulty heater in their home had exposed the family to high levels of carbon monoxide for months. After a long recovery from carbon monoxide poisoning, their son Josh, only four at the time, experienced an act of unspeakable cruelty. While Julie and Josh were shopping in the market, a man approached and asked for money. When Julie said no, the angry man burned Josh’s face with a cigarette and laughed.

Later, Julie developed an intense, debilitating pain in her back. The Quarles family returned to the United States where Julie received emergency surgery.

God began healing Julie and before long the family was able to return to Romania. But the return was a short one.

The family’s trials took a toll on their daughter, Hannah. She developed a panic disorder and suffered severe attacks every time she left their home. The Quarles family had to return to the United States - this time they would not go back to Romania.

“It was confusing. We didn’t know exactly what God had in mind, but we knew that we could trust Him. God has never let us down,” Quarles said. “Even though those things were confusing, and at times discouraging, we knew that God hadn’t taken us that far to let us down.”

It was in the midst of this difficult time that New Orleans Seminary offered Quarles a teaching position. In 2002, Quarles accepted appointment to the faculty. Teaching at NOBTS offers him the opportunity to continue his ministry of multiplication.

“In God’s gracious providence, I’m now teaching on the faculty of one of the largest seminaries in the world,” he said. “I am impacting the lives not only of a few hundred students, but thousands of students who will go and serve where my family cannot go.”

Dr. Chuck Quarles teaches New Testament and Greek at NOBTS.

In Quarles’ office you’ll find a marble plaque and a well-used Greek New Testament that belonged to his grandfather, Chester L. Quarles. His grandfather, for whom the chair of urban missions at NOBTS is named, was also a pastor. The plaque reads “Preach the Word.”

Quarles continues to preach and teach the Word. By passing on his love for the New Testament and Greek to his students, he is remaining faithful to his call by raising up a new generation to take the gospel to the ends of the earth.

By Gary D. Myers
Eye on Alumni

1940s
Eugene Keebler (BDiv ’49 & Thd ’53) teaches a men’s Sunday School Class at Springhill Baptist Church. He has been elected Junior Senator for Alabama through an organization called National Silver Haired Congress.

1950s
Lt. Col. George S. Kelly (DPCT ’59) has been assigned as the Headquarters Chaplain, Texas Wing. United States Air Force Auxiliary-CAP. Chaplain Kelly began ministry in Civil Air Patrol after his retirement from the full-time pastorate in 1990.

C. Ferris Jordan (ThD ’55) celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of his ordination to ministry and the fiftieth anniversary of his engagement to his wife June (MRE ’55) on January 2. Jordan marked the day by preaching in both morning services at First Baptist Church in Baton Rouge, the site of the 1955 ordination. Professor Emeritus of Adult Education at NOBTS, Jordan retired from the faculty in 1998.

1960s
Tom Cox (MRE ’66) was honored by the Tom Cox Baptist Theological Seminary of Peru in Trujll, Peru on Nov. 26, 2004 at their graduation with an honorary D. Dottorate degree. This was the largest graduating class in the seminary’s 50 year history.

Todd Hamilton (EdD ’65) is the Director of Justice Ministries/Prison Ministry at Springhill Baptist Church in Hemingway, S.C. He continues to serve as director of Justice Ministries/Prison Ministry at Springhill Baptist Church in Hemingway, S.C. and pastor of CrossPoint Baptist Church in Georgetown, S.C.

Elmo McLaurin (MRE ’67) joined the staff at Cave Spring Baptist Church in Roanoke, Va. as Associate Minister of Adult Education. He previously served as Minister of Education for 20 years at Oakland Baptist Church in Roanoke.

Daniel Martinez (MRE ’69) recently completed a year as president of the California Fellowship of Church Musicians. He organized and presented an inspirational music conference featuring clinicians such as creative minister of Saddleback, Rick Muchow, and vocalist artist Steve Amerson. The musicians group is associated with the California Southern Baptist Convention.

1970s
Steven Hicks (ThM ’70 & ThD ’73) retired from the IMB Aug. 1, 2004 after 31 years in M exico.

Timothy Leggett (MRE ’77) is Assistant Professor of Early Childhood Education at Arkansas Tech University in Russellville, Ark.

Larry Garner (MRE ’75) and Ivan Parke (MDiv ’90 & PhD ’97) have written “Reclaiming the Real Jesus,” available since July 2004.

Charles Woodward (ThD ’79) is a periodic contributor to “Biblical Illustrator”.

Ed Johnson (MDiv ’79 & DMin ’04) is the new Associational Missionary for Ogeechee River Baptist Association in Statesboro, Ga.

1980s
Larry Dever (MDiv ’88) has been the Director of Associational Missions of Franklin County Baptist Association in Alabama for over five years.

Huey Hood (MDiv ’88) has been D. O. M. for Winston Baptist Association in Alabama since August 2000.

Joy (Hilbun) Mohr (MRE ’88) is currently a stay-at-home mother with four children. Most recently she was a social worker in Chiao adoption program of Bethany Christian Services in Grand Rapids, M ich. She occasionally does contract work for Bethany and Chinestra evention work. She served in China for six years primarily through the IMB teaching English and studying Mandarin.

Sid Taylor (MRE ’86) is pastor of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church in H melanwy, S. C. He continues to serve as director of Justice Ministries/Prison Evangelism Outreach, Inc., a nationwide ministry to prisoners and their families.

1990s
John Bradham (MDiv ’90) is the Director of Missions for the Southeast Baptist Association in Statesboro, Ga.

Darin Bullock (MDiv ’90) is a church planter and pastor of CrossPoint Baptist Church in Leesburg, Ga. The church was planted in September, 2002. In May of 2003 he graduated from Reformed Theological Seminary Orlando with his D. M. in. He and his wife, Deanne, had their seventh child, Jonah David, on Aug. 6, 2003.

Lewis Dolan (MDiv ’90) is now serving as chaplain with Covenant House in Crestview, Fla. He has also been assigned in the Naval Reserves as the Officer in Charge of Marine Expeditionary Force Religious Team, Atlantic, Detachment B in Oklahoma. These teams provide chaplains and Religious Program Specialists for activeduty Marine Corps units.

Clay Hallmark (DMin ’96) was recently elected as the President of the Executive Board of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. He is the pastor of First Baptist Church in Marion, Ark.

John Killian (MDiv ’97) was elected President-Elect of the Alabama Baptist Pastor’s Conference in November of 2004.

Jeff Jenkins (MDiv ’98) was commissioned as a Navy Chaplain. He will be the Command Chaplain on the USS Cowpen, a forward deployed Cruiser, homeported in Yokosuka, Japan.

2000
Charles Moore (MDiv ’00) serves as pastor of Benton Baptist Church in Benton, Miss. He also teaches Bible at the local high school and oversees the school’s community services program.

Bruce Sabin (BGS ’00) has been promoted to Director of Institutional Effectiveness and Assistant Professor of Political Science at Webber International University in Babson Park, Fla. He also teaches the college and career Bible study at FBC Frostproof, Fla.

2001
Jimmy Major (MDiv ’01) has been accepted into the U.S. Army as a chaplain. He began chaplain school at Fort Jackson in January.

2002
Mary Trucano (MACE ’02) is the new executive director of a pregnancy care center in the O range Blossom Baptist Association in Florida.

2003
Vickie Ryan (BACMIN ’03) graduated in December 2004 with her masters in social work from Tulane University.

Births
Jay (BACMIN ’04) and Michelle Adkins welcomed Canon Josiah into the world on November 29, 2004. He weighed 11 lbs. 4 oz and was 21 ½ inches long. He is joined by big brother O lient.

David (MACE ’94 & ThM ’03) and Jennifer (MACE ’94) Eastland announce the birth of a daughter, Mary Clare. She was born Nov. 18, 2004 and weighed 9 lbs 2 oz and was 20 ¼ inches long. She is welcomed home by big brothers Zachary, 15, John, 2, and Thomas, 1.

Kevin (MDiv ’04) and Lori Lee have welcomed a son, Stephen H arold on February 15, 2005. He weighed 8 lbs. 9 oz and was 20 inches long. He has a sister, Taylor.

Byron and Charlotte Lynn (MDiv ’98) have welcomed a daughter, Emme Caroline on Jan. 3, 2005. She has brother, Jackson, who is 2.

2005
Hank (attended '96) and Gina (MACE '97) Shirley have two children. Annah Grace was born May 28, 2002. Kathleen Elaine was born Jan. 29, 2004.

Charles (MACE '04) and Laura (MACE '02) Sylvester have welcomed a daughter, Ella Lucille. She was born Feb. 7, 2005 and weighed 7 lbs. 9 oz.

With the Lord
Allen Crenshaw (BDiv '50) passed away on March 3, 2004. He is survived by his wife, Patricia.
Randy Haman (BDiv '53) passed away on January 3, 2005.
Clayton Hart (DPPM '77) passed away on Dec. 29, 2004. He is survived by his wife, Bobbie.

Jimmy Kettleman (MDiv '90) passed away on Jan. 9, 2005. He is survived by his wife, Cindy.
Harry Kirkley (TM '69) passed away on Dec. 13, 2004. He is survived by his wife, Joyce.
Sara Knotts (MRE '63) passed away on Jan. 21, 2005.
Lawrence LaPrade (MRE '57) passed away on Dec. 17, 2004. He is survived by his wife, Bettie.
James McAleece (DPRE '73) passed away on Dec. 31, 2004. He is survived by his wife, Nancy M. McAleece.
Granville McPeake (BDiv '56) passed away on Feb. 4, 2005. He is survived by his wife, Joyce.
Stephen Manning, Sr. (attended in 1973) passed away on Nov. 21, 2004. He is survived by his wife, Anita.
Emit Ray (DM in '75) passed away on Nov. 17, 2004. He is survived by his wife, Kathryn.
James Reley (BDiv '49) passed away on Jan. 3, 2005. He is survived by his wife, Elaine.
Farrell E. Runyan (ThM '44 & ThD '56) passed away on Jan. 26, 2005. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth.
Edward Sheppard (DPCF '55) passed away on Nov. 10, 2004. He is survived by his wife, Mame.
James Walker (BDiv '60) passed away on Jan. 22, 2005. He is survived by his wife, Charlotte.
Marvin Willis, Sr. (BDiv '54) passed away on Dec. 15, 2004. He is survived by his wife, Patricia.

Dowell Worsham (BDiv '52 & ThD '55) passed away on Feb. 3, 2005. He is survived by his wife, Genevieve.

Mission Appointments
North American Mission Board
Michael L. (MDiv '04) and Janet A. Brooks (MCM '81) serve in Columbus, Ohio, where M. l. chris is director and pastor of the Stowe Baptist Center of the Metrop Columbus Baptist Association. The Brookes served as church planters with the International Mission Board in Japan for 18 years before coming to the Stowe Baptist Center. The Brookes have three children: Phillip, 22; Andrew, 19; and Alicia, 14.

Kerr A. Bumgarner (MDiv '04) serves in New York City as a Nehemiah Project church planting missionary. Bumgarner will serve as outreach and multi-housing coordinator with 411 NYC a church planting ministry in Middtown Manhattan aimed at starting Bible study groups for people involved in the theater and other performing arts as well as international diplomats.

Jason M. (MDiv '04) and Amy H. Davis (MDiv '04) serve in Spring Hill, Tenn., where Jason Davis is a Nehemiah Project church planting missionary. He serves as pastor of a new church called Grace Park Church.

John T. (DMin '96 & MDiv '85) and Terri L. Forrester (MRE '82) serve in Kotzebue, Alaska where John Forrester is a church starter strategist and pastor of First Baptist Church, Kotzebue. Forrester served as pastor of churches in Georgia, Mississippi, and Montana and later served seven years of an associational director of missions. The Forresters have a son, John, 17.

Billy J. (MRE '75) and J. Ann B. Hallmark serve in Great Falls, Montana where Billy Hallmark is the director of missions and church starter strategist for the Triangle Baptist Association. Hallmark served for eight years as the founding pastor of Crossroads Memorial Church, Great Falls, Montana.
The Hallmarks have two adult children.

Fred L. (MDiv '94) and Cheryl Hewett serve with the North American Mission Board's Church Planting Group as strategic networks manager.

Larry E. (MDiv '04) and Karen A. Sharrow (CEX '04) serve in Abingdon, M d., where Larry Sharrow is a Nehemiah Project church planter. Sharrow serves as church planter/pastor of Real Life Church, Abingdon, M d. The Sharrows have three daughters: Monique, 22; Sarah, 12; and Rachel, 10.

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Calvary Arabic Baptist Mission in New Orleans. Gihan Ibrahim is a native of Egypt, formerly served as lead teacher in the Preschool Educational Center at NOBTS.
The Ibrahim family has two sons: Nadir, 8; and Joseph, 3.
The National Alumni & Friends Luncheon will be June 22 at the SBC Annual Meeting in Nashville. Tickets: $10 before June 1; $12 after June 1

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