

Donald Winters, along with President Ellis A. Fuller, founded the School of Church Music at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. In many ways, it was Winters who shaped the direction the school would take. His arrangement of the Seminary Hymn, "Soldiers of Christ in Truth Arrayed," continues to be sung.



Born on December 2, 1910, in Greenville, Ohio, Winters developed a love for sacred music early in life. After high school, he became a traveling musician and church organist. He earned the Bachelor of Sacred Music (1939) and the Master of Sacred Music (1941) degrees from Westminster Choir College in Princeton, New Jersey. In 1940, Winters was married and began a lifelong partnership in ministry with his wife Frances.

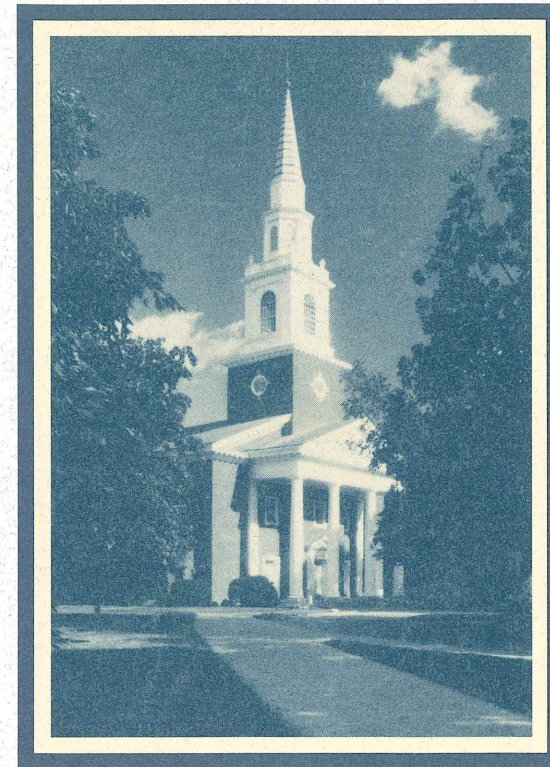
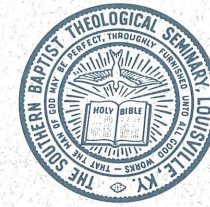
In 1941, Ellis A. Fuller extended an invitation to Donald and Frances Winters to join the staff of First Baptist Church, Atlanta, as Minister of Music and Assistant Minister of Music to implement a fully graded, churchwide plan of church music education, activity and service known as the "Westminster Plan." Fuller hoped to involve the entire congregation in worship through music. When he became president of Southern Seminary the following year, Fuller carried with him the vision for a place to train Southern Baptist ministers in music. In 1943, he summoned Donald Winters to the task, and Southern Seminary's School of Church Music opened its doors to 20 students for the fall 1944 term.

Winters joined the seminary faculty in 1945, teaching choral conducting, repertoire, organ and voice and directing the choir. While in Louisville, he also served as Organist-Director at Broadway Baptist Church. After nearly a decade of pioneering work in church music at Southern Seminary, Winters left for Bloomington, Indiana, to begin graduate studies at Indiana University.

He was appointed in 1956 as Head of the Division of Fine Arts at William Carey College in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. He became dean of the School of Music there in 1969, and in 1984 the School of Music was named in honor of the Winters. Donald and Frances Winters continued to serve as worship leaders in the local church and in their state convention until his death on July 20, 1989. Frances Winters now lives in Hattiesburg.

*Southern Seminary's first observance of Founders' Day was on January 11, 1907. This day of remembrance, held annually on or near the birthday of James P. Boyce, the first chairman of the faculty, has been observed ever since. It is an occasion for celebrating a rich heritage that offers hope for the future.*

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## Convocation and Founders' Day

February 5, 1991  
Ten O'Clock

Alumni Memorial Chapel



# THE ORDER OF SERVICE

February 5, 1991

Presiding, Roy L. Honeycutt, President

## ORGAN PRELUDE

Prelude and Fugue in G Major, BWV 541

Prelude and Fugue in C Minor, BWV, 549 .....J. S. BACH

Boyd M. Jones, II, Organist

## \*PROCESSIONAL

Crown Imperial .....(SIR) WILLIAM WALTON

## \*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN No. 372

“O Thou, in Whose Presence” .....DAVIS

INVOCATION ..... Larry McSwain  
Dean, School of Theology

RESPONSIVE READING NO. 513 .....Dr. Roy L. Honeycutt  
President

INTRODUCTIONS .....Dr. Roy L. Honeycutt

CONVOCATION ADDRESS .....Dr. Hugh T. McElrath  
V. V. Cooke Professor of Church Music

“Donald Winters (1910-1989): The Contributions of a Musical Churchman in the Establishment and Early History of Southern Seminary’s School of Church Music”

## \*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

### \*The Seminary Hymn

MENDON. L. M.

BASIL MANLY, Jr., 1825-1892

German traditional melody  
Arr. D.W.

1. Sol - diers of Christ in truth ar-rayed A world in ru - ins needs your aid;  
2. His Gos - pel to the lost pro-claim, Good news for all in Je - sus' name;  
3. Morn-ing and eve - ning sow the seed God's grace the ef - fort shall suc - ceed.  
4. We meet to part, but part to meet, When earth-ly la - bors are com-plete,

A world by sin de-stroyed and dead; A world for which the Sav-iour bled.  
Let light up - on the dark-ness break That sin-ners from their death may wake.  
Seed times of tears have oft been found Withsheaves of joy and plen - ty crowned.  
To join in yet more blest em - ploy, In an e - ter - nal world of joy. A - MEN.

\*(Written for the first commencement of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky in 1860, by Dr. Basil Manly, Jr., and sung at every commencement since.)

\*BENEDICTION .....Dr. S. Milburn Price  
Dean, School of Church Music

## \*RECESSIONAL AND ORGAN POSTLUDE

Symphonie VI, op. 42

Finale ..... CHARLES-MARIE WIDOR

\*Congregation standing. The Congregation will please remain in the chapel until the Academic Recessional is completed.