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COMMENCEMENT



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COLLEGE AWARDS CHAPEL

MAY 7 • 9AM • NETTLETON CENTER

CONGREGATIONAL SONG

All I Have is Christ.....Dr. Christopher Ellis

WELCOME, PRAYER, AND EXPLANATION..... Dr. Joshua Boyd

DEPARTMENT AWARDS

Division of General Education..... Dr. Joshua Boyd

Division of Bible and Theology

Theology.....Dr. Alan Cole

Biblical Languages.....Dr. Douglas Brown

Biblical Studies..... Dr. Keith Kobelia

Division of Ministry

Local Church Discipleship Ministries..... Dr. Ken Rathbun

Biblical Counseling.....Dr. Dennis Wilkening

Women's Ministry..... Mrs. Faith Taylor

Office Administration..... Miss Karis Cole

Organizational Leadership..... Mr. Michael Thomas

Cross-Cultural Ministries..... Mr. Brian Trainer

Pastoral Studies..... Dr. Dean Taylor

Excellence in Music..... Dr. Christopher Ellis

Student Teacher of the Year..... Dr. Mark Stupka

CHRISTIAN SERVICE.....Dr. Dennis Wilkening

DELTA EPSILON CHI.....Dr. Ken Rathbun

SENIOR CLASS GIFT..... Ben Hackley

CLOSING PRAYER.....Ben Hackley



CLASS OFFICERS

2025-2026

SENIORS

President - Ben Hackley
Vice President - Josiah Anderson
Chaplain - Daniel Subra
Secretary - Katie Farr
Treasurer - Allison Tappan
Male SA Rep - Philip Martin
Female SA Rep - Abigail Gleiter
Male GRC Rep - Jeremiah Murphree
Female GRC Rep - Delaney Reece
Usher - Caleb Murphy
Class Advisor - Dr. Mark Stupka

JUNIORS

President - Derek Burman
Vice President - David Williams
Chaplain - Trey Ogren
Secretary - Lexi Taylor
Treasurer - Elliana Wolters
Male SA Rep - Grayson Hewett
Female SA Rep - Kaylie Murray
Male GRC Rep - Josh Rockensock
Female GRC Rep - Kaylee Flinck
Usher - Andrew Lamansky
Usher - Carter Whitcher
Class Advisor - Dr. Dennis Wilkening

STUDENT LEADERS

2025-2026

MEN'S RESIDENT ADVISORS

Tyler Augustus
Josiah Anderson
Amos Glover
Ben Hackley
Alan Moscosa
Owen Rodman
Daniel Subra
Carter Whitcher

WOMEN'S RESIDENT ADVISORS

Hope Christensen
Jubilee Edwards
Katie Farr
Kaylee Flinck
Rachel Partin
Megan Rodman
Shelby Schrepfer
Allison Tappan
Abigale Vandewater

SOPHOMORES

President - Zee Streit
Vice President - Aarin Howe
Chaplain - Ethan Boelsma
Secretary - April Cline
Treasurer - Annika Franklin
Male SA Rep - Titus Bennett
Female SA Rep - Lauren Knight
Male GRC Rep - Daniel Gums
Female GRC Rep - BayoJoy Afolabi
Usher - Andrew Kealen
Class Advisor - Dr. Lynn McCool

FRESHMEN

President - Matthew Fair Jr.
Vice President - Michael Ashmore
Chaplain - Jonathan Koel
Secretary - Brianna Hake
Treasurer - Molly Anderson
Male SA Rep - Noah Hayes
Female SA Rep - Claire Largent
Male GRC Rep - Oden Montoya
Female GRC Rep - Kelsy Welch
Class Advisor - Mr. Christian Banks

GRC OFFICERS

President - Connor Parrish
Vice President - Liam Shay
Secretary/Treasurer - Annika Franklin
Connect Coordinator - Natalie Boyd

FCTA COMMITTEE

Emma Boldt
Eliana Fritz
Rebecca Hulinsky
Derek Miller

SA OFFICERS

President - Andy Hackley
Vice President - Luke Akins
Chaplain - Amos Glover
Secretary - Eliana Fritz
Treasurer - Rachel Partin

SEMINARY OFFICERS

President - Marco Muñiz
Vice President - Raymond Denger
Secretary - Rebecca Franklin

SEMINARY BACCALAUREATE

MAY 7 • 12PM • ANKENY BAPTIST CHURCH

PRELUDE	Mrs. Sherri Nicholson
PROCESSIONAL	Mrs. Sherri Nicholson/Jeremiah Murphree
WELCOME AND PRAYER	Dr. Douglas Brown
CONGREGATIONAL SONG Seminary Hymn	Dr. Keith Kobelia
SCRIPTURE READING	Dr. Timothy Little

Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also. Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier. And if a man also strive for masteries, yet is he not crowned, except he strive lawfully. The husbandman that laboureth must be first partaker of the fruits. Consider what I say and the Lord give thee understanding in all things (2 Timothy 2:1-7).

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

Recognition of Class Officers	Dr. Douglas Brown
PHT (Putting Honey Through) Award	Dr. Daniel Brown
M.A. Scholastic Award	Dr. Paul Hartog
M. Div. Scholastic Award	Dr. Douglas Brown
Graduate Awards	Seminary Faculty

CONGREGATIONAL SONG O God, Our Help in Ages Past	Dr. Keith Kobelia
EXPLANATION OF ACADEMIC REGALIA	Dr. Daniel Brown
TESTIMONIES AND CONFERRING OF HOODS	
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION WELCOME	Mr. Mark Felderman
MUSIC SELECTION	Seminary Students
CHARGE TO GRADUATES	Dr. Matt Morrell Senior Pastor at Fourth Baptist Church President of Central Baptist Theological Seminary
PRAYER	Dr. Jim Tillotson
POSTLUDE	Mrs. Sherri Nicholson

COMMENCEMENT CONCERT

MAY 7 • 7PM • NETTLETON CENTER

WELCOME AND PRAYER..... Dr. Christopher Ellis, Chair, Music Program

ORCHESTRA

Majesty/Concerto in A Minor..... Arr. Linda McKechnie
Megan Wagner, Piano

Evening in the Country..... David Williams
David Williams, Student Conductor

CHAMBER CHOIR

Can It Be?..... Benjamin David Knoedler
Arianna Gopinath, Soprano

Wings (from *Creation*)..... Dan Forrest
Laura Abrahamson, Soprano

Deep Blue (from *Creation*)..... Dan Forrest

INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLE

Trumpet Voluntary..... Arr. David R. Thomas

Rondeau..... Arr. David R. Thomas

Nettleton (Early American Hymn Tune for
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing)..... Arr. Johnnie Vinson

HANDBELL ENSEMBLE

And Can it Be..... Arr. Anna Laura Page

Be Still My Soul..... Arr. Cynthia Dobrinski

CHORALE AND ORCHESTRA

Splendor (from *Illuminare*)..... Elaine Hagenberg
Andrew McKim, Student Conductor

Gloria..... David Williams
David Williams, Student Conductor

CHORALE, CHAMBER CHOIR, AND ORCHESTRA

Great is Thy Faithfulness..... Arr. Dan Forrest

CLOSING COMMENTS..... Dr. Jim Tillotson, President

DIRECTORS

FAITH HANDBELLS Mrs. Sherri Nicholson

FAITH COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA Dr. Christopher Ellis

FAITH CHORALE AND CHAMBER CHOIR Dr. Christopher Ellis

FAITH INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLE Mrs. Jennifer Tylavsky

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ABOUT THE REGALIA

Biblical Worldview Certificate *Blue cap and gown, black tassel*

Associate of Arts *Blue cap and gown, blue tassel*

Bachelor of Science *Black cap and gown, gold on hood, gold tassel*

Bachelor of Music *Black cap and gown, pink on hood, pink tassel*

Bachelor of Arts *Black cap and gown, white on hood, white tassel*

Master of Arts in Religion *Black cap and gown, red on hood, red tassel*

Master of Arts *Black cap and gown, white on hood, white tassel*

Master of Divinity *Black cap and gown, red on hood, red tassel*

Doctor of Ministry *Black cap and gown, red on hood, gold tassel*

The inside colors of the hood are one's school colors, while the outside color pertains to the degree earned. Among our faculty, you will notice several hood colors representing both master's and doctoral degrees: white for the arts and humanities, beige for business, light blue for education, pink for music, dark blue for philosophy, and crimson for theology.

COMMENCEMENT

MAY 8 • 10AM • NETTLETON CENTER

PRELUDE Mrs. Alexa Hernandez

***PROCESSIONAL** Mrs. Alexa Hernandez

***INVOCATION** Dr. Jim Tillotson, President

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

How Great Thou Art Dr. Christopher Ellis, Chair, Music Program

SCRIPTURE READING Dr. Joshua Boyd, Chair, Division of
General Education

FAITH CHORALE AND CHAMBER CHOIR

Thine be the Glory Arr. J. Marty Cope

SPEAKER INTRODUCTION Dr. Jim Tillotson, President

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS Dr. Matt Morrell
Senior Pastor at Fourth Baptist Church
President of Central Baptist Theological Seminary

MUSIC SELECTION

Be Not Afraid Arr. Craig Courtney

Laura Abrahamson

COLLEGE CLASS OF 2026 Dr. Ken Rathbun, VP of Academic
Services and College Dean

PRESENTATION OF COLLEGE DIPLOMAS

Dr. Jim Tillotson, *President*

Dr. Ken Rathbun, *VP of Academic Services and College Dean*

Mr. Jeffrey Bunjer, *Registrar*

Mrs. Lori Wilkening, *Dean of Women*

SEMINARY CLASS OF 2026 Dr. Douglas Brown, Seminary Dean

PRESENTATION OF SEMINARY DIPLOMAS

Dr. Jim Tillotson, *President*

Dr. Douglas Brown, *Seminary Dean*

Mr. Jeffrey Bunjer, *Registrar*

Mrs. Lori Wilkening, *Dean of Women*

***BENEDICTION** Dr. Jim Tillotson, President

***RECESSIONAL** Mrs. Alexa Hernandez

**Congregation will please stand.*

HOW GREAT THOU ART

Stanza 1

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

Stanza 2

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze.
(Refrain)

Stanza 3

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin.
(Refrain)

Stanza 4

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art.
(Refrain)

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CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATION 2026

BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW CERTIFICATE (1-YEAR)

Molly C. Anderson	Biblical Worldview Certificate
Stephanie E. Anderson	Biblical Worldview Certificate
Tyler Beronilla	Biblical Worldview Certificate
Carson Blok	Biblical Worldview Certificate
Evelyn Capon	Biblical Worldview Certificate
Joseph Gibson	Biblical Worldview Certificate
Megan Mae Grundahl	Biblical Worldview Certificate
Leah Marie Leary	Biblical Worldview Certificate
Caleb Livingston	Biblical Worldview Certificate
Andrew Jeremy Penrod	Biblical Worldview Certificate
Emma Silver	Biblical Worldview Certificate
Josia David Sliischewski	Biblical Worldview Certificate
Julia Thomae	Biblical Worldview Certificate
Nikole Thorson	Biblical Worldview Certificate
William Michael Westaby	Biblical Worldview Certificate
Harrison Wilbanks	Biblical Worldview Certificate

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS (A.A.)

Ruth M. Anderson	Biblical Studies
Jelena Amy Bausch***	Biblical Studies
Nicolas Boyd	Biblical Studies
Beth V. Brooks***	Office Administration
Miriam Carroll	Biblical Studies
April Absidee Cline	Biblical Studies
Lydia Hakes***	Office Administration
Sadie Noelle Huizenga**	Biblical Studies
Isabel Johnston	Office Administration
Sarabeth Kamberger	Biblical Studies
Emily Kleczka*	Biblical Studies
Joanna Lamont**	Early Childhood Education - ESL Certificate
Emalee Lupkes	Office Administration
Lee Meyer	Biblical Studies
Meredith O'Tool***	Biblical Studies
Sierra Pearson*	Early Childhood Education
Toby Rodgers*	Cross-Cultural Ministry

Isaiah Roman	Biblical Studies
Nathan Schooley	Biblical Studies
Jared Stutzman***	Biblical Studies
Kora Teachout***	Cross-Cultural Ministry
Jonathan Walter	Cross-Cultural Ministry
Jordan Walter+*	Cross-Cultural Ministry
Molly Williams	Biblical Studies

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (B.S.)

Elliott Adomeit	Organizational Leadership
Estrella Alamillo***	Local Church Discipleship Ministries - Biblical Counseling
Josiah T. Anderson	Biblical Studies - Bible Exposition
Tyler James Augustus***	Organizational Leadership - Camp Ministry
Ryan Bailey***	Pastoral Studies - Expository Preaching
Marcus Xavier Baltich	Biblical Studies - Bible Exposition
Caleb Bennett	Biblical Studies - Biblical Foundations
Grant Mitchell Busenitz***	Organizational Leadership
Pam Chambers	Elementary Education
Hope Christensen*	Organizational Leadership - Women's Ministry
Joseph Andrew Delich	Organizational Leadership - Office Administration
Mia Rae Dowden***	Organizational Leadership - Office Administration
Heather Joy Eby***	Elementary Education - Biblical Counseling
Ruth A. Eckley	Biblical Studies - Biblical Foundations
Kaitlyn Mae Farr***	Local Church Discipleship Ministries - Biblical Counseling
Logan Brian Fincham	Organizational Leadership - Sports Management
Elliott Flynn	Secondary World History Education
Spencer Gadbois	Local Church Discipleship Ministries - Camp Ministry
Abigail Bryn Gleiter**	Organizational Leadership - Office Administration
Patricia Ducky Goossen	Biblical Studies - Cross-Cultural Ministry
Isabelle R. Guerrero*	Biblical Studies - Biblical Counseling
Andrew William Hackley	Organizational Leadership
Benjamin James Hackley**	Organizational Leadership - Biblical Counseling - Camp Ministry
Chad Richard Hathcock	Organizational Leadership
Ryan Henderson	Biblical Studies - Biblical Foundations
Jolyn Ruth Hoijer***	Secondary World History Education - ESL Endorsement
Megan Joy Hunter***	Elementary Education - ESL Endorsement
Aleyna Kelly***	Elementary Education - ESL Endorsement

Vanya Kliewer	Biblical Studies - Biblical Counseling
Christina Kobelia**	Biblical Studies - Biblical Foundations
Parker Lundberg	Organizational Leadership
Esther Abigail Morrell***	Elementary Education
Jacob Ray Mudder	Organizational Leadership
Benjamin Murphree	Organizational Leadership
Caleb Murphy***	Pastoral Studies - Expository Preaching
Elaine Grace Neumann***	Secondary English Education
Trey Anthony Ogren***	Pastoral Studies - Biblical Counseling
Emma Owens	Organizational Leadership
Connor Parrish*	Organizational Leadership - Biblical Counseling
Rachel Jeanne Partin**	Biblical Studies - Biblical Counseling
Marissa Nicole Pearson**	Organizational Leadership
Talya Joy Penrod	Biblical Studies - Biblical Counseling - ESL Certificate
Emmaliese Marie Peterson**	Biblical Studies - Women's Ministry
Delaney Alea Reece**	Local Church Discipleship Ministries - Women's Ministry - Biblical Counseling
Megan Rochelle Rodman***	Local Church Discipleship Ministries - Women's Ministry - Biblical Counseling
Emaleigh Román *	Secondary World History Education
Christopher William Sadek Said***	Biblical Studies - Biblical Foundations
Jacob Grant Saylor	Biblical Studies - Bible Exposition
Chloe Janelle Smith+***	Biblical Studies - Biblical Counseling
Daniel Steinmeyer	Cross-Cultural Ministry - Homiletics
Kayla Stephens	Organizational Leadership - Sports Management
Daniel Kevin Subra***	Biblical Studies - Bible Exposition - Greek
Allison Nicole Tappan***	Biblical Studies - Biblical Foundations - Music
Luke Tebbenkamp*	Organizational Leadership - Sports Management
Rylee Trotter*	Elementary Education
Belle Van Der Molen***	Organizational Leadership - Office Administration
Noah Zollinger	Organizational Leadership

BACHELOR OF MUSIC (B.MUS.)

Laura Brianna Abrahamson**	Sacred Music - Voice Performance
Ruth Elizabeth Goossen***	Sacred Music - Piano Pedagogy
Megan Grace Wagner***	Sacred Music - Piano Performance

BACHELOR OF ARTS (B.A.)

David Samuel Garcia III***	Biblical Studies - ARRIBA
Corban Elias Jimenez**	Biblical Studies - Bible Exposition - Greek
Alan E. Moscosa**	Pastoral Studies - Biblical Counseling - Greek
Jeremiah Taylor Murphree	Cross-Cultural Ministry - Homiletics - Greek
Liam Shay***	Pastoral Studies - Greek
Ethan Taylor	Pastoral Studies - Biblical Counseling - Greek

These honors are estimated until final grades are submitted. This listing does not necessarily mean that all academic requirements have been met.

+ In Absentia
* With Honors (white cord)
** With High Honors (silver cord)
*** With Highest Honors (gold cord)

MASTER OF ARTS (M.A.)

Kevin Fernandes+	Master of Arts - Biblical Studies
Ethan A. Hartog***	Master of Arts - Theological Studies
Abigail Rene Hendry***	Master of Arts - Biblical Studies
Ryan Howard Lundquist***	Master of Arts - Practical Theology
Taylor McManigell**	Master of Arts - Biblical Studies
Luke Daniel Treiber	Master of Arts - Theological Studies

MASTER OF DIVINITY (M.DIV.)

Steven William Chmil+***	Master of Divinity - Discipleship
Jordan Flinck*	Master of Divinity - Shepherding
Zachary Paul Horlick	Master of Divinity - Shepherding
Luke Daniel Treiber	Master of Divinity - Shepherding

DOCTOR OF MINISTRY (D.MIN.)

David Allen Levy	Doctor of Ministry - Shepherding and Discipleship
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+ In Absentia
* Cum Laude (white cord)
** Magna Cum Laude (silver cord)
*** Summa Cum Laude (gold cord)

RETIREES

We are so thankful for their faithful service to FBBC&TS!



MARY LYNN MOORE

28 years of service



RON THOMPSON

16 years of service

RETIREMENT & DEPARTURE RECEPTION

Friday, May 8 · 12-2PM · Benson Hall

HONORING

Mary Lynn Moore & Ron Thompson

Refreshments are included.

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