Dr. Mohler was moved out of intensive care and into a private room at Baptist Hospital East this afternoon and continues to improve following complications from abdominal surgery that was performed Dec. 28.

Russell Moore, dean of the School of Theology and senior vice president for academic administration at Southern Seminary, said Mohler is in good spirits following a difficult weekend.

“I am extremely encouraged after having just left his room,” Moore said Monday afternoon. “He is eating, he is in good spirits and it looks as though the situation is completely under control at this point. He looks strong, is in remarkably good spirits and is even cracking jokes.

“Dr. Mohler is very appreciative of the prayers of God’s people and the outpouring of support from the churches and from the community.”

Mohler was placed in intensive care Friday after developing blood clots in both lungs. After nearly a week of intense abdominal pain, he was admitted to the hospital on Dec. 27 and underwent surgery the following day.

While physicians reported that the procedure went well and that Mohler’s abdominal issues were remedied, the development of blood clots led doctors to move Mohler to the hospital’s intensive care unit.

Moore asked that the seminary community and local churches continue to pray for Mohler and his family during the recovery. It is not yet known when Mohler will be released from the hospital, however Moore said the improvement in Mohler’s condition along with his high spirits were readily evident.

“He has a stack of books and articles in his bed along with a massive number of highlighters,” Moore said, “so the Albert Mohler I know is back.”

Moore will give a further update of Mohler’s condition at 5:00 PM Eastern Time, while serving as guest host of the president’s syndicated radio show, The Albert Mohler Program.