

# MERCER UNIVERSITY *P*REACHING CONSULTATION

September 28-30, 2008

King and Prince Beach and Golf Resort • St. Simons Island, Georgia

Co-Sponsored by

James and Carolyn McAfee School of Theology  
of Mercer University — R. Alan Culpepper, *Dean*  
and the Center for Baptist Studies of Mercer University

## Main Presenters —

**Dr. Gregory A. Boyd** is founder and senior pastor of Woodland Hills Church, an evangelical megachurch in St. Paul, Minn. A graduate of Yale Divinity School and Princeton Theological Seminary, he served as a professor for 16 years at Bethel University. Known for his dynamic speaking, Boyd is the author of 16 books, including his best-selling *Letter from a Skeptic* and *Myth of a Christian Nation*. He was featured in the CNN documentary *God's Warriors*, hosted by Christiane Amanpour, which aired in August 2007.



**Dr. Joel Gregory** is professor of Preaching at George W. Truett Theological Seminary, Baylor University, Waco, Texas. A *summa cum laude* graduate of Baylor University, Gregory earned the Master of Divinity degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and the Ph.D. from Baylor. He has written five books, including his best-selling memoir, *Too Great a Temptation*, which chronicles his two years as pastor at First Baptist, Dallas.

## Other speakers scheduled for the three-day program —

- **William D. Underwood**, president, Mercer University
- **The Rev. Jayne H. Davis**, minister of Spiritual Formation, First Baptist Church, Wilmington, N.C.
- **The Rev. Michael Dixon**, church planter for Ekklesia, Hattiesburg, Miss.
- **Dr. John Finley**, pastor, First Baptist Church, Savannah, Ga.
- **Dr. David P. Gushee**, Distinguished University Professor of Christian Ethics, McAfee School of Theology
- **Dr. Tim Willis**, intentional interim, Campus/College Ministry consultant and storyteller/retreat leader, Clemson, S.C.
- **Dr. Brett Younger**, associate professor of Preaching, McAfee School of Theology

**D. E. Adams**, troubadour for Edge Outreach in Louisville, Ky., will provide music. Adams is known for his baritone voice and sense of humor.

Registration is \$100 per person and is on a first-come, first-served basis.

A golf outing is planned for Monday afternoon at The Hamptons Golf Course.

Questions regarding registration or lodging?  
Contact Diane Frazier by calling (678) 547-6470,  
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## EVENT SCHEDULE

### Sunday Evening: Sept. 28

- 4:00-7:15 p.m. Check in and Registration
- 7:15-7:30 p.m. Music, D.E. Adams
- 7:30-8:00 p.m. William D. Underwood - Welcome and a Word from Mercer
- 8:00-9:00 p.m. Gregory A. Boyd - "Revoltin' Beauty: Preaching and the Kingdom Revolution"
- 9:00-10:00 p.m. Buffet Dinner and Fellowship, sponsored by Mercer President William D. Underwood

### Monday Morning: Sept. 29

- 8:25-8:30 a.m. Music, D. E. Adams
- 8:30-9:00 a.m. David P. Gushee - "Preaching about Politics without Being Political"
- 9:00-9:30 a.m. John Finley - "From the Pulpit to the Table: Baptist Views on the Lord's Supper"
- 9:30-10:00 a.m. Tim S. Willis - "Stories That Tell..."
- 10:00-10:30 a.m. Fellowship/Refreshments by Morningstar Treatment Service, Inc.
- 10:30-10:45 a.m. Music, D. E. Adams
- 10:45-11:15 a.m. Jayne H. Davis - "Leading Exiles Home: When Babylon Taps the List of Best Places to Live"
- 11:15 a.m.-Noon Joel Gregory - "Let There Be Light: Creativity in Biblical Narration"
- 1:00 p.m. Golf Outing at the Hampton Club

### Monday Evening: Sept. 29

- 7:30-8:00 p.m. Brett Younger - "Life and Death on the Way to the Pulpit: Preaching as a Spiritual Discipline"
- 8:00-8:25 p.m. Fellowship/Refreshments by Morningstar Treatment Services, Inc.
- 8:25-8:30 p.m. Music, D. E. Adams
- 8:30-9:30 p.m. Gregory Boyd - "Jesus and Caesar: Preaching, Politics and Social Activism"

### Tuesday Morning: Sept. 30

- 8:30-8:45 a.m. Music, D. E. Adams
- 8:45-9:15 a.m. Michael Dixon - "Waving or Drowning: Reflections from the First Year of an Accidental Church Planter"
- 9:15-10:00 a.m. Gregory Boyd - "Facing the Open Future: Preaching, Free Will and Divine Sovereignty"
- 10:00-10:20 a.m. Break and Refreshments
- 10:20-11:20 a.m. Joel Gregory - "Getting It Said or Getting it Heard?"
- 11:20-11:30 a.m. Closing Remarks