

Southern Methodist College

March Newsletter 2026

Greetings from Southern Methodist College.

The beginning of 2026 has been very eventful. The Board of Directors met. We hosted our Annual Fellowship Meal. A new semester began, and two students graduated.

Eighty-seven individuals attended the Annual Fellowship Meal at Antley's BBQ on the evening of February 17. The sponsors and the attendees donated over \$15,000.00. Our alumni and faculty member, Rev. Dr. Harry Zimmerman, delivered the keynote speech. He shared how Southern Methodist College provided a sound academic and spiritual foundation that allowed him to advance educationally and ministerially. He went to The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary where he earned a master's degree and then he earned a doctorate from Liberty University. Instructors like Richard Blank, John Hucks, Billy Griffith, David Battle imparted knowledge and displayed Christian character that he could apply and emulate. The education he received at Southern Methodist College not only prepared him academically but also gave the fundamental skills that help him in ministry as a minister and as a leader within the National Baptist Church.



Rev. Dr. Harry
Zimmerman

The Board of Directors met earlier that same day. They began work toward accreditation by commissioning a self-study committee. The members are completing a self-study of the Board itself. Their responses will be tabulated and used to improve the leadership of the Board. My hope is that we will be ready to formally approach the Association of Higher Biblical Education in December 2026.

The Board also approved four student graduations pending their completion of all the requirements of their respective programs in the next few months. Two students received degrees at the Fellowship Meal: Debora Dunn received a Diploma in Biblical Studies, and Daniel Magers earned an Associates of Arts in General and Religious Studies.

As we wrap up, please keep Missy Magers, our Secretary of Records, in your prayers as she recuperates from knee surgery on February 23. She came through surgery well and has begun physical therapy. Please pray with me that the Lord will grant a full and speedy recovery.



Congressman Joe Wilson with SMC
Graduates: Debora Dunn & Dan Magers

Finally, I thank you for your prayers and support for the work that the Lord has called us to do: "The training of Christians to serve God and His Church."