Mercer University
Preaching 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 Rehoboth 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, or by e-mailing frazier_de@mercer.edu.

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 - “Reading Beauty: Preaching and the Kingdom Revelation”
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 F. Gushue - “Preaching about Politics without Being Political”
9:00-9:30 a.m. John Finley - “From the Podium to the Pulpit: Baptist Views on the Lord’s Supper”
9:30-10:00 a.m. Tim S. Willis - “Stories That Fail...”
10:00-10:30 a.m. Fellowship/Refreshments by Morningstar Treatment Services, Inc.
10:30-10:45 a.m. Music, D. E. Adams
10:45-11:15 a.m. Jayne H. Davis - “Teaching Exodus: Hosea When Babylon Takes the List of Best Places to Live”
11:15 a.m. Response 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 on 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 Compassion: Preaching, Politics and Social Actions”

Tuesday Morning: Sept. 30
8:30-8:45 a.m. Music, D. E. Adams
8:45-9:15 a.m. Michael Dixon - “Moving or Doveing: Reflections from the First Year of an Academic Church Planter”
9:15-10:00 a.m. Gregory Boyd - “Ising 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