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Truett Seminary to produce 79 graduates in 2003

WACO-Baylor University's Truett Theological Seminary honored 79 members of the class of 2003, including 35 spring graduates, during baccalaureate ceremonies.

Bill Sherman, pastor of First Baptist Church of Fairview, Tenn., delivered the baccalaureate address on "The Compulsion of the Cross." Sherman told the graduates, "The Christ of the cross compels us to believe and to believe strongly, … to act and to act greatly, … to love and love supremely … and to praise and praise gloriously."

Sherman admonished the seminarians, using the words of British World War I chaplain G.A. Studdert-Kennedy, to "serve in such a way that you will

hear God as you stand before him in eternity say, 'Well done' rather than, 'Well!'"

The year's outstanding students, as voted by the Truett faculty, were Scott Daniel Bertrand of Houston, Andrew Donald Black of Waco and Andrea Louise Hall of San Antonio. All three earned the master of divinity degree in May.

The student body's Professor of Choice Award was given to Hulitt Gloer, professor of preaching and Christian Scriptures and visiting professor at Baylor Law School.

In an emotional ceremony, William Treadwell III, rector of St. Peter's Episcopal Church in McKinney, presented an inaugural award named for his late father-the William Charles Treadwell Jr. Award for Excellence in Christian Education and Leadership-to Michael Warren McEntyre of Knoxville, Tenn. McEntyre had served as a graduate assistant to Treadwell, associate professor of Christian education and leadership/administration, who died April 23, 2002. Treadwell had been a member of the Truett faculty since 1995 and was lauded by students and faculty members for helping form the character of the young seminary.

May master's-level graduates, their hometowns and the schools from which they earned undergraduate degrees included Scott Daniel Bertrand, Houston (Baylor); Andrew Donald Black, Waco (Baylor); Robert Wayne Brasier, Tulsa, Okla. (Oklahoma Baptist University); Jerrod Cameron Clark, Las Vegas, Nev. (Baylor); Daniel McFerrin Cook, Waco (Baylor); Melissa Ann Frazier, Belton (University of Mary Hardin-Baylor); Amy Regan DéAwn Fritts, Friendswood (Baylor); Steven Edward Fry, Dodge City, Kan. (William Jewell College); Andrea Louise Hall, San Antonio (University of Texas at San Antonio); Eric Peter Herrstrom, Arlington (Baylor); Ronald Leslie Higgins, Plano (Baylor); Garin Lynn Hill, Gate City, Va. (Carson-Newman College); Eric Holt, New Caney (East Texas Baptist University);

Jeffrey Lincoln Huckeby, Levelland (Wayland Baptist University); Lance Ross Hutchins, Lumberton (ETBU); Ed Johnson III, Austin (Dallas Baptist University); Christine Danette Brown Jones, Heber Springs, Ark. (Ouachita Baptist University); Sallie Elizabeth Liss, Talkeetna, Alaska (Howard Payne University);

Carol Marie McEntyre, Sparta, Tenn. (Carson-Newman); Michael Warren McEntyre, Knoxville, Tenn. (Carson-Newman); Michael Jean Mitchell, Cameron (Texas A&M University, University of Southern California); Edward Clayton Polson, Ridgeland, Miss. (Mississippi College); Velma Porraz, Houston (Houston Baptist University); James M. Solomon, Memphis, Tenn. (University of Memphis); Steven Kenneth Solstad, Lawton, Okla. (Cameron University); Stephanie Ann Spitzer, Athens (University of Texas at Austin); Shelley Lynn Springate, Johnson City, Tenn. (Carson-Newman); Scott Taylor, Covington, Ind. (Indiana State University); Ragan Malone Vandegriff IV, Orlando, Fla. (Baylor); Jeremy Matthew Webb, Waco (Baylor); Myles Philip Werntz, Shreveport, La. (Ouachita); David Arthur Wiley, Jackson, Miss. (Mississippi State University); Allison Gail Wright, Sugar Land (Baylor).

Doctor of ministry graduates included Gary Lynn Hall, Lubbock (Texas Tech University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary); and John Aubrey Petty, Shreveport, La. (Baylor and Southwestern Seminary).

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