



# NEW ORLEANS

BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

ANSWERING GOD'S CALL

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Dear Executive Committee Member,

Greetings from the campus of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary! Our entire seminary family sends its deepest gratitude to you, the church from which you come, and all the Southern Baptists you represent for your role in the amazing story of God's work in this remarkable place! Your prayers and your support of the Cooperative Program were crucial elements in the story of this School of Providence and Prayer.

We had an historic year, with the largest student enrollment in our history. We had a fruitful year, as our students led hundreds to Christ, started new churches, engaged in a wide variety of ministries as a part of their training, and demonstrated that the Gospel has the power to transform lives even in the most difficult of settings. We had a testing year as we faced deep sorrow in the death of one of our professors, and a year of triumph as we multiplied our ministry partnerships to touch thousands of lives in the name of Jesus.

You would be pleased to know of our continuing emphasis on two of the most important issues in theological education. One of those is access: we use every available means to make every program we have accessible to anyone God calls, whatever their circumstances. We do this through campus programs, extension programs, online programs, and mentoring programs. The other issue of great importance to us is a focus on the realities of ministry for all who answer the call. In addition to typical required courses in the Bible and theology, we also require courses in interpersonal relationships, servant leadership, and personal evangelism. We prepare students for the whole ministry of the church.

As you read our report, please know we are fully aware that the Cooperative Program is the engine that pulls our train, and that we seek every opportunity to teach our students of its significance. Thank you again for the role you, your church, and the Southern Baptists you represent have played in our seminary this year. May the Lord bless and keep you!

Yours and His,

Chuck Kelley