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The Career Center offers opportunities to students interested in ministry to receive hands on experience as well as help with promoting themselves to future employers. One of the avenues is The Washington, D.C. internship program which is now fully operated under the direction of the Career Center. This provides students with stand-out professional development training, as well as a 15 week semester living and interning in D.C. The Washington Semester internship has a need for religion and ministry-minded students as they have churches, non-profits, and para-church organizations seeking Liberty student interns. Further information concerning the Washington Semester can be found at the Liberty University Career Center website, or by emailing careers@liberty.edu. The Career Center also offers help for writing resumes, including Ministry Resumes. They have samples and information on their website, including a full-time staff member who has specialized in learning and critiquing ministry resumes. This can be done by contacting careers@liberty.edu. Interviewing is an area that the Career Center also reaches out to SOR students, helping them prepare with mock and panel interviews, and getting them ready for the “church placement” or other interviewing processes. For more information on any of these opportunities, contact the Career Center.

The School of Religion contributed three Convocation speakers in the month of October. These speakers included Dr. Ben Gutierrez on October 7, Dr. Ed Hindson on October 14, and Dr. Gary Habermas on October 20. Dr. Ben Gutierrez challenged students with the simple question, “Do you really trust Christ?” Dr. Gutierrez addressed how we are to trust God in our times of need, stating, “You must call upon a powerful protector,” and, “lean upon a proven protector.” Dr. Ed Hindson addressed students and faculty on the Second Coming of Christ with his message entitled, “Can We Still Believe in the Rapture?” Dr. Hindson advised believers to, “be ready all the time because Jesus can come anytime.” Hindson established Liberty’s doctrinal belief that the church will be raptured before the time of tribulation and later in his message addressed 10 reasons why Liberty believes this to be true. Dr. Gary Habermas, noted Christian apologist, discussed the resurrection of Jesus Christ and why we can believe it. Habermas used both historical evidence and his own personal account of his wife’s death to affirm his belief in the resurrection.
Dr. Monica Rose, Professor of Women’s Ministries, has made it her mission as a Professor to, “educate and train today’s woman in Biblical principles of true femininity and to equip today’s woman to effectively evangelize and disciple other women living in America and throughout the world.” Dr. Rose graduated from Wingate University with a Bachelor of Science in Education in 2000. She then continued on to receive her Masters of Arts in Religion and Church Ministries and Doctorate of Ministry from the Liberty Baptist Theological Seminary. Liberty was a life long dream for Dr. Rose, but it wasn’t until she received an offer to develop a women’s program that her dream was fulfilled. “After much prayer, I felt a peace to come to LU where I was asked to begin writing curriculum & a proposal for a women’s ministry program to launch in the School of Religion.” Growing up as a pastor’s daughter, Dr. Rose has, “learned so many Biblical principles and the results of following God’s plan. More than anything, my parents have taught me the importance of having Christ as number one and loving others more than you love yourself.”

On Wednesday, November 11, 2009, Dr. Elmer Towns delivered a paper to the Great Commission Reach Network, formerly called American Society for Church Growth. Dr. Towns spoke on the topic, Changing Paradigms of Evangelism. This paper analyzes the dominate evangelistic method in the past 70 years. First, it describes visitation evangelism (personal evangelism) which was the dominate factor in evangelism prior to 1960. Second, it examines church growth evangelism, the dominate evangelistic method 1960-90. Third, the paper analyzes the missional church as the dominate method of evangelism from 2000 and beyond. Dr. Town’s recently released his book entitled “How God Answers Prayer” on November 1, 2009. The book completely sold out at the first convention where his book was offered in Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

Have you ever wondered how the Holy Spirit works? On Monday, November 16th, join Dr. Larry Pettigrew and Dr. Don Fowler for the Biblical Studies Symposium. The Symposium will focus on revisiting Spirit language in the Bible. Dr. Pettigrew is the author of “The New Covenant Ministry of the Holy Spirit” and Dr. Don Fowler is Liberty’s own Old Testament scholar. The symposium will take place Monday night from 7-9:30pm in the Towns-Alumni Center, beginning with Dr. Pettigrew’s presentation followed by Dr. Fowler’s presentation. Afterwards, faculty and students will have the chance to ask both of the scholars questions during a Question and Answer session. Dr. Pettigrew will also be speaking in a Biblical Studies Convocation on Monday, November 16, at 10 am in the Towns-Alumni Center.

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