



## SOUTHEASTERN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

### QUICK FACT SHEET

- Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary is a ministry of the Southern Baptist Convention, which consists of 42,000 churches and 16 million individual members of those churches nationwide. The term "Southern Baptist Convention" refers to both the denomination and its annual meeting. Working through 1,200 local associations and 41 state conventions and fellowships, Southern Baptists share a common bond of basic Biblical beliefs and a commitment to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the entire world. One becomes a Southern Baptist by uniting with a Southern Baptist church, in friendly cooperation with the general Southern Baptist enterprise of reaching the world for Christ.
- A large part of Southeastern's operational funding is provided through a Southern Baptist ministry known as the Cooperative Program. The Cooperative Program allows churches to give a certain percentage of their annual income to the Convention's Executive Committee, which then divides that money among the Southern Baptist Convention agencies, including seminaries, according to a formula set by messengers to the Convention's annual meetings.
- Southeastern is governed by a Board of Trustees, the membership of which is indirectly elected by messengers to the Convention's annual meetings. The Trustees convene in regularly scheduled meetings in the Fall and Spring of each year, but allowances are made for special called meetings when necessary.
- Southeastern is the largest seminary on the East Coast of the United States, with more than 2,600 students in both undergraduate and graduate degree programs.
- Southeastern opened its doors in 1950, after purchasing its campus from Wake Forest College. It has operated continually since that time.
- Dr. Daniel L. Akin is the sixth president of Southeastern. He is a well-known scholar, preacher, husband, and father. Presidents that have preceded him include:
  - L. Paige Patterson, 1992-2003
  - Lewis A. Drummond, 1988-1992
  - William Randall Lolley, 1974-1988
  - Olin Trivette Binkley, 1963-1974
  - Sydnor Lorenzo Stealey, 1951-1963
- For more information about Southeastern, contact the Communications Office at 919-761-2270 or e-mail [communications@sebts.edu](mailto:communications@sebts.edu).

## **Southeastern's Mission**

Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary seeks to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ by equipping students to serve the Church and fulfill the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20).

## **Southeastern's Identity**

Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary is an institution of higher learning and a Cooperative Program ministry of the Southern Baptist Convention.

## **Southeastern's Confession**

Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary affirms the Bible as the authoritative Word of God. We covenant to teach in accordance with and not contrary to the Abstract of Principles and the Baptist Faith & Message. We further affirm the Chicago Statement on Biblical Inerrancy and the Danvers Statement on Biblical Manhood and Womanhood.

## **Core Competencies**

To fulfill the mission of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary we seek to develop the following competencies in students who graduate from this institution:

**Spiritual Formation:** Acquire the knowledge and skills necessary to pursue a vital Christian life and witness manifest in all personal relationships and vocational endeavors.

**Biblical Exposition:** Gain a basic comprehension of Scripture and learn to interpret and communicate it properly and effectively.

**Theological Integration:** Understand and apply the doctrines of Christianity to all areas of life and ministry.

**Christian Leadership:** Cultivate a godly disposition marked by wisdom, humility and grace and develop skills to lead effectively in the church and world.

**Ministry Preparation:** Acquire and apply the knowledge and skills necessary for Christian ministry.