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“Southeastern Graduates Largest Class in College History”

by Jonathan Blankenship

On May 5, 2006, Southeastern graduated its largest class in the college's history. During the annual commencement services, forty students walked across the stage and received their diplomas. Henry Horne, pastor of Union Chapel FWB Church in Chocowinity, North Carolina, and parent of senior Lauren Horne, addressed the graduates with a challenging message from God's Word.

Several students were recognized during the ceremony for their servanthood and academic achievements. Eleven graduates were voted by the faculty into Who's Who

Among America's Colleges & Universities. Nineteen students graduated with academic honors. Justin Harris (Greenville, NC) received the honor of Most Outstanding Student. Also, Stephen Kimbrell (Millport, AL) received the honor of the Christian Service Award for his faithfulness in winning souls to Christ.

Please pray for these forty graduates as they take the education they received and enlist in various ministries across the world. May God use our alumni to do "great and mighty things" in the work of the Lord!



Melissa Moran receives her hood.



Speaker Henry Horne



Most Outstanding Student, Justin Harris



Fran Dillard, Lauren Horne and Jennifer Haas



The "Class of 2006"

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Mark your calendar for our annual Mission Conference, October 19th & 20th

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The Anointed Preaching of God's Word, part 2

DR. LORENZA STOX

Last month we discussed the Command of the Master and that command was to preach. A man who has been called to preach has no choice but to preach.

Now, I want us to observe the character of the minister. This is so vital and important to the effectiveness of one's ministry. Titus 1:6 states he must be "blameless," which means the absence of even a charge of accusation against a person. He is not soon angered – he has patience with people. The minister is not to be a

quarrelsome, violent person – a peacemaker. He should be friendly and kind.

Other qualifications include "not given to filthy lucre" (not a lover of money); he doesn't move to another ministry because of money. He is "sober" (self-controlled and temperate). He rules well his own house – his children are in subjection with all honesty and he is the husband of one wife.

The pastor should live in such a manner that he has the respect of people in the church

as well as those outside the church.

Another important quality with the character of the minister is the fact that he is a

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servant. Paul in every letter addressed himself as a "servant." The pastor must be willing to do anything for his

people and be with them whenever he is needed.

Jesus Himself is our perfect example as a servant. He should be our role model. In fact, He states in reference to this important matter that the greatest of all are those who serve – the servant.

The man of God will never do his greatest work until he learns to be a servant of servants. His character must be impeccable. He must keep himself pure and holy and practice what he preaches.

Calendar of Events

August

Freshman Arrive - 26th
Returning Students Arrive - 28th
Classes Begin - 30th

September

Campus Revival - 4th-6th

October

Golf Tournament - 3rd
Grad Days - 5th-7th
Missions Conference - 19th-20th

A Special Blessing

by Victoria Morris

Many students step out on faith and answer God's call to attend Southeastern FWB College who are fully responsible for paying their own tuition. It is certainly with God's help that they are able to fulfill their responsibilities to their local church, to work and to meet the academic demands of college life. Seeing students struggle day to day, often without much support, knowing they want to train for the ministry will squeeze the heart of any Christian who loves the work of God.

And so, out of their great love for the college and its students, Dr. & Mrs. Stox, asked God for a special blessing in the form of scholarship money to help students pay down their balances. Only God can respond with the result that came from that prayer. He sent \$216,000. This money was

used in its entirety to pay off all returning student balances and to credit those students who have already paid off their balances, with \$200 (with which to start out the next school year).

God is so good! And the wonderful, amazing thing is that He is good no matter what.

Dr. Stox announced this in one of the last chapel services of the school year. There was much weeping and rejoicing for what God had done. It is very humbling to know that He chose these students at this college at this time to receive such a bountiful offering. God

is so good! And the wonderful, amazing thing is that He is good no matter what. He's never changing, always the same and worthy of all our praise and thanksgiving!

Thank you seems so inadequate, but sometimes the simplicity of the words combined with the sincerity of the heart is truly all that is needed. Thank you Dr. Stox and Mrs. Dolly for your prayers, and for your love and devotion to the college and our students. Your serving spirits are such a blessing to all that know you. Only in light of eternity will the rewards of this answered prayer truly show forth.

Thank you to our Lord and Savior for which all is done to glorify His Name and to make it known from the bus routes to the regions beyond!

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"...lift up a standard for the people." (Isaiah 62:10)



Campus Revival Speaker Announced

by Jonathan Blankenship



Dr. and Mrs. Tom Farrell with son Ben and his wife, Tara.

President Stox has announced that Dr. Tom Farrell will be preaching the opening campus revival for the 2006-2007 school year.

Dr. Tom Farrell has been traveling in evangelism since 1979. From 1974 until 1990, Tom and his wife Regina served on the staff of The WILDS Christian Camp and Conference Center in Brevard, North Carolina where Dr. Farrell led The WILDS Evangelistic Team in revival meetings across America. Dr. Farrell and his wife now reside in Independence, MO where he leads the Tom Farrell Ministries and serves as the Vice-President of Heart of America Seminary which is a ministry of Tri-City Baptist Church.

The ministry of evangelism has taken Dr. Farrell all over the United States and to many foreign countries. He preaches in local church revivals, area-wide campaigns, Christian colleges, camps, and on many mission fields. Scriptural, simple and straight-forward would sum up the preaching style of this evangelist. His goals are to exalt the Savior, evangelize the sinner, and encourage the saint.

The campus revival will begin on Monday, September 4th and will conclude on Wednesday morning, September 6th. All are welcomed to attend. Please pray that the hearts of our students, faculty and staff will be challenged through the Word of God as we prepare for a great year ahead. ✪

Spring Dean's List Announced

Southeastern has always been committed to challenging students to excel academically. It is our pleasure to present the following list of students who earned a G.P.A. of 4.0 to be on the "A" Honor Roll or at least a 3.0 to be on the "B" Honor Roll for the semester, while taking a minimum of twelve credit hours.

"A" Honor Roll

Seniors - Blaine Comer, Charity Davis, Gayle Hill, Amy Lloyd, Melissa Moran, April Thompson

Juniors - Nathan Massey, Ashley Morris

Sophomores - Amanda Cantrell, Chris Edmonds, Jennifer Haas, Nichole Newman

"B" Honor Roll

Seniors

Karen Cousar
Ben Gibson
Fawn Gibson
Patsy Gwartney
Stephanie Hamilton
Christine Hammond
Greg Harrell
Andrew Horne
Lauren Horne
Jennifer Jackson
Jonathan Osborne
Tony Patterson
Dawn Phillips
Auber Stephens

Juniors

Joy Ange
Sarah Ange

Natalie Carter
Joshua Haggard
Lucy Hunigan
Timothy Maddox
Michael Manning
Austin Pendergraft
Andrea Petty
Cassie Riggs

Amanda Tomberlin

Sophomores

April Baines
Amos Dillard
Jacquelyn Gates
Amy Hewes
Joshua Horton
Hannah Jolley
Hal Jones IV
Brent Little
Ashley Pullen

Philip Rabon
Allison Scharadin
Maggie Spencer
Lauren Stocks
Shanna Walters
Julie Williamson

Freshmen

Blaine Arellano
Davey Duncan, Jr.
Jonathan Hicks
Jonathan Johnson
Joshua Rager
Allison Rogers
Stephen Schreiner
Caitlin Sexton
Stephen Sloan

Accreditation Report

Dr. Danny Baer, Academic Dean

The Board of Directors voted to pursue accreditation with the Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools (TRACS) in their May 2005 meeting.

After accumulating the necessary documentation, an application for "Candidate" status was completed and sent to TRACS. Candidacy is the first major accomplishment in the accreditation process. With Candidate status we will be able to enjoy some of the benefits that will come with accreditation.

On April 19, 2006 Dr. Jeff McCann, Regional Coordinator for TRACS came to our campus for a preliminary staff visit. Dr. McCann toured the campus and met with Dr. Stox, the administration and staff. Most of his time was spent with me as the accreditation team leader for the college.

As a result of his visit we have been given approval to begin our "self study" which is scheduled to be submitted to TRACS by January 16, 2007. An evaluation team visit is planned for April 16-19, 2007 and the decision for candidacy is tentatively scheduled for the November 2007 Accreditation Commission Meeting.

The self study process has begun. During this time we will evaluate our college based on the accreditation standards set forth by TRACS. A complete report of this evaluation will comprise the "self study." During this we will also be working on areas of the college which we know must be addressed.

The evaluation team which is scheduled to visit our campus next year will hopefully recommend for us to receive Candidate status. After we receive Candidate status we will then work on recommendations given to us by the evaluation team and eventually go through another staff visit, self study, and evaluation team visit in preparation for achieving accreditation. This should happen within 3 to 5 years from now. Once accreditation is achieved the process is repeated after 5 years, then every 10 years.

Please pray for our administration, faculty and staff as we go through the rigorous and rewarding task. ✪

Class of 2006



Stephen Kimbrell receives the Christian Service Award.



Greg Harrell, Stephanie Hamilton, Jennifer Jackson and Blaine Comer



The Gwartneys with the Gibsons



Many of the graduates sang with the choir.



The Tim Rabon Jr. family



The Blaine Comer family



Speaker Henry Horne hugs his daughter Lauren.



Mrs. Pat Thomas is honored for her service.



Mark and Christina Crews



The Fran Dillard Family



Greg Harrell with his sister, alumna Beth Bass



April Thompson, Karen Cousar and Amber Stephens



Uncle Marcus and Niece Amber Stephens



President and Dolly Stox pose with graduates.



Jeff Jones with his mother



Jennifer and Stephanie hug



Fran Dillard receives her diploma.



Amy and Stephen Lloyd



Noah Taylor's fan club



Robert Ketchum



President Dr. Lorenza Stox



Amy Hewes and Academic Dean, Dr. Danny Baer



Charity Davis

ARE YOU STILL "STANDING ON THE PROMISES"?

Submitted by Mrs. Terri Siebert, Music Chairman

Daily dependence on the Lord by trusting the scriptural promises of God gives the believer stability in a world of uncertainty. Author and composer, Russell Kelso Carter, reminded Christians to trust God's promises when he wrote the gospel hymn, "Standing on the Promises"

Carter was born in 1849 in Baltimore, Maryland and died in 1928. He was an outstanding athlete during his student days.. He later became a professor of chemistry, science, civil engineering and mathematics at Pennsylvania Military Academy. It was during this time that Russell Carter wrote and composed "Standing on the Promises". The martial tone of the hymn's music probably reflects Mr. Carter's military academy experience.

In 1887, Russell Carter was ordained into the Methodist ministry and became a leader in the early Holiness camp meeting movement. He became a sheep rancher in California as well as a publisher of many textbooks in his teaching disciplines, and also authored several novels and even assisted in the compilation of the Christian and Missionary Alliance hymnal, Hymns of the Christian Life, in which he contributed sixty-eight original tunes and fifty-two poems. He became a physician in Baltimore in the later years of his life.

"Standing on the Promises" has been widely used in many great evangelistic crusades of the past as well as being included in many fundamental hymnals published today.

Taken from 101 More Hymn Stories by Kenneth W. Osbeck

Words Fitly Spoken

Proverbs 25:11, "A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver."

"If I take care of my character, my reputation will take care of itself"

- D.L. Moody

"My one ambition in life is to win as many souls as I possibly can. It is the most worthwhile thing in life."

- R.A. Torrey

"The Sunday School is the church organized to fulfill the purpose of the church."

- Dr. Paul Chappell

"Discipline is not something you do to your child, it is something you do for your child."

- Tim Rabon

"Sin is a universal problem; therefore, forgiveness is a universal need."

- Jeff Jones



President-Christian Powell; Vice President-Josh Baer; Secretary-Jason Little; Treasurer-Tim Riggs;
Members at Large- Steve Berry, Scott Coghill, Gene Williams; On Campus Liason-Rodney Holloman

“The Power of Influence”

By Tim Riggs
1987 Graduate

Pastor of White Oak Hill Free Will Baptist Church, Bailey, North Carolina

Someone said, “Ministry is largely about influence,” namely influencing people for Christ and His kingdom. The Bible tells us in Romans 14:7-8, “*For none of us liveth to Himself, and no man dieth to himself. For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord’s.*” In other words, we as Christians are not to live for ourselves, but to live our lives fully for the Lord and in living for the Lord we can and will persuade others for Christ and His kingdom. In fact, all of us are a by product of the influence of something and someone. To some degree our lives are currently having an impact in the lives of other people as well.

When I think of my own life and those who have influenced me when I was growing up, it fills me with praise and gratitude toward God because none of us have a choice of the home into which we are born. Today, I am forty one, but the influence of godly parents is still having a positive affect on my life. The influence of godly parents, dedicated Christian friends, and a good youth camp when I was growing up makes me thankful for those God put around me early in my life. These were people that did not live for themselves, but lived for God and in doing so had a great influence on my life for God when I was growing up and still do today.

Only time and eternity will reveal how great an influence for the kingdom of God that Southeastern has had.

In 1983 when I graduated from high school, I was removed from the direct authority of my parents and so many others that had impacted my life for God; however, after much prayer, God led me to a new college that was starting on the east coast...Southeastern Free Will Baptist College. When I left my home in August of 1983 and made the first thirteen hour trip, I knew little about the college outside of the fact that God had called me there. I quickly found out that God in His love and goodness had led me to a place that would continue to shape me, mold me, and influence my life for God and the work He had for me to do. It has been nineteen years since I graduated, but the passion for God, His Word, and for souls still affect and influence my life in a positive way.

The influence of Southeastern FWB College over these last twenty three years can be seen not only in the present students, but in the countless students of the past. I believe that it is safe to say that only time and eternity will reveal how great an influence for the kingdom of God that Southeastern has had. In fact, the church that I now pastor is only about twenty minutes from the college. The faculty, staff and students that attend and work in our church are a great blessing and encouragement to me. Either in a direct or an indirect way, Southeastern FWB College continues to be a positive touch on my life.

In conclusion, I want to encourage each of you who have walked through the halls of Southeastern, to do what you can to help the college have a stronger and better influence for God. I say this because one day soon those “others” may be our own sons and daughters.

College Needs:

- Choir Risers -\$4,000
- 15-Passenger Van -\$30,000
- Parking Lot Paving -\$50,000
- Dorm Furniture -\$2,000 per room
- Video Equipment - \$7,000
- Audio Recording Equipment - \$4,000

A Special Thanks To:

the Women Nationally Active for Christ for their continuing gifts toward a new Salad and Hot Bar for the college cafeteria!
Also,
Those who gave to our dorm furniture in memory of Dorothy Nobles.

The Presentation of the Towel

Dr. Danny Baer

During the Graduation exercises for the past few years, the Alumni Association President has given a towel to each graduate in order to challenge them to a life of service to the college, service to each other and service to our Lord.

This year Brother Christian Powell presented this stirring memento to each of the 40 graduates.



Southeastern Welcomes New Staff

by Jonathan Blankenship

Southeastern is pleased to announce that Mr. Trevor Thompson and his wife, Kelly, will be joining the staff on August 1, 2006.

Trevor, a 1999 graduate, will be joining the music department staff under the direction of Mrs. Terri Siebert. Trevor will be responsible for working with the Sounds of Praise Ensemble and Sounds of Victory Choir along with teaching various music classes. Kelly will be working as one of the college's administrative secretaries assisting in the areas of publications, Christian service, external studies, and yearbook.



Kelly and Trevor

Trevor and Kelly have two children, Haley (5) and Landon (4). They have ministered together in churches and schools in the states of Tennessee, Mississippi, and North Carolina.



Dolly Stox

Mrs. Dolly Stox, the faithful wife of President Lorenza Stox, has been named the Chancellor of Women. Mrs. Stox was hired as one of the first employees of Southeastern in 1983 when she became the Accountant and also taught in the Teacher Education Department. She has been a Pastor's wife and taught in Christian Schools for over forty years. Mrs. Stox will be an invaluable asset

to the staff as she will counsel and advise the young women who are training for ministry. She has always shared a servant's heart in ministry and is highly respected among the students.

Other staff updates include Mrs. Joy Crank who will assume the responsibility of Dean of Women. Joy came to Southeastern with her husband Fred (Maintenance Director) in 2003. Mrs. Crank has been a Pastor's wife for over thirteen years and has a sincere desire for the young ladies to follow God's will in their life. She will also continue as the assistant to the Business manager.



Joyce Crank

Ginger Duncan, wife of student Davey Duncan, will be helping Mrs. Crank as the Duncans move into the dorm where Kristi Davis served as dorm supervisor last year.



Ginger Duncan

President Stox has named Rodney Holloman as head of the Bible department. Rodney joined the faculty at Southeastern in 2003 and has taught several Bible classes along with Greek and Theology. President Stox will oversee the Pastoral Department while teaching Old & New Testament Survey classes.



Rodney Holloman

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YOUTH AFLAME '06

by Jonathan Blankenship

On June 19 – 23, 2006, Southeastern sponsored its 2nd annual *Youth Aflame* youth conference in Charlotte, North Carolina. The conference more than doubled in attendance from its previous year and registered 420 attendees from 29 churches. Youth sponsors and teenagers traveled from as far west as Oklahoma, as far north as Michigan, and as far south as Florida!

The attendees enjoyed activities such as Paramount's Carowinds, Zuma Fun Center, and the always exciting Youth Pastor Contender. The highlight of the conference was seeing young people respond to God's call on their life. Powerful messages were delivered by Nate Ange, Steve Kluth, Jeff Jones, and Christian Powell as hearts were challenged and convicted by the Holy Spirit. Numerous teenagers made life changing decisions during this Christ centered week.

Southeastern extends a special "thank you" to the gracious members and staff of Cramerton FWB Church and Pastor Danny Dwyer for allowing us to use their facilities to host this conference.

"The food was fantastic."

Steve Berry,
Melbourne, Florida

"This was the best lineup of preachers anywhere."

Mark Cash,

Fuquay Varina, North Carolina

"The conference was awesome; we will definitely be back."

Michael Hill,

White Lake, Michigan



Conference Results

8 Salvation Decisions

9 Answered the Call to Preach

45 Surrendered to Full-Time Christian Service

