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Special Points of Interest:

- **Snack Table:** Please remember that all snacks and drinks are 50 cents.
- **Student ID:** If you DO NOT have a student ID please see Zach about getting one made.
- **Social Media:** Like us on Facebook (NOBTS Birmingham) and Follow us on Twitter @nobtsbirmingham.
- **VA Students:** Be sure that the proper forms have been filled out and turned in. If you have any questions please see Dr. Pate.

LIBRARY RESOURCES

Birmingham—A new semester has begun which means new challenges are on the horizon. Maybe your syllabus shock has worn off, as you realize that out of the four classes you are taking you have eight papers to write! How did that happen? I know that many of your papers are not due for a few months, but it is never too late to get started. Never fear, your friends at the Library are here to help! We would like to put some resources in your hand that will help you be successful this semester. The Birmingham Extension Center Library maintains a collection of more than 2,600 volumes. We have multiple commentaries for each Old and New Testament book. We also have multiple

resources available for theology, counseling, church growth, pastoral ministry, biblical languages, etc. Another



great resource are the many theological journals we have in house. These are not available for check out, but copies can be made of any article you need. We also have access to online databases for the latest research in psychology, coun-

seling, and theological journals, etc. NOBTS students also have access to the Samford University Libraries. Simply present your NOBTS student ID to the front desk. Don't forget about the John T. Christian Library on the Main Campus. You can checkout books from the main campus and they will ship them to you. Needless to say you should not have trouble finding the resources you need for those papers this semester. If you have any questions about the Birmingham library or would like to request the login information for online journals see Zach. If you have any questions about the main campus library and our resources please call 504.816.8018 or visit www.nobts.edu/library.

UNLIMITED PARTNERSHIPS PROVIDES GREAT OPPORTUNITY

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. 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. Each church that



a student is partnered with needs help in some way and this program is a "win/win" for both student and church. How-

ever, 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 resources and mentoring. This is a great opportunity that you do not want to pass up. For more information please see Dr. Pate or visit www.unlimitedpartnerships.org.

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Prayer Requests

- Pray for a good semester of learning and ministry training!
- Pray for revival in our lives, families, churches, association, convention, and nation.
- Pray for the Evangelism Conference February 25-26th, in Trussville.

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

Important Dates

Feb 12: Office Closed (Mardi Gras)

Feb 15-16: Greer Heard (NOLA)

Feb 17: Graduation Deadline

March 18-22: Spring Break

March 29: Office Closed

May 18: Graduation

May 27-31: Red Carpet Week

MEET LEAVELL COLLEGE PROFESSOR DR. JASON JARVIS



In our first newsletter of the Spring 2013 semester. We would like for you to meet a Leavell College Professor who has an amazing testimony of God's grace and provision: Dr. Jason Jarvis.

Where did you grow up?

I lived in several fun places growing up. I lived at a home for children outside Pigeon Forge TN when I was beginning school. I also lived in Montevallo, then Bessemer AL through

high school.

What is your testimony? (Brief)

I became a follower of Christ when I was thirteen. I grew up going to church "every time the doors were opened", but the Holy Spirit opened my eyes to God's grace during a revival in my home church.

Briefly tell me about your call to ministry.

God led me to begin seminary in 2000. I was not sure what God was calling me to do, but I knew He had a plan. Seminary was very different than what I had planned. I had already prepared to finish an MBA at Samford, and I was doing well in business. I struggled to determine if God was really the one leading me, but He soon confirmed what I was hearing. My wife had been praying for direction and believed God was preparing her for this major change. When I discussed my struggle with her, she began to cry and explained her experience with me. We

prayed together about this matter until we knew God was the one leading this change. He provided specifics over the following year, and He has continued to be faithful in providing direction at the right time.

Are you married? Kids?

Michelle and I have been married for twenty-one years. We have three children: Caleb is a sophomore at the Birmingham Extension Center. Caleb is married to Katie (we claim her as our daughter). Candace is in the eighth grade at Thompson Middle School. We also have an eight-year-old dachshund named Mack.

Where do you serve in ministry?

We planted Fellowship Church in Alabaster in 2004. I resigned as pastor in November, but we continue to be involved in this ministry, and we are seeking God's direction for our next place of service. I am also on the board of multiple non-profit organizations that support pas-

tors and new church plants.

What is your favorite hobby?

Playing tennis and golf

What is your favorite sport to watch?

Golf or football

What is your favorite seminary class to teach?

Hermeneutics is my favorite class to teach because of its importance in properly communicating the word of God.

Besides the Bible what was the last book you read?

The Pursuit of God, by A.W. Tozer

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

Seek more than grades and a diploma. Build relationships that will last, and discipline yourself to grow spiritually so God can equip you for his service.



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THE Bible & SEX

February 15-16, 2013
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Amos Professor of New Testament for Doctoral Studies at Asbury Theological Seminary and Doctoral Faculty at the University of St. Andrews (Scotland)

Larnell Harris, award-winning singer and songwriter

Fred Luter, President, Southern Baptist Conventionsinger

Monday and Tuesday,
February 25-26
First Baptist Church,
Trussville