



Mission

Under the lordship of Jesus Christ,
the mission of
The Southern Baptist
Theological Seminary
is to be totally committed
to the Bible as the Word of God,
to the Great Commission as our mandate,
and to be a servant of the churches of
the Southern Baptist Convention
by training, educating, and preparing
ministers of the gospel
for more faithful service.



Theological education is serious business. The task of training, preparing, and educating ministers of the gospel is an incredible stewardship invested in Southern Seminary by the churches. Without apology, we serve the church of the Lord Jesus Christ and aim to fulfill this purpose so that generations to come will have an even more faithful and effective ministry.

Only God can make a minister. That fundamental fact frames our responsibility; for humility necessitates our understanding that Southern Seminary does not make ministers. Nevertheless, God makes ministers through the crucible of learning, study, prayer and experience — and Southern Seminary combines all these in a comprehensive program of theological education that combines unquestioned academic excellence with practical application.

You should know that Southern Seminary is deadly serious about theological education that is genuinely theological. We are a confessional institution that stands without compromise upon the faith once for all delivered to the saints. The absolute truthfulness and authority of the Word of God are foundational to our programs of study, and you can be certain that theological faithfulness and doctrinal integrity are hallmarks of a Southern Seminary education.

This institution is more than 150 years old. Over the past 15 decades, many fads and movements have come and gone—but the steady determination to educate ministers of the gospel remains our central focus. Southern Seminary stands as a servant institution to the church of the Lord Jesus Christ, and our eyes are on the mission fields of the world and the frontlines of ministry all around the globe.

Southern Seminary's faculty is unparalleled in the evangelical world. Here you will find consecrated Christian scholars whose commitment to the gospel, to the church, and to the Lord Jesus Christ is translated into their love for students and the task of teaching.

Our ambition is to shape the minister in every dimension—including heart, soul, mind, and the application of all ministry in the spirit of Christ. To that end, we offer comprehensive academic degrees ranging from baccalaureate to doctoral programs. Standing at the center of every aspect of the curriculum is a steadfast commitment to biblical truth, to excellence in ministry, and to the honorable service to the church of our Lord Jesus Christ. The schools of The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary share this common vision, this glorious task, and this priceless stewardship.

Our institutional motto says it all—"For the truth, for the church, for the world, for the glory of God." The glory of God is the beginning and end of all things, and ultimately, our prayer is that God is glorified in all we do, in all we teach, and in all those who graduate from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.



R. Albert Mohler, Jr.
President



Office of the President



R. Albert Mohler, Jr.

President of The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary; Joseph Emerson Brown Professor of Christian Theology (1993)

B.A., Samford University; M.Div., Ph.D., The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary

Dr. R. Albert Mohler, Jr., serves as president of The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary—the flagship school of the Southern Baptist Convention and one of the largest seminaries in the world.

Dr. Mohler has been recognized by such influential publications as *Time* and *Christianity Today* as a leader among American evangelicals. In fact, *Time.com* called him the “reigning intellectual of the evangelical movement in the U.S.”

In addition to his presidential duties, Dr. Mohler hosts two programs: *The Briefing*, a daily analysis of news and events from a Christian worldview, and *Thinking in Public*, a series of conversations with the day’s leading thinkers. He also writes a popular blog and a regular commentary on moral, cultural and theological issues. All of these can be accessed through Dr. Mohler’s website, www.AlbertMohler.com. Called “an articulate voice for conservative Christianity at large” by *The Chicago Tribune*, Dr. Mohler’s mission is to address contemporary issues from a consistent and explicit Christian worldview.

Widely sought as a columnist and commentator, Dr. Mohler has been quoted in the nation’s leading newspapers, including *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *USA Today*, *The Washington Post*, *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution* and *The Dallas Morning News*. He has also appeared on such national news programs as CNN’s “Larry King Live,” NBC’s “Today Show” and “Dateline NBC,” ABC’s “Good Morning America,” “The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer” on PBS, MSNBC’s “Scarborough Country” and Fox’s “The O’Reilly Factor.”

Dr. Mohler is a theologian and an ordained minister, having served as pastor and staff minister of several Southern Baptist churches. He came to the presidency of Southern Seminary from service as editor of *The Christian Index*, the oldest of the state papers serving the Southern Baptist Convention.

A native of Lakeland, Florida, Dr. Mohler was a Faculty Scholar at Florida Atlantic University before receiving his Bachelor of Arts degree from Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama. He holds a Master of Divinity degree and the Doctor of Philosophy (in systematic and historical theology) from Southern Seminary. He has pursued additional study at the St. Meinrad School of

Theology and has done research at Oxford University (England).

Dr. Mohler also serves as the Joseph Emerson Brown Professor of Christian Theology at Southern Seminary. His writings have been published throughout the United States and Europe. In addition to contributing to a number of collected volumes, he is the author of several books, including *Culture Shift: Engaging Current Issues with Timeless Truth* (Multnomah), *Desire & Deceit: The Real Cost of the New Sexual Tolerance* (Multnomah), *Atheism Remix: A Christian Confronts the New Atheists* (Crossway), *He Is Not Silent: Preaching in a Postmodern World* (Moody), *The Disappearance of God: Dangerous Beliefs in the New Spiritual Openness* (Multnomah), and *Words From the Fire: Hearing the Voice of God in the Ten Commandments* (Moody). From 1985 to 1993, he served as Associate Editor of *Preaching*, a journal for evangelical preachers, and is currently Editor-in-Chief of *The Southern Baptist Journal of Theology*.

A leader within the Southern Baptist Convention, Dr. Mohler has served in several offices including a term as Chairman of the SBC Committee on Resolutions, which is responsible for the denomination’s official statements on moral and doctrinal issues. He also served on the seven-person Program and Structure Study Committee, which recommended the 1995 restructuring of the nation’s largest Protestant denomination. In 2000, Dr. Mohler served on a blue-ribbon panel that made recommendations to the Southern Baptist Convention for revisions to the Baptist Faith and Message, the statement of faith most widely held among Southern Baptists. Most recently, he served in on the Great Commission Task Force, a denominational committee that studied the effectiveness of SBC efforts to fulfill the Great Commission. He currently serves as chairman of the Southern Baptist Convention’s Council of Seminary Presidents.

Dr. Mohler has presented lectures or addresses at institutions including Columbia University, the University of Virginia, Wheaton College, Samford University, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, the University of Richmond, Mercer University, Cedarville University, Beeson Divinity School, Reformed Theological Seminary, The Master’s Seminary, Geneva College, Biola University, Covenant Theological Seminary, The Cumberland School of Law, The Regent University School of Law, Grove City College, Vanderbilt University and the historic Chautauqua Institution, among many others.

Dr. Mohler is listed in *Who’s Who in America* and other biographical reference works and serves on the boards of several organizations including Focus on the Family. He is a member of the Council for Biblical Manhood and Womanhood and serves on as a council member for The Gospel Coalition.

He is married to Mary, and they have two children, Katie and Christopher.



Academic Administration

Senior Vice President

**Russell D. Moore**

B.S., University of Southern Mississippi; M.Div., New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary; Ph.D., The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary

Dr. Moore has served in this role since January 2004. He is the author of *Tempted and Tried: Temptation and the Triumph of Christ, Adopted for Life: The Priority of Adoption for*

Christian Families and Churches, and *The Kingdom of Christ: The New Evangelical Perspective*. He is a senior editor for *Touchstone: A Journal of Mere Christianity*. He also speaks and writes frequently on issues ranging from the kingdom of God to global orphan care. Prior to entering ministry, he was an aide to U.S. Congressman Gene Taylor.

Deans

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**Zane G. Pratt**

Dean of the Billy Graham School of Missions and Evangelism; Associate Professor of Christian Missions (2011)

B.A., Duke University; M.Div., Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary; Ph.D. candidate, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary

Zane Pratt served as a church planter and pastor in New England and as an Army Reserve chaplain before appointment for overseas service in 1991. He lived and worked in Central Asia from then until 2011, the last 10 years of which he had regional leadership responsibilities. He has written multiple articles in an upcoming volume on the theology of missions being published by Broadman and Holman in the fall of 2011.

**Randy L. Stinson**

Dean of the School of Church Ministries; Vice President for Academic Innovation; Associate Professor of Leadership (2006)

B.A., University of South Florida; M.Div., Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary; Th.M., Ph.D., The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary

Dr. Stinson became Dean of the School of Church Ministries in August 2006. Dr. Stinson also serves as the President for The Council on Biblical Manhood and Womanhood. Dr. Stinson is a renowned authority on the subject of biblical manhood and womanhood. He has served as a senior pastor as well as other church staff positions.

**Lawrence A. Smith**

Dean of Students

B.A., Eastern Kentucky University

Before coming to Southern, Mr. Smith spent 25 years in television news, most recently at WHAS-TV in Louisville. He has served as a reporter, anchor, producer and news executive at television stations in Lexington, Kentucky; Knoxville, Tennessee; Houston, Texas; and Louisville. Mr. Smith has won numerous awards, including a Metro Louisville Journalism award from the Society of Professional Journalists. He also spent two years on staff at First Baptist Church, Houston, Texas producing the church's television programming.



Vice Presidents



Mark T. Coppenger

Vice President for Extension Education; Director of the Nashville Extension Center; Professor of Christian Apologetics (2004)

B.A., Ouachita Baptist University; M.A., Ph.D., Vanderbilt University; M.Div., Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary

In addition to teaching at Southern Seminary, Dr. Coppenger is managing editor of the online *Kairos Journal*. Before attending seminary, he taught at Wheaton and Vanderbilt, where he directed a project for the National Endowment for the Humanities. He has authored, edited, or contributed to numerous books. His articles and reviews have appeared in *Teaching Philosophy*, *Touchstone*, *American Spectator*, *Criswell Review*, *Reformation and Revival*, *USA Today*, and *Christian Scholar's Review*. Dr. Coppenger has served as pastor of First Baptist Church, El Dorado, Arkansas; executive director of the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana; chairman of the SBC Resolutions Committee; president of Midwestern Seminary; and short-term mission volunteer to Brazil, Russia, Romania, Belgium, Egypt, and Sudan. He is a retired infantry officer.



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Gregory A. Wills

Vice President for Research and Assessment; Professor of Church History (1997); Associate Dean, Theology and Tradition; Director of the Center for the Study of the Southern Baptist Convention

B.S., Duke University; M.Div., Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary; Th.M., Duke University; Ph.D., Emory University

Dr. Wills was appointed to the faculty of Southern Seminary in 1997 after serving since 1994 as Archives and Special Collections Librarian with the seminary's Boyce Centennial Library. Dr. Wills' dissertation, *Democratic Religion: Freedom, Authority, and Church Discipline in the Baptist South, 1785-1900*, was published by Oxford University Press. Besides contributions to theological journals, Dr. Wills has also written *Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, 1859-2009*.

Associate Vice Presidents Enrollment Management



Phillip R. Bethancourt

Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management; Assistant Professor of Christian Theology (2011)

B.A., M.S., Texas A&M University; M.Div., Ph.D., The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary

Dr. Bethancourt has served Southern Seminary since 2006, holding positions as Director of Academic Advising for the School of Theology and Director of Research Doctoral Studies and Academic Advising and Instructor of Christian Theology at Boyce College. Prior to his current role, he served as Executive Assistant to the Senior Vice President for Academic Administration. In his current position, Dr. Bethancourt focuses on recruiting, student retention and strategic initiatives that enhance student enrollment.



Doctoral Studies



David L. Puckett

Associate Vice President for Doctoral Studies; Professor of Church History (2002)

B.A., Mississippi College; Th.M., Dallas Theological Seminary; Ph.D., University of Chicago

Prior to coming to Southern Seminary, Dr. Puckett served as Professor of Church History and Director of Th.M. and Ph.D. Studies at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary and as founding headmaster of Trinity Academy of Raleigh, North Carolina. He previously taught historical theology at Dallas Theological Seminary and church history and theology at Criswell College. He has academic interests in the areas of the history of biblical interpretation, the Protestant Reformation, and Christianity and social reform in England in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. Dr. Puckett is the author of *John Calvin's Exegesis of the Old Testament*.

Academic Resources



Bruce L. Keisling

Associate Vice President for Academic Resources; Librarian (2002)

B.A., Cedarville University; M.S.L.S., The Catholic University of America

Mr. Keisling came to Southern Seminary in 1998 as Associate Librarian. Prior to coming to Southern, Mr. Keisling served as a librarian at a theological seminary in the Washington, D.C. area. While a resident of Washington, D.C., he was a member of and held leadership positions at Capitol Hill Baptist Church. In 2002, Mr. Keisling assumed his present role as Seminary Librarian. He is an active member of the Southern Baptist Library Association and the American Theological Library Association.

Online Learning and Intercultural Programs



W. Hayward Armstrong

Associate Vice President for Online Learning and Intercultural Programs; Associate Professor of Christian Missions (2005)

B.A., Samford University; M.Div., Ph.D., New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary; M.D.E., University of Maryland University College

Before coming to Southern Seminary, Dr. Armstrong served as Associate Director for Curriculum and then as Director of the International Centre for Excellence in Leadership at the Southern Baptist International Mission Board. Dr. Armstrong also served more than twenty years in South America, as church planter, theological educator, and missions administrator. He is the author of *Bases para la Educaci3n Cristiana* and *Mas Cerca de Dios*, co-author of *Introduction a la Misiologia*, contributor to the *Comentario Biblico Mundo Hispano*, and writer/compiler of missionary leadership development materials.

Extension Education



Adam W. Greenway

Associate Vice President for Extension Education; Senior Associate Dean, Billy Graham School of Missions and Evangelism; Assistant Professor of Evangelism and Applied Apologetics (2007)

B.A., Samford University; M.Div., Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary; Ph.D., The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary

Dr. Greenway has served as pastor and/or interim pastor of churches in Kentucky, Indiana, Ohio, Texas, and Florida. Active in denominational life, he currently serves as a trustee of LifeWay Christian Resources of the Southern Baptist Convention, is the immediate past First Vice President of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, and has chaired various standing and special committees of the KBC. Dr. Greenway is a member of the Evangelical Theological Society, the Evangelical Philosophical Society, the International Society of Christian Apologetics, and is president of the Southern Baptist Professors of Evangelism Fellowship. He is co-editor of *Evangelicals Engaging Emergent* and *The Great Commission Resurgence*, and has contributed articles to various books and journals.



Institutional Assessment



Robert A. Vogel

Associate Vice President for Institutional Assessment; Carl E. Bates Professor of Christian Preaching (2003)

B.A., Western Bible Institute; M.Div., Th.M., Western Conservative Baptist Seminary; M.A., Portland State University; Ph.D., University of Oregon

Prior to joining the faculty at Southern, Dr. Vogel served as Professor of Homiletics at Western Seminary, a position he had held since 1978. While at Western Seminary, he served as Director of the Doctor of Ministry program from 1984-2000 and as Associate Academic Dean for eight years. He was also the chairman of the Division of Pastoral and Church Ministries at Western Seminary. In addition to his many years of teaching, Dr. Vogel also has more than twenty years of active church ministry, during which time he held positions as minister of youth and music, pastor, pulpit supply and interim pastor. Dr. Vogel is also a member of the Evangelical Theological Society.

Institutional Administration

Senior Vice President



Dan S. Dumas

Senior Vice President for Institutional Administration

B.A., Criswell College; M.Div., The Master's Seminary; Ph.D. (in progress) The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary

Mr. Dumas became the Senior Vice President of Institutional Administration at Southern Seminary in October of 2007. At Grace Community Church in California he was an Executive Pastor for four years and pastor of the Cornerstone Fellowship Group for five years. Also, Mr. Dumas has served as college and singles pastor at the Westside Baptist Church in Jacksonville, Florida, at Cottage Hill Baptist Church in Mobile, Alabama, and at Victory Baptist Church in Dallas, Texas. Previously, he served on staff at the historic First Baptist Church of Dallas. Dan is a veteran of the United States Navy.

Vice Presidents



Jason K. Allen

Vice President for Institutional Advancement, Executive Director of the Southern Seminary Foundation

B.S., Spring Hill College; M.Div., The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary; Ph.D., The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary

Dr. Allen became Vice President for Institutional Advancement in 2009. In addition to his duties at Southern Seminary, Dr. Allen currently serves as Senior Pastor at Carlisle Avenue Baptist Church in Louisville. He began his duties at Southern Seminary as Executive Assistant to the President in 2006. Previously, Dr. Allen served from 2002 - 2005 as Senior Pastor of Muldraugh Baptist Church in Muldraugh, Ky., and as assistant to the pastor of the Dauphin Way Baptist Church from 1998 - 2001.



R. Craig Parker

Vice President for Business Services

B.A., Vanderbilt University; M.B.A., Murray State University

Mr. Parker is a recent addition to the Southern staff following many years of service in churches in the Memphis, Tennessee area. He served fifteen years as Church Administrator at Bellevue Baptist Church, and held similar positions at Germantown Baptist Church and Highpoint Church. Prior to his tenure in the local church, Mr. Parker worked in the insurance industry at Blue Cross Blue Shield and The Craddock Companies in Memphis. He has also served the SBC as a trustee of Guidestone Financial Resources.



D. Andrew Vincent

Vice President of Operations

B.A., Samford University; M.B.A., University of Louisville

Mr. Vincent began his tenure with The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1991. He became Vice President of Operations in 2009, a position making him responsible for the strategic oversight of auxiliary business units and facilities management. His prior positions with Southern Seminary have included Associate Vice President for Auxiliary Enterprises, Director of Auxiliary Enterprises, Director/Manager of Administrative Support Services, and Duplicating Machine Operator. Prior to serving at Southern Seminary, Mr. Vincent served as Assistant Warehouse Manager at EVCO, Inc., in Birmingham, Ala.



Trevor Wallis

Vice President of Campus Technology

B.A., M.S., University of Oregon;
M.Div., The Master's Seminary; Ph.D.
(in progress), University of Idaho

Prior to coming to SBTS, Mr. Wallis served as Vice President for Information Services at The Master's College in Santa Clarita, California. Mr. Wallis has worked with computer systems in the newspaper publishing industry in Oregon and California, and in many other aspects of computer science. A graduate of The Master's Seminary, he also served as a senior pastor for churches in Washington and Montana.



Stephen O. Watters

Vice President of Communications

B.A., Lee University; M.A., Regent University; M.A. (in progress), The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary

From 1997 - 2010, Mr. Watters served at Focus on the Family, the Colorado Springs, Co., based ministry founded by James Dobson, as a policy analyst, a project manager and then director of marriage and family formation. He and his wife, Candice, created Boundless (www.boundless.org) as a Web outreach to young adults for Focus on the Family.

Office of the President



Matthew J. Hall

Chief of Staff, Office of the President

B.A., Grove City College; M.Div., The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary; Th.M., The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary; Ph.D. (in progress), University of Kentucky.

Mr. Hall began his duties as executive assistant to the president in 2009. Previously, Mr. Hall served from 2006 to 2009 as Executive Producer of *The Albert Mohler Program*, produced by Salem Communications. He serves as a deacon at Clifton Baptist Church in Louisville, and is an active member of the American Society of Church History and the Conference on Faith and History.