



Friday's Top Five

Southeastern's 2016/17 year continues on an exciting course. An alumnus, friend, and deeply committed Southeastern supporter has encouraged me to write more regular, periodic updates on the happenings around Southeastern. Honestly, there is a constant stream of inspiring things that happen around here and one does tend to take them for granted when surrounded by the miraculous all the time. And, I do believe what God is doing in the lives of our students is miraculous.

Chapel



- Chapel is a life-changing experience for our students. Recently, we have had some great speakers.
 - Alumnus Missionary Pastor Heath Ferguson encouraged us all during the annual Campus Revival.
 - September 15th retired Missionary to France and retired Southeastern Professor Dr. Joe Haas Senior preached a powerful message to our students and staff.
 - September 21st, William Federer (Christian Historian, Congressional Candidate, Author, TV Personality) came and spoke for two of our history classes and chapel. He set up a table display with over 20 different books he's written and offered them to our students at half price.
 - Retired Missionary and Professor Bobby Aycock preached for us on our first **Heritage Day**. 45 senior citizens from around North Carolina enjoyed a Southeastern chapel service and a meal on September 8, 2016. It was a great day!
 - Alumnus/Pastor Gene Williams, Alumnus Missionary Pastor Jeff Panama Jones, Alumnus Missionary Hemant Patel, Alumnus Missionary Jake Waldman, Professor Ron Davis, myself and President Marcum have all encouraged our heart with inspirational messages.



Missions Conference



- Our students learned the truth that life doesn't always go as planned. Originally, Hemant Patel was scheduled as the keynote speaker at our Missions Conference. Dr. Joe Haas Senior was to preach on Monday night. Due to

Hurricane Matthew, the schedule changed multiple times. But, God in His caring way arranged for Alumnus Missionary Pastor to Grove, Oklahoma Sam Smith to providentially be here. Sam preached two messages highlighting the life of Moses which proved to open all of our hearts toward God's enabling call upon our lives.

- Tuesday's chapel began with each of our students who went on foreign mission trips this summer sharing just exactly what God had done in their lives.
- Morgan Cooper (Honduras) shared how she learned that God is with her anywhere in the world and can sustain her spirit and countenance. After that realization during the third week of her summer trip, she became grateful to God and more aware of His presence.
- Cody Griffey (Hong Kong, China) also had feelings of great fear and insufficiency early in his trip. He highlighted the high suicide rate among Chinese youth and the story of one 11-year old girl who decided to call her mom to beg her mom to at least once say that she loved her before the girl took her life by jumping from the 13th floor of their apartment building. Her mom responded by saying, "*Go ahead and jump.*" The little girl did jump and ended her life. Cody eventually surrendered his all to God and found his calling for his future in China teaching English as a second language while sharing Christ with the hopeless.

Golf Tournament



- We are pleased to announce that 55 golfers participated in this year's annual benefit golf tournament. Every year thousands of dollars are raised for scholarships and the annual fund. We are still waiting on a few sponsor donations to arrive, but we anticipate over a \$25,000 profit on this year's tournament.
- Mark your calendars for **Tuesday, October 3, 2017**, for next year's golf tournament.

Campus Corner



- The Campus Corner is getting a bit of facelift and our Southeastern Alumni are providing the means. About eight years ago Heath Ferguson, Ron Davis, Scott Coghill and the good people of New Life FWB Church made our Book Store into a "**Campus Corner.**" For eight years it has been one of the most enjoyed places on campus by our students.
- Last spring during our "Business Appreciation Day" I was speaking to our business owners in our Campus Corner when one of the stool legs broke and a husband caught his wife before she hit the floor. We knew then that it was time to find the money to upgrade the Campus Corner furniture. It was then that our Alumni Association voted to donate \$2,000 to the furniture upgrade.
- Alumnus Danny Bailey and Susan (Brown) Bailey own Metal Fred's Designs of Wendell and they specialize in constructing aesthetically modern, attractive steel furniture. They generously agreed to construct furniture which is specially designed for the Campus Corner at a highly discounted price. Then, Alumnus Mark Cash took on the job of constructing the red oak table tops and benches to match the steel. The project is almost complete and everyone is excited to see it.

Hurricane Matthew



- Hurricane Matthew started affecting many of our student's churches when it roared through Florida. Although our Florida, South Carolina and Georgia student's churches and homes didn't sustain any significant damage, the same cannot be said for our North Carolina student's churches and homes. While power outages affected our Southeastern Campus for nearly 40 hours, our staff was prepared with generators and lights to provide a comforting atmosphere. The students and staff held campus church on both Sunday morning and Sunday evening.
- We ask you to pray as many of our partnering churches are still under the threat rising water. Faith FWB in Goldsboro has sustained significant water damage to their pre-school building and are praying for the waters to recede from their other buildings that are still in danger. Tabernacle FWB Church and Mt. Calvary Church are still at risk as well. I know that there are many other churches and homes that are still at risk. Please pray for these churches and their leaders.