

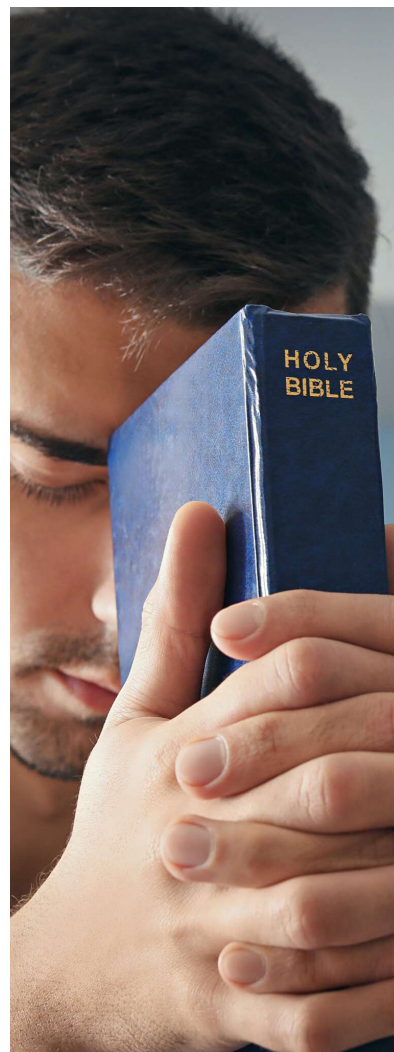


SOUTHERN BAPTISTS

# WE ARE FAMILY

"So we, though many,  
are one body in Christ,  
and individually members  
one of another."

Romans 12:5





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## **OUR MINISTRY FAMILY IS MAKING AN IMPACT**

In your neighborhood or on another continent, members of the Southern Baptist family can be found making an impact for the Kingdom. While some of these ministries are self-sustaining, many are supported by financial contributions through the Cooperative Program. Each of these ministries exists with the goal of advancing the Gospel.

**Ethics & Religious Liberty  
Commission (ERLC)**

**Executive Committee of the  
Southern Baptist Convention**

**Guidestone Financial Resources**

**International Mission Board (IMB)**

**LifeWay Christian Resources**

**North American Mission Board (NAMB)**

**Seminary Extension**

**SEND Relief**

**Southern Baptist Foundation**

**Southern Baptist Historical  
Archives & Library**

**Southern Baptist Theological  
Seminaries**

**Gateway**

**Midwestern**

**New Orleans**

**Southeastern**

**Southern**

**Southwestern**

**Woman's Missionary Union**

# ETHICS & RELIGIOUS LIBERTY COMMISSION

The Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission (ERLC) exists to assist churches by helping them understand the moral demands of the Gospel, apply Christian principles to moral and social problems and questions of public policy, and to promote religious liberty in cooperation with the churches and other Southern Baptist entities.

ERLC's vision can be summed up in three words: kingdom, culture and mission.

Since its inception, the ERLC has been defined around a holistic vision of the Kingdom of God, leading the culture to change within the church itself and then as the church addresses the world. The ERLC has offices in Washington, D.C., and Nashville, TN.

The ministries of the ERLC are:

- Assist churches in applying the moral and ethical teachings of the Bible to the Christian life. Provide research, information resources, consultation, and counsel to denominational entities, churches and individuals with regard to the application of Christian principles in everyday living and the nation's public life.
- Assist churches through the communication and advocacy of moral and ethical concerns in the public arena. Represent Southern Baptists in communicating the ethical positions of the Southern Baptist Convention to the public and to public officials.
- Assist churches in their moral witness in local communities. Provide information resources that inform and equip churches for active moral witness in their communities.
- Assist churches and other Southern Baptist entities by promoting religious liberty. Provide information and counsel to denominational entities, churches, and individuals regarding appropriate responses to religious liberty concerns; represent Southern Baptists in communicating the positions of the Southern Baptist Convention on religious liberty issues to the public and to public officials.



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# EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention was formed in 1917 and established its offices in Nashville in 1927. At that time, the Southern Baptist Convention enlarged the Committee's scope of duties to include acting on behalf of the Convention between annual sessions. Currently, the Executive Committee is comprised of more than 80 representatives chosen from qualified states and defined territories. Although the Executive Committee does not control or direct the activities of Convention entities, it reviews their financial statements and recommends the Convention annual operating budget. In addition, it receives and distributes the moneys Southern Baptists give in support of denominational ministries, acts as the recipient and trust agency for all Convention properties, and provides public relations and news services. It also performs other tasks assigned by the SBC and promotes the general work of Southern Baptists. To carry out these duties, the Committee employs an executive and professional staff in its Nashville offices.

Baptists represent more than a third of church members in the United States. More than 40 percent of all Baptist churches are affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention. Local churches aligned with the Southern Baptist Convention are committed to sharing Christ with every person in the world.

The work of the Executive Committee is basically fiscal and advisory. It operates in harmony with the Convention's desire to provide checks and balances essential to effective democratic processes.

The Executive Committee is also assigned program responsibilities: 1) promotion of the Cooperative Program, 2) providing guidance to the Southern Baptist Foundation, which manages investments and provides planned giving services, 3) operating Baptist Press, the SBC news service, and 4) maintaining a convention relations office, which articulates Southern Baptist positions to constituents and to the public through the media as well as producing SBC LIFE news magazine.



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## GUIDESTONE FINANCIAL RESOURCES

GuideStone Financial Resources exists to assist churches, denominational entities, and other evangelical ministry organizations by making available retirement plan services, life and health coverage, risk management programs, and personal and institutional investment programs.

Started in 1918 to provide financial relief to aging ministers and their widows, GuideStone is one of the largest faith-based entities to offer financial services for church and denominational workers. Formerly known as the Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, GuideStone's mission to support aging ministers and their widows and orphans began with a \$100,000 gift from the Sunday School Board (now LifeWay Christian Resources) and a nearly \$1,000,000 gift from John D. Rockefeller and his son.

Founded in an era when many churches and Christian organizations provide little retirement or insurance support for their staff, GuideStone provides vital services to leaders and staff of local churches and Convention ministries, giving them peace of mind to concentrate on the Great Commission as they reach out to their communities with the Gospel (Matthew 28:18-20; 2 Timothy 2:3-4).

GuideStone also supports the Great Commission by its sponsorship of the "Widow's Might" ministry. This ministry encourages widows to pray for Southern Baptist ministries worldwide—especially in the area of evangelism. As the GuideStone website reflects, this ministry encourages prayer for regular ongoing ministry needs as well as specific prayer requests that are posted on a quarterly basis. Unlike many Southern Baptist entities that are supported by the Cooperative Program, GuideStone Financial Resources receives no funding from the Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program allocation budget. It is supported by the fees earned on its services and the growth of its investments.



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# INTERNATIONAL MISSION BOARD

The International Mission Board (IMB) exists to assist churches of the Southern Baptist Convention to be on mission with God in penetrating the unevangelized world outside the United States and Canada with the Gospel and making Christ known among all people.

Christ commissions His followers to go and make disciples throughout the world. To play their part in fulfilling Christ's commission, IMB partners with local churches to empower limitless missionary teams who are making disciples and multiplying churches among unreached people and places to the glory of God. For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in Him will not be put to shame. For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing His riches on all who call on Him. For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." Romans 10:11-12.

The Gospel has yet to reach many remote corners of the world. The deep jungles and dry deserts contain almost 750 million people and hundreds of unreached, unengaged people groups. In many areas less than 2 percent are evangelical Christian, and many live in poverty. They have no access to the Gospel message and few can find portions of Scripture in their own language.

Through urbanization and globalization, God has provided limitless opportunities for church planters, professionals, students and retirees to make disciples and multiply churches throughout the world. IMB is uniquely equipped with more than 170 years of experience to help churches play their part in fulfilling Christ's commission. IMB is committed to provide biblically rich and culturally appropriate training while leveraging a global infrastructure for the sake of sending and supporting missionaries well.

The Cooperative Program helps fund ministries and missions through state conventions. Slightly more than 50 percent of all Cooperative Program contributions received on a national level are directed to IMB work. The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions funds more than 50 percent of IMB work. Offering funds are used exclusively to support missionaries sent around the globe by their Southern Baptist churches through IMB.



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## LIFEWAY CHRISTIAN RESOURCES

LifeWay Christian Resources is the publishing division of the Southern Baptist Convention and provider of church business services. LifeWay Christian Resources exists to honor God and serve churches by designing trustworthy experiences that fuel ministry.

The ministries of LifeWay Christian Resources have been centered in Nashville, Tennessee, since its founding in 1891. James Marion Frost, a 43-year-old pastor, founded "The Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention" in 1891. The Board began operating retail bookstores under the name "Baptist Book Store" in 1925. The "LifeWay" imprint was used on some of its materials and as the name for retail stores in the 1970s. Over a two-year period from 1996-1998 the Board re-branded its stores under the LifeWay banner and officially changed its name.

LifeWay directs its ministries through various teams:

- Church Ministries
- Publishing
- Sales and Business Management
- Finance and Business Services
- Information Technology
- Organizational Development
- Theology and Communications
- Legal Team

Today LifeWay's ministries reach across the United States and around the world through millions of Christian products used in more than 160 countries. LifeWay is a nonprofit organization that reinvests income above operating expenses in mission work and other ministries around the world.



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## NORTH AMERICAN MISSION BOARD

The North American Mission Board (NAMB) exists to work with churches, associations and state conventions in mobilizing Southern Baptists as a missional force to impact North America with the Gospel of Jesus Christ through evangelism and church planting.

North America's needs are great. Children go hungry. Neighborhoods become disaster zones after storms. Entire communities have no church presence and no one to tell them about the hope found in Christ. It doesn't have to be this way. God has a plan to reach North America: the Church. The Church feeds neighbors in need. The Church removes storm debris. The Church establishes new churches in areas with no gospel presence. The Church is God's plan—you are God's plan—to reach North America and the nations with the hope of Christ, and the North American Mission Board is here to help.

Millions living in North America's urban centers have not been reached with the Gospel. But a new church makes change possible in an unreached neighborhood. NAMB's Send Network of church planting missionaries immerse themselves in a community, learning the rhythms and culture as they establish relationships with the lost. A plant grows organically out of the evangelism efforts of the planter and his core team. The North American Mission Board comes alongside these planters—and the churches sending them—with practical training and strategic support.



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## SEMINARY EXTENSION

Seminary Extension exists to provide an affordable theological education and ministry training of excellent quality to church leaders and members wherever they live. It is a ministry of the Southern Baptist Convention Council of Seminary Presidents and is self-supporting. This council is made up of the six presidents of the theological seminaries of the Southern Baptist Convention:

- Gateway Seminary of the Southern Baptist Convention
- Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
- New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary
- Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary
- Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
- Southern Baptist Theological Seminary

In the late 1940s, servicemen had returned home from WWII, Southern Baptists were growing in number, baptisms were up, and the level of giving was increasing. Optimism was high, yet there was cause for concern. The level of education for many Southern Baptist pastors remained disturbingly low. A denominational study committee reported in 1949 that less than one-third of Southern Baptist ministers had both college and seminary training. Another third had not gone past high school. Those who yearned for further education had substantial obstacles before them. They had families to support. They had jobs they dared not leave. They shepherded a church - or churches - that needed them where they were. They had neither the funds nor the time to go away to school.

The Inter-Seminary Council of the three SBC seminaries at the time (Southern, Southwestern, New Orleans) was charged with addressing the concern of untrained ministers. The council, with the blessings of the three seminary presidents, decided the time had come to provide local education opportunities. In 1951, the first Seminary Extension Department was opened. By 1956, 106 extension centers had been established, enrolling 3,358 students in sixteen states. Two full-time workers had been added to the staff and three new seminaries joined the Inter-seminary Council as sponsors of Seminary Extension (Midwestern, Golden Gate, and Southeastern).

Today, Seminary Extension is taking theological education to people in all fifty states and some foreign countries. They are helping students grow in knowledge of the Bible, and through them, strengthening churches.



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A collaboration between the International Mission Board and North American Mission Board, SEND Relief is here to help make a difference —because compassion ministry opens doors to the Gospel.

Sharing the love of Jesus is central to everything at SEND Relief. Whether it's responding to natural disasters, caring for refugees and displaced families, fighting human trafficking at home and abroad, supporting adoption and foster care efforts and strengthening communities facing economic and physical crises, the goal is the same.

Every day in our community there are people hurting. The enormity of the needs—poverty, refugees, foster care, human trafficking—makes it easy to feel overwhelmed. Right now, people are searching for hope in the midst of turmoil. A mother in Uganda needs food for her children. A refugee family in the United States needs help learning English. What can just one church—just one Christian—do? That's where SEND Relief comes in. When a network of thousands of "just one" churches and Christians step out in faith and on mission, the impact is expansive and eternal. When help and hope combine, lives are changed.



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## SOUTHERN BAPTIST FOUNDATION

The Southern Baptist Foundation exists to advance God's kingdom by providing financial services and encouraging Christian stewardship. The Foundation has been inspiring individuals since 1947 to invest in Christian causes that are making an impact around the world. Missionaries are being trained and encouraged, students are being educated to share the Gospel, churches are being planted, cities are being transformed, and lives are being impacted and forever changed across the world.

The Foundation offers a broad range of financial services. They provide high impact biblically responsible investing that supports Christian entities and ministries. The Foundation seeks to generate investment returns in ways that reflect very low tolerance for capital losses while delivering superior long-term investment results. Clients are supported by a dedicated team of fiduciary specialists, relationship managers, investment consultants, portfolio managers, attorneys, and accountants with years of experience.

Believers have a compelling reason to consider estate planning because God instructs us to be wise stewards. With proper planning, a greater amount of the resources God has entrusted to believers can be directed to their families, churches, and the ministries they love. The Foundation offers a full range of estate planning services to assist believers in providing for their families and making gifts to Christian organizations either during one's lifetime or by will.

Presentations by the staff are regularly shared with conferences, ministries, and to church groups on an array of stewardship topics. It is clear throughout the Bible that believers are to give generously. In the New Testament, God led by example when He gave us His only son because He loved us so much. "For God so loved the world, He gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him. Whoever believes in Him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son." John 3:16-18

The Foundation is a proud member of the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability—an accreditation agency dedicated to helping ministries reach the public's trust through adherence to the utmost standards, Christian ethics, and stewardship.



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# SOUTHERN BAPTIST HISTORICAL LIBRARY & ARCHIVES

The Southern Baptist Historical Library & Archives exists to provide a worldwide center for the study of Baptist history. It is one of the major denominational collections in the nation and serves as the central depository and archives of SBC records and is governed by the Council of Seminary Presidents,

Established in 1938 as a part of the Southern Baptist Historical Society, the Library and Archives was formerly housed at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. In 1951, the Historical Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention was chartered in Tennessee as the Convention's history agency, and the (Southern Baptist) Historical Society was rechartered as its auxiliary. In 1953, the contents of the Historical Society library were integrated with the Dargan Library of the Sunday School Board. The Dargan-Carver Library functioned as one library with two collections. Although the collections were together, the ownership of each item was defined, and each agency kept its own accession records. Since 1985, the SBHLA has been located on the fourth floor of the Southern Baptist Convention building where it occupies more than 10,000 square feet of floor space. Its resources include thousands of books, annuals of Baptist associations and conventions, comprehensive files of Baptist newspapers, audio and video recordings, photographs, pamphlets, archival records, manuscripts, microfilm reels of Baptist historical materials, and an environmentally controlled rare book room featuring a collection of rare Bibles dating from the early 1600's.

The purposes of the Library and Archives are to:

- Serve as a research center for the study of the life and history of Baptists, in particular Southern Baptists,
- Collect, preserve, and make available for use a wide range of materials that document Baptist history,
- Serve as the denominational archives for the Southern Baptist Convention and to collect, preserve, and make available for use the official records of the Convention and its agencies,
- Assist Southern Baptist churches, associations, state conventions, and SBC agencies in the location and preservation of historical records.

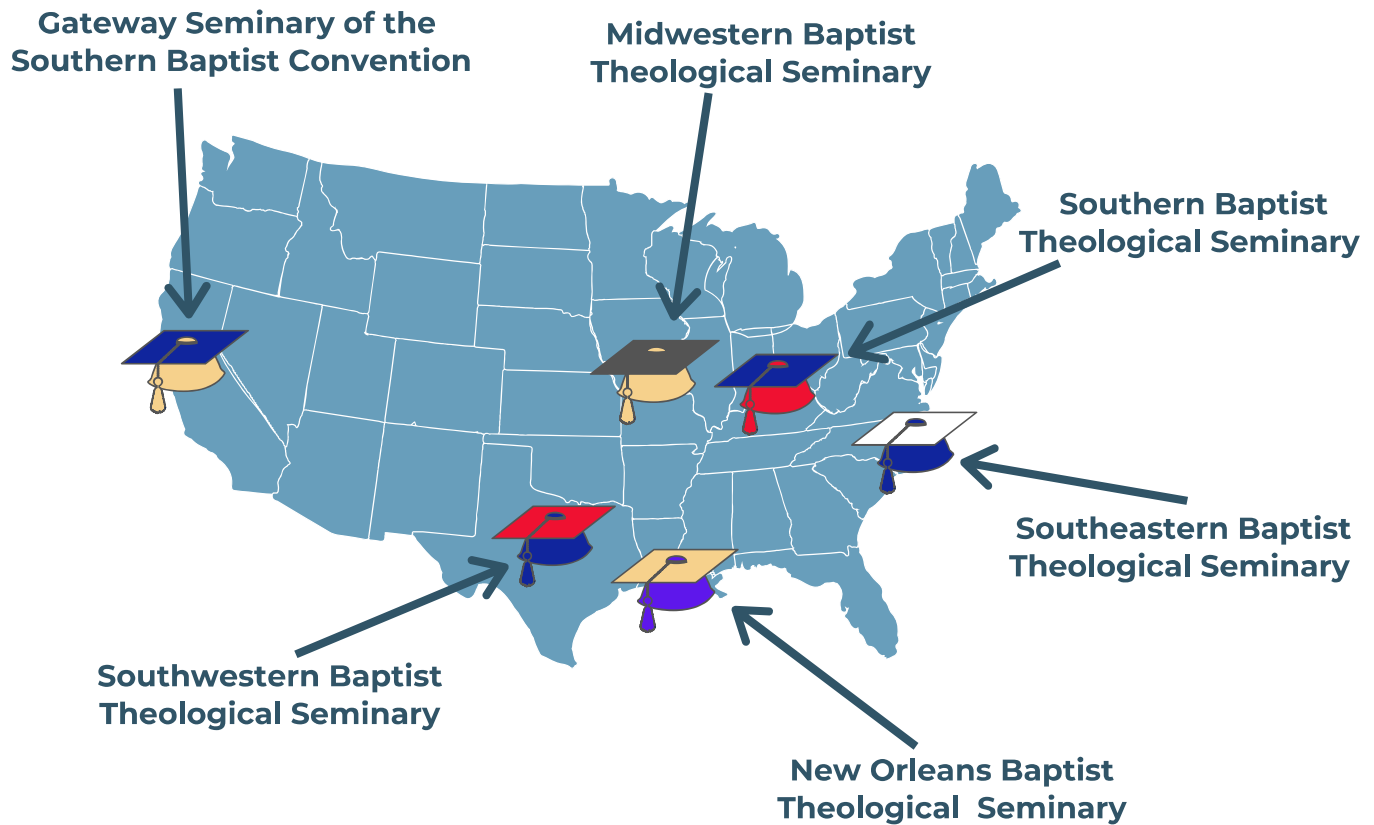


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# SOUTHERN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARIES



Collectively, these six Southern Baptist seminaries are preparing God-called men and women for vocational service in Baptist churches and in other Christian ministries throughout the world through programs of spiritual development, theological studies, and practical preparation in ministry.



The seminaries train qualified students at the doctoral level for programs of leadership, research, writing, and teaching. In an era when many faith groups have seen a decline in the number of students surrendering to God's call for ministerial service, the six Southern Baptist seminaries have flourished. The largest programs of training offered by the seminaries are master's-level theological education for ministers and Christian workers. Grounded in the teachings of God's inerrant Word, future ministers, missionaries, and employees of the various entities are trained to labor in the Great Commission.

# GATEWAY SEMINARY OF THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

Gateway Seminary is a seminary of the Southern Baptist Convention in Ontario, California. Gateway's mission is to shape leaders who expand God's knowledge around the world.

Established in 1944 in Oakland, California, Gateway is one of the 10 largest seminaries in the United States. The Seminary has conferred degrees on more than 8,000 graduates. Gateway moved the main campus in 2016 to Ontario, California, and changed the name of the institution to Gateway Seminary.

Gateway Seminary operates a system of five campuses situated near urban cities in the western region of the United States

- Los Angeles Campus in Ontario, California (Greater Los Angeles Area)
- San Francisco Campus in Fremont, California (San Francisco Bay Area)
- Arizona Campus in Scottsdale, Arizona (Phoenix Metropolitan Area)
- Pacific Northwest Campus in Vancouver, Washington (Portland Area)
- Rocky Mountain Campus in Centennial, Colorado (Denver Metropolitan Area)

Gateway is a theological graduate school that educates men and women to take the Gospel to the nations. Known as one of the most multicultural seminaries in the world, Gateway's diversity enables it to equip and challenge students to more effective ministry leadership in the 21st century. The faculty, staff and administration work together through the Seminary's curriculum and co-curricular activities to shape leaders by encouraging and promoting personal, spiritual and professional growth in the following leadership areas:

- Followers of Jesus
- Connected to other believers and leaders
- Focused on living out their calling
- Missional in character and practice
- Relevant to their ministry context

90 percent of all hours taught at Gateway are taught by faculty holding a doctoral degree. As a Southern Baptist seminary, Gateway teaches in accordance with and not contrary to the Baptist Faith & Message 2000.



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# MIDWESTERN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary (MWBTS) is a seminary of the Southern Baptist Convention in Kansas City, Missouri. MWBTS exists for the Church. They serve the church by biblically educating God-called men and women to be and make disciples of Jesus Christ.

Upon the founding of the seminary in 1957, Midwestern's trustees declared that the seminary would adopt, as its own, the Baptist Faith and Message, which had been adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention in 1925. The SBC ratified a revised Baptist Faith and Message statement in 1963, and most recently the Baptist Faith and Message was amended in 2000. MWBTS affirmed that statement, and it continues to constitute the seminary's own statement of faith.

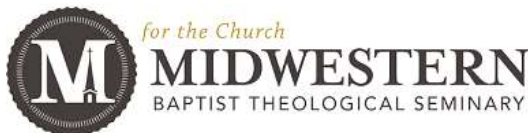
The core values of MWBTS consist of the ideologies of:

- Veritas (Truth) – “Knowing”
- Pietas (Devotion) – “Being”
- Missio (Evangelism) – “Doing”

These values are based on a thoughtful process of first knowing God's truth; then being and becoming a thoughtful, committed disciple; and finally, taking the great truths and putting them into practice for the sake of the Kingdom.

MWBTS students come from a wide variety of cultural, economic and geographical backgrounds. Like the faculty and staff, students are committed to theological education in preparation for the practice of ministry. MWBTS has awarded thousands of theological degrees.

From start to finish, MWBTS strives to transform students by renewing their minds with biblical truth, igniting their hearts with ministry passion, and enriching their souls with deepened Christ-likeness. MWBTS derives the majority of its financial support from the SBC Cooperative Program. In addition to Cooperative Program funds and student fees, alumni gifts and endowments from special friends enable the school to further its far-reaching ministry.



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# NEW ORLEANS BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary (NOBTS) is a seminary of the Southern Baptist Convention in New Orleans, Louisiana. NOBTS's mission is to to change the world by fulfilling the Great Commission and the Great Commandments through the local church and its ministries.

The Southern Baptist Convention founded the institution as the Baptist Bible Institute during the 1917 convention meeting in New Orleans. This was the first institution created as a direct act of the Southern Baptist Convention. The institute's purpose was centered on missionary work, and initially established as a gateway to Central America.

In 1946, the SBC revised the institutes' charter to enable it to become a seminary, and the name was changed to New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Missions and evangelism have remained the core focus of the seminary.

In the 1950s, NOBTS relocated from Washington Avenue in the Garden District to a more spacious campus in the Gentilly neighborhood of New Orleans. The school purchased a 75-acre pecan orchard and transformed it into what is now a bustling campus over 100 buildings, including academic buildings, faculty and staff housing, and student housing.

The Museum of the Bible and Archaeology on the NOBTS campus features ancient Hebrew scrolls of the Old Testament, replicas and images of papyrus manuscripts of the New Testament, facsimiles of major Greek manuscripts of the New Testament, Latin manuscripts of the Bible, part of a real Gutenberg Bible from the 15th century, a large collection of English Bibles from the KJV onward, including a 3rd edition KJV from AD 1617, and archaeological artifacts from Israel.

NOBTS offers an academic environment that utilizes innovative delivery systems, preparing our students for ministry. NOBTS blends scholarship, practicality, accessibility, and a sense of urgency-all of which make ministry training at New Orleans unmatched. As a major port city, New Orleans is home to people from across the globe, but only a small minority identify as evangelical Christians. In their classrooms, cities, and churches, students and faculty are fueled by the urgency of the Great Commission.



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# SOUTHEASTERN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary (SEBTS) is a seminary of the Southern Baptist Convention in Wake Forest, North Carolina. SEBTS's mission is to seek to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ by equipping students to serve the Church and fulfill the Great Commission.

SEBTS was created in 1950 to meet a need in the SBC's East Coast region. It was voted into existence on May 19, 1950, at the SBC annual meeting and began offering classes in the fall of 1951 on the original campus of Wake Forest University (then Wake Forest College) in Wake Forest, North Carolina. When the college moved to Winston-Salem, North Carolina, SEBTS acquired the whole campus.

SEBTS's reach extends from Wake Forest across the globe. They aim to make God's Kingdom vision of people from every tribe, tongue and nation worshipping Christ together a reality on our campus and in our churches (Revelation 7:9).

One of the first chemical laboratories constructed on a Southern college campus is at SEBTS. Lea Laboratory was built in 1887-88 and is the oldest remaining building on the original campus was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1975.

SEBTS launched its Kingdom Diversity Initiative in 2013 with the goal of seeking and equipping students from every corner of the kingdom to serve in every context of the kingdom. SEBTS has seen significant growth in the last five years, both numerically and culturally, through intentional efforts like the Kingdom Diversity Scholarship, the Kingdom Diversity Missions Initiative, student events and faculty trainings.

Students are encouraged to think globally about their faith and their ministry, whether studying to be a pastor, counselor, youth minister, educator, missionary, or anything else. Southeastern features world-class programs in missions, ethics, counseling, preaching, apologetics and more than a dozen other concentrations designed to strengthen and equip the future leaders of Christ's church.



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# SOUTHERN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary (SBTS) is a seminary of the Southern Baptist Convention in Louisville, Kentucky. SBTS's mission 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.

Just two years after Southern's founding in 1859 in Greenville, South Carolina, the nation plunged into the Civil War and students left their coursework to join the war effort. The seminary had to close in the fall of 1862. There was no feasible path to reopening the school but the faculty determined to go forward by faith. They reopened the seminary in 1865.

In order to secure a new endowment, however, the seminary had to relocate. The trustees considered Chattanooga, Atlanta, Memphis, and Louisville. They chose Louisville because its civic leaders promised strong support and Kentucky Baptists offered to contribute the bulk of the endowment. When the seminary moved to Kentucky in 1877, an unprecedented 89 students registered for classes, foreshadowing the remarkable growth the seminary would experience in Louisville.

One of SBT's distinguishing features is its faculty, whose contributions place the seminary at the forefront of evangelical scholarship. The faculty's academic achievement is matched by a willingness to invest in students, ensuring that an indelible mark is left on students' entire lives. Studying at Southern not only gives students the chance to read good books, it lets them study with the authors.



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# SOUTHWESTERN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

One of the largest seminaries in the world, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary (SWBTS) equips men and women with a strong theological foundation to fulfill God's calling on their lives. Rooted in Scripture and branching out to fulfill the Great Commission, Southwestern Seminary has trained and commissioned thousands of graduates to serve in local churches and mission fields around the world.

In 1908, B.H. Carroll established the seminary on the campus of Baylor University, and Southwestern moved to its current location on Seminary Hill in Fort Worth in 1910. From the beginning, the major thrust of the seminary has been to provide theological training for "preachers of the Gospel." In 1915, two departments were created to complement the School of Theology—the Department of Religious Education, headed by J.M. Price, and the Department of Gospel Music, headed by I.E. Reynolds. Six years later, in 1921, both of these departments became full-fledged schools. The School of Gospel Music became the School of Sacred Music in 1926 and underwent another name change in 1957 when it became the School of Church Music. In 2019, the name was modified to the School of Church Music and Worship. The School of Religious Education was renamed the School of Educational Ministries in 1997. In 2009, the school was renamed for Jack D. Terry, Jr., and is now known as the Terry School of Educational Ministries.

SWBTS graduates serve in numerous Christian ministries in churches and in the Southern Baptist Convention, as well as on mission fields around the world. From its inception, SWBTS has sought to combine the highest standards of research and scholarship with vigorous training in the practical areas of ministry including missions, evangelism, discipleship, preaching and worship. The primary purpose of the Seminary is to provide theological education for individuals engaging in Christian ministry.

SWBTS assists the churches of the Southern Baptist Convention by biblically educating God-called men and women for ministries that fulfill the Great Commission and glorify God. The primary purpose of the Seminary is to provide theological education for individuals engaging in Christian ministry.

SWBTS is dedicated to providing a biblically based education that enables students to integrate faith and practice. SWBTS affirms the ancient proclamation that "Christ is Lord" and seeks to honor Him in everything.



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# WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

The Woman's Missionary Union (WMU) exists to assist churches in developing and implementing a comprehensive strategy of missions in order that a church can fulfill its total mission in the world. For more than 130 years, WMU has devoted itself to working with churches and believers to accomplish the mission of God.

In 1888, a handful of women dedicated to the cause of missions founded Woman's Missionary Union. Since that time, WMU has become the largest Protestant organization for women in the world, with a membership of approximately 1 million. WMU also was the first and remains the largest body of organized laity in the Southern Baptist Convention.

From the beginning, WMU's main purpose has been to educate and involve women, girls, and preschoolers in the cause of Christian missions.. It accomplishes these purposes primarily through age-level organizations. Financial support of missionaries has always been a priority for women involved in WMU. When the women founded the organization in 1888, one of their first items of business was to accept the request to raise money for the two mission boards. Within the first year, the women contributed over \$30,700 to the two entities. The women's efforts are known today as the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions. The Christmas offering was named for Lottie Moon in 1918. The Easter offering was named for Annie Armstrong in 1934. The two offerings remained women's offerings until 1956, when WMU agreed to promote the offerings churchwide. Billions of dollars have been raised for these offerings through the WMU's commitment.

WMU challenges Christian believers to understand and be radically involved in the mission of God. WMU also focuses on:

- bringing restoration to countless lives through Christian Women's Job Corps and Christian Men's Job Corps,
- providing missionaries and the communities they serve with clean water resources through Pure Water,
- mobilizing children to serve their communities and share the gospel through Children's Missions Day,
- inspiring awareness and action around critical social issues like the global refugee crisis through Project HELP,
- making an eternal impact on artisans around the world by developing sustainable fair-trade businesses.



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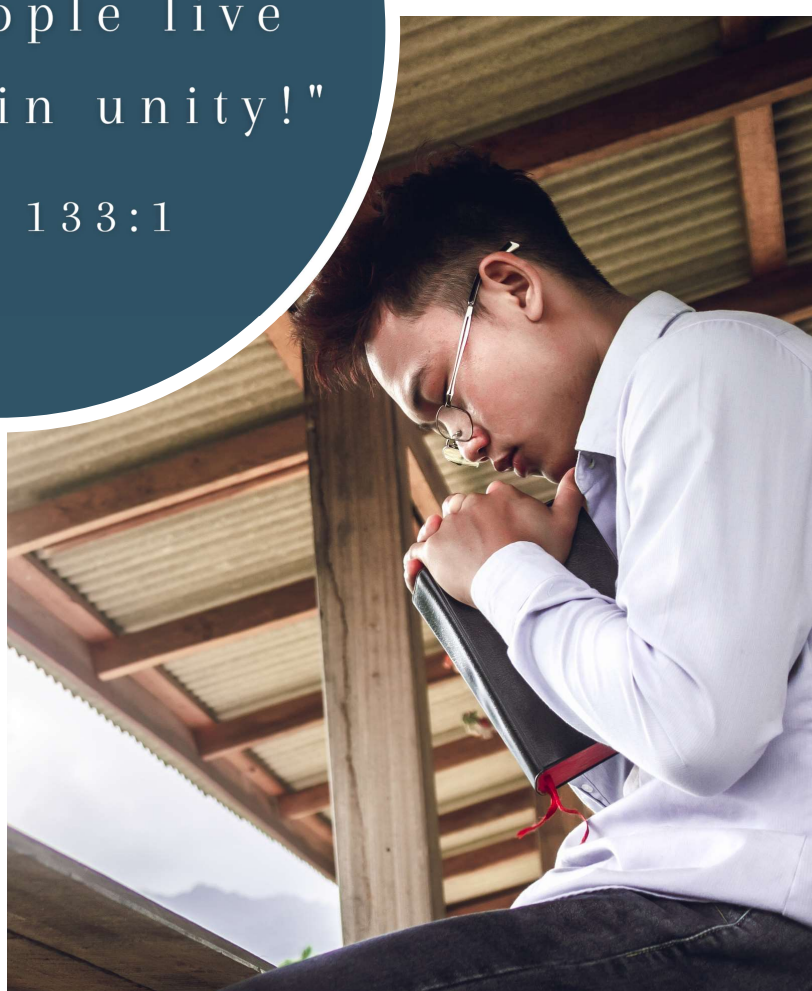






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pleasant it is when  
God's people live  
together in unity!"

Psalm 133:1



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