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From the editor:

One of my favorite blogs runs a column in which people from all different professions write about the books they read. I wanted to do the same thing here. So, in this summer issue of "Towers," four personalities from the seminary four bibliophiles from different disciplines write about the books they're reading, the books they recommend, the books they love and more. And since we're doing an issue about books, we take a look back at the faculty-authored books from the 2012-13 academic year.

Also in this issue, R. Albert Mohler Jr. explains how the new Billy Graham School of Missions, Evangelism and Ministry will help meet the changing needs of local churches.

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SBTS, Boyce hold commencements

Two hundred forty-seven Southern Seminary students received degrees — certificates, master's degrees and doctorates — during the seminary's 210th commencement exercise, May 17. A week earlier, Boyce College, the seminary's undergraduate school, awarded 103 degrees.

At the ceremony, R. Albert Mohler Jr., president of Southern Seminary, presented the Findley B. and Louvenia Edge Faculty Award for Teaching Excellence to Russell D. Moore, who, in addition to his role as dean of the School of Theology and senior vice president for academic administration, is professor of Christian theology and ethics.

Mohler presented a posthumous master of divinity degree to Heather Weeks on behalf of her husband, Wesley Matthew Weeks, who died March 28 after a short battle with cancer. Weeks had served as the administrative pastor at FBC Kissimmee in Kissimmee, Fla.





Bevin Center hosts Gospel Boot Camp

| By SBTS Communications |

The Bevin Center for Missions Mobilization hosted its first annual Gospel Boot Camp, April 18 in Heeren Hall. The boot camp aimed to train seminary students for "relentless evangelism" wherever students find themselves.

"The call to be 'always ready' with the gospel necessitates continual training for every believer (1 Peter 3:15)," said Jim Stitzinger, who is the director of the Bevin Center. "The Gospel Boot Camp trains and equips the Southern Seminary community to be always ready, proactively engaged in Great Commission ministry. With this 'basic training' in mind, believers are mobilized to pursue and engage unbelieving family and friends with the gospel of Christ."

The center reported 50 staff, students and faculty attended the first boot camp, where Stitzinger talked about evangelism methods and encouraged students to be aware of those around them who need the gospel. As an anecdote, he told the story of a member of Southern Seminary's maintenance staff who recently became a Christian through the witness of a student who stopped to talk him. Stitzinger pointed to this student as an example of one who is aware of the lostness and need around him.

For details about other Bevin Center events and initiatives, visit mission.sbts.edu

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Woman's Auxiliary at SBTS hosts spring brunch

| By RuthAnne Irvin |

Southern Seminary's Woman's Auxiliary group hosted its annual spring brunch, April 29. Ladies gathered from 14 Louisville, Ky., area churches to award scholarships and to fellowship with other members of the group.

Each year the auxiliary encourages and equips young women to continue their training and preparation for ministry, whether they minister in the home, workplace, mission field or classroom.

Tanya York, Seminary Wives Institute instructor and wife of Southern professor, Hershael York, spoke to the ladies from Hebrews 10:32. Using an illustration from the popular 1939 musical, *The Wizard of Oz*, in which characters go on a journey to find a heart, brain and courage, York encouraged those in her audience in the life-stages of seminary and toddlers to remain faithful. She gave three areas to continue in faithfulness: (1) engagement of the mind; (2) heart exposure; and (3) courageously enduring in difficult times. York exhorted the women to look at their priorities and what, in kingdom service, is important such as serving and giving time to ministering to others.

The auxiliary's main purpose is to award scholarships to women students at Southern Seminary. This year, 12 ladies received scholarships: Sarah Boehm, Michelle Corl, Alicia Corona, Emily Funderburg, Elizabeth Lumbrix, Courtney Moore, Anna Ovenell, Ana Marie Ort, Lauren Sierra, Ashley Thomas, Katie Thomas and Amber Wright.

Duke K. McCall, Southern's seventh president and his wife, began the program 1961, with the help of Elizabeth Fuller, wife of Southern Seminary's sixth president, Ellis A. Fuller. The purpose included ministering to the women and international students on campus.

The next Woman's Auxiliary event will be September 28, 2013.

More information about women's programs at Southern Seminary can be found at sbts.edu/women



James Smith named SBTS executive editor, spokesman

| By SBTS Communications |

The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary named veteran Southern Baptist Journalist James A. Smith Sr. as seminary executive editor and chief spokesman, school officials announced May 15.

In the new position, Smith, 48, will oversee the editorial content of the seminary's publications, supervise the seminary's news operation and lead public and media relations. He is expected to start before July 1.

Smith expressed excitement about returning to the seminary's administration, having served from 1997 to 2001 as news and public relations director at the school.

"I'm thrilled about the opportunity to serve again at Southern Seminary," Smith said in a May 9 statement to the board of directors of the *Florida Baptist Witness*, the newspaper for which he served as executive editor since 2001.

"Jim Smith is one of the most respected journalists and writers in the Southern Baptist Convention. He is a man of great gifts and tremendous experience," R. Albert Mohler Jr., president of Southern Seminary, said of Smith. "I am tremendously proud to have him return to Southern Seminary in this important new capacity.

In 2011-2012, Smith served as president of the Association of State Baptist Publications, the fellowship of state Baptist newspaper editors.

Previously, Smith worked in public relations at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Mo. Also, he was the first Washington, D.C., staff member of the Southern Baptist Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission, serving from 1989 to 1995.

Smith earned a master of divinity degree from Southern

Seminary in 1999 and is also a graduate of Dallas Baptist University. He and his wife, Linda, are parents to two adult children.



Forbes includes Louisville among "emerging" downtowns

| By Craig Sanders |

For at least the second time this year, a major publication featured the city of Louisville, Ky., for its rising prominence — this time for the improved downtown area.

Forbes Magazine published an article, March 25, "Downtowns: What's Behind America's Most Surprising Real Estate Boom," and a slideshow featuring Louisville among cities like Denver, Colo.; Detroit, Mich.; Pittsburgh, Penn.; and New York.

The article praised Louisville for renovating Whiskey Row

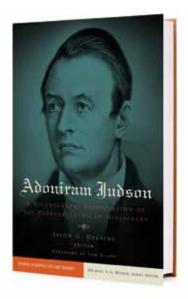
to include apartment housing and restaurants, converting subsidized housing to real estate and seeking to increase residential offerings downtown. The accompanying slideshow also noted that Louisville has received \$1.8 billion in investments during the course of the past 20 years.

Earlier this year, travel magazine *Lonely Planet* unanimously named Louisville the top U.S. travel destination and *Southern Living* nominated the city as "the South's Tastiest Town."

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Faculty books year in review

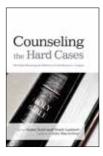
Throughout the academic year, "Towers" features books by the Southern Seminary faculty. Like years before, this year saw significant publications from a variety of publishers. Here is a look back at the 2012-13 year:



Adoniram Judson: A Bicentennial Appreciation of the Pioneer American Missionary (B&H 2012, \$24.99) Jason G. Duesing, ed.

Two-hundred years after Adoniram Judson and his wife, Ann, set sail for Burma, India, this collection of essays honors their legacy and influence on Baptist missions.

This book is also the second in the "Studies in Baptist Life and Thought" series, edited by Michael A.G. Haykin, professor of church history and biblical spirituality at Southern Seminary. Contributors to *Adoniram Judson* include Southern Seminary professors Haykin and Gregory A. Wills and seminary presidents Paige Patterson (Southwestern) and Daniel L. Akin (Southeastern).



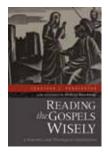
Counseling the Hard Cases: True Stories Illustrating the Sufficiency of God's Resources in Scripture (B&H Academic 2012, \$32.99), Edited by Stuart Scott and Heath Lambert

In *Counseling the Hard Cases*, editors and Southern Seminary professors Stuart Scott and Heath Lambert seek to demonstrate the sufficiency of Scripture for counseling in theory and by example. They argue that the Bible speaks to the most difficult and complex problems, which they contend are theological at heart.

"My prayer is that the book benefits three kinds of people in the local church. First, I want to encourage pastors on the front lines of gospel ministry with the truth that the Word of God they preach on Sunday is the same Word that is powerful to counsel from on Monday. Second, I want to serve the many Christians who are interested in counseling, but unsure of which counseling model is

the best. Finally, I want to serve the many committed Christians who love Jesus and the Bible, but do not believe that Scripture is sufficient for the hardest counseling cases. I want to show these people how powerfully Scripture comes to life in helping the most troubled people in a way that improves on anything a secular approach has to offer."

Heath Lambert



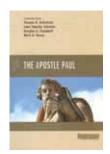
Reading the Gospels Wisely: A Narrative and Theological Introduction (Baker 2012, \$24.99), Jonathan T. Pennington

Southern Seminary New Testament professor Jonathan T. Pennington's 288-page *Reading the Gospels Wisely* consists of three parts. Part one, the book's largest section, presents the foundations that one should have for reading the Gospels. In these eight chapters, he deals with matters related to literary genre, hermeneutics, the Gospels' necessity, apparent discrepancies among the four accounts and the nature of historical writing. Part two moves from foundation to construction by offering techniques for analyzing narrative. Finally, part three provides further discussion about applying and teaching the Gospels, along with the book's concluding chapter in which Pennington argues that the Gospels serve as the centerpiece of biblical revelation.

"In the book, I give a very detailed set of steps for analyzing Gospel stories. But the bigger goal that is behind these steps is to learn to be an active and engaged reader – active and engaged intellectually and spiritually. Being active means being observant and working hard at asking questions about the text. At the same time it means being active spiritually by being receptive

to the Lord and reading with a posture of humility. We must be exposed and laid bare before God in order to find his grace to meet us in our brokenness. Whether it be our mothers-in-law or the greatest scholar (not that those are mutually exclusive!), anyone at any level can learn to be an active, careful, humble, receptive reader."

Jonathan Pennington



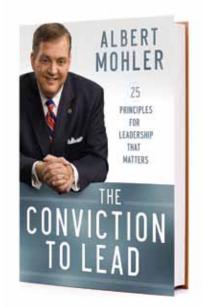
Four Views on the Apostle Paul (Zondervan 2012, \$17.99), Michael F. Bird, general editor (Thomas R. Schreiner, James Buchanan Harrison Professor of New Testament Interpretation, contributor)

Four Views on the Apostle Paul, as the title less-than-subtly states, presents four contrasting views of the apostle Paul's theology: (1) Thomas R. Schreiner writes for a Reformed reading; (2) Luke Timothy Johnson explains the Roman Catholic perspective; (3) Douglas A. Campbell, inventing a new category, represents a "Post-New Perspective" view of Paul; and (4) Mark D. Nanos explains a Jewish perspective.

Each author explains what he thinks is the best reading of Paul in four areas: salvation, significance of Christ, Paul's theological framework and the church.

"What is most striking about Paul's theology is its Christ-centeredness. Whether we speak of the framework of his thought, his soteriology, or his ecclesiology, the saving work of Jesus Christ is the focus. Hence, what it means to be a believer is to embrace Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins, to give up all things for the sake of knowing Christ (Phil. 3:7-9), and to do everything in his name (Col. 3:17)." Thomas R. Schreiner

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The Kingdom of God (Crossway 2012, \$18.99), Christopher W. Morgan and Robert A. Peterson, eds.

Some well established evangelical scholars, Gerald Bray, Stephen J. Nichols, Bruce K. Waltke, Robert W. Yarbrough, Anthony Bradley, Clinton E. Arnold and Southern Seminary's Gregg R. Allison, Christopher W. Morgan and Robert A. Peterson came together to write The Kingdom of God. The volume offers essays that exposit the biblical reality of the kingdom as well as speak of its implications for the church today.

Allison, professor of Christian theology at Southern Seminary, examines the multifaceted relationship between the church and the kingdom in his essay, tracing five specific themes that constitute this relationship.

The Conviction to Lead: 25 Principles for Leadership that Matters (Bethany House Publishers 2012, \$22.99), R. Albert Mohler Jr.

In The Conviction to Lead: 25 Principles for Leadership that Matters, R. Albert Mohler Jr., who is president of Southern Seminary, establishes the priority of belief, then demonstrates ways in which these beliefs find their way to practice(s). Mohler's 25 principles range from belief and understanding worldviews, to passion and credibility; from communication and management, to moral virtues and digital engagement; from a leader's endurance to his legacy.

"The big issue here is conviction. So if we're going to choose one polarity or the other, we've got to side with the theological-convictional polarity. But Christ's people are in desperate need of leadership. Leaders are gifts that God gives to his church. What I realized, thinking about this problem, that the definition of leadership is an error. I do not define leadership in merely pragmatic terms. What we need is a complete revolution of how we think about leadership, and leadership needs to be defined itself in convictional terms. The title of my book, The Conviction to *Lead*, gets to the heart of my argument: leadership should be reconceived in terms of putting conviction to action and inspiring and equipping others to do the same." R. Albert Mohler Jr.

Mohler suggests 10 books for pastors

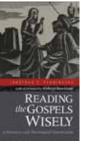


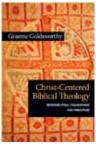
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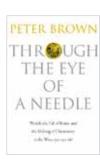
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Recently, R. Albert Mohler Jr., president of Southern Seminary, published a list of 10 books he thinks every pastor should read in 2013. Mohler's list appears in the March-April issue of Preaching Magazine.

- 1. The Juvenilization of American Christianity (Eerdmans), Thomas E. Bergler;
- 2. Sojourners and Strangers: The Doctrine of the Church (Crossway), Gregg R. Allison;
- 3. Reading the Gospels Wisely: A Narrative and Theological Introduction (Baker Academic), Jonathan T. Pennington;
- 4. Christ-Centered Biblical Theology: Hermeneutical Foundations and Principles (Inter-Varsity Press), Graeme Goldsworthy;
- 5. Through the Eye of a Needle: Wealth, the Fall of Rome, and the Making of Christianity in the West, 350-550 AD (Princeton University Press), Peter Brown;
- 6. Coming Apart: The State of White America, 1960-2010 (Crown Forum), Charles Murray;
- 7. The Intolerance of Tolerance (Eerdmans), D.A. Carson;
- 8. Bad Religion: How We Became a Nation of Heretics (Free Press), Ross Douthat;
- 9. God Is Love: A Biblical and Systematic Theology (Crossway), Gerald Bray; and
- 10. Delighting in the Trinity: an Introduction to the Christian Faith (InterVarsity Press), Michael Reeves.



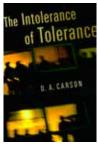




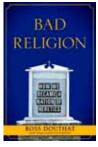
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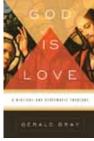


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Paul's Missionary Methods: In His Time and Ours, (IVP Academic 2012) Robert L. Plummer and John Mark Terry, eds.

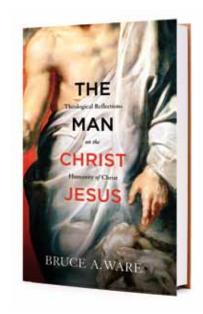
In 1912, Roland Allen wrote a book about missions, *Missionary Methods: St. Paul's or Ours?*. Since that time, Allen's book has established itself as a classic work.

In a volume published late last year, Robert L. Plummer and John Mark Terry bring together scholars of New Testament and missiology to celebrate, engage and evaluate *Missionary Methods* on the occasion of its 100th anniversary.

In Paul's Missionary Methods, the editors divide the book into two sections: "Paul in the New Testament" and "Paul's Influence on Missions." In the first section, writers in the area of New Testament studies offer essays about topics like "Paul's religious and historical milieu," "Paul's gospel," and "Paul and spiritual warfare."

The second section of the book, about Paul's influence, missiologists write about topics such as "Paul's missions strategy," "Paul and indigenous missions" and "Paul and contextualization."

Writing about this last topic, M. David Sills, who along with Plummer is a full time professor at Southern Seminary, says that contextualization is "essential for communicating the gospel."

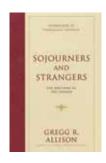


The Man Christ Jesus: Theological Reflections on the Humanity of Christ (Crossway 2013, \$15.99), Bruce A. Ware

In Southern Seminary theology professor Bruce A. Ware's *The Man Christ Jesus* 160-page treatise, he discusses the significance of God the Son taking on a human nature in addition to his eternal pre-existent divine nature as the second member of the Trinity.

"I grew up in a committed Christian home, and I recall as a young boy (perhaps 12 years old), reading 1 Peter 2:21ff, where we are commanded to "follow in his steps" and thinking, "How can this be fair?" After all, I had learned that Jesus was God, and it seemed to me that since I certainly was not God, I could not rightly be called to live like Jesus lived. This changes when we see that Jesus lived his life as one of us — as a full and complete human — and carried out his

obedience with the same resources now given to us. Jesus knew and relied on the Word of God, prayer and, very importantly, the Holy Spirit who indwelt him. If Jesus lived his life as a man, in the power of the Spirit, believing the Word and praying to the Father — these are all things that we, too, have as Christian men and women. Therefore, it is right to call us to "follow in his steps," and we can rightly look at Jesus as an example for how we should live (cf. Phil 2:5)." Bruce A. Ware

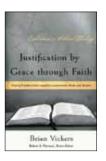


Sojourners and Strangers: The Doctrine of the Church (Crossway 2013, \$40), Gregg R. Allison

Gregg R. Allison's latest book, *Sojourners and Strangers*, maintains a firm commitment to Baptist ecclesiology in regard to the ordinances and church polity. Allison is professor of Christian theology at Southern Seminary. Observing that church experience often influences the development of ecclesiology, he examines the sufficiency of Scripture in forming this doctrine and offers helpful tips for distinguishing between normative and relative passages of instruction in the New Testament.

"I would be very grateful if, over the course of a couple decades, we have healthier local churches; "healthier" defined in the ways that I do in this book: reflecting all the biblical resources and affirmations about the church rather than according to church growth principles or numbers. For instance, congregational churches that allow the pastors or elders to exercise their authority: teaching and preaching, leading, shepherding the flock and not being controlled by another board or by another church. Deacons and deacon-

esses flourishing in ministries of the church. A people constantly being nourished through the gospel, discipled to be future leaders of the church. Churches that have reinstated or begun church discipline. Growing churches that are regularly reaching out to neighbors with a missional focus and not just having committees of evangelism and committees of missions. Every person seeing himself or herself as part of a missional church whatever they do they're on mission for God through their local church." Gregg Allison

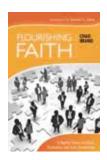


Justification by Grace through Faith: Finding Freedom from Legalism, Lawlessness, Pride, and Despair (P&R 2013, \$17.99), Brian Vickers

In leading readers toward the Christ whose righteousness alone justifies, Brian Vickers, a professor at Southern Seminary, traces the concept of justification throughout the biblical narrative, moving fluidly between Old Testament and New Testament texts.

"Justification is God's declaration that [Christians] stand before him without guilt and are fully acceptable to him as those who are pleasing to him in every way through Christ Jesus, who has both lived and died on our behalf and whose righteousness becomes ours by faith. So, it's really a declaration that's first and foremost about what Christ has done for us, and secondly, that we have these benefits through him and in him." Brian Vickers

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Flourishing Faith: A Baptist Primer on Work, Economics, and Civic Stewardship (Christian's Library Press 2013, \$10), Chad Brand

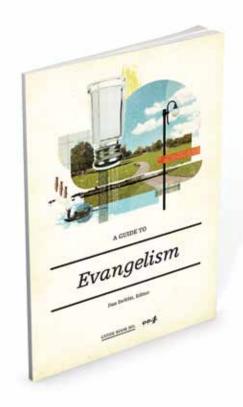
In his book, Flourishing Faith: A Baptist Primer on Work, Economics, and Civic Stewardship, Chad Brand, professor of Christian theology at Southern Seminary and associate dean of the seminary's Boyce College, examines what he considers the "five key issues related to political economy": work, wealth, government, government taxation and implications and how governmental philosophy relates to economic structure.

"What political economy describes is the interface between government and whatever economic systems prevails in a given nation or culture. The political economy in the Soviet Union in the 1980s was a communist state with a socialist understanding of economics — a controlled-market economy. The United States was basically founded as a republic with a free market economy.

So when we introduce the idea of a Christian, and specifically Baptist, political economy, what we're asking is, "How does the church rub itself up against a free market republic?" "How does a Baptist understanding of theology and ecclesiology interface with that."

Because Baptists have long held the idea of religious freedom, political freedom, individual freedom and so on, the place where a Baptist political economy most manifests itself is in a kind of republican or libertarian form of economics. "Laissez faire" isn't in the Baptist Faith and Message, but if you read and believe its statements on government and anthropology, I think you would come to the same conclusion that the government that governs least, governs best.

The notion of political economy has been around for quite some time — the first professor of political economy was a guy by the name of Thomas Malthus at the University of Oxford in about 1815 — but it hasn't edged its way into evangelical circles until fairly recently." **Chad Brand**



New from SBTS Press: A Guide to Evangelism

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following is one of seven guidelines from Boyce College Dean Dan DeWitt for sharing the gospel with skeptics. His full essay appears as, "Evangelism to Skeptics," in the latest SBTS Press title, A Guide to Evangelism. The new book, which is the fourth in the SBTS Press guide book series, is available through Amazon.com and at press.sbts.edu

By Dan DeWitt

Present truth as knowable.

Christians can easily become intimidated when sharing the gospel with the "intelligentsia." This should not be so. The believer need not assume a position of weakness when talking with skeptics. The Christian worldview offers much more than many people realize when it comes to describing reality. In fact, an atheistic worldview is actually forced to borrow certain assumptions that flow from a theistic outlook in order to formulate an argument against it.

Consider how we use the basic laws of logic in our everyday conversations. The law of noncontradiction, for example, is utilized in evaluating truth claims. This is the principle that something cannot be both true and false at the same time and in the same way. But have you ever thought about how a naturalistic framework might account for such a law? How can eternal, mindless and impersonal matter produce logical laws that guide our thought?

On the other hand, the laws of logic flow smoothly out of a worldview that places an eternal, intelligent and personal creator as the source of all things. This underscores part of a perennial problem for the atheistic outlook. Atheists from previous generations like H.G. Wells, and even contemporary atheistic philosophers like Thomas Nagel, recognize that in atheistic naturalism there is no objective reason to trust our cognitive faculties.

Both Wells and Nagel offered these concerns in print,

calling into question the bravado with which people boast of their brainpower for comprehending the world; Wells in an article, "Doubts of the Instrument," where instrument refers to the brain, and Nagel in his recent book, Mind and Cosmos: Why the Materialist Neo-Darwinian Conception of Nature Is Almost Certainly False. Both men doubt that unguided nature is unable to provide a basis for our cognitive confidence.

This doubt can be traced back to Charles Darwin himself, who questioned whether or not he could trust his mental thoughts if his brain is merely a product of evolution. He understood that, if nature is all there is, then there could be no certainty that our brain is reliable.

Apologists have consistently exploited this worldview weakness. C.S. Lewis claimed that this difficulty is a self-contradiction in naturalism. G.K. Chesterton called this the "thought that stops all thought."

Though much more can be said about this topic, the apologist must recognize that only Christianity provides a reasonable explanation for reason itself. Even arguments against God are forced to presuppose logical laws that only make sense if God exists. Thus, when the apologist presents the gospel, he should do so with the confidence that it is the power of God unto salvation. The gospel makes sense of the world we live in and provides a foundation for rational discussion. Truth is knowable because, as Francis Schaeffer said, "God is there and he is not silent."

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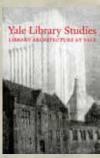


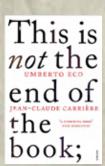
READING LIKE A SEMINARY LIBRARIAN



Bruce Keisling is the vice president for academic resources at Southern Seminary. That means he's the head library for the James P. Boyce Centennial Library.







Book(s) I am currently reading:

I See Satan Fall Like Lightning by Rene Girard, and Rene Girard: Violence and Mimesis by Chris Fleming. Rene Girard's insights on Western cultural trends are incredibly insightful. He's French, and he's difficult, but worth the effort.

This Is Not the End of the Book by Umberto Eco and Jean-Claude Carriere. The title says it all.

"Our Life Work": The Correspondence of J.P. Boyce and John A. Broadus, ed. by Sean Lucas and Jason Fowler. Their letters to each other are windows on the "blood, sweat and tears" that it took to build what we have.

Last book I recommended to someone:

Resounding Truth: Christian Wisdom in the World of Music by Jeremy Begbie. Begbie is at the pinnacle of the intersection of music and theology — his insights are invaluable.

That book I need to read, but just can't find time:

The Canterbury Tales by Geoffrey Chaucer. I am without excuse.

The top three books in my field:

Sesame and Lilies: Of King's Treasuries by John Ruskin. Libraries are venues for conversations with the dead (and the living) the not-so-great and the great — and they're all waiting for an audience with us.

Knowing Books and Men; Knowing Computers, Too

by Jesse Shera. Libraries (and librarians) are keepers of the intellectual book, and only by necessity, the physical book. The collections we create are greater than the sum of their parts.

Yale Library Studies: Library Architecture at Yale by Robert Stern. Libraries are and must be places that serve the intellectual activity of their communities – Yale has some library "jewels".

Books I anticipate reading:

Fateful Lightning: A New History of the Civil War by Allen Guelzo. Loved Guelzo's Redeemer President Lincoln and plan to make this a summer read.

The Great Inversion and the Future of the American City by Alan Ehrehalt. Towers has described me as a "pre-cool, urban pioneer". I don't know about that, but I am interested in urban development trends.

My favorite book of the 2012-13:

Recovering Classic Evangelicalism: Applying the Wisdom and Vision of Carl F. H. Henry by Gregory A. Thornbury. This book says so much about so many people and trends that it will likely become an Evangelical, generational touchstone.

My favorite book when I was a kid:

The Scottish Chiefs by Jane Porter (with the N.C. Wyeth illustrations). William Wallace's epic fight for home and clan against the invading English armies made my blood boil and chest swell in the age of Jimmy Carter, American malaise and the Communists.



Book I'm reading now:

Detroit: An American Autopsy, by Charlie LeDuff. My mom hailed from Detroit, and, as kids, we were up there a lot. (I even saw Mickey Mantel and Yogi Berra play in Tiger Stadium.) I can hardly read LeDuff's sad pathology report, but I want to know what gave and what gives. Still, glad to see some heroes among the scoundrels.

Last book I loved:

The Haj, by Leon Uris. I don't read many novels, but this one by the author of Exodus (the 1958 version, not the one Moses wrote) grabbed and held me. I've been fascinated by Israel's conflict with her neighbors since my first visit to Jerusalem in 1966, when the Mount of Olives was still under the control of Jordan. Uris unpacks the issues with his focus on a beleaguered and beleaguering Palestinian clan circa 1948.

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Unread book on my bedside table that gnaws at my conscience:

Heroes, by Iain Murray. A student who stayed at our house gave me this wonderful book of Christian minibiographies. I've read most of the chapter on Charles and Mary Colcock Jones, but I need to pick up the pace.

Three books in my field that I highly recommend:

As I write, I'm packing for a mission trip to Asia, where I'll be teaching apologetics in a seminary. My three texts are by C.S. Lewis — *Mere Christianity, The Problem of Pain and Miracles* — not only because they're available in the national language, but also because they're accessible classics on the big issues.

One book I would recommend to anyone:

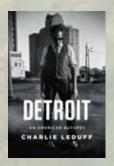
Now They Call Me Infidel, by Nonie Darwish. This autobiographical work tracks her journey from the home of a high Egyptian military officer assigned to torment Israel to a life-changing encounter with the gospel in America.

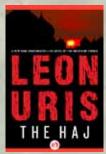


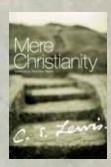
READING LIKE A CHURCH-PLANTER ETHICIST



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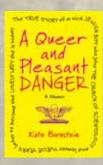
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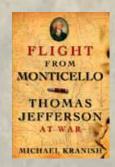


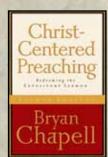
READING LIKE A PREACHER AND PREACHING TEACHER



Hershael York is Victor and Louise Lester Professor of Christian Preaching at Southern Seminary and senior pastor of Buck Run Baptist Church in Frankfort, Ky.







Book(s) I'm currently reading:

To be embarrassingly honest, I am currently reading Kate Bornstein's A Queer and Pleasant Danger: The True Story of a Nice Jewish Boy Who Joins the Church of Scientology and Leaves Twelve Years Later to Become the Lovely Lady She Is Today. In the same category as Augusten Borroughs' Running with Scissors: A Memoir, this profoundly pagan picture of a life without Christ reveals its spiritual, sexual and social confusion.

Last book I recommended to someone:

Privilege the Text: A Theological Hermeneutic by Abe Kuruvilla. Abe teaches at Dallas Seminary and is, of course, very textually oriented. This book serves as his answer to questions about how authorial intent, redemptive-historical understanding and applicational goals intersect. He argues for a "Christconic" as opposed to a "Christocentric" method of preaching.

That book I need to read, but just can't find time:

Thomas Jefferson: The Art of Power by Jon Meacham. I read Michael Kranish's Flight from Monticello this year and it set me on a regular diet of Jefferson material. Meacham deals with Jefferson's leadership ability, which was questioned by many of his contemporaries in the Kranish book, so I want to see how Meacham deals with this founding father's many contradictions (but not enough to get to it yet).

The top three books in my field:

Haddon Robinson's Biblical Preaching; Bryan Chapell's Christ-Centered Preaching, and Broadus. Robinson is the standard, Chapell the theologian, and Broadus remains the most comprehensive approach to preaching ever written. Broadus' Treatise is remarkable not only for what it explains about preaching, but that he thinks in so many distinct categories. I appreciate the others, but I am in awe of Broadus.

Books I anticipate reading:

Malcolm Gladwell's David and Goliath as soon as it comes out. Gladwell's books are a treasure trove of sermon illustrations and always a good read.

I will always read anything by Joan Didion. The greatest American essayist since the 60's, Didion's last two works on the death of her husband and her daughter, sad and cynical as they were, made me fall more deeply in love with the English language. I hope she writes again and I hope for her hope.

My favorite book of the 2012-13:

Okay, this sounds like I'm ingratiating myself, but Al Mohler's Conviction to Lead. It's really one of the best books on leadership I've ever read. He just nails it.

My favorite book when I was a kid:

My King James Bible. I was so immersed in it that when I was given the word "subtle" in the 5th grade spelling bee, I argued with my teacher that the proper spelling was s-u-b-t-i-l because that is how it was spelled in Genesis 3:1 in my KJV.

























Book(s) I am currently reading:

This year, I'm trying to read every single Shakespeare play. I'm listening to the audiobook of Anthony Trollope's *Barchester Towers* and working my way through *Planet Narnia* by Michael Ward as I read *The Chronicles of Narnia* aloud to my kids.

Last book I recommended to someone:

The Acts of the Risen Lord Jesus by Alan Thompson.

That book I need to read, but just can't find time: Which one?! Pascal's *Pensees*.

The top three books in my field:

The Old Testament Canon of the New Testament Church by Roger Beckwith. Dominion and Dynasty by Stephen Dempster. The King in His Beauty by Thomas R. Schreiner.

Books I anticipate reading:

The King in His Beauty by Schreiner. Anything by Cormac McCarthy or P. G. Wodehouse or Charles Dickens. And I can't wait to re-read the **Harry Potter** stories.

My favorite book of the 2012-13:

The Acts of the Risen Lord Jesus by Alan Thompson,

My favorite book when I was a kid:

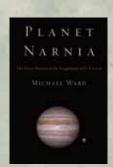
The Hobbit and The Lord of the Rings.

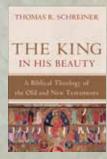
READING LIKE A BIBLICAL THEOLOGIAN



James M. Hamilton Jr. is associate professor of biblical theology at Southern Seminary. He is the author of several books, including God's Glory in Salvation Through Judgment (Crossway 2011) and a forthcoming book about reading the Bible.







Summer Book picks from the Towers Staff

DANIEL CARROLL, graphic designer: *The Road* by Cormac McCarthy; *Fantastic Mr. Fox* by Roald Dahl (to my two-year-old, Reese)

JASON COOBS, marketing manager: *Brains of Fire* by Robbin Phillips, Greg Cordell, Geno Church and Spike Jones and *Rework* Jason Fried and David Heinemeier Hansson

MATT DAMICO, staff writer: *Echoes of Eden* by Jerram Barrs and *Pilgrim's Progress* by John Bunyan.

AARON CLINE HANBURY, editor: *Good Prose* by Tracy Kidder and Richard Todd and *Spring Fever* by P.G. Wodehouse.

EMIL HANDKE, photographer: *The War of Art* by Stephen Pressfield and *The Crowd, the Critic, and the Muse* by Michael Gungor

RUTHANNE IRVIN, assistant news writer: First
Family: Abigail and John Adams by Joseph J. Ellis

ERIC JIMENEZ, creative director: The Art of the Personal Letter: A Guide to Connecting Through the Written Word by Margaret Shepherd and Sharon Hogan

CORINNE KLINE, secretary to the VP: *Feminine Appeal* by Carolyn Mahaney and *Unshaken (Ruth)* by Francine Rivers

LINDSEY POENIE, account executive: *The Paris Wife* by Paula McLain, *Z: A Novel of Zelda Fitzgerald* by Therese Anne Fowler and *The Obituary Writer* by Ann Hood

ANDREA STEMBER, lead designer: **A Praying Life** by Paul Miller

JASON THACKER, project manager: For One More Day, Mich Albom

STEVE WATTERS, vice president for communications: *How the West Really Lost God* by Mary Eberstadt and *7Men* by Eric Metaxas

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New school will meet changing needs of churches, students

| By Aaron Cline Hanbury |

"We're reversing the logic of the university," said R. Albert Mohler Jr. about the recent announcement that Southern Seminary will combine two of its schools to form one new school.

The seminary will launch the Billy Graham School of Missions, Evangelism and Ministry, beginning in August 2013. This school, which combines the current Billy Graham School of Missions and Evangelism, established in 1994, and the School of Church Ministries, 2009, will serve students of international and domestic missions, church planting, worship leadership and both local church and educational leadership.

According to Mohler, who is president of the seminary, Southern Seminary's university structure — one large institution comprised of specialized schools — served the seminary well for many years. But changes in both local churches and seminary-bound students now necessitate a different direction.

In the time following the Second World War, many rural churches expanded and developed programs of music and education. These churches needed ministers trained for these ministries. And in 1943, Southern Seminary's sixth president, Ellis A. Fuller, set a vision for specialized schools within the curriculum of the seminary. Ellis established a model that paralleled common university structures, placing Southern Seminary among the first to develop separate schools in a seminary: first, a school of music in 1944, and then a school of Christian education in 1953. Eventually, the seminary housed as many as five different graduate schools.

"During those years after World War II and up through the end of the 20th century, churches were adding specialized ministers: ministers of music, ministers of youth, ministers of education," Mohler said. "But that trajectory changed. The Christian minister does not operate in one of those worlds to the exclusion of the others. If the minister is faithful, he'll be in all of those worlds simultaneously. Churches are now looking for pastoral staff who have great adaptability, someone who has a well-rounded



background and is able to lead in many of these areas — and to be able to adapt to the changing needs of a congregation over time.

"So we need to break down all artificial barriers in the curriculum to make certain that we do not put these things in competition with one another," Mohler said. "It is perhaps counterintuitive that we have reduced the number of schools, and radically increased the number of students. But students are looking for the credibility and the substance of a theological education that prepares them not just for a specific staff or ministry title but for an ongoing life of ministry development and deployment. And our goal is to offer the most comprehensive curriculum.

"The new Billy Graham School of Missions, Evangelism and Ministry consolidates the great strengths of Southern Seminary's

tradition in Great Commission ministry, in global evangelism outreach and in ministry to the local church," said Mohler. "In a new global age, it is vitally important that students who graduate from Southern Seminary are exposed to a comprehensive curriculum that will prepare them for the challenges of real-life ministry in the local church and the mission fields of the world. This new school will bring together a comprehensive ministry vision and Great Commission passion."

Mohler said that, while students enter one of the two schools, they are a part of both. In fact, more than half the curriculum of the Graham School is found in the School of Theology. So the new school, according to Mohler, allows students to gain a rigorously theological and thoroughly missional education while developing particular areas of interest and expertise that reflect God's calling on their lives.

"Southern Seminary was the first seminary in the United States to have an endowed chair of Christian missions," Mohler said. "It is now the first in the nation to combine the strengths of these disciplines into one school of missions, evangelism and ministry. Missions must be more than a department; it must permeate the entire curriculum. The creation of this new school allows us to penetrate the entire institution with Great Commission urgency."

The new school's sole purpose will be to enhance the seminary's Great Commission reach and its faithfulness to the local church. Mohler noted that the seminary will retain all faculty in the current Graham School and School of Church Ministries, and will retain and even expand the entire curriculum.

The seminary plans to name the dean of the new Graham School in coming months.

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Southern Story Southern Seminary Names New Academic Leadership, Stinson and Wills



Stinsons: Spencer, Eden, Gunner, Randy, Danna, Georgia, Fisher, Payton and Willa

| By Aaron Cline Hanbury |

The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary named new academic leadership at the spring meeting of its Board of Trustees, April 16, 2013.

Earlier this year, on March 26, 2013 trustees of the Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission (ERLC) of the Southern Baptist Convention elected Russell D. Moore as its next president. Beginning in 2004, Moore served the seminary as lead academic officer under the president as well as dean of the School of Theology. In light of Moore's election, seminary president R. Albert Mohler Jr. named Randy Stinson as senior vice president for academic administration and Gregory A. Wills as dean of the School of Theology.

Mohler said that separating the roles of academic administration and dean is necessary due, in large part, to increased enrollment.

Randy Stinson

Stinson became the founding dean of the School of Church Ministries at its inception in 2009, after serving for three years as the dean of the School of Leadership and Christian Ministry. He holds a master of divinity degree from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary and master of theology and doctor of philosophy degrees from Southern Seminary. He is also the former executive director and president and is current senior fellow for the Council on Biblical Manhood and Womanhood.

"During his tenure as dean," Mohler said, "Randy Stinson has shown a unique ability to operate both from conviction and vision and very quickly earns the absolute trust and confidence of those with whom he works."

When he entered the University of South Florida, Stinson, a native of Tampa, Fla., planned to pursue a job in geriatrics. Not long after, however, his career goals changed. Primarily, through the ministry of his home church pastor, he began to sense a desire and call to gospel ministry. People in his life affirmed giftings of leadership and preaching. Initially, Stinson understood this as a call to preach.

Shortly after graduating college in 1989, Stinson met his future wife, Dana. The two married in January of 1991. And not long after that, the new family moved to south Georgia for Stinson to take a job as youth pastor at a small church.

"It was while serving that church that I realized I needed theological education, and I had a burden for leadership in academia. At the time, when I was in south Georgia, there was a Southern Baptist college nearby that we couldn't send our students to because it had so much liberalism in it. And I determined that one day I'd like to help the Southern Baptist colleges turn around like the seminaries had started to turn around."

Stinson and his wife moved to Wake Forest, N.C., to attend Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1994. Stinson maintained his desire to lead in higher education. He didn't know what that might look like, but knew it meant a terminal degree.

So, after his master's degree, Stinson moved with his family — which then included newly born twins - to Louisville, Ky., in January of 1997 to pursue a doctorate. There, he earned both a master of theology degree and a doctor of philosophy in systematic theology, which he earned under the supervision of Bruce A. Ware.

In the course of his study, which he focused on the doctrine of God in relation to gender and family issues, Stinson became involved with the Council on Biblical Manhood and Womanhood (CBMW) as executive director (2000), then as president (2007) and now as senior fellow.

"CBMW was what helped me to see the importance of all the theological underpinnings of what is taught on this campus that ends up in the lives of pastors who go out and teach things to their congregations," Stinson said.

This connection between academic theology and pew-level theology would prove significant for Stinson. When Stinson finished his Ph.D. in spring 2005, he joined the faculty that same calendar year. The next vear. Moore asked Stinson to be dean of the seminary's School of Leadership and Church Ministry. In this role, he could emphasize the importance of biblically faithful discipleship ministries to families. The school, in 2009, combined with the School of Church Music and became the School of Church Ministries.

Stinson said that a key benefit of this new role was working up close with Mohler.

"Serving on the cabinet with Dr. Mohler not only gave me an appreciation for where this seminary has been, but seeing his commitment to steward its direction, particularly beyond his own tenure, took root in my thinking. This new role is a much bigger task than I've had before on this campus, but I truly believe that God has prepared me, through all these other roles, to take on this position and to carry the responsibility of academic stewardship of this institution."

Mohler said: "Randy is a remarkable man, deeply committed to the gospel, energetically committed to the Great Commission, deeply committed to the local church. He understands local church ministry and the needs of the mission fields of the world, and he's going to be able to give unique direction to Southern Seminary's academic future in terms of its two graduate schools and Boyce College. He is trained in the classical disciplines and has a deep understanding of theological education. And I am really looking forward to working with him in this new capacity."

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Gregory A. Wills

"The dean of the School of Theology at Southern Seminary has always been a scholar, and a master teacher among other teachers," Mohler said. "And I can't think of anyone who better represents that than Greg Wills."

Wills becomes the 10th dean of the seminary's oldest and central school since its formation in 1954.

A native of North Little Rock, Ark., Wills came to Southern Seminary as the archives and special collections librarian in the fall of 1994 from Atlanta, Ga., where he studied at Emory University under E. Brooks Holifield. However, his reasons for accepting the position extended beyond the library.

"My ambition was not to be an archivist," said Wills, who was the school's first full-time archivist. "When I accepted this position, I accepted it in order to provide support to the resurgence of the commitment to Scriptural authority in the Southern Baptist Convention, to the renovation of The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, whose heritage I identified with and wanted to see restored, and to support Al Mohler in his new role as president of the institution."

Five years earlier, both Wills and Mohler moved to Atlanta, Wills to study at Emory, Mohler to be the editor of the *Christian Index*. A mutual friend of theirs, Mark Dever — who is now a pastor in Washington, D.C. — thought the two would find encouragement in one another and should meet. And, according to Wills, he pestered the two about it.

Eventually, Wills decided, he needed to "get Dever off [his] back and meet the guy." So he made an appointment to meet the man he assumed would be a theological moderate.

"We discovered that, in fact, Dever was right," said Wills.

Mohler said of meeting Wills: "The first thing I came to know of him is his intelligence and scholarship. I also came to know of his deep theological commitments to the faith once-for-all delivered to the saints and to biblical inerrancy. I could see how those commitments were combined with a great joy and commitment to the academic vocation and genuine Christian scholarship."

The two men met regularly, usually for lunch, for the next two years. Then, in 1993, Mohler moved to Louisville, Ky.; trustees of Southern Seminary elected him as president of the institution.

Shortly after Mohler arrived in Louisville, Wills followed.

At the time, Wills was a new Southern Baptist.

He didn't become a Christian until 1981, his sophomore year at Duke University, even though he grew up attending a liberal Methodist church in Memphis, Tenn., where his family moved when he was in fourth grade. In college, a fellow student bought him C.S. Lewis's book *Mere Christianity*. Wills read it during Christmas break after the first semester of his sophomore year.

"By the grace of God I read the book," Wills said. "The Holy Spirit brought the gospel truths home to my heart in power, and I gave my life to Christ, seeking forgiveness of sins."

Not long after, through a growing understanding of the Bible and wide reading in Christian literature — notably the biography of missionary Jim Elliot, *Shadow of the Almighty* — Wills sensed a call to gospel ministry. At the time, he understood his call

"primarily in terms of missionary service."

While still in college, Wills went to the north country in Thailand and taught the Bible to church leaders there. On this trip, he recognized his need for substantial grounding in the Scriptures if he were to be an effective minister, whether on the mission field or stateside.

To gain this grounding, Wills enrolled at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in South Hamilton, Mass. His first year in seminary, he became increasingly aware of the duty of Christians to serve in the local church. Wills said that Baptists, and specifically Southern Baptists, best matched the scriptural pattern.

Wills became a convinced and committed Southern Baptist; and the theological heritage of the denomination compelled him. And so did the work of preserving that heritage that Mohler set out to do at the flagship seminary.

"Whatever I could do in support of his vision," Wills said, "I wanted to do."

During the next 20 years, Wills served the seminary as archivist and then as a member of the full-time faculty beginning in 1997. In that time, Wills also carried additional leadership responsibilities, serving as an

associate dean in the School of Theology beginning in 2007, and as vice president of research and assessment in 2011.

He and his wife, Cathy — whom he met while studying toward a master of theology degree at Duke following his seminary degree — made a life in Louisville, raising their four children, Samuel, Abigail, James and Maggie.

Wills's scholarly expertise and leadership experience made him a clear choice to replace Moore as dean of the School of Theology.

"Throughout its history, Southern Seminary has had a succession of scholars who have served as dean of the School of Theology," said Mohler, who appointed Wills to the new role. "Greg Wills belongs in that illustrious line and will make his own very distinctive contribution to the life and work of the School of Theology. He will lead the School of Theology in a way that is continuous with the glorious past and committed to the future."

Wills said: "I feel humbled by the trust that the position entails. I feel challenged by the gravity of the responsibility. And I feel thrilled by the task of aiding the advance of faithful gospel ministry in the kingdom."

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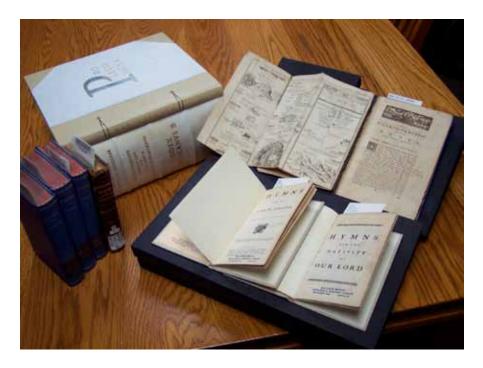
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History Highlight RARE BOOK SHOWCASE



By Trey Moss and Chris Fenner

The Archives and Special Collections at Southern Seminary is responsible for preserving and organizing many of the library's unique holdings. Occasionally, patrons walk into the archives room and ask, "Where's the neat stuff?" To answer that query, this month's History Highlight column brings attention to some of those rare and interesting books available for access upon request.

Codex Vaticanus and Codex Sinaiticus

Among the archives' most requested items are the ornate copies of Codex Sinaiticus and Codex Vaticanus, official reproductions of two of the most significant biblical manuscripts from the fourth century. These two codexes are the earliest surviving texts containing both the Old and New Testaments along with additional writings. Although scrolls were more predominant in the Hellenistic world, the codex format became the preferred medium for Christian writing during the second and third centuries. Both Sinaiticus and Vaticanus are composed in upper case Greek in a *scriptio continua*

style (no word breaks or punctuation). The script of Vaticanus and Sinaiticus offers a formidable challenge to those wishing to test their mettle in Koine Greek.

The 1613 KJV "Judas" Bible

A 1613 London printing of the King James Bible is the *par excellence* item of the library's Haldeman Bible collection. This printing of the KJV is known as a "she Bible" for correcting an erroneous rendering of Ruth 3:15 in some early 1611 printings that mistyped the phrase "and she went into the citie" with the masculine pronoun. Though the "she Bible" corrected this error, it introduced another one in its rendering of Matthew 26:36, stating that Judas went to pray in Gethsemane instead of Jesus. The printers covered up their typing error by pasting Jesus' name over Judas.

John Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress

Written from a 17th-century Bedford jail cell, Pilgrim's Progress gains new admirers of its wonderful allegory with each successive generation. John Bunyan's narrative roughly mirrors his earlier spiritual autobiography, Grace Abounding (1666), and presents the Christian life as a pilgrimage fraught with peril and danger, reflecting the seriousness of the faith in Bunyan's time and ours. The archives' copy of *Pilgrim's Progress* was printed in London in the late 18th century for Paternoster Press.

Wesley Hymnals

Among the rare music items in the library are a collection of hymnals published by John Wesley and Charles Wesley, including 27 original editions printed between 1742 and 1789. These pages bear witness to the birth of many memorable hymns, like "Arise, my soul, arise," "O for a heart to love my God" (Hymns and Sacred Poems, 1742), "Rejoice, the Lord is King," (Moral and Sacred Poems, 1744), "Love divine, all loves excelling" (Hymns for Those that Seek, 1747), and "Come, thou long expected Jesus" (Hymns for the Nativity, 1744).

The 1749 edition of Hymns and Sacred Poems, a large two-volume set, was published to pay for Charles Wesley's marriage to Sarah Gwynne. It was a successful effort that led to a second edition a few years later. The Wesleys rarely repeated hymns from one collection to another — which is a testament to their prolific pens — but in 1779-1780 John assembled a compilation of their best and most popular works, A Collection of Hymns for the Use of People Called Methodists. This collection includes John Wesley's final revisions, like the pruning of "O for a thousand tongues to sing" from eighteen stanzas to nine. Southern Seminary owns the third edition with corrections (1782).

John Calvin's Institutes of the Christian Religion

John Calvin's work grew and matured after its first printing in 1536, so much so that by 1559 the book had gone from four chapters in length to 80. Calvin originally wrote to expound the Christian faith to his French brethren, but also to convince the French King, Francis I, that the evangelical movement with which he was associated was not connected with Anabaptist rebels, for which the French evangelicals had undergone persecution.² The copy of the *Institutes* held in the archives was printed in Latin in London in 1576, 12 years after Calvin's death.

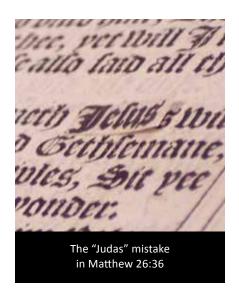
Students looking to enrich their summer reading experiences can peruse these and other items by visiting the Archives and Special Collections on the second floor of the James P. Boyce Centennial Library. or the archives website at archives.sbts.edu

ENDNOTES

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School is not out for summer at Southern Seminary and Boyce College. In fact, starting the first week of June, the campus will fill with students taking advantage of a full list of core and elective courses in J-term format — and for students who still want to participate, it's not too late. Unique this summer, the school is offering every online course, with a multi-course fee discount. And, as usual, courses for the fall 2012 semester are already filling up.

Announcements

Aplus Edits

Aplus Edits is a full service — grammar, format, clarity, style — proofreading business. It exists to take the stress out of conforming papers to style manuals and to improve the overall quality of one's writing. Aplus consists of a team of qualified editors equipped to edit book reviews, dissertations and everything in between. Check us out at www.aplusedits.com or e-mail Chris at cbosson@aplusedits.com

Free sewing class

The free sewing class led by Mrs. Barbara Gentry meets from 6 to 7:30 p.m., Mondays in Fuller Room 34. Sewing machines are provided at no cost. No experience is required, but women with experience may also participate. Knitting and crocheting lessons will also be offered. Mrs. Gentry leads the class assisted by Mrs. Kathy Vogel. For questions, you can call Mrs. Gentry locally at 423-8255 or Mrs. Vogel at 742-1497.

Food collection for The Attic

The Attic now accepts food items between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Saturday. Donors should bring the items during these hours so that a volunteer may store them to keep for seminary families in need. Limited refrigerator and freezer space is now available on site so please consider donating

luncheon meats, dairy items as well as frozen entrees. Canned food is also accepted and may be left in the donation bins. Families in need who would benefit from these donations must contact The Attic at theattic@sbts.edu and arrange an appointment for picking up food items.

Health and Rec

The Health and Recreation Center (HRC) hours of operation: Mon-Fri 6 a.m. - 10 p.m.; Sat 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.; closed Sunday. (The pool closes 30 minutes before the rest of the HRC, and closes at 5:30 p.m. each Wed) HRC will close at 5:30 p.m. during Parents' Night Out, April 12. Holiday hours will be observed on Memorial Day. To sign up for the HRC e-newsletter and receive brief weekly updates, contact the HRC front desk (897-4720). All HRC information is available at www.sbts.edu

Lifeguard breaks

Check the SBTS website for weekly lifeguard breaks during the summer. With limited summer staff, double shifts and vacations, HRC will have irregular guard breaks during the summer. From June 10 to July 30, M-Fuge camps will often use the pool in the late afternoons.

Men's camping trip

All seminarians, fathers and sons are invited to an overnight camp-

ing trip to Jefferson Memorial Forest on Friday, June 7. The cost is \$10 per person, or \$25 max per family. Food and campsite fees are included in the price. Come to the Health and Rec Center for information or to sign up, or email jelee@sbts.edu for details. Camping equipment may also be rented from the HRC on a first-come first-serve basis.

Bella ballet one-day camps, June 22 and July 6

For girls ages 3-11. Each camp includes a morning session (9-11 a.m.), an afternoon session (2-4 p.m.) and a performance showcase (3:45 p.m.). Activities include ballet instruction, dance crafts, video and snack. Each camp is \$15 (\$10 for additional children in the same family). No mandatory uniform. Contact HRC for details.

New times for childcare

Monday morning childcare has been extended to 9 a.m. to noon. Afternoon childcare is now offered at the HRC every Tuesday and Thursday from 3 - 6 p.m. Friday mornings, 9 a.m. - noon. Punch cards are available for a discounted rate, and are usable at any time. Cost is \$3 per child.

Children in the HRC

We want to remind everyone that any child under 12 years old must be with an adult at all times in the HRC. Siblings under 18 can-

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not be responsible for younger children. An Adult must be over 18 years of age or older. Another reminder concerns the fitness/weight room: Children 12-15 years old must be with an Adult in the fitness/weight room. Children under 12 are not allowed in the fitness/weight room at any time. Patrons over 16 years of age have unrestricted access.

Summer aerobics classes, May 20 – Aug 10

Fast Feat: Mon/Wed 6:30 - 7 a.m., Karina; Pilates Mat Work:

Mon 10 – 11 a.m., Lindsey

Aqua Alive: Tues/Thurs 5:00 – 5:45 p.m., Linda

Body Blitz: Mon/Wed/Fri (May 20-June 7) 7:15 – 8 a.m.; M 7:15-8am (June 10-Aug. 10),

Clara and Brittany

Mommy and Me: Wed/Fri 10:00 – 11 a.m., Melody

Core Foundry: Tuesday and Thursday 7-8 a.m. (Men only);

Monday and Wednesday

4-5 p.m. (Co-ed) **Total Toning**: Mon

4:45 – 5:30 p.m., Alana

Edge Martial Arts: Mon/Thurs 6 – 8 p.m., S 9 – 11 a.m., Joe

Core Essentials: Tues 9-10 a.m., Kaycee

Zumba: Tues 7-8 p.m., Ashley

Seminary Clinic

Staff, students and their immediate family members are provided a health maintenance program through the clinic, located on the second floor of the campus center in Honeycutt 213. The clinic offers a variety of services including physician appointments, pregnancy tests, sonogram screenings, flu vaccines, travel vaccines, immunizations and more.

Clinic hours

Mon–Fri 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. More information and price listings are found on the clinic website, www.sbts.edu/clinic

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MORE THAN YEARS AFTER THE CON-SERVATIVE RESURGENCE, WHAT ISSUES MOST CONCERN YOU IN THE SBC?

My greatest concerns for the convention have to do with the fact that the convention has become much like a piece of taffy candy pulled by special interest groups in all directions. Many of these make good points and have something to contribute to the discussion. But a general loss of geographical center is causing widespread talk of the "missional" with precious little actual activity in reaching men for Christ and spreading the gospel to the end of the earth. So, on the one hand, I am always concerned about special pleading for objects that are dear to one's own heart, but on the other hand, I am also cognizant that a new unity will emerge from it all that will be sufficient to enhance our mission endeavor to get the gospel to every person on earth.

Nº2 How do you manage leading a world-renown seminary, preaching, writing commentaries and hunting exotic animals, all while being a husband, father and grandfather?

The truth of the matter is that I am just the fortunate recipient of the manifold grace of God. Lest that sound unbearably pious, I respond that all I ever planned to do with my life was to be a pastor of a church somewhere where I could reach people for Christ and teach the Bible. I am blessed with few if any unique abilities and am as common as a corncob. I do not sleep more than about five hours a night, and I have wide-ranging interests that cause me to read widely and determinately even though I am a slow reader. But if I had to put down one secret to any success that I have had that goes beyond just the wonderful grace of God, I would say it is the determination of my heart to walk with God carefully in my devotional life and my further determination to witness to everyone who I possibly can. I just still believe that God will greatly honor those two commitments.

Nº 3 DESCRIBE HOW YOU FELT FACING (HUNTING) A LION.

Well, facing the lion is an adrenaline junkie's holiday, as I am sure David Livingstone would tell you were he alive today. I was a little more fortunate than the great missionary in that the lion that I eventually faced died about two feet from me rather than actually managing to get to me and maul me. I suppose to answer how I felt, there was the incredible exhilaration of the moment followed by intense relief when the lion was terminally on the ground and I was still standing. In all probability, however, there were quite a few people that were rooting for the lion, so perspective demands that be kept in mind. I will tell you this, these lions of Africa are a work of the Creator's art. They are beautiful, muscular, quick acting and indomitable animals that exhibit rare intelligence and loyalty to the pride. I respect both them and the Creator's genius.