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Photo: Campus Tour for Preview Day 2021

Meeting Complete!

BY DR. MIKE WETZEL

What a blessing! Fifty-three members and guests participated in our virtual Annual Foundation Board Meeting. Thank you so much for taking time out of your busy schedules.

Even though a virtual meeting works, being together in person is always better. We anticipate that 2022 will allow us to meet face-to-face and broadcast the meeting virtually.

I was certainly grateful for the inspiring message from Jamie Dew. His report on NOBTS and Leavell College clarifies all that we must do for His Kingdom through the Foundation Board.

The Foundation Board was established to support the efforts of raising funds for capital needs. It is time to gather our resources of influence to help NOBTS and Leavell College achieve their goals.



Cory Armand
2021 Recording Secretary

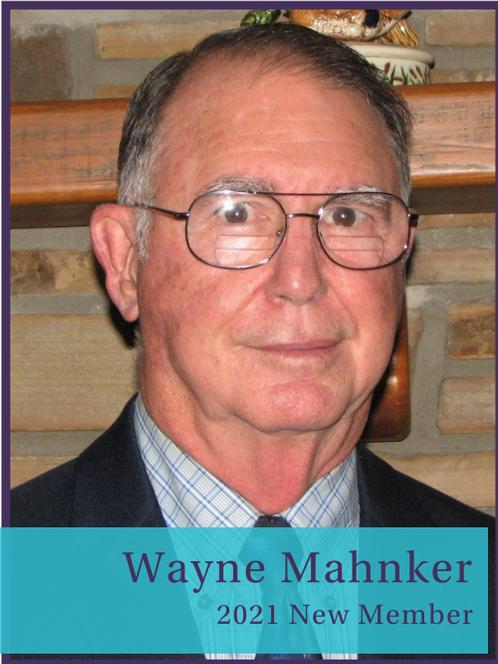
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The New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary Foundation Board

Meeting Complete

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Wayne Mahnker
2021 New Member

The ADA project is making a positive impact on everyone at the Seminary. The video testimony of NOBTS student David Johnson inspires us to do even more. The next stage of ADA enhancements will continue with upgraded student apartments, the repair of the student center elevator, and a new elevator in the Frost Building, providing access to the Presidents and Provosts offices.

We have incorporated another challenge this year and the foreseeable future, meeting the \$100,000 matching gift for Giving Tuesday. I have confidence we can raise that amount and more!

Mike Haley, our Chairman, is also our Giving Tuesday Matching Gift Team Leader. You will hear more from him about meeting this challenge later this year.

My office will send you a survey by mail to select the team you will volunteer to serve: Recruitment, Events, Board Training, or Directory/Fellowship.

We welcomed Wayne Mahnker and Chris Townson as new members of our Board, and we are excited about their participation and contribution to the board's mission. Chris is the team leader for Board Training. Thank you, Chris, for stepping up to lead us!

Thanks to our 2021 officers Mike Haley, Ron McCaskill, and Cory Armand for accepting Chair, Vice-Chair, and Recording Secretary, respectively. Brett Allen will serve as Treasurer from our business office, and I will continue to serve as Executive Secretary. What great excitement for our days ahead.

Since 1965 when the Foundation Board was incorporated, each board member has played an intricate role in successfully advancing the seminary mission. We expect nothing less from our current membership as we carve a path for the future of our beloved School of Providence and Prayer.



Chris Townson
2021 New Member

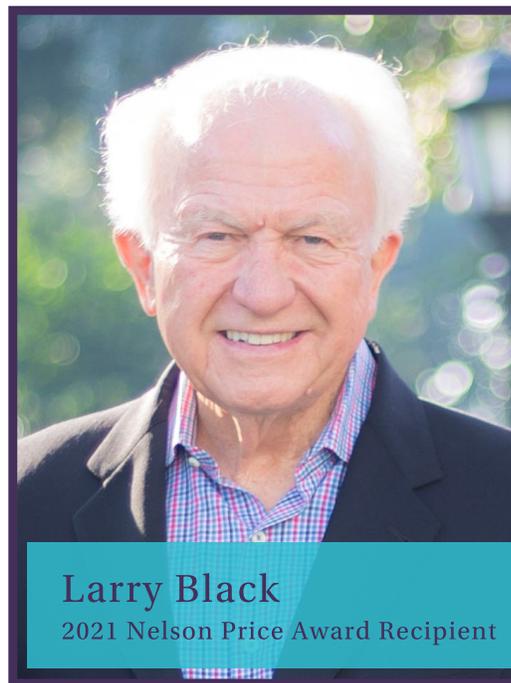
Foundation Board Awards

BY WANDA GREGG

Receiving the Nelson Price Award for Outstanding Church Leadership was Larry Black. The award was presented to Larry by FB Executive Secretary Dr. Mike Wetzel. Larry was born in Alabama but is a Mississippian by choice. Following graduation from NOBTS, he served churches in Georgia, Alabama, and First Baptist Church, Jackson, Mississippi, where he served 34 years. When Larry retired from FBC Jackson, he did not withdraw from ministry. Larry served as interim minister of music at churches in Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, and Georgia.

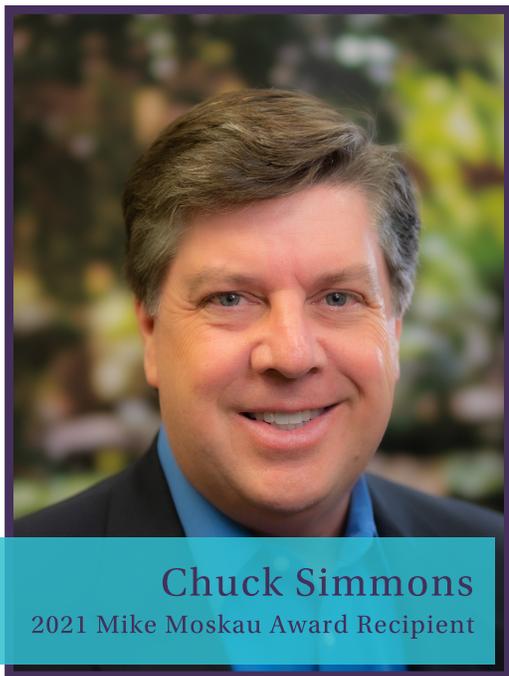
In 2006, Larry and his wife Sandy, who passed away in 2016, founded a non-profit ministry – Larry Black Ministries. This ministry is an encouragement to the music students at NOBTS and Leavell College. Beyond his commitment to the Foundation, Larry has established an endowed scholarship and has equipped the Sellers Music Building with computers and video equipment.

Larry commented that receiving the Nelson Price Award was very special, as he served with Dr. Price early in his ministry.



Larry Black

2021 Nelson Price Award Recipient



Chuck Simmons

2021 Mike Moskau Award Recipient

The recipient of the Mike Moskau Award was Chuck Simmons. Those who attended the virtual meeting watched Ginger Moskau, widow of Mike, presenting the award to Simmons. Chuck is the Founder/Senior Financial Advisor at TruWealth Advisors, LLC. Simmons started in the financial services industry in 1991, immediately after graduating from Tulane University. He specializes in financial planning, charitable giving, and estate planning strategies.

Chuck and his wife Christy have two children, Ethan and Merrin. They both have a heart for students and have personally assisted many NOBTS and Leavell College students.

Those who meet Chuck quickly recognize his love to serve his clients, family, and church.

Congratulations, Larry and Chuck!

Who's Your Team?

BY MARK HAGELMAN

The leadership of the Foundation Board created five teams to advance the work of the Foundation Board. We mailed a letter on May 3 that includes a survey. Please make your team selections and return the form to us by May 30. The teams and their leaders are listed below. Please begin praying for the success of each group as we serve together.

1. The Recruitment Team - Jody Dean, Chair
2. Events Team - Carol Wilken, Chair
3. Board Training Team - Chris Townson, Chair
4. Giving Tuesday Team - Mike Haley, Chair
5. Directory/ Fellowship Team - Becky Wallace Harris, Chair

Here is a sample of the survey -

Your Team Selection:

Please **select two** of the five teams listed below to volunteer. We will try to assign you to one of the two teams you have selected. If both teams are full, a member of the NOBTS Institutional Advancement Team will contact you with the remaining available options. Please reply by the due date — **May 30, 2021.**

Your Name: _____

Phone number: _____

Email address: _____

Recruitment
 Events
 Board Training
 Directory/Fellowship
 Giving Tuesday

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM IN THE ENVELOPE PROVIDED

Your efforts as a team member matter! When you commit to growing the Foundation Board's reach, you effectively influence the greater constituency of alumni and friends to support God's Kingdom financially.

We know you care deeply for NOBTS and Leavell College and desire to see the Foundation Board grow in strength and influence over the coming years. Thank you for your help!



Photo: Carol and Errol Wilken

NOBTS & Friends Events

NOBTS & Friends Events are a way to introduce your circle of friends to the Seminary. Carol Wilken, pictured above with her husband Errol, is the NOBTS & Friend Event Team Leader.

We wish to thank Foundation Board member Tom Harrison for organizing our inaugural NOBTS & Friends Event in Shreveport. Dr. Jamie Dew and Dr. Mike Wetzel shared the overall vision for the Seminary and guests to be a part of advancing the Seminary's mission.

Carol participated at our Hattiesburg NOBTS & Friends' Event on April 19. She is a pro now and ready to help discuss how to pull together a great event. Are you ready to schedule an event? Here are three steps to follow:

1. Confirm Your Guest List

Carol will review the list with the names and addresses of those individuals and couples you think should hear the NOBTS story.

2. Date and Location

Discuss multiple dates that you are available for the event and the location, either a church, a home, or a restaurant.

3. Pray for the Event

You and Carol will pray for each person on the Guest List that they will hear and respond to the heart and vision of our President for NOBTS.

To contact Carol:

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New Membership Requirements

During the March 13th meeting, members who were present approved the following Foundation Board Voting-Member Requirements guidelines.

- Initial three-year commitment to give or raise \$5,000 minimum per year.
- A commitment to continued giving on an annual basis (after the first three years).
- Attendance at the Annual Meeting is to be missed only by excused absence. (We now offer the actual session virtually, so this a much more vital component than in the past.)
- Members are to pray for the Seminary daily.
- A person is eligible for membership by enlisting others who meet the membership requirements or securing gifts from an outside entity that matches the membership requirements. These persons are encouraged to give personally on an annual basis.
- Members who give a minimum of \$100,000 in a one-time gift secure Lifetime membership. These persons are encouraged to continue providing to meet the Seminary's needs.
- Members are encouraged to enlist new members within three years.
- Each board member will be asked to help facilitate a regional "NOBTS and Friends" event in their region.

The future of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and Leavell College is bright! You, as an active member of the Foundation Board, are vital to our success. When you give your annual Foundation Board gift, your gift will go to the Foundation Board Endowment. We are grateful for your support through the years, and we look forward to serving with you for years to come!



John Kea
Executive Vice President
& General Counsel

Planning is God's Design

Making plans to leave our assets to family, friends, and the ministries of God is essential to our Kingdom work. Therefore, we should pay attention to His instruction.

John Kea is available to talk with you to establish God-honoring plans for your estate. In fact, in the past three years alone, the Southern Baptist Foundation has assisted multiple Foundation Board members in the planning and succession of planned gifts to benefit their family members and the Seminary alike.

Contact John, and he will help answer your questions!
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~ (615) 254-8823 office

How's Our Long Game?

BY MARK HAGELMAN

According to the PGA.com stats for the 2021 season, Cameron Champ holds the number one spot for the longest drive. His 424-yard bomb from the 7th tee during the 4th round of the Sentry Tournament is astonishing.

Although other professional golfers have driven the golf ball further, perfecting the long game comes down to precise movement, the right conditions, and mental toughness.

These attributes remain constant for those on the Foundation Board today. Reflecting on our past, those who have gone before us established a disciplined investment - the Foundation Board Endowment. With today's balance at just over \$4 million, we have a great opportunity to "drive" the endowment further with our concerted efforts.

Each active, voting Foundation Board member has committed to the membership requirement of giving or influencing \$5,000 per year towards the endowment. With 100 members on our roll, we should see a \$500,000 increase in the endowment this year!

Furthermore, there is a fantastic opportunity to use your influence to increase our membership to 200 members (currently our bylaw limit). Reaching this goal begins when each of us tells our family and friends about partnering with the Foundation.

I am excited that Jody Dean, Recruitment Team Leader, volunteered to lead the membership growth effort.

Thank you for making the progress of the Foundation Board a top priority.

NOBTS Advancement Team

Mike Wetzel

VP for Institutional Advancement

Nancy Whatley

Administrative Assistant

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Director of Development Services

Wanda Gregg

Director of Donor Relations

Mark Hagelman

Director of Development

Lindsay Holder

Data Secretary

Taylor Anderson

Development Recorder



We mourn the loss of our Foundation Board member and dear friend Annetta Jernigan, who passed away on March 1, 2021. Please join us as we pray for Johnny and the Jernigan family.



The New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary Foundation Board

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