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Special Points of Interest:

- **Social Media:** Like us on Facebook (NOBTS Birmingham) and Follow us on Twitter @nobtsbirmingham.
- **Registration:** Red Carpet Week registration deadline **is Saturday**. The schedule for Main Campus Fall 2013 Internet, Worskshop and Hybrid classes is now online. Please continue to check the Birmingham site as our schedule will be posted soon. Also registration is **NOW OPEN!!**
- **Graduates:** If you plan to graduate in May, please submit your name and the degree you have achieved to Zach for our special graduation newsletter.

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DR. BILL HENRY ON CAMPUS TODAY!

Birmingham—Are you trying to discern God's calling on your life? Have you been desiring to serve in a church just to "get your feet wet" in ministry, but don't know where to start. Then Unlimited Partnerships may have the solution for you! UP is an organization dedicated to partnering seminary students with local churches for the purpose of training in ministry. Dr. Bill Henry, Director of Chapter Ministries and Student Sponsorships, will be here today from 2pm-7pm. He will be speaking in classes and available to talk with any interested student. The traditional

two year program provides a student with a local church to serve in as an educational/discipleship minister, a base



salary of \$15,000 year, monthly training, a mentor, and countless resources for

ministry. However, the traditional program is not all that UP offers. If you are already serving as a pastor in a local church you can also receive the resources and mentoring through UP. Also if you are serving in a local church as a youth or educational minister, you too can receive the re-sources and mentoring. This is a great opportunity that you do not want to pass up. UP is ready to begin the process with students and is looking to place students in churches. For more information about Unlimited Partnerships please see Dr. Pate or visit www.unlimitedpartnerships.org

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS DEADLINE APRIL 30!

Birmingham—It is hard to believe that the spring semester is almost behind us. In roughly a month the Birmingham Center will let out for summer break. But before you start making plans to head the beach, you need to make plans on how you will pay for your classes in the fall. Do you find it difficult to pay tuition each semester? Are you tired of student loans? We want to make you aware of some funding through the seminary that can help you pay for classes in the fall. You must ask yourself two questions (1) Am I a cur-

rent student at Leavell College or NOBTS? (2) Do I plan to take at least two classes in the fall? If you said yes to both of



those questions then you qualify for the Current Student Scholarship. Funding is

awarded based on the funds allotted each semester, and they vary each semester. However, it is an excellent way to help pay for tuition. How to apply? Visit www.nobts.edu and click on the Fall scholarships link on the homepage. Fill out the application and you will know during the summer if you have been awarded a scholarship for the fall. If you have any questions feel free to contact Owen Nease at the Financial Aid Office 504.282.4455 ext. 3348 or email financialaid@nobts.edu.

Prayer Requests

- Pray for the victims of the Boston Marathon and the West, TX fertilizer plant.
- Pray for revival in our lives, families, churches, association, convention, and nation.
- Pray for area churches as they begin preparations for summer missions opportunities (VBS, Mission Trips, Youth Trips, etc.)

If you have a prayer request please send it to bhamasst.nobts@gmail.com

Important Dates

April 27: Red Carpet Week Deadline

May 18: Graduation (Main Campus)

May 27-31: Red Carpet Week

July 22-Aug 2: Academic Workshops

Aug 19: Fall Semester Begins!

LEAVELL COLLEGE PROFESSOR CALLED TO PLANT CHURCH IN MIAMI

In this week's interview we talk with Leavell College Professor, Dr. Derek Allen. This is Dr. Allen's first semester as a professor here at the Birmingham Extension Center. He will not, however, be returning in the Fall as a professor because he and his family will be moving to Miami, FL to plant a church. Miami is one of the 30 target cities for NAMB. He has an exciting, yet hard road ahead as he follows God's call.

Where did you grow up?

I grew up in Attalla, Alabama.

Briefly describe your testimony

I was raised in church and thought I was a follower of Jesus just because of my parent's faith and my church attendance. At the age of 6, the Lord showed me that I had sin in my life and that I needed to repent and accept his offer of salvation.

Briefly describe your call to ministry

After committing my life to Christ, the Lord used my church and family to help me grow in faith and understanding. At 14,

God brought me to a crisis point by giving me what I thought I wanted more than anything—popularity. In a moment, surrounded by all my new friends, I realized how empty it all was. The fulfillment I was looking for was not there. At that moment, I knew that only God could satisfy my deepest desires. I committed to go anywhere and do anything he wanted me to do. Two years later, God called me into ministry, and I was ready to answer.

Are you married and do you have any children?

I have been married to Lindsay for 9 years, and we have 3 children, Jackson (4), Meredith (2), and Sawyer (3 weeks).

Where do you serve in ministry?

Currently, I am the Executive Pastor at Smoke Rise Baptist Church in Warrior, Alabama. At the end of May, my family and I are moving to Miami Florida to plant Christ Centered Church.



What is your favorite hobby?

My favorite hobbies are dating my wife, playing with my kids, reading, and running for an hour or two for no apparent reason.

What is your favorite sport to watch and/or play?

Being from Alabama, I love to watch college football and I love to play basketball.

What seminary class do you teach? Why do you enjoy teaching?

I teach Integrating Academics and Ministry. I enjoy teaching

because it gives me an opportunity to invest in the lives of students the way that my professors invested in me.

Besides the Bible what was the last book you read?

I just finished Follow Me by David Platt, and I am in the middle of Bonhoeffer by Eric Metaxas.

What is one piece of advice you would give to students about their years in seminary?

The best advice I can give students is to focus on each class and squeeze everything they can out of it for the glory of God and their personal discipleship and development. Doing so will take you further, faster, than speeding through seminary or earning a degree.

As an NOBTS family let us partner with Dr. Allen and his family in prayer for their new church plant. If you would like to follow the progress of Christ Centered Church you can follow Dr. Allen on Facebook and Twitter or you can visit www.christcenteredchurch.net



FALL 2013 NOBTS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

CURRENT STUDENTS APPLY
APRIL 1-30