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Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, the student body gathers at convocation to hear well-known speakers from around the globe give their Christian perspectives on a range of topics and to testify about God's work in their lives.

November

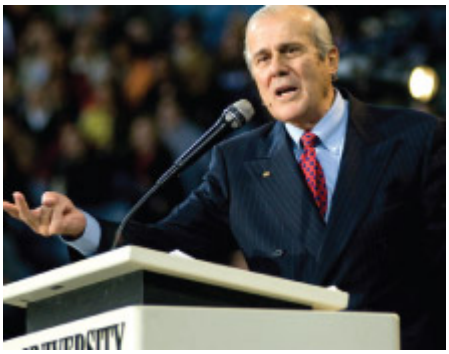
Dr. John Trent

Dr. John Trent, best-selling author and founder of Strongfamiles.com, spoke on 1 Corinthians 12:14-18 and our uniqueness in the body of Christ. He talked about four types of people, based on strengths: goal-driven, loyal, optimistic and detail-oriented.

Jamie George

Liberty alumnus **Jamie George** spoke about humility in answering God's call to serve others. As a church planter and now lead pastor of The Journey Church in Nashville, Tenn., George said he learned how to stop trying to be "the star in this story" and to just be "the supporting cast member."

Vance Pitman, pastor of Hope Baptist Church in Las Vegas, Nev., called on students to help build the kingdom of God in America. He said 40 percent of unsaved individuals in America live in the western United States, and "America is now the fourth largest lost nation on the face of the earth." He challenged students to seek God's will through prayer and to be willing to physically aid in building the kingdom of God.



Sam Moore

Sam Moore, former CEO and President of Thomas Nelson Publishers, Inc., was a close friend of the late Dr. Jerry Falwell and has advised Liberty leaders on fundraising and marketing strategies. A Lebanese immigrant, Moore spoke about coming to America at age 19, barely able to speak English. He shared ways to be successful as a Christian in the business world. (Earlier this year, Liberty announced Moore's vision to expand the School of Business, with a personal goal of donating a $5 million matching gift. To learn more about the matching gift campaign, call (866) 602-7983).

Gary Chapman

Popular author and pastor **Gary Chapman** (best known for "The Five Love Languages") spoke about his most recent book, "Love as a Way of Life." He pointed to passages in the Bible that support the need for love in Christian lives. According to his research, there are seven components to being a loving individual: kindness, patience, forgiveness, courtesy, humility, generosity and honesty.

Dr. Ronnie Floyd, an Arkansas pastor and Liberty Board of Trustees member, talked about a promising future - just as Isaiah brought hope to the nation of Israel. Floyd, a "biblical life coach" on his TV program "Winners," encouraged students to stay focused on God's plan for their lives and prepare for a much brighter future.

Dr. Tim Lee

At the Nov. 10 convocation - the start of Liberty University's annual Military Appreciation Week- students heard from **Dr. Tim Lee**, a member of Liberty's Board of Directors. The Vietnam veteran, who lost both his legs while leading his men in a mine sweep in March 1971, spoke of his recent return to Saigon to preach at a Baptist church there.

December

Brett Fuller, senior pastor of Grace Covenant Church in Chantilly, Va., and former Washington Redskins co-chaplain, spoke about the importance of discipleship and going where God leads,

even if it means encountering life's toughest storms. Using biblical examples, he noted the importance of serving with one another regardless of race or ethnic background. Fuller serves as chaplain for the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) and president for the Nations of Coaches Ministry.