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Baptist Seminary of Kentucky

"To receive the maximum term of reaccreditation for our first reevaluation self-study is a significant affirmation of BSK's approach to theological education. I am grateful for the incredible work done by our faculty, staff, and trustees in this process."

Dr. David Cassady
President, BSK

ATS reaffirms BSK's accreditation for 10 years

After a thorough review of BSK's educational process and performance, the Association of Theological Schools (ATS) gave the seminary a major vote of confidence.

ATS reaffirmed BSK's accreditation for 10 years, the maximum period ATS extends its accreditation. BSK received its initial accreditation in 2015 for five years.

The reaccreditation process involved a detailed self-study and a site visit by a team of theological educators. The visiting team's report, which was approved last summer by the ATS Board of Commissioners, noted several "distinctive strengths" in BSK's approach:

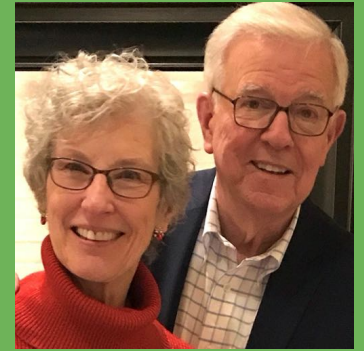
- a. The vocational commitment of faculty, staff, and administrators to one another and to the missional values of the school, as well as the pedagogical creativity of the faculty who generate a resilient and life-affirming formative experience for students and the publics they serve.
- b. The collaborative and mutually enhancing relationship between BSK, Simmons College, and the National Baptist Convention of America International, Inc. ... generates an efficacious grace that increases hope and commitment among diverse racial and ethnic communities.
- c. The transformative leadership capacities of students and alumni who exercise their call to serve in diverse ministerial roles and intersectional contexts for the betterment of the church and the world.
- d. The creative and elegant simplicity of the school's degree program rubric which integrates the intellectual, practical, and spiritual elements of formation.



BSK welcomes new NBCA students

S.C. Dixon, a pastor in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, is among 10 students from the National Baptist Convention of America, International, (NBCA) who are enrolled at BSK this fall. Dixon first heard about BSK when the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship helped his congregation recover from a 2016 flood. Earlier this year, the NBCA designated BSK as its official seminary. He serves as NBCA's general secretary and is taking online classes through BSK's distance learning program. His journey to BSK was the subject of an August article in Baptist News Global.

BSK names library in honor of Bill and Joyce Holmes



Learn more about the library at:
bsk.edu/holmeslibrary

Bill & Joyce Holmes

BSK has named its library in honor of longtime supporters Dr. Bill and Joyce Holmes, the school announced during its fall convocation Sept. 2. Bill Holmes, a BSK trustee and former interim president, practiced neurology in Louisville until retiring in 2007. He then completed a Master of Divinity degree and became a hospital chaplain. He and Joyce married in 1968 when Bill was a junior medical student and Joyce was a social worker. Bill, who is now retired from his chaplaincy ministry, delivered the convocation address. He is the author of *Thoughts from the Bedside: From Medicine to Chaplaincy*.

Pat Cole named BSK advancement director

Veteran denominational communicator Pat Cole has been named director of advancement at BSK. He will work alongside seminary President David Cassady in support of BSK's communications and fund development initiatives. Cole has held communications positions with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), the University of Louisville, Western Recorder, and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

CHAPEL

Join BSK for chapel worship and prayers

You are invited to join the BSK community for chapel services and community prayers via Zoom. Chapel is held monthly on the first Wednesday at 10 a.m., except October when it will be held on the second Wednesday. The community gathers at 10 a.m. for prayers on Wednesdays when chapel is not held, except during fall break and Thanksgiving week.

Get private Zoom link at

bsk.edu/chapel-prayers/

SHORT-TERM COURSES

Bible intro, youth ministry basics highlight Flourish Center offerings

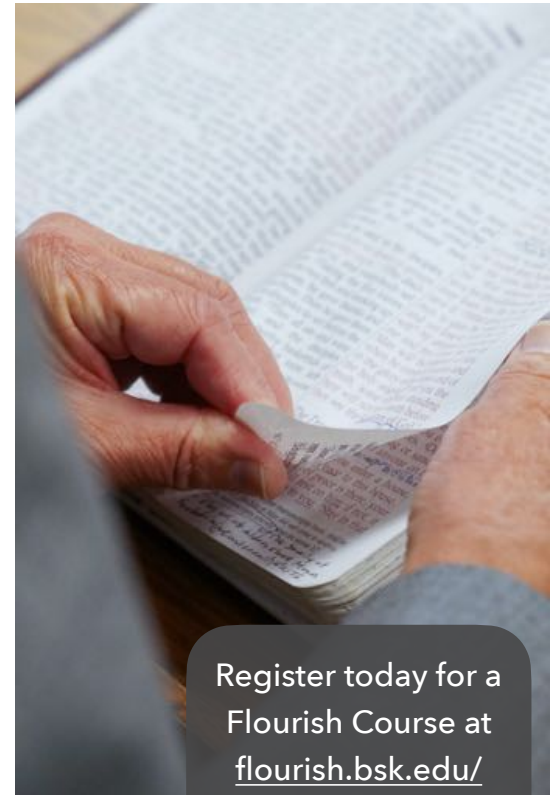
BSK's Flourish Center is offering two online courses this fall for congregational leaders who want to equip themselves for more vibrant ministry.

Introduction to the Bible will examine how the Bible originated and will offer a survey of its content. The course will invite students to a deeper relationship with the Scriptures and tackle challenges related to biblical interpretation and application. It will meet on Mondays beginning Sept. 21.

Youth Ministry 1 will introduce students to youth ministry and discipleship, creative programming ideas, and helpful counseling and group support techniques. The course will also cover the nuts and bolts of planning and administration and how to work with volunteers. The class will gather on Tuesdays starting Oct. 13.

Each of these non-credit courses will span six sessions.

Learn more at flourish.bsk.edu



Register today for a Flourish Course at flourish.bsk.edu/flourish-courses

CELEBRATE BSK SUNDAY



Suggested Sunday:
October 25, 2020

Worship leadership from BSK students

BSK is inviting congregations to observe BSK Sunday on Oct. 25 and is offering video resources to help in the celebration. Learn more about BSK through a video that highlights the work of BSK as it is experienced by its students and another that features a sermon preached by a BSK student. Congregations can share one or both videos in worship or refer their members to the BSK website to watch them. While BSK suggests Oct. 25 as the date for the observance, churches are encouraged to choose the date that works best for them. The video resources can be downloaded at bsk.edu/bsksunday.



*New BSK Student Kevin Adams
and his family*

Generous giving supports growing student body

Your gifts to BSK benefit students like **Kevin Adams**, a first-year seminarian who is a pastoral intern at Buechel Park Baptist Church in Louisville. He is shown with his wife, Jay, and their daughters, Nyla and Aniya. Adams is among 15 new BSK students, one the seminary's largest incoming classes.

In addition to Kentucky, students from Texas, Louisiana, Indiana, Missouri, and other states are studying online at BSK thanks to its fully accredited distance learning program. Adams received a **Kevin and Barnetta Cosby Seminary Scholarship for American Descendants of Slavery**. Because of generous BSK supporters, most BSK graduates complete their studies without incurring debt.

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