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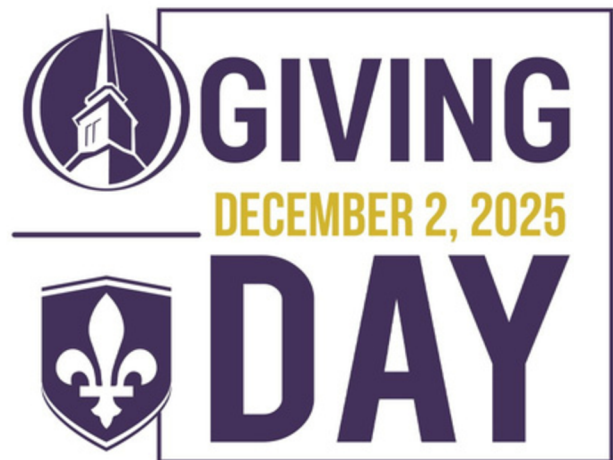
BY MR. MARK A. HAGELMAN - DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT

Every gift moves us closer to the finish line. As we enter the final stretch of our Giving Tuesday campaign, we are \$200,000 away from reaching our overall goal of \$500,000.

To help us reach this goal, we have asked nearly 14,000 alumni, proven friends, and interested parties to come alongside and make a gift to the Providence Fund on December 2.

The gap is God-sized and we ask all of our Foundation members to communicate the need to family, friends, and fellow church members.

To visualize how our community can come together to finish strong, we have created a giving pyramid—a simple way to see how gifts of all sizes combine to make a transformational impact.



*One person gives freely, yet gains even more;
another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty.*

*A generous person will prosper;
whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.*

Proverbs 11:24-25 NIV

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At the top of the pyramid, a small group of generous partners provides leadership through gifts of \$10,000, \$5,000, and \$2,500. These gifts make significant strides in bridging the gap.

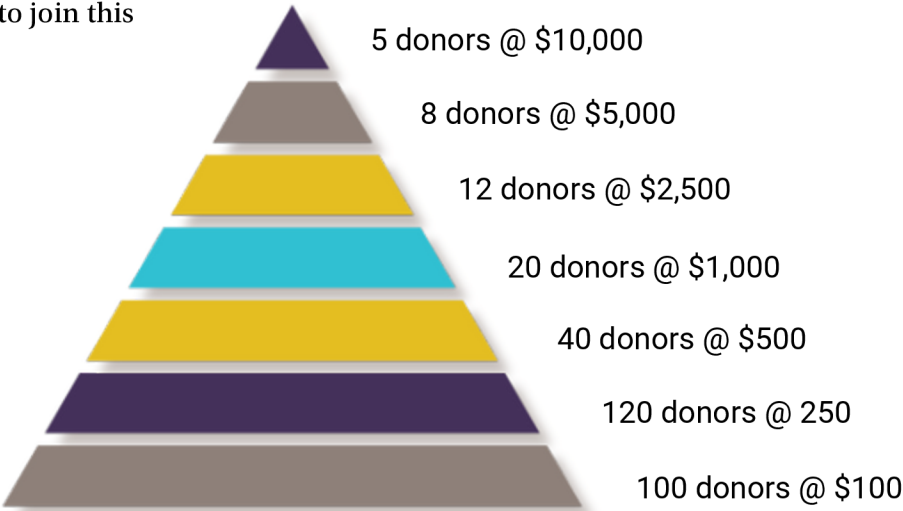
The middle tiers represent donors who give at the \$1,000, \$500, and \$250 levels. These gifts are essential to the campaign’s momentum and demonstrate the strength and commitment of our NOBTS & Leavell College family.

Finally, the largest part of the pyramid is made up of supporters giving \$100, \$50, or \$25. These gifts —hundreds of them offered in unity—lift the entire effort. When we rally together, every gift becomes part of something bigger than any one of us.

With God’s help and your support, we reach the goal. You’re multiplying impact.

Together, we invest in the next generation of gospel-driven leaders.

Thank you for giving generously. Thank you for believing in this work. And thank you for leading the way and inspiring others to join this important initiative! 🌿



RALLY

TOGETHER

SUCCEED TOGETHER

For Foundation members yet to participate...

YOUR TIME IS NOW!

Your gift, at any level, will help close the final \$200,000 gap— and because of the matching opportunity, every dollar you give will be doubled.



Make A Gift
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Music Studio Progress

We are thrilled to share that our new music recording studio is taking beautiful shape, and it's all thanks to your generous investment in this vision. As the Psalmist declares, "Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise" (Psalm 100:4), we are training worship leaders who will submit their lives before the Lord to lead Christians in worship of Him.

Construction has progressed wonderfully. Nearly all interior walls now stand complete, with only the classroom and green room remaining. December will bring the installation of flooring, and once properly cured, we'll welcome instruments of every kind into the main recording studio space—guitars, keyboards, drums, and more—each one ready to make a joyful noise unto the Lord.

The soundproof control room will house our digital sound board and equipment, serving as the technical heart of the facility. Adjacent to it, two smaller studio rooms will provide intimate spaces for solo projects, including resume samples for our graduating students as they step into their callings.



Photo: Main Sound Room looking at Control Room Window.



Photo: Main Recording Studio, South Wall

Progress

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Perhaps most exciting is the loft space at the studio's entrance—a gathering place where students can study, create, and collaborate on worship for the church. Here, our students will explore what it means to "present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship" (Romans 12:1). With the viewing window installed, observers can watch live recording in progress, too.



Photo: Upstairs Loft and Viewing Room

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Photo: Sound-Proof Control Room w/ two smaller studio rooms adjacent

This studio represents far more than state-of-the-art technology. It's a training ground where students will learn that worship isn't confined to Sunday mornings but encompasses every creative gift, every musical note, every dedicated hour. As Revelation 4:8 reminds us, worship surrounds God's throne continually—and through your faithfulness, we're equipping the next generation to join that eternal song.

Thank you for making this vision reality. We cannot wait to see what God accomplishes through this space and through these students. ✠

Welcome - Dr. Nelson Hsieh

BY DR. CARLA ROSS
DIRECTOR OF STEWARDSHIP

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary is delighted to announce the appointment of Dr. Nelson Hsieh as assistant professor of New Testament and Greek and associate director of the H. Milton Haggard Center for New Testament Textual Studies.

Provost Dr. Norris Grubbs celebrated the appointment, noting, "In large part due to the work of Dr. Bill Warren, Foundation Board member and 2025 Nelson Price Award recipient, our seminary has been an evangelical leader in the field of textual criticism for many years. Adding Dr. Hsieh to the team only enhances that work."

Dr. Hsieh brings a deep passion for grounding students in Scripture. "A solid foundation in the historical-cultural background of the Bible, the basic principles of interpretation, and the biblical languages is far more valuable than chasing 'the current thing,'" he shared. "I hope to spark a fresh interest in how the Bible was formed and transmitted in the first centuries after Christ."

Beginning January 1, 2026, Dr. Hsieh continues our commitment to equipping students to handle the Word of God with precision, depth, and confidence. [READ MORE](#) ✝



Dr. Nelson Hsieh
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and Greek and associate director of the
H. Milton Haggard Center for New
Testament Textual Studies

Save
the
date
March 6-7, 2026

Mark your calendars for our annual banquet and meeting in New Orleans!

Join us for an evening of celebration as we honor outstanding members, enjoy authentic New Orleans cuisine, and connect with fellow Foundation supporters who share your passion for theological education.

This gathering is more than fellowship—it's an opportunity to introduce potential new members to our mission.

Start thinking now: who will you bring?

Your guest could become our next committed partner in shaping future church leaders. We look forward to seeing you there!

Thankful; Blessed; Share

This Thanksgiving, as we gather with family and friends, we have a unique opportunity to give thanks—and to give voice to why the Seminary Foundation matters.

Your commitment to this work doesn't just support an institution; it shapes the future of theological education and the leaders who will serve communities for generations to come. That's a story you are a part of, and that's a story worth sharing around the table.

When you tell others why you're thankful to be part of the Foundation, you plant seeds. You invite conversation. You open doors for new members who share our vision but haven't yet found their place in this mission.

Each new member multiplies our capacity to provide scholarships, expand programs, and ensure theological education remains accessible and excellent. Your personal testimony is our most powerful recruitment tool.

This season, consider sharing your "why" with someone who might become part of our growing community. Together, we're building something that will outlast us all.

Please contact Ben Humphries, Vice Chair and Recruitment Team Captain, at 318-366-7380 if you have questions or need more information. ✚

ESSENTIALS



How will they know about the Seminary unless they're told? How will you explain to them what the Seminary is pursuing if we don't tell you? Please use these digital Foundation Essentials booklets to share the work in which you're involved. [LINK to Essentials](#)

Physical copies are available upon request.

Membership Requirements

- Members are to pray for the Seminary daily.
- Commitment to give or raise \$5,000 minimum to the Foundation Endowment per year.
- Enlist new members.
- Attendance at the Annual Meeting is missed only by excused absence.



oil tank in Inchindown, Ross-shire, United Kingdom, on June 3, 2012.

Like the echo of Cox and Kilpatrick, our lives are measured, and God knows the number of our days. Job 14:5, says: *"Since his days are determined and the number of his months is with you, and you have appointed his limits that he cannot surpass."*

Therefore, since we cannot surpass what God has set limits upon, how will our legacy continue? You are well aware that the greatest legacies aren't measured in assets accumulated, but in lives transformed for Christ.

Imagine Gospel ministers you'll never meet, serving in churches and mission fields you'll never visit—empowered because you made one simple decision today. By naming NOBTS as a full or partial beneficiary on a retirement account, you ensure that your life's savings continue equipping faithful servants long after you've heard "well done, good and faithful servant."

This isn't just estate planning—it's Kingdom investment. Your 401(k) or IRA can become a perpetual stream of blessing, training generation after generation of ministers who will carry the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

Your legacy awaits. Make it eternal. ✿

Legacy Echoes

As recorded by the Guinness Book of World Records, the longest echo measures 75 seconds and was produced and measured by Trevor Cox and Allan Kilpatrick at a disused

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