

SOUTHERN SEMINARY



Under Mohler's leadership, Southern Seminary was once again Boyce's seminary.

—GREG A. WILLS





President R. Albert Mohler Jr.

A LETTER *from the* PRESIDENT

RELECTING ON his years as a corporate executive, Max DePree once defined a leader as one who defines reality on the front end and then says thank you at the other end. That seems just about right as I reflect upon Southern Seminary's sesquicentennial celebration and the incredible events that took place on this historic campus over the past months.

I am thankful that the Southern Baptist Convention came to Louisville, Kentucky for its 2009 annual meeting -- celebrating the 150th anniversary of the denomination's oldest institution. Thousands of friends and alumni were able to visit the campus, along with a good number of Southern Baptists who had never visited their mother seminary. It was thrilling to see so many visitors to the campus and to sense their participation in all that Southern Seminary represents.

We are deeply thankful for all that God allowed to take place during those days in June. The historic events came in quick succession, starting with an historic meeting of present and former Southern Baptist seminary presidents and their wives. We have participated in making history together and we now share the common task of training the next generation of faithful ministers, missionaries, and church leaders.

Thankfulness marked our Sesquicentennial Service of Celebration and Commemoration from beginning to end. The throng gathered in Alumni Memorial Chapel came for worship. Together, we sang the great hymns of the faith and reflected upon the meaning of the last 150 years entrusted to generations past and present. We thank God for that long line of faithfulness that has brought us to this day, and for the gift of a future. We honored those who had served, given, prayed, and toiled for so many years in the past -- even as we are thankful for those whose service and sacrifice makes Southern Seminary what it is today.

The dedication of the Duke K. McCall Sesquicentennial Pavilion served as a capstone to the entire event, and we are thankful that Dr. McCall, now in his 95th year, was able to be present for this historic day.

I am so thankful to all those dedicated servants of Southern Seminary who made this day all that it was and for the great crowd of witnesses who gathered with us in the spirit of celebration and recommitment.

As I reflect upon these days, I am most thankful for the fact that God still calls his servants and that Southern Seminary has been entrusted with the task more precious than that assigned to any other educational institution -- to train, prepare, and educate God-called ministers of the Gospel for more faithful service.

Our sesquicentennial year is not yet over, and historic opportunities still await. In particular, we look forward to Heritage Week 2009 as yet another opportunity to celebrate and express thankfulness for all that God has done and to reflect upon what this means as we seek to be faithful in the present.

Above all, there is much work to be done. I am honored to serve on the Great Commission Task Force established by messengers to the convention in June. Our task will be to report to the Southern Baptist Convention in Orlando next year concerning how Southern Baptists can work more faithfully together in the service of the Great Commission. Please pray for this task force and for our beloved denomination. A watching world is waiting to see if we really believe what we say about the priority and power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The new academic year has just begun. The campus is crowded with new students as well as those returning for the new academic year. A sense of excitement pervades the entire institution and the entire Southern Seminary community is ready to seize this moment and get right to the task of theological education.

Come join with us. Pray for Southern Seminary and Boyce College and look with expectancy to see what God will do through the lives and ministries of the students now assembled on this campus and enrolled in our programs around the world. If you are in need of encouragement, just come to this campus and see what God is doing in this generation.

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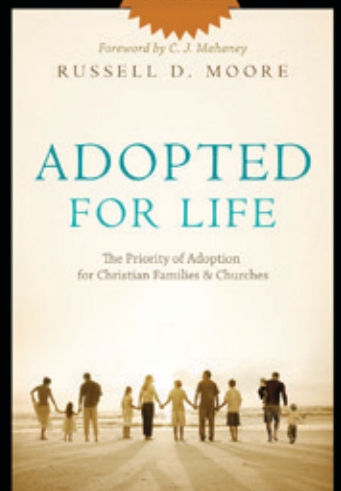


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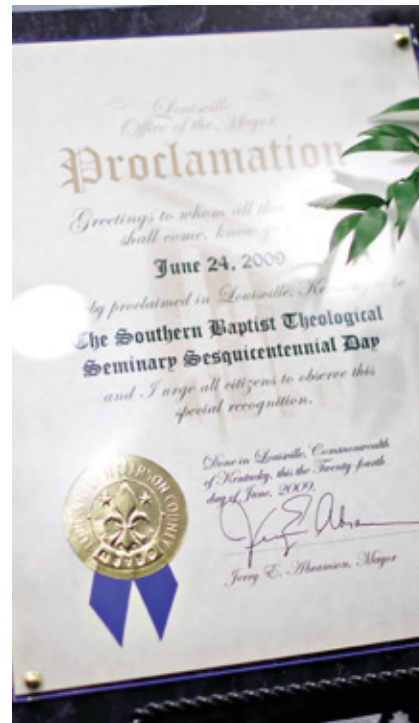


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Dr. Moore's
New Book
now available



The Celebration of a Lifetime



Clockwise from upper left: During the sesquicentennial address on June 24, former Southern Seminary president Duke K. McCall thanked the Southern community for dedicating the Duke K. McCall Sesquicentennial Pavilion in his name. Louisville Mayor Jerry Abramson proclaimed June 24, 2009, as The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary Sesquicentennial Day. Guests toured the Duke K. McCall Sesquicentennial Pavilion at the June dedication ceremony. Attendees of the Southern Baptist Convention enjoyed a campus open house tour and luncheon. President R. Albert Mohler, Jr. with June Honeycutt, wife of the late Roy L. Honeycutt, the eighth president of Southern Seminary.



FLASHBACK:

The Sesquicentennial Anniversary

FROM THE BEGINNING, James Petigru Boyce believed in the power of the Word. He believed that the only hope for dying men was to hear the Word, and he believed that preachers of the Word could be better prepared. With these unwavering beliefs Boyce led Southern Baptists to open an institution that would prepare ministers of the Gospel.

Boyce and the other founders opened the doors of The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in October 1859 in a humble, small community church building in Greenville, S.C. Each decade of the last 150 years has presented tests and struggles as well as triumphs and gracious prosperity for the institution, providing the ultimate testimony to maintaining faith in God's will and

diligently thanking Him for grace. The mission of Boyce and his fellow founders has remained steadfast throughout the last 150 years through the perseverance and faith of Southern's unequalled leadership and supporters. These individuals have preserved what began in that humble South Carolina building and have helped Southern Seminary grown into the country's largest seminary.

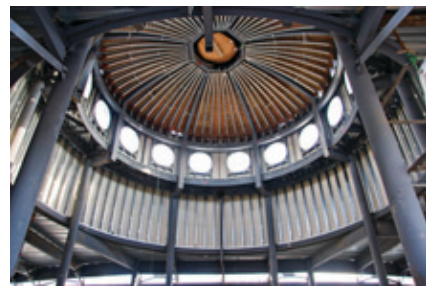
This year, the Sesquicentennial Anniversary of Southern Seminary, inspired us all to celebrate what God has done through this institution and to recommit ourselves to the vision of the founders, to the truth of Christ's church and to preserving this legacy for future generations.

The anniversary celebration started in early winter with the revealing of the

Sesquicentennial logo and the launch of Southern Seminary's new website. As spring neared, the campus hosted a conference on the history of Southern Seminary and American Christianity as the Sesquicentennial Pavilion's steel beams began to evolve into the stately structure it is today. Summer brought with it energy and excitement as the Southern Baptist Convention arrived in Louisville and the Duke K. McCall Sesquicentennial Pavilion was opened and dedicated. Today, as the trees prepare to take on their autumn hues, we all have a renewed spirit of joy and thankfulness as we look back at what God has allowed this institution to accomplish in the last 150 years.













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THE ASSURANCE OF THINGS HOPED FOR: A LIVING STEWARDSHIP FOR THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AND THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

R. ALBERT MOHLER, JR., PRESIDENT

Delivered June 24, 2009, at the Service Commemorating the
Sesquicentennial of the Seminary's Founding



I GREET YOU in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ as we join together to commemorate and to celebrate the sesquicentennial of the founding of The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. This is a moment filled with memory, gratitude, promise, and wonder. Here, in the first decade of the twenty-first century, we gather in the shadow of those who a century and a half ago established this great institution and dedicated their lives, their reputations, their hopes, and their unflagging energies to the great task of training ministers of the Gospel.

We gather to celebrate fifteen decades of history and to consider the magnitude of this moment in light of the eternal purposes of God. Behind us stands a long line of faithfulness, traced through many generations and reaching around the globe. Those who established this school in 1859 could scarcely imagine that we would commemorate this occasion as The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary now looks to the future propelled and inspired by a century and a half of history.

To be human is to experience time. We are chronological creatures, who cannot imagine our lives without reference to the frame of past, present, and future. We make constant reference to the clock and the calendar. Our consciousness is marked by memory and we feel the passage of time in the marrow of our bones. We find ourselves marking time by anniversaries and celebrations of past events that provide the necessary context for understanding who we are and to whom we belong.

For the people of God, memory serves not only as a necessary faculty of human consciousness, but as a stewardship. Memory is required for faithfulness, even as Israel was constantly reminded to remember and to commemorate the great acts of God that brought Abraham

out of Ur, Israel out of Egypt, and the children of Moses into the land of promise.

Likewise, Christians are called to commemorate the saving acts of God in the death, burial, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are to live in the present, drawing our confidence from our sure and certain knowledge of God's saving acts and of Christ's promises to his church. We cannot live without memory, and our confidence for the future is secured by our Lord, who is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

A sesquicentennial celebration takes us well outside any human lifespan. Though some present among us today can trace their lives through much of this institution's history, not one of us was present when the historic events that brought The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary into existence took place. Though the origins of the school can be traced far behind 1859, that year marks the historic founding of the school. Thus, it is to 1859 that we look as we seek to ground our story in the frame of time, place, and purpose.

Just three years earlier, James Petigru Boyce had delivered his inaugural address as a professor at Furman University. With an audacity that can only be described as breathtaking, matched to a vision more bold than others could see, Boyce delivered the Magna Carta of Southern Seminary. Though Southern Baptists could at that time point only to a handful of struggling theological departments in colleges and universities, Boyce saw both the need for and the promise of a great central theological institution that would serve the churches of the Southern Baptist Convention as the young denomination looked to the future and to the call of God to the nations.

In retrospect, it is nothing short of amazing that the institution ever came into existence.

Though many shared Boyce's dream of a central theological institution, others thought his conception to be too bold, too ambitious, or too costly to their own institutional purposes. The establishment of Southern Seminary required not only vision, but also a level of commitment, generosity, and sacrifice that surpassed anything that founding generation had ever known before.

Of course, the level of commitment required for Southern Seminary's founding would quickly be exceeded by that required for the school's survival. As Professor Gregory A. Wills recounts:

On the first day of October 1859, four young professors and nine students opened the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. It was an uncertain undertaking. Southern Baptists were not sure that they needed it, and many doubted its success. And opposition to it came from many quarters. By November Professor Basil Manly Jr. judged that the seminary's survival was already "drawing to a crisis," and he grieved at the prospect of seeing "so auspicious a moment for Southern Baptist interests come to naught."

Thankfully, that moment did not come to naught, but the question of the school's survival remained open, to a greater or lesser degree, well into the twentieth century. Even then, crises and challenges would arise and recur. An endeavor this bold would require successive generations of almost irrational dedication to the cause.

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stepped into history. Those who observed that first day of classes must have marveled that such a day had ever arrived. At the same time, the foreclosure of their dream loomed as an ever-present possibility.

The Southern Baptist Convention had been established only

14 years previously, and the churches of the young denomination were stretched to support two mission boards and their own ministries. A network of struggling colleges and universities had been established, but nowhere

in the South could a central theological institution for Baptists be found. Not, that is, until that October day in 1859.

Seen in that light, the history of The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary is integral to the history of the Southern Baptist Convention. The story of this school cannot be told without constant reference to the convention of churches to whom it belongs and whose cause it serves. Even as we commemorate the four founding faculty of the school, we must thank God for the vision and sacrificial commitment of countless Southern Baptists whose names are known only to God.

In a sense, an institution like Southern Seminary must have its story told in a structure more like biography than history. We naturally think of the founding of the school as something akin to birth, and we trace the history of the school through phases that correspond to something like childhood, adolescence, and adulthood.

Seen in this frame, the childhood of Southern Seminary was tempestuous, dangerous, and filled with peril. The young school would soon find itself in the maelstrom of national strife and division. The Civil War would tear the nation asunder and put the school into a hiatus from which only the boldest could be confident the school would ever emerge. Southern Seminary did survive the war, but the newly reopened school soon found itself in no less peril as war gave way to Reconstruction. Southern Seminary's transition from childhood to adolescence required energies and sacrifices that would exceed even those required for its founding.

The generation of E. Y. Mullins brought Southern Seminary into the twentieth century and, to a considerable degree, into the modern world. Many in that generation could trace their lifelines back to the founding of the school in 1859, but they would know a world vastly different from that of the founding generation. Along with the Southern Baptist Convention, Southern Seminary would see the new century as a time of unparalleled opportunity and continuing progress.

Of course, the experience of the twentieth century was, as no shortage of historians remind us, vastly different from that envisioned by so many as the century dawned. Yet, even through the experiences of two world wars, a vast economic depression, and the transition of the United States into the position of world leadership, this Seminary continued to expand

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its reach and its vision even as the Southern Baptist Convention experienced unprecedented growth, outstripping the dreams of 1845.

In one sense, the twentieth century would see the world changed over and over again. Horses would give way to railways, which would in turn give way to automobiles and airplanes. The century would see the development of antibiotics, the splitting of the atom, and man

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on the moon. The United States would become a superpower and the globe would shrink as communications and travel were transformed. The demography of the United States would be reshaped as great urban centers developed and their populations burgeoned. Tremendous social, moral, and political shifts would reshape American culture and challenge its churches.

Throughout the decades, Southern Seminary turned out hundreds and then thousands of ministers of the Gospel, missionaries, and denominational leaders. Southern Seminary was at the forefront of the denomination's growth, expansion, and dreams.

Of course, there were also times of testing and trial. When James P. Boyce set out his vision for a central theological institution for Southern Baptists, he both understood and insisted that the school must be confessional to the core, committed without reservation to the historic Christian faith, to Baptist beliefs, and to an eager embrace of the faith once for all delivered to the saints. The history of this school stands as a humbling reminder of the necessity of that task.

Boyce understood what others both failed and refused to see. An institution that was not boldly committed to the revealed truths of Christianity – without hesitation or reservation – would quickly become an infectious source of heterodoxy into the lives of our churches. The twentieth century saw the pervasive influence of theological liberalism bring mainline Protestantism to disaster and decline. By God's grace, Southern Seminary and the Southern Baptist Convention would, at century's end, emerge from the convulsion of necessary controversy into an opportunity for renewed faithfulness and recovered conviction.

As we observe this spectacular occasion today, we do so with the knowledge that God has afforded this school the opportunity for a new future even as we have recovered the convictions upon which the school was first established. On this occasion, we celebrate the

gift of this opportunity and the stewardship it represents.

So long as The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary exists, it must serve the churches of the Southern Baptist Convention by training God-called ministers of the Gospel for service, leadership, and the tasks of ministry. We stand without apology upon the authority, inspiration, infallibility, and inerrancy of the Bible. Without qualification, we require every professor to affirm all that is contained within the *Abstract of Principles and The Baptist Faith and Message*. Without embarrassment, we bear the scandal of the cross even as we seek to produce a generation filled with unprecedented passion to see the nations exult in Christ and the Gospel taken to the uttermost part of the world.

Our sesquicentennial requires us to remember that Southern Seminary is a servant to the churches. We gladly serve the churches of the Southern Baptist Convention and this institution would never have come into existence, much less have arrived at a moment of such unprecedented promise, without the faithful prayers and the generous support of the convention and its churches. Through the Cooperative Program, the hopes for more faithful ministry have been minted into the lives of literally thousands of ministers and missionaries serving all around the world.

In the year 2009, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary stands as one of the leading theological institutions in the world, one of the largest theological institutions in the history of the Christian Church, and one of the most venerable and respected institutions of the evangelical world. All this comes by the grace and mercy of God. A smiling providence marks this school's celebration of such a consequential anniversary. We are a generation most blessed and most grateful.

In the book of Hebrews we read, "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. For by it the men of old gained approval." [Hebrews 11:1-2]

Do these words not frame our thoughts as we observe and commemorate this day?

Looking backward, we trace Southern Seminary's history, not only to 1859 or 1845, but to the eter-

nal purposes and assured promises of God. The writer of the book of Hebrews has affirmed and elucidated justification by faith alone, and here he turns to affirm faith as central and essential to the experience of the people of God. Faith, in its essence, is the assurance of things hoped for. The hopes of those who founded

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Southern Seminary were hopes worthy of the people of God. They trusted God to fulfill his promises to his church, and they established this school in order that those promises might be realized in the faithful ministries of those who would serve the church.

By faith, “the men of old gained approval.” We would not be here today, marking and celebrating the sesquicentennial of The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, had Almighty God not approved of the vision that brought the school into being and had He not preserved it through countless dangers, toils, and snares. The unprecedented stature and opportunities that mark this school at the present hour are the gift of God to this generation. Of course, this gift is a matter of our most precious stewardship.

Given the scope of opportunities now before us, we must be even more fervently committed to the Great Commission and the task of reaching the world with the Gospel.

Southern Seminary’s sesquicentennial celebration begins and ends in the affirmation of the stewardship that is invested and entrusted to this school and to the Southern Baptist

Convention. By faith, the generations that have preceded us gained approval. May God grant to our generation the same faith and even greater faithfulness.

This stewardship requires that we, gathered on this day of commemoration and celebration, commit ourselves anew to the vision, convictions, passions, and pledges that brought this precious school into being. Given the scope of opportunities now before us, we must be even more fervently committed to the Great Commission and the task of reaching the world with the Gospel. We must inspire a new generation with passion for evangelism and the joy of seeing men and women come to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. We must train a new generation in the glad calling of the ministry and in the central tasks of preaching and teaching the Word of God. We must train this generation rightly to divide the Word of truth and arm them to serve without the compromise of truth or integrity. We must strive to prepare a generation to be sensitive shepherds of the flock of God who are also warriors of the Spirit and soldiers of the cross.

In the words of Southern Seminary’s hymn, our vision is to see “soldiers of Christ in truth arrayed.” In our sesquicentennial year, we gratefully and gladly return to the touchstone which brought this school into being.



We stand at the intersection of history and hope, encouraged by legacy and inspired by destiny. May we dedicate ourselves this day to the vision that sustains us, the truth that possesses us, and the legacy that inspires us. By God’s grace, may we, like those who founded this seminary a century and a half ago, find our confidence for the future where alone it can be found – in the assurance of things hoped for.



Honoring a legacy and looking to a bright future

DEDICATING THE SESQUICENTENNIAL PAVILION TO DUKE K. McCALL



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Reporting By JEFF ROBINSON & DAVID ROACH



ON October 1, 1859, four young professors and nine students met for the first day of class as The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary opened its doors in Greenville, S.C. One hundred and fifty years later, the seminary ministers to thousands of students in Louisville, where it moved in 1877. To signify and celebrate the sesquicentennial anniversary Southern honored its seventh president, Duke K. McCall, June 24 by naming its newest building on campus the Duke K. McCall Sesquicentennial Pavilion.

“I wish all those present here to know that the board of trustees of The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, recognizing the contribution of Duke K. McCall as the president of this institution for three decades, hereby designates the Duke K. McCall Sesquicentennial Pavilion in honor of Dr. Duke McCall and on the occasion of the seminary’s 150th anniversary,” seminary President R. Albert Mohler Jr. said during a dedication ceremony in Alumni Memorial Chapel.

Mohler presented McCall, 95, with a certificate to commemorate the occasion and his wife, Winonna, with a replica of the oil painting of her husband that hangs in the 12,000 square foot pavilion. McCall served as Southern’s president

from 1951 to 1982 after serving as president of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee.

“I am both surprised and grateful for this high honor,” McCall said. “... I am delighted that this occasion is linked into and seen as a part of the sesquicentennial year of Southern Seminary. A hundred and fifty years of service is a cause for some pride and wonder.” McCall credited the seminary’s longevity to God’s grace and wise leadership. “Southern Seminary has navigated the shifting tides of social, economic (and) political affairs because of divine favor and dedicated leadership all guided by the inspired Word of God,” he said.

Even though leaders and graduates from different eras in the seminary’s history have differed on points of theology, McCall asked for all Southern alumni and friends to rally around the seminary for its 150th birthday. “I ask that,” he said, “because there have been diverse currents running through our community and fellowship. We do not always agree with each other on everything, but what I call upon us to recognize is that the hand of God is upon this institution and those with responsibility for her and that we acknowledge that and say, ‘We will

continue our own convictions as they diverge from one another. But we will stand together in one common commitment in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.’”

Attendees responded to McCall’s charge with sustained applause, to which McCall said, “Your unexpected response indicates that you had already arrived at the point toward which I was trying to press. My greatest gift has been to recognize what the audience already thought.”

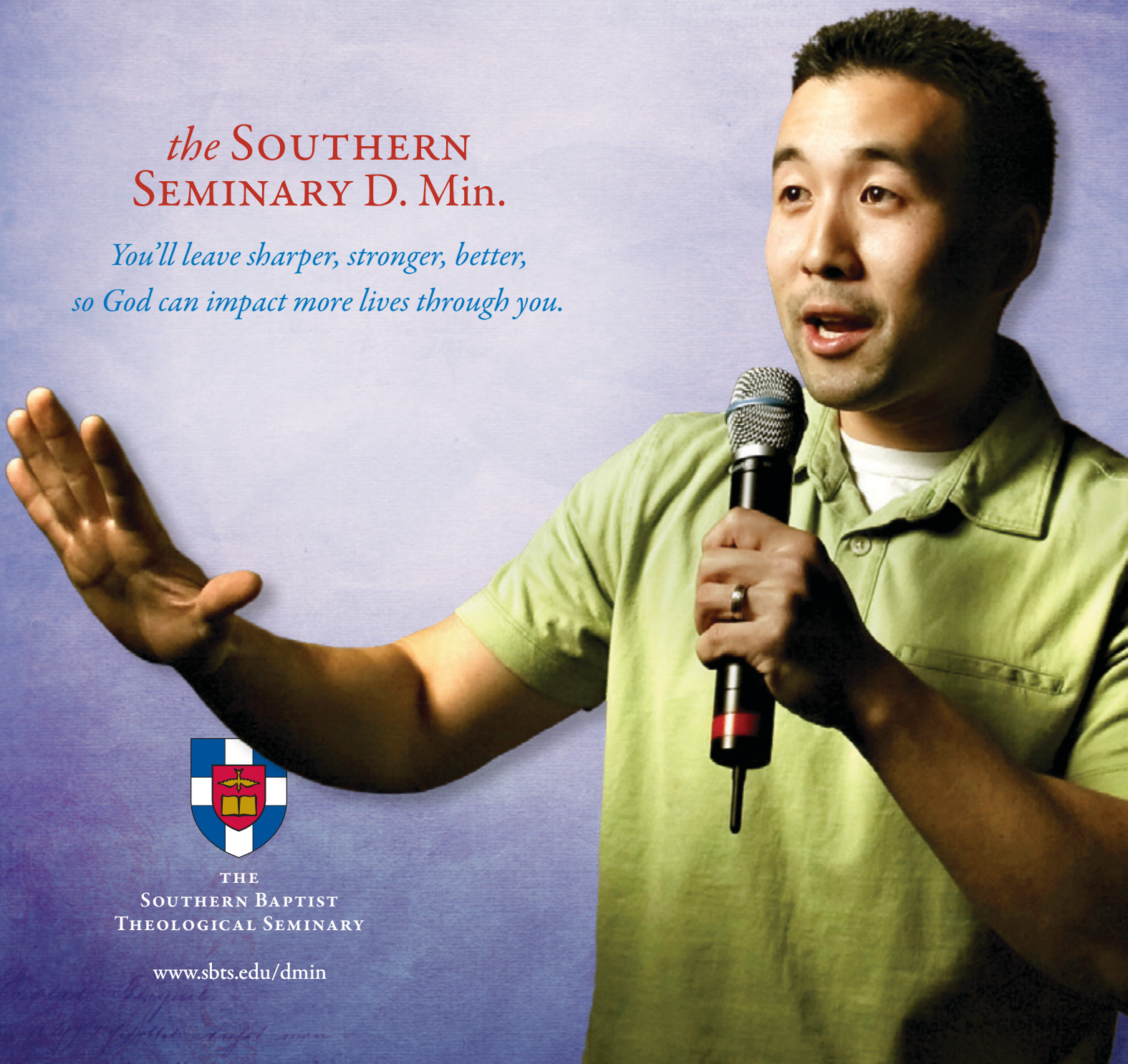
The Duke K. McCall Sesquicentennial Pavilion serves Southern as a “front door” of sorts to campus visitors. A concierge desk within the pavilion will welcome guests and assist them in learning about the values and mission of Southern. The pavilion also includes new office space that houses the Admissions and Event Productions departments. The décor and design of the pavilion honors the seminary’s heritage and the stately rotunda looks towards a bright future.

During the eight-month building process, a time capsule was created and filled with memorabilia for the seminary students and faculty to open in 2059, signifying the seminary’s 200th birthday. Among the items in the capsule are seminary publications, a campus directory, an academic catalog and a letter from Mohler.

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Foundation Board plays key role in SBTS life

Reporting by DAVID ROACH
& EMILY GRIFFIN

Everyone at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary knows that the board of trustees plays a vital role in the institution's life. But few know that another board also plays a central role in keeping Southern healthy.

The Southern Seminary Foundation, with approximately 150 members, leads in fundraising and spreading the word about Southern to other prospective donors. Last fiscal year the foundation board helped raise nearly \$2 million for Southern's annual fund.

According to Jason Allen, vice president for institutional advancement and executive director of the Southern Seminary Foundation, the foundation board represents the backbone of Southern's development efforts and annual contributions.

"The efforts of our foundation board are fueled by each members commitment to spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ, training pastors, missionaries, and church leaders and furthering the overall mission of Southern Seminary," Allen said. "Bottom line, the foundation board loves Southern Seminary, they stand with Southern Seminary, and they are all part of the Southern family."

Southern asks four things of all Foundation board members: pray for the seminary; serve as ambassadors for the seminary; make an annual donation; and

introduce the seminary to other prospective donors.

The board meets twice each year—on campus in the fall and in a different warm weather location each spring. Many of the board members will be on campus this October for the annual Heritage Week events.

"In many ways Heritage Week feels like an on-campus family reunion," Allen said. "The board members get to connect with each other and the Southern faculty and student body."

Allen and all of Southern Seminary are grateful for the year-round, active support the foundation members bring to the institution.

"People who have come on the board during the time I've served ... have continued to stay on the board and continued to be very active," Foundation Board chairman Charles Barnes said. "We don't have just names on a roll. We have active members and we have active supporters financially."

One of the board's most significant accomplishments has been to increase annual giving from approximately \$300,000 more than 15-years ago to its current level of approximately \$2 million, Barnes said. Such giving helps keep student tuition lower than other seminaries. Long term, the board hopes to help the seminary reach its goal of a \$500 million endowment, up from the current level.

In addition to its ongoing activities,

the board also hosts an annual golf tournament to raise funds and will soon sponsor an annual trip overseas led by seminary president R. Albert Mohler Jr. While plans are still being developed, possible trips include tours of the Holy Land and Reformation sites.

Even if Southern students and alumni are not in positions to join the Foundation board themselves, Barnes said they can help in important ways.

"Be aware that there is this organization and give names of prospective friends of the seminary or prospective donors to either a board member or to Mr. Allen," Barnes said.

Allen echoed Barnes' sentiments, stating that anyone can be involved in supporting the foundation board and their efforts.

"Praying for the foundation board and their efforts is more helpful than you could ever know, also, sharing giving opportunities with your network of friends and family is vital to generating new foundation board members."

It is impossible to envision Southern Seminary without the foundation board.

"At every level the foundation board supports the mission of Southern Seminary," Allen said. "Their efforts help keep tuition as low as possible in the present, and for the future they work diligently to continue Southern's sound financial footing."

A Prayer for Pastors' Wives



THE Sesquicentennial Anniversary celebrations and the Southern Baptist Convention proved to keep the summer of 2009 filled with events reminding us all of God's great blessings being bestowed on Southern Seminary and throughout the SBC. As part of the SBC events, Mary K. Mohler and Southern hosted a fellowship luncheon for the hundreds of pastors' wives and women in ministry in Louisville for convention activities. Additionally, Mrs. Mohler graciously offered a prayer for the wives of pastors at an evening session of the SBC Pastors' Conference. Her words, in their entirety below, served as a reminder to pastors' wives of the great responsibilities and even greater blessings that come with supporting a husband in ministry.

Father, what an honor it is to lift up my sisters in Christ who serve as pastors' wives.

Thank you for raising up these women to serve you in this unique and vital calling.

I pray your blessing upon each one – wherever she serves across our denomination.

May she be mindful of the role she alone fills in the church as the wife of the pastor.

May she take seriously the importance of respecting her husband, encouraging him, praying for him and loving him with all of her heart.

May she never underestimate the importance of watching well over the ways of her household as she seeks to provide a happy home environment that will be a welcome refuge for him from the pressures and perils of ministry.

If you bless her with the wonderful gift of motherhood, may she nurture her children in such a way that they not only love and follow you, Lord, but also that they come to love their life in a ministry family as she ensures they appreciate the privileges that are theirs in this special calling.

As she serves your church, may she enthusiastically develop and use the gifts and talents that you have already given her through the power of the Holy Spirit. May she foster a deep and abiding love for the people to whom you have called her to serve.

As the women of her church look to her as a mentor, and they will, may she

seize that opportunity to reflect godliness, contentment, honesty, compassion and perseverance. In order to do so, may she embrace the daily discipline of being a serious student of your Word, committing it to memory and spending much time in prayer.

Guard her heart; guard her mind; guard her tongue; guard her feet as she seeks to not grow weary in well doing even as many of her completed tasks may seem to go unnoticed. May she truly do her husband good and not harm, all the days of her life.

Your word tells us that "the eyes of the LORD move to and fro throughout the entire earth that He may strongly support those whose heart is completely His." I pray boldly that you will find us to be just that kind of people and that you will use us as ministry wives alongside our husbands to do great things for the kingdom for the sake of the Gospel and for your glory.

You also tell us that you are able to do "exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us," and with that in mind, I ask all of these things in the powerful and matchless name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Just Press Play

DID YOU MISS the Sesquicentennial Celebration at Southern Seminary this past June? Audio and video broadcasts of several of the celebratory events are available at Southern's website, <http://www.sbts.edu>. If you were unable to attend R. Albert Mohler Jr.'s sesquicentennial address, or want to listen to former president Duke K. McCall's words of gratitude from Alumni Chapel, click on the 'Resources' tab from the Southern homepage and scroll through the audio options. Additionally, many of

the 2009 Southern Baptist Convention events are available, including a Q and A interviews with Russell D. Moore, senior vice president for academic administration and dean of the School of Theology, and Timothy Paul Jones, associate professor of Leadership and Church Ministry.



Photo Captions:

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1: Randy Stinson and Timothy Paul Jones discuss local church matters at a panel discussion.

2: Russell D. Moore speaks at the Southern Seminary and History of American Christianity Conference.

3: Flame, a.k.a. Boyce College student Marcus Williams-Gray, performs a song at the Give Me An Answer high school conference.

4: Tom Bolton leads worship at the Sesquicentennial Worship Service.

5: Greg Wills presents his faculty address: "Southern Seminary, Southern Baptists & the Two Religions."

6: A LifeWay representative speaks before the re-opening of the redesigned LifeWay Campus Store.

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Southern Seminary's new Duke K. McCall Sesquicentennial Pavilion, a 14,000 square-foot pavilion was completed in April 2009, less than a year after construction began. R. Albert Mohler Jr. spoke at the dome topping ceremony for the pavilion, which houses Southern's admissions, event productions and campus security departments. The inside of the building includes a small theater with a looping Southern video and the Truth, Legacy Vision wall, which features quotes from Southern Seminary luminaries.

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1/2: R. Albert Mohler Jr., at the Duke K. McCall Sesquicentennial Pavilion ribbon cutting ceremony. As part of the ceremony Mohler placed a time capsule behind a stone encasement. The capsule contains is scheduled to be opened in 2059 on the seminary's 200th birthday.

3: The Duke K. McCall Sesquicentennial Pavilion is providing Southern with some much needed office and meeting space.

4: Southern Seminary supporters fellowship in the Duke K. McCall Sesquicentennial Pavilion.

5: Guests interact at the ribbon cutting reception for the new Sesquicentennial Pavilion.

6: The front view of the Sesquicentennial Pavilion, which serves as Southern's "front door" for guests.

7: SBTS professor Brian Richardson (left) and Southern students applaud following the ribbon cutting of the new Sesquicentennial Pavilion.

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1-2, 4: Spring 2009 Southern Baptist Theological Seminary commencement

3: Southern's new entrance on Lexington Road.

5: Spring 2009 Boyce College commencement

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1: R. Albert Mohler Jr. hosts his radio program from the Southern Seminary booth at the 2009 Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting in Louisville, Ky.

2: Jason Allen at the Sesquicentennial Worship Service in Alumni Memorial Chapel.

3: Mary K. Mohler serves guests at the dedication of the Duke K. McCall Sesquicentennial Pavilion.

4: Duke K. McCall signs a program at the dedication of the Sesquicentennial Pavilion to him.

5: The Sesquicentennial Worship Service in Alumni Memorial Chapel.

5 MINUTES WITH Tom Nettles & Greg Wills

By JEFF ROBINSON & DAVID ROACH

TOM NETTLES IS the author of a recently released biography on Southern Seminary's founding president titled, "James Petigru Boyce: A Southern Baptist Statesman" (P&R). Nettles has served as professor of church history at Southern since 1997.

Greg Wills is the author of a recently released history of The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary titled, "Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, 1859-2009" (Oxford). Wills is professor of church history and director of the Center for the Study of the Southern Baptist Convention at Southern.

SBTS: What did you learn about Boyce that surprised you?

Nettles: This may seem like something that should not surprise me, but I was impressed with just how deeply theological he was. ... I don't think I ever realized how deeply committed he was to systematic theology in the teaching of ministers and how central he believed theology was to the task of ministry.

In his thought and in all his expositions, in preaching, in his perception of the world and his perception of the pastoral ministry it is all so bound up with his commitment to a robust theology.

SBTS: Would Boyce be pleased with Southern Seminary's present status?

Nettles: He would. He would think that what he sees today makes it worth the suffering and the resistance and the controversy and the tears and the tiredness and the loss that he experienced.

If he saw the school today, I think he would say, 'This is good. This is what I had in mind.' He wouldn't necessarily appreciate the way we test and the way we lecture; he would do it in a different way, but what we are aiming at as an outcome and what is driving the school in every different department right now, I think he would approve it and say, 'This is the kind of school I had in mind.'

SBTS: What do you hope readers will gain from such a comprehensive examination of this great Southern Baptist leader?

Nettles: I hope that I have communicated that this is someone you can admire and like, that this is someone you can benefit from, that this someone you can look to -- though he is sinful and recognizes his sinfulness -- and see as a model. I think he could say what Paul said, 'Follow my example.'

I also hope it will contribute in some way to helping sustain



Southern Seminary in its present course — that the literature that is produced this year, including Greg Wills' history of the seminary and Michael A.G. Haykin's work on Basil Manly, will create a historical perception and perspective, an interpretation of the school, that sets it even more solidly on the foundation that Boyce perceived for it.

SBTS: What did you learn that surprised you while writing this book on Southern's history?

Wills: I was surprised at just how critically important James P. Boyce's leadership role was in establishing the seminary and saving it from imminent demise over and over again. Without his vision and determination, the seminary would not have existed and would not have survived if it had been established.

I was also surprised by just how important the seminary has



been to the Southern Baptist Convention. I am convinced that one of the basic reasons that our denomination remained as conservative as it did was that Boyce and the other SBC leaders who established the school established it for the preservation of orthodoxy and erected a standard of sound biblical teaching which became a cornerstone against which subsequent theological developments were measured.

SBTS: How long did it take you to research and write this book?

Wills: I was able to begin working on it in October 2005, and I submitted the manuscripts in December 2008. The research phase required me to be away a lot. I was probably away at research libraries for three to four months during that first year. Gathering the materials was quite difficult. I went

through approximately a million pages of relevant record. I tried to be in the office between 6 and 6:30 each morning when I was in the writing phase. I would work until 5 then try to spend time with my family until 8 or 9 o'clock. Then I did additional reading on nights and weekends.

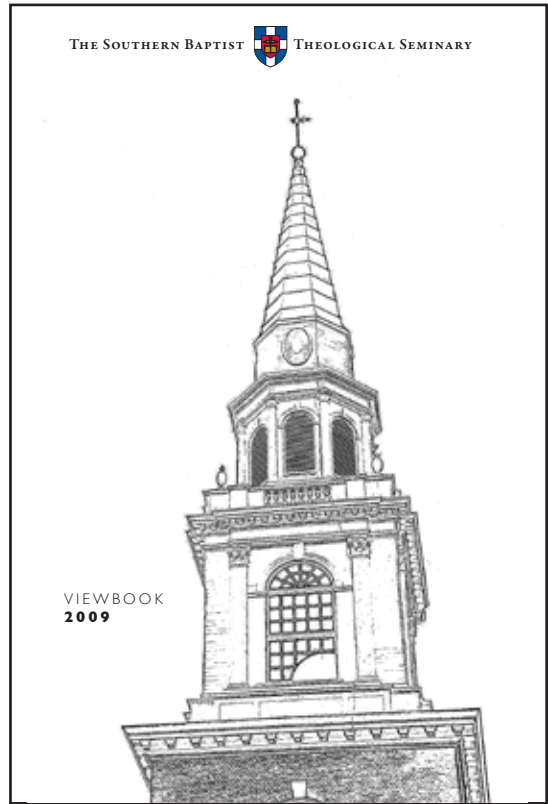
SBTS: What do you want your readers to gain from this book?

Wills: One thing I hope they'll appreciate is the critical importance of theological education to a denomination and conjointly the critical importance of the soundness of theological seminaries. I certainly hope they will recognize the heroic character of the founding faculty's labors and sacrifices and identify with them in such a way that they will be similarly ambitious for Kingdom work and Kingdom institutions.

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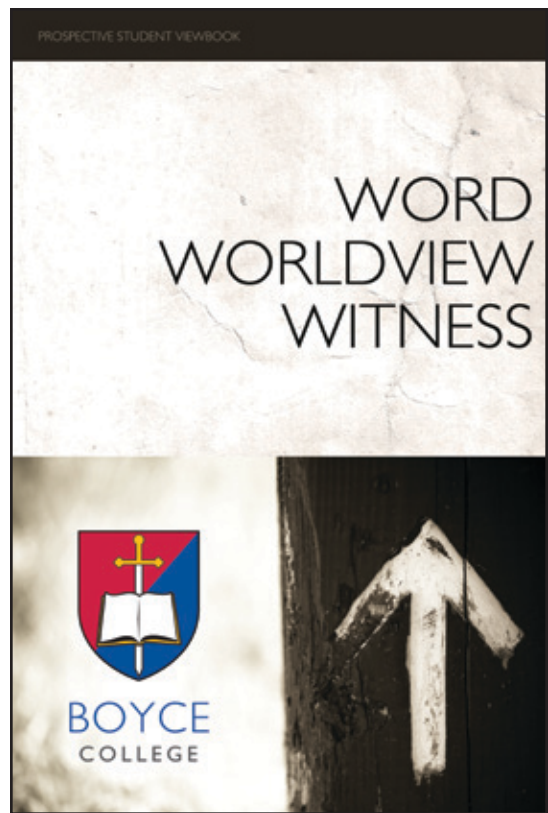
SOUTHERN SEMINARY published a brand-new viewbook this year, providing prospective students with a snapshot of degree programs that have been developed to train students to advance the Kingdom of Christ to the glory of God. The viewbook serves as a connection point between prospective students and Southern Seminary leaders, such as President R. Albert Mohler, Jr., Russell D. Moore, Dean of the School of Theology, Chuck Lawless, Dean of the Billy Graham School, and Randy Stinson, Dean of the School of Church Ministries. The 150-year legacy of Southern Seminary is presented throughout the viewbook and offers readers the opportunity to learn about the seminary's deep connection with and commitment to the churches of the Southern Baptist Convention. The viewbook also includes a wealth of information on masters and doctoral level degree programs and the different methods of pursuing a degree available to students both on and off the main campus in Louisville. Also included are details on student life, housing, and opportunities for women's education.



World Worldview Witness

BOYCE COLLEGE also created a new viewbook for prospective students and their families. Reflecting what founder James P. Boyce once said, "We hold the education of the ministry a matter of the first importance to the churches of Christ," the new viewbook expresses the values which Boyce College holds dear and reflects the institution's desire to produce ministers of the Gospel who are zealous for the Word, steeped in the Christian worldview and committed to Gospel witness. With the viewbook frequently serving as a future students' first glimpse inside Boyce College, Dean Denny Burke and the Boyce faculty ensured that it reflects the passionate and theologically sound education provided at Boyce College. It also emphasizes the Christian fellowship that inevitably develops between Boyce students. The viewbook also offers a snapshot look of housing options, worship opportunities and includes a complete listing of degree offerings.

Potential students interested in receiving a copy of the Boyce College or Southern Seminary viewbook should e-mail admissions@sbts.edu or call 1-800-626-5525 x 4617





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Look Familiar?

By KERRY BURAL, *principal*, THE RESONATE GROUP

As the Sesquicentennial anniversary approached, Southern's leadership wanted to create a fresh logo that would signify the occasion by honoring the seminary's history and recognizing its future potential. Southern's Communications Department eagerly adopted the project and partnered with Nashville marketing firm, The Resonate Group, to create a sesquicentennial logo that would capture the personality of Southern. Designing a single logo that would serve as a visual testimony of what the sesquicentennial signifies to Southern, its past and present leadership, and its students proved to be a monumental task. After reflecting on Southern's history and anticipat-

ing a year full of sesquicentennial events, the now familiar logo was born. The Sesquicentennial logo intentionally combines classic and modern design elements, representative of a rich history and a modern future, exactly what the sesquicentennial represents for Southern. The Communications Department has effectively used the logo as a source of inspiration for the redesign of the Southern website, Southern Seminary Magazine, and Towers newspaper.



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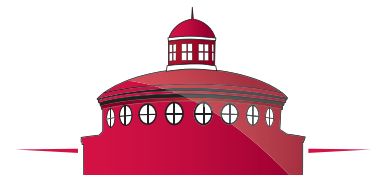
The Theme “Truth. Legacy. Vision.”

The visual strength and clean lines of the cupola are offset by the softness and warmth of the script used for the theme, “Truth. Legacy. Vision.” The design for this type treatment was intended to leave an impression that feels time tested and hopeful. The words of the theme represent three core characteristics of Southern Seminary; her commitment to **truth** via the infallible, inerrant, inspired word of God, her **legacy** built upon 150 years of training God-called men and women of faith to share the Gospel, and her purposeful **vision** given by the Spirit of God and cast by Southern's incredible leadership.

150
YEARS

The “150 Years” Type Treatment

The bold type treatment used for the “150 Years” was chosen to reinforce that Southern Seminary was the original Southern Baptist theological seminary and has existed longer than any of her sister theological institutions. The word mark represents 150 years of brilliant thinking, practical application, exegetical preaching and leadership development. For decades, these core values have been embedded into the spiritual DNA of Southern Seminary and embody a Sesquicentennial Anniversary worth celebrating!



The Building Identifier Mark

Conceptual foundations for the building logo were composed before the building was even a reality. In fact, initial concept sketches were started before ground had been broken or crews set foot on campus to start construction. Interestingly, the design team was only given rough concept renderings developed by the architectural firm, SHP Leading Design, from which to develop the logo.

HERITAGE WEEK

Celebrate Southern's past and pray for its future during the 2009 Heritage Week events, October 13-15.

Join the faculty, administration, trustees, and foundation board as they renew their commitment to fulfill the mission of Southern and enjoy fellowship across campus.

THE HERITAGE GOLF CLASSIC is far more than just a good time; each year it helps fund student educational needs. With your partnership, the Heritage Classic can further aid in preparing ministers for work across the globe.

The Heritage Classic will be hosted on October 15, at Covered Bridge Golf Club. All are invited to participate, for more information contact Shelley Sullivan at 1-800-626-5525 ext. 4700, or locally at (502) 897-4700. Look to www.sbts.edu for more information on Heritage Week activities.





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