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## Everything Up To Date

By Mike Wetzel

It is hard to believe that we are near the end of the Fall semester and rapidly approaching one of my favorite times of the year. Of course, I love Thanksgiving and Christmas.

In the book of Colossians, Paul uses the verb, noun, and adjective for thanksgiving. Whenever Paul uses the verb, he is always leading us to give thanks to God and designating Him as Father.

As the doxology reads, Praise Him from whom all blessings flow.

As we thank God, I want to share some of the many things we are grateful.



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*The New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary Foundation Board*

## Everything Up To Date

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- We are thankful that we did not have a hurricane this year.
- We are thankful that campus renovations have started in the cafeteria and three student dorms.
- We are thankful that you helped us raise \$150,000 for the Giving Tuesday Matching Gift.
- We are thankful for your support for Giving Tuesday on November 29th.
- We are thankful that the elevator for the Frost Building has been ordered. (This was the project approved at last year's Foundation Board Meeting).
- We are thankful that God gives us students and faculty members who continue our mission - preparing servants to walk with Christ, proclaim His truth, and fulfill His mission.
- We are thankful for your prayers.
- We are so thankful for the partnership that we have with you.

In the following pages, you will read a few of the many other things we truly appreciate.

We hope to see you at the President's Christmas Dinner. You should be receiving your invitation soon.

Mike



Are you ready for March 10 & 11, 2023? We want everyone to be involved in the 57th annual Foundation Board meeting. Incorporated in the fall of 1965, the Foundation Board was established to raise funds supporting the work of the seminary's capital projects along with other fiduciary responsibilities. Today, the members have been able to help broaden our stability and continue our ministry assignment.

Please, plan on being here on March 10 & 11, 2023, to share a good time of fellowship, networking, and hearing directly from Dr. Jamie Dew and other key members of our seminary's administration.

We will have much to discuss and ask for your guidance and input. The meeting will be available virtually, but you cannot have a BIG TIME in New Orleans if you're not here. ✿



# God's Provision - Giving Tuesday

By Mark Hagelman

You may have heard the old saying that you can't out-give God. God's perfect generosity is a gift to us. We respond with open hearts that seek to be generous as well.

With November 29 rapidly approaching, we cannot think of a better way to thank you all for your generous spirit. Your gifts for our Giving Day Matching Gift challenge have reached a new height! But, more than that, we know God will get all the glory for what we hope will be the BIGGEST giving day in the history of NOBTS.

We know you're excited to hear the results, but you can help in three specific ways until then.

1. Share! Go to [www.nobts.edu/givingtuesday](http://www.nobts.edu/givingtuesday) to find sample emails, social media posts & images to share with your family and friends.
2. Give! Online donations can be made by going to [www.nobts.edu/donate](http://www.nobts.edu/donate).
3. Pledge! If you want your donation counted for Giving Day but want to give it by December 31, contact Nancy at 504-816-8224 or by email at [development@nobts.edu](mailto:development@nobts.edu).

Join your fellow Board members and promote Giving Tuesday on Tuesday, November 29! Students benefit when donations to the Providence Fund are made. So, every dollar given to the Providence Fund saves a student a dollar. Thank you for your support! ✚



## Inaugural DeMent Luncheon

By Wanda Gregg

On Thursday, October 20, 2022, NOBTS hosted its first DeMent Society Luncheon. For those who have included NOBTS & Leavell College in their estates, we wanted to thank them and let them know just how valuable their commitment to the Seminary is for its future.

The meeting began in our North American Mission Board Center in the newly renovated Luter Student Center. First, Mike Wetzel, VP for Institutional Advancement, shared with the group from Joshua 4:1-7, saying, "we each have a stone of remembrance to leave for those who come behind us." Then Mike asked each member to share their testimony and tell the group why being a part of the DeMent Society is so important to them.

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Mike Wetzel

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After coffee and fellowship, the group moved to Leavell Chapel to hear from Dr. Bart Barber, President of the Southern Baptist Convention. Dr. Barber, the pastor at First Baptist Church, Farmersville, TX, spoke about the importance of the role of deacons in the church. Since there were several pastors and deacons in the group, the message was significant.

We concluded the day with a delicious lunch at a local restaurant. Everyone commented that the time spent with others who realize the importance of being a DeMent Society member was a unique opportunity for them. They each look forward to the next gathering of the DeMent Society. ♣



# DEMENT SOCIETY

As a member of the Foundation Board, you partner in the work of the Seminary. Thank you! When you become a part of the DeMent Society, you're making provisions for the future of NOBTS and Leavell College.

To learn more information about becoming a DeMent Society Member, please contact Wanda Gregg or Mark Hagelman at 504.816.8224.



## Until We Meet Again

Marilyn Stewart -  
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Jeanine Cannon Bozeman, a beloved New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary professor and Foundation Board member, whose life and teaching impacted the lives of countless students preparing for ministry, passed away Oct. 18 at the age of 93.



Jeanine Bozeman  
1929 - 2022

“The seminary family mourns the passing of Dr. Bozeman but rejoices that she is now with her Savior,” said Jamie Dew, president. “We, as a seminary family, are grateful for Dr. Bozeman’s decades of service to NOBTS and her students. Jeanine has had a long-lasting impact on the ministry of many who knew her and were taught by her.”

Bozeman, emeritus professor of social work, was first elected to the NOBTS faculty in 1987 as assistant professor of social work after earning her Ed. D.—later changed to a Ph.D.—at the age of 55. During her tenure, she served many years as the chairperson of the Christian Education Ministries Division, making her, at the time, the first woman in an SBC seminary to hold a division chair position.

“Dr. Bozeman was one of the seminary’s favorite teachers,” said Norris Grubbs, provost. “Everywhere I go, students talk about the difference she made in their lives.”

Known for her love for students and keen sense of humor, Bozeman often spent time with students over a meal or coffee. The seminary magazine “Vision” once dubbed her the “driving force” behind the development of the NOBTS master of social work degree program.

One class Bozeman taught stood out above all others and drew students from many disciplines. Her popular course “Death, Loss, and Grief” was “legendary,” said Grubbs.

Grubbs continued by saying, “Dr. Bozeman was not only excellent in the classroom and in her field of study, but she also demonstrated a Christ-like care and compassion to everyone she met.”

Until we meet Dr. Bozeman again, we do not grieve like those without hope. 1 Thessalonians 4:13-14 reads...*“We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, concerning those who are asleep, so that you will not grieve like the rest, who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, in the same way, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep.”* ♣



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## Geaux and Tell

I hope this season of thankfulness has focused your heart like Paul's to be joyful for others, confident in Him, and willing to participate in His work. As the word participating lingers in my mind, the holidays are a great time to introduce the seminary to others in your circle of family, friends, and possibly a colleague.

Please, begin now praying that the Lord would place a person on your mind that you could invite to join us at our meeting in March.

I have been blessed over the past several years by the people I have invited who have agreed to visit and attend the meeting. Then, as a result, they have begun to participate in the work of the foundation, and to my surprise, I found even more joy in our friendship with this new connection of participating in the work together. 🌿

## What is membership?

As voted during the March 2021 meeting, here are your membership requirements.

- Initial three-year commitment to give or raise \$5,000 minimum per year to the Foundation Endowment.
- Attendance at the Annual Meeting is to be missed only by excused absence.
- Members are to pray for the Seminary daily.
- \$100,000 in a one-time gift secures Lifetime membership.
- Enlist new members within three years.
- Each board member is asked to help facilitate a regional "NOBTS and Friends" event in their region.
- 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.
- A commitment to continued giving annually (after the first three years).


# Independent Audit - Complete

by Mark Hagelman

In August, the MWH Group, based in Wichita Falls, TX, performed our annual audit, and we have their report dated September 10, 2022. We will provide you with a copy of the audit before the annual meeting. In the meantime, here is a statement from MWH.

*"We have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of NOBTS, which comprise the consolidated statements of financial position as of July 31, 2022, and 2021, and the related consolidated statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the consolidated financial statements.*

*In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of NOBTS as of July 31, 2022, and 2021, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America."*

NOBTS & Leavell College strive to steward all that is given to us with excellence. We're pleased to demonstrate our commitment to transparency and your rights as donors. We hope to build upon these principles as we work together to achieve our mission. 

## Donor Bill of Rights

1. To be informed of the organization's mission, the way the organization intends to use donated resources, and its capacity to use donations effectively for their intended purposes.
2. To be informed of the identity of those serving on the organization's governing board and to expect the board to exercise prudent judgment in its stewardship responsibilities.
3. To have access to the organization's most recent financial statements.
4. To be assured that their gifts will be used for the purposes they were given.
5. To receive appropriate acknowledgment and recognition.
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7. To expect that all relationships with individuals representing organizations of interest to the donor will be professional.
8. To be informed whether those seeking donations are volunteers, employees of the organization, or hired solicitors.
9. To have the opportunity for their names to be deleted from mailing lists that an organization may intend to share.
10. To feel free to ask questions when making a donation and receive prompt, truthful, and forthright answers.

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