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GRADUATES

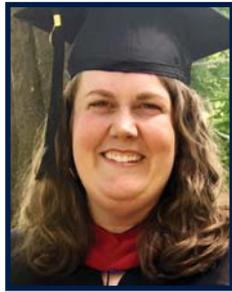
SUMMER 2019

Celebrating a
record number of
15 Spring
Seminary
Graduates.

RECORD NUMBER OF STUDENTS GRADUATE



Nathan Adkison
Asbury



Erin Bevis
Emory



Jagger Eastman
Asbury



Elizabeth Hinton
Duke



Matthew Jarnagin
Asbury



Briana Jones
Garrett



Stephan Margeson
Duke



Patrick McBride
Asbury



Mo McKenzie
Gammon



Ken Roach
Asbury



Joel Sigler
Asbury



Jim Stegall
Asbury



Lucas Tribble
Emory



Kathryn Beck Watson
Vanderbilt



Kristen Wright
Emory

The Stegall Seminary Scholarship Endowment Foundation is pleased to announce that a record number of 15 recipients graduated from seminary in May.

Of these 15 graduates, 12 are either continuing in current appointments or beginning new appointments within the Alabama - West Florida Conference this July. Of the three other students, one will be part of a chaplaincy program and two others are continuing their post-seminary education.

Throughout their multi-year seminary journeys, our faithful donors have significantly invested in these 15 students through financial gifts, as well as spiritual gifts. This extravagant generosity has made a tremendous difference, allowing our scholarship recipients to graduate from seminary with *far less* debt than students from other United Methodist Conferences.

“When new pastors are not shouldering an overwhelming load of debt, their ministries are able to begin on a note of peace and confidence,” says Dr. Jeff Wilson, District Superintendent of the Montgomery-Opelika District. “The positive effects of the Stegall Foundation’s scholarship support is felt not only by the pastor, but also by the congregation he or she serves.”

The two-fold mission of the Stegall Foundation is to encourage young men and women to consider God’s call upon their lives to enter the ordained ministry, and to provide financial support of those who respond to God’s call by enrolling in seminary and preparing for a lifetime of service to Jesus Christ and the church. These 15 graduates are a celebration of the faithfulness of the donors who joyfully share our mission. To God be the Glory!

Pictured on the front cover: Classmates Lucas Tribble and Kristen Curtis Wright celebrate their graduation from Candler School of Theology on May 13, 2019

Have you considered putting our Seminary Scholarship Foundation in your will?

The Stegall Seminary Scholarship Foundation is a 501(C)(3) non-profit foundation, and all gifts are tax deductible. Gifts for our Seminary students should be mailed to Dr. Karl K. Stegall, Seminary Scholarship Foundation, P. O. Box 241661, Montgomery, Alabama 36124-1661.

BRIDGING THE GAP

The Stegall Foundation works alongside other agencies and groups to serve our seminary students as they prepare to lead our churches. Your donations enable us to bridge the gap when an unexpected need arises. Recently, the Stegall Foundation was able to provide additional needed funds to our students.

“In order to continue supporting our students into the future, the Alabama-West Florida Conference (AWF) Board of Ordained Ministry is reducing the amount of money awarded to each full-time seminary student by \$500 per semester as of September 1, 2019,” says Rev. June Jernigan, Director of Ministerial Services for the AWF Conference. “Part-time seminary students will receive prorated amounts based on this reduction. Local pastors will not experience a reduction in monies awarded for Course of Study.”

Upon hearing of the reduction in Ministerial Education Funds, the Stegall Foundation board of directors voted to award to each student the additional \$500 needed so that they would not experience a loss in financial assistance.

“The Stegall Seminary Scholarship Foundation and the AWF Board of Ordained Ministry have developed a partnership over the years that focuses on a single priority – supporting our students who are called to serve God through the United Methodist Church,” says Jernigan. “We are so thankful that the Foundation is not only providing the

\$500 grant to students, but is also now assisting our full-time local pastors with scholarships to Course of Study. As we see a growing need for pastors, these monies support and encourage our local pastors in very tangible ways. We are thankful for the Stegall Scholarship Foundation and its ministry to the AWF Conference.”

Romans 8:28 (NRSV)

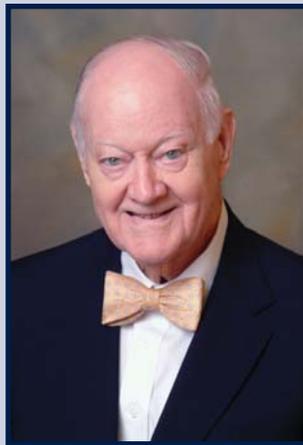
We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.

Bullard Named Director Emeritus

During the Stegall Foundation’s quarterly board of directors meeting on March 21, 2019, Mr. John C. Bullard was named Director Emeritus. Bullard and his late wife, Mary Ellen, were instrumental in the creation of the Stegall Foundation.

“I credit John with being one of the founders of our foundation,” says Dr. Karl K. Stegall. “Our foundation was given birth in John and Mary Ellen’s home and they have strongly supported our efforts through the years.” Over John’s tenure on the board, 138 seminary students were awarded scholarships. “John’s generosity is unparalleled and his dedication to our mission is steadfast.”

Before the foundation was formally established, Stegall notes that Bullard also gave 23.5 years of “silent support” to seminary students through generous giving.



Mr. John C. Bullard



12 Course of Study Students Supported This Summer

For the second year, the Stegall Foundation is proud to support Course of Study students from the Alabama - West Florida Conference. All 12 students are currently serving appointments in local churches, with one student serving a dual appointment at a Wesley Foundation and a local church. “We are so thankful for these dedicated students who choose to faithfully serve our churches and ministries while taking rigorous courses over the summer,” says Dr. Karl K. Stegall, foundation volunteer president.

This summer we ask you to join us in praying for the following students as they continue to respond to God’s call:

Participating In The Advanced Course of Study at Duke Divinity School: Tyler Cox and Chip Oakley.

Participating in the Basic Course of Study at Candler School of Theology at Emory University: Don Abrams, Steve Bass, Elaine Brown, Gina Bryan, Carl Fountain, Richard Lucas, Paul McVay, Tony Rosetta, Billy Russell, Teresa Seevers, and Lydia Temonia.

Participating in the Basic Course of Study at Duke Divinity School: Shawn York.





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Notre Dame Cathedral And Our United Methodist Churches

Millions of Christians all over the world wept on April 16, 2019 when they observed on television the fire that did extensive damage to the Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris. With its flying buttresses, magnificent spires, beautiful rose windows, and Great Organ with 8000 pipes, this 800 year old icon served as the site of the coronation of Napoleon and funerals of many Presidents of France across the centuries. Following the liberation of Paris in 1944, this great cathedral was filled to overflowing for a very special mass. The mere sight of this massive cathedral has brought great strength to Christians everywhere in their times of greatest need.

Following the destructive fire at Notre Dame Cathedral, there have been so many articles written about it. The one that caught my attention was the announcement by the Archbishop of Paris that there was not one new priest ordained in the diocese of Notre Dame this past year. He further revealed that many French dioceses have not seen any ordinations in 20 years. As plans are already being made for skilled craftsmen to soon repair the cathedral stone by stone, the Archbishop said, "To truly rebuild Notre Dame requires what Saint Peter called, 'living stones...God's own people who declare the wonderful deeds of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.'" (I Peter 2:4-9)

What has happened within the Diocese of Notre Dame in Paris can serve as a "wake-up call" to all of us within the Alabama-West Florida Conference. Our United Methodist Church, like other mainline denominations, is experiencing fewer and fewer gifted young men and women answering

the call of God upon their lives to enter the ordained ministry. However, we in the Alabama-West Florida Conference are dedicated to "going against the grain" and seeking to educate more and more effective United Methodist ministers. I strongly believe that God is still calling young men and women to serve as ordained ministers of our churches. I also believe that members in each local church have the privilege and opportunity to nurture and encourage those who respond to that call. Our bishop and district superintendents do not have the capability of cloning ordained ministers. They can only appoint ministers to local churches who have been "sent" by our churches into the ordained ministry.

Let us remember the words of the Apostle Paul: "How can they believe in the One of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news!'" (Romans 10:14-15)



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