

After years of silence, Seminary 'bells' ring with message of comfort and joy

By Paul F. South

The message and melody are unmistakable:

*Be Thou my vision,
O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me,
save that Thou art.
Thou my best thought,
by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping,
Thy presence my light.*

And while the messengers – bells ringing from the steeple at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary's Leavell Chapel – produce a sound older than the Reformation, the deliverer is a product of the computer age.

Tucked inside a small cabinet in the upper reaches of the chapel is the seminary's "carillon," or at least a high-technology descendant of the 15th century bells, that serenade the seminary community's bleary-eyed at 8 a.m., the worshipful after chapel, the hungry at lunch time and the weary at day's end.

"In our setting, when I walk across campus and I hear a hymn that I recognize, I have a textual connection with it," said Ken Gabrielse, chairman of the Division of Church Music Ministries at NOBTS. "That can be a very worshipful moment."

Those worshipful moments inspired by the electronic bells have been part of the tapestry of life at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary since the school moved to the Gentilly campus in 1952, Gabrielse said. And their post-Katrina



return to campus came thanks to the vision of the contractor charged with rebuilding the storm-shattered campus.

The first set of electronic carillon bells were installed in Sellers Music Building in 1956, Gabrielse said.

"They were basically recorded bells," Gabrielse said. "We've never had a real set of bells. I don't know of anyone in

town who actually has a real set of carillon bells. They're quite expensive and very limiting."

The first Gentilly campus bells were a love story of sorts. As a testament to her love of God and for her husband, the electronic "bells" were given to the seminary on Feb. 2, 1956 by Marietta Carleton Webb in memory of her husband James, "for the glory of God."

But when Gabrielse arrived at NOBTS in 1988, the bells were silent. When he returned to the campus a few years later to teach, he found controls for the old "bells" in the recesses of a Sellers recital hall.

"There was a little room in the back of the recital hall. There were two big cabinets back there," Gabrielse recalled. "They had large mechanical timing features where you set time manually. When I found them, they were not working at all."

While the seminary's carillon was silent, the Gentilly neighborhood was not without its bells. St. James The Major Catholic

- please see *CARILLON*, page 3

This Week in Chapel

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9
TRUSTEE MEETING

Dr. Tony Merida
Dean of the Chapel

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10
No Chapel

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11
No Chapel

Next Week

HAVE A GREAT FALL BREAK!

REC news

The Recreation Center is now open additional hours! Morning times have been extended to try and accommodate more of the seminary family. Instead of being open from 5:30 a.m. to 7:30 a.m. on Monday through Friday mornings, the center is now open from 5:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. Come by and take advantage of all the Recreation Center has to offer!

Hurricane Season

Hurricane season lasts from June 1 to November 30. During hurricane warnings, all seminary residents are advised to stay tuned to either WBSN FM 89.1, television station WWL Channel 4 or radio station WWL AM 870 for up-to-date information.

Boy's Home Hiring Houseparents

Providence Ministries Boy's Homes, in Dalton, Ga., is seeking a Christ-centered couple to care for up to six boys between the ages of five and 17.

Relief houseparents work 12 days per month and up to four weeks per year. This is an ideal position for a retired couple or Bi-vocational pastor. Case manager will have a caseload of 12. Former DFCS case managers are welcome.

These positions can be combined for one full-time position with possible housing included.

We are non-denominational but lean very much Baptist. We are accepting of Bible-believing, Christ-centered people. If you have parenting/case management skills and a heart for children we want to hear you.

A master's degree is preferred, and a bachelor's degree is required for the case manager. Email or fax resumes and testimonies to Curtis Adair at pmadmin@optilink.us. Our website is providenceministriesinc.com

Receptionist Sought for Counseling Ministry

Celebration Hope Center, the counseling ministry of Celebration Church, is seeking a part-time receptionist/clerical assistant. Anyone interested may please contact Julie Sannasardo at 504.833.4673.

First Baptist Church, Brandon, Miss., to interview for three staff positions

First Baptist Church of Brandon, Miss. will be on the campus on Thursday, Nov. 8 from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. to conduct interviews for the following positions:

- Minister of Children and Families: The church needs a strong leader in the area of preschool and children's ministries. This person would supervise both the preschool and children's area director, the mothers morning out director, our weekday education and paid childcare coordinator. A master's degree from seminary is required (can be enrolled), as well as at least 10 years of experience in large church staff and strong leadership and supervisory skills.
- Directors of Children's Ministries: The church needs a student in the bachelor's or master's program who can handle school and a 30 hour work week in a large church

Karate Results

The NOBTS Karate Club had several students compete at the "Battle of the South" Karate tournament in Mandeville, La., on Sept. 15. Be sure to congratulate these students for their hard work and dedication. Her are the results:



7 & under beginners

- Jude Starnes, Kata-1st, Sparring-2nd

8- to 9-year-old beginners

- Noah Bryant, Kata-2nd, Sparring-3rd
- Noah Starnes, Kata-3rd, Sparring-2nd

12- to 13-year-old beginners

- Jeremiah Craft, Kata-2nd, Sparring-2nd

Senior beginners

- Dr. Mari Wirfs, Kata-1st, Sparring-3rd

Library Hours: Fall Break

- Friday, Oct. 12 — 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Saturday, Oct. 13 — 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Monday-Thursday, Oct. 15-18 — 7:30 a.m.-9 p.m.
- Friday, Oct. 19 — 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Saturday, Oct. 20 — closed

setting. This person is responsible for coordinating with minister to Children and Families programming for first- through fifth-grade children. The current enrollment for this age group is 335.

● Directors of Preschool Ministries: The church needs a student in the bachelor's or master's program who can handle school and a 30 hour work week in a large church setting. This person is responsible for coordinating with minister to Children and Families programming for birth through 5-year-olds. Current enrollment for this age group is 325.

Anyone interested in interviewing for one of these positions may please contact the CMR office at ext. 3291 or at cmrconsultant@nobts.edu or come by the office on the second floor of the Frost building.

Rented Graduation Gear

Orders for rented graduation regalia must be submitted by Friday, Nov. 16. Your regalia order will be available for pick-up at the New Orleans LifeWay Campus Store on Wednesday of the week of graduation.

All regalia, excluding tassel, must be returned following the graduation ceremonies.



Preschool Workers Needed

Preschool is in need of Part time employees on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Individuals do not need to have the whole day available. Please come by the Preschool to talk with the director or assistant director or call 504.816.8585.

The preschool is a ministry that effects not only our Seminary family but New Orleans for Christ.

What a great way to share Christ with New Orleanians by caring for their precious children!

Custodial Position Available

Riverside Church needs a part-time custodian who will clean the nursery and preschool each evening. Hours for this position are flexible (after 6 p.m. Sunday-Tuesday, Thursday and Friday). Pay starts at \$8.50 an hour.

For more information, please contact Jim Caldwell at 504.737.2373.

Oxford Study Trip: June 23 – July 6, 2008

The Oxford Trip scheduled for 2008 will be June 23-July 5. This trip will be led by Dr. Bob Stewart and will include visits to places such as St. Paul's Cathedral, Westminster Abbey and more.

Students may earn up to nine hours of credit if registered with NOBTS. For more information, contact Linda Jackson at 504.816.8060 or linda@missionlab.com.

Arts School Seeks Teachers

Choice International School of Music and Performing Arts is a faith-based school and is currently looking for interns for office work and music instructors as well.

We teach vocals, guitar, drums, keyboard, dance, acting and more, and we cater to young children all the way up until 100 years old. Our vision is also to honor the Lord by preparing future Christians to effectively reach and impact the world for Christ.

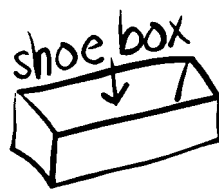
Anyone interested may please contact the school by mail at 924 Carrollwood Dr. Suite C, LaPlace, LA 70068; by phone at 985.653.7232; or by fax at 985.653.3334.

Operation Christmas Child returns Nov. 12

Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes have arrived. Since 2002, NOBTS has been serving as a Collection Center, receiving shoe boxes from all over the New Orleans area. NOBTS is also the only Southern Baptist Seminary to serve in that capacity.

We will be collecting shoe boxes from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 12–17 and Nov. 19 in the atrium of the Student Center, near the Lifeway Christian store.

To participate in Operation Christmas Child, simply fill a shoe box with toys and other presents. You can even write a personal note to the child! Then bring the shoe box to the collection center



with \$7 to cover the cost of shipping and evangelistic outreach. The gift you give may be the only Christmas gift that a child receives.

Through your generosity a child will learn that he or she is precious to God. There are a limited number shoe boxes available at the New Orleans Lifeway Christian Store or outside Dodd 202.

If you would like to volunteer for a two-hour shift to help staff the collection center, please see Dr. Harsch or call ext. 3212.

Join us in sharing the love of Jesus with those in need. Remember that every shoe box gift impacts a life for Christ.

CARILLON, continued from page 1

Church nearby utilized its carillon, which could be heard on the seminary campus when weather cooperated, Gabrielse said.

“I always thought, ‘It would be nice if we had them,’” Gabrielse said. “But there were other things that were a priority.”

Then came Hurricane Katrina. In the aftermath, the seminary’s contractor hired A. E. Schlueter Pipe Organ Co. of Lithonia, Ga. to work on the seminary’s organs and pianos damaged by the storm. The company, whose seal bares the Latin phrase “Soli Deo Gloria” (to God alone be the glory), is currently working on a new organ for Leavell Chapel, as well as additional instruments for the recital hall.

The contractor discovered the old carillon bells. As a result, seminary leaders decided to replace the bells.

Speakers were put in Leavell Chapel’s new steeple during the manufacturing process.

As soon as the steeple went up, the Schlueter company put in the digital system. When the new organ is installed, the two instruments will be able to work in tandem, Gabrielse said.

Currently, the system is pre-programmed, with some 1,500 hymns and songs.

“When the new organ goes in to Leavell Chapel, we will actually be able to program our own hymns and songs for use on the carillon bells, to store them digitally and play them,” Gabrielse said. “Right now, the selection of those hymns is fairly random, non-seasonal. We program when those hymns are played.”

While the history of carillon bells at NOBTS is relatively young, the story of bells

traces its roots to the Bronze Age, according to the Guild of Carilloneurs in North America (CGNA).

However, the art of tuning bells was not perfected until the 15th century. The first tuned carillon was crafted by Pieter and Francois Hemony. The instrument was installed in Zutphen, The Netherlands in 1652. It was once said, according to the Guild website, “that good bells and good schools were the sign of a well-run city.”

But by the time of the French Revolution, changing tastes and the seemingly endless stream of wars across Europe triggered a decline in the carillon’s popularity. But by the dawn of the 20th century, the instrument enjoyed a resurgence, thanks to American William Gorham Rice. At the same time, discoveries in England rekindled interest in the art of bell tuning.

While most of the world’s carillons are concentrated in the Low Countries of Europe, there are carillons on every continent except Antarctica, according



to the CGNA. Nearly 200 exist in North America, notably traditional carillons are found at Yale University and at Washington, D.C.’s National Cathedral.

But the technology will allow the seminary to program seasonal music. Christmas hymns and carols will be a mainstay on the playlist during the Advent season. And when the new organ is installed in January, selections will

include traditional hymns and melodic contemporary praise songs.

Gabrielse believes the carillon has the potential for ministry, not only on campus but to the larger community.

“The carillon is a very individual thing,” Gabrielse said. “I think potentially it could be something the community could look to with pride. It can also be a wonderful ministry to the individual, walking to class, to just be encouraged.” *gk*

Church-Minister Relations

Ministry Opportunities

The following are a few of the ministry positions received by the Church-Minister Relations office. Churches are listed according to the type of ministry position needed and whether the position is classified as part-time or full-time. All positions within a 2-hour radius of New Orleans are listed separately with the approximate distance in parentheses. To contact any of these churches, or to have your resume sent to other unpublished ministry opportunities, visit the CMR office (second floor, Frost Building) or contact them at 504-282-4455 or 1-800-662-8701, ext. 3291, or cmrconsultant@nobts.edu.

New Orleans Area

Full-time

- First Baptist Church, Roseland, La.; pastor (78)
- East Fork Baptist Church, Kentwood, La.; pastor (90)
- First Baptist Church, Zachary, La.; children (98)
- First Baptist Church, Patterson, La.; pastor (93)
- Parkside Baptist Church, Baton Rouge, La.; pastor (81)
- First Baptist Church, Saint Rose, La.; pastor (23)

Part-time

- Barataria Baptist Church, Lafitte, La.; youth (34)
- Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church, Covington, La.; youth (43)
- New Life Baptist Church, Hammond, La.; music and youth (60)
- St. Charles Avenue Baptist Church, New Orleans, La.; youth (10)
- Bayou Blue United Methodist Church, Houma, La.; youth and children (59)
- Hope Church of Waldheim, Covington, La.; music (43)
- First Baptist Church, Albany, La.; music (64)
- Gretna United Methodist Church, Gretna, La.; music (11)
- Lake Vista United Methodist Church, New Orleans, La. youth (5)
- Big Level Baptist Church, Wiggins, Miss.; music (102)

- Broussard Grove Baptist Church, Prairieville, La.; music (67)
- Poydras Baptist Church, St. Bernard, La.; music (18)
- Plainview Baptist Church, Bogalusa, La.; youth (70)
- New Palestine Baptist Church, Picayune, Miss.; youth (48)
- Tammany Hills Baptist Church, Covington, La.; pastor (43)

Pastor

Full-time

- Wesson Baptist Church, Wesson, Miss.
- First Baptist Church, Ironton, Mo.
- Macedonia's First Baptist Church, Blountstown, Fla.
- Greenwood Baptist Church, Prattville, Ala.
- Springwood Baptist Church, Buchanan, Va.
- Milford Bible Church, Milford, Pa.
- First Baptist Church, DeLeon, Texas
- Macedonia Baptist Church, Enterprise, Ala.

Music

Full-time

- First Baptist Church, Steele, Mo.
- Harmony Baptist Church, Crystal Springs, Miss.
- First Baptist Church, Joshua, Texas
- Houston River Baptist Church, Sulphur, La.
- Oak Grove Baptist Church, Richmond, Va.
- Grace Fellowship Church, Ashton, Ill.

Youth

Full-time

- New Hope Baptist Fellowship, Cape Coral, Fla.
- First Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Miss.
- Hillwood Baptist Church, Huntsville, Ala.
- Humboldt Baptist Church, Humboldt, Tenn.
- Calvary Baptist Church, Pensacola, Fla.
- First Baptist Church, Hayden, Ala.

Part-time

- First Baptist Church, Greensburg, La.

Children/Preschool

Full-time

- Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, Colonial Heights, Va.
 - River Hills Baptist Church, Robstown, Texas
- ##### Part-time
- Hillcrest Baptist Church, Nederland, Texas
 - First Baptist Church, Chickamauga, Ga.

Combination

Full-time

- First Baptist Church, Woodstock, Va.; Worship and Discipleship
- Alta Loma Baptist Church, Madison, Tenn.; Associate Pastor/Music
- First Baptist Church, Haughton, La.; Evangelism and Discipleship
- Pine Forest Baptist Church, Vidor, Texas; Associate Pastor to Students and Children
- First Baptist Church, Quitman, Ga.; Youth and Worship
- Clayton Baptist Church, Clayton, Ga.; Associate Pastor/Worship and Music
- Northwest Baptist Church, Gainesville, Fla.; Associate Pastor/ Student Ministries
- Providence Baptist Church, Tool, Texas; Associate Pastor/ Youth
- First Baptist Church, Stillwater, Okla.; Associate Pastor/Youth and Youth Parents

Other

Full-time

- First Baptist Church of Acree, Sylvester, Ga.; Family Minister: Emphasis in Youth and Children
- First Baptist Church, Lanett, Ala.; Education
- First Baptist Church, Plant City, Fla.; Singles

Be a Consultant

Cornerstone Consultant Ministries of Alexandria, La., is a Christian-based organization that exists to provide churches and religious organizations resources to meet specific needs. CCM needs individuals to contact churches in south Louisiana and south Mississippi. The purpose of the contact is to offer the churches a new product that allows their church members to make contact with other church members when products and services are needed.

The work schedule for this position is flexible and can be molded around seminary classes and family time. For more information, contact Andy Wiggins in the Church-Minister Relations at extension 3291.



NEW ORLEANS
BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

The Office of Motor Vehicles is coming to the NOBTS campus!

**Tuesday, October 9, 2007
10:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

Services that can be rendered:

Driver's license renewal (Class D & E)

Duplicate driver's license
(Class D & E)

Initial & duplicate ID Cards

Mobility Impaired Hang-tag

Name Change

Address Change (FREE)

Voters Registration and
Organ Donation (FREE)

*The services listed above are
CASH ONLY transactions.*

Register and title vehicle

Duplicate vehicle registration
and title

Renew license plate

Cancel license plate (FREE)

Address change (FREE)

*CASH or CHECKS are accepted for the
services listed above.*

No credit/debit cards.

**PROOF OF CURRENT INSURANCE IS REQUIRED
FOR ALL DRIVER'S LICENSE AND VEHICLE
REGISTRATION TRANSACTIONS
(if applicant has a vehicle registered in his/her name)**

Check www.expresslane.org for more information