

Retired professor of evangelism Roy Fish dies

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Roy Fish, distinguished professor emeritus of evangelism at Southwestern Seminary died Sept. 10. He was 82 years old. Fish served the seminary almost 50 years and once occupied the L.R. Scarborough Chair of Evangelism there.

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His name often was said to be synonymous with evangelism throughout the Southern Baptist Convention. For many years, Fish organized the annual spring break revival practicum (now called Revive This Nation), as the seminary sent out hundreds of student preachers across the country to preach revivals in local churches.

He held several prominent denominational positions, including interim president of the North American Mission Board and second vice president of the SBC. He was pastor or interim pastor of more than 20 churches, and he spoke and preached at conventions, conferences and churches in every continent except Antarctica.

He wrote several books and numerous articles and essays on evangelism.

He also received the Charles G. Finney Award for Evangelism in Theological Education and an honorary doctorate from Southwest Baptist University. In 2005, Southwestern Seminary created the Roy Fish School of Evangelism and Missions, and Oct. 10, 2007, was designated Roy Fish Day by the seminary.

He is survived by his wife, Jean; sons, Steve and Jeff; daughters, Holli Lancaster and Jennifer Pastoor; and 15 grandchildren.

Visitation will held at Laurel Land Memorial Chapel at Laurel Land Funeral Home in Fort Worth from 6-8 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 13, 2012. The address is 7100 Crowley Road, Fort Worth, TX. 76134.

The funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 14, 2012, in the Truett Auditorium at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, with graveside services following at Laurel Land Memorial Park of Fort Worth.