



From the Office of the President

September 9, 2010

Dear Southeasterner:

Our school year is off to a great start! I hope you are enjoying your classes and all that SEU offers you - academically, spiritually, and in extracurricular activities - to prepare for a lifetime of good work. Our Chapel services have been awesome. Tuesday's Chapel guest, Reggie Scarborough, pastor of Family Worship Center here in Lakeland, delivered a great message. He talked about the tremendous power of prayer and how prayer is a privilege: "We don't have to pray, we get to pray!" he told our students, faculty and staff in attendance.

Upcoming Chapel Guests and Events

John Ashcroft, U.S. Attorney General from 2001-2005 during George W. Bush's first term in the White House, is scheduled to speak in SEU's Chapel service on September 14th. The occasion is Constitution Day which is observed nationally each year on September 17th, the day in 1787 when the U.S. Constitutional Convention signed the document. Immediately after Chapel, Mr. Ashcroft is expected to go to classroom 115 in the Business and Education building to take questions from students, faculty, staff and the public. SEU's celebration is coordinated annually by the History department.

George Wood, General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God, USA, part of the largest Pentecostal denomination in the world, is scheduled to be our Chapel speaker on September 15th. The denomination has over 12,300 congregations in the United States with nearly 2.9 million members and adherents. The U.S. Assemblies of God is part of a larger World Assemblies of God Fellowship with a membership of over 62 million. Dr. Wood also serves as a chairman of the World Assemblies of God fellowship as he was elected to that position at its meeting in Lisbon, Portugal in May, 2008. The son of missionary parents to China and Tibet, Dr. Wood holds a doctoral degree in pastoral theology from Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, California and a juris doctorate from Western State University College of Law in Fullerton, California.

Fire Fall is scheduled for September 28 – 30 and will be a special time of renewal and commitment for students, staff, and faculty. Morning and evening services will be held in the Sportsplex. Seth Ready and the Southeastern Singers will lead our praise and worship.

President's Search Process

While the search for a permanent president has obviously taken longer than initially anticipated, the search committee continues to manage the process under the direction and requirements given by the Board of Regents. Please keep in mind that the President's Cabinet is not involved in the presidential search process. It does not review, approve, or amend any of the search committee's work. The search committee is directly accountable to the Board of Regents. Names of potential candidates have been considered and some have moved forward in the process to the interview stage. To date, no candidate has been recommended to the Board of Regents; however, I am optimistic that the process will ultimately result in the selection of the right person to serve as president. In life we may not always understand why God does not act according to our schedule, but often times we are able to look back at the situation and understand His timing. Please continue to remember this very important matter in your prayers.

SEU Continues to Advance

In the meantime we are moving forward to advance the university. I am pleased to report that Southeastern University has received a \$1 million pledge toward construction of the Ken Blanchard Executive Leadership Center, to be located across the street from the campus's main entrance. The Development Office is continuing its efforts to secure the rest of the funding so construction can begin. The three-story center – approximately 40,000 square-feet – will house executive and administrative offices, a state-of-the-art lecture hall, an MBA program, conference rooms and classrooms.

This fall we welcomed an additional ten new faculty members to the SEU faculty. This represents the greatest increase in faculty in recent years. Each of our nine departments features at least one of those new faculty members.

Southeastern University is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) and this year marks the ten-year accreditation reaffirmation visit for our university. The reaffirmation process consists of two parts: an off-site review completed by evaluating SEU's Compliance Report, and an on-site review of the university's Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) – a document developed by the university describing a course of action for institutional improvement that addresses an issue critical to enhancing educational quality and directly related to student learning. Our Compliance Report was recently submitted to SACS and work is progressing on the QEP. I am confident the university will do well on both parts of the review.

I am praying for you daily!

In His Service,

Dr. Charles Kelly
Acting President