

OLIN TRIVETTE BINKLEY, President of the Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, native of Iredell County, member of Phi Beta Kappa, B.A. (1928) of Wake Forest, holder of degrees in divinity from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and Yale Divinity School, Ph.D. (1933) of Yale University, combines in his distinguished career as pastor, teacher, and scholar the finest qualities of Christian leadership.

As pastor of the Chapel Hill Baptist Church (1933-38), he made such a deep and lasting impression on this community that a church here proudly bears his name. As teacher in this University, in Wake Forest, in the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and in the institution of which he is now president, he has influenced for good the lives of hundreds of young people now serving the cause of religion throughout the nation. As writer, preacher, and scholar he has presented to thousands his vital message of the rôle of Christ and the church in the contemporary world.

Honored by fellowships and offices in numerous societies and national and state boards, Dr. Binkley has dedicated his life to the service of his Master in the noblest traditions of his profession.

In his humility, in his unpretentious learning tempered by wisdom, and in his deep and sympathetic understanding of the problems of the human heart, Dr. Binkley manifests in our generation those qualities which have marked Christian leaders since the Master walked the Judean hills. Sensitive to these values and the importance of religion in the modern world, the University of North Carolina proudly bestows on him its degree of Doctor of Divinity.

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