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Southern Bible Institute & College Announces Name Change to Foster College, Honoring a Legacy of Faith and Service

Dallas, TX - November 19, 2024 – Southern Bible Institute & College (SBIC) is excited to announce its new name: **Foster College**. Inspired by the legacy of the resilient African American preacher, Reverend L.G. Foster, Sr., who was determined to find a way for Black preachers to receive the education and training needed for effective ministry, this name change represents a significant milestone in the college's evolution. It underscores the institution's ongoing commitment to fostering both spiritual and academic growth, while expanding its impact on the community and furthering its dedication to biblical higher education.



For over 97 years, SBIC has served as a trusted center for biblical teaching and Christian leadership. Now, as Foster College, this accredited institution is poised to broaden its reach, responding to a growing need for faith-centered education that prepares students for leadership in ministry and the marketplace. The adoption of the name Foster College aligns with the institution's mission to nurture a diverse community dedicated to faith-filled service and excellence.

"The adoption of the Foster College name encapsulates our rich history, mission drive, and bright future," said Dr. Terrance A. Ford, President of SBIC. "This strategic change enables us to build on our legacy while preparing for a future that meets the evolving needs of our students and communities."

Dr. Ford unveiled the new name to an enthusiastic group of the college's stakeholders at his President's Table luncheon on November 8, 2024, at Antioch Missionary Baptist Church. When asked how he saw himself contributing to this next chapter for Foster College, Rev. Lelious Johnson, Senior Pastor of St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church and Board member of the college, had this to say: "Our church wants to come alongside as a major pillar...to make Foster College what I believe God wants it to be. All of us have to do our level best to come alongside to stand beside the college."



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The name change is part of a larger vision to raise awareness of Foster College's expanded degree offerings. Between now and June 2025, the college will gradually update its branding and materials to reflect the new name, with a full transition to Foster College by July 2025. Alumni, community leaders, businesses, and other supporters are invited to join Foster College on this exciting journey, contributing to a legacy of educational excellence and helping to shape the future of this impactful higher education institution.

How to Support Foster College

Supporters who wish to assist Foster College during this transition can learn more by visiting southernbible.edu/becoming_foster or contacting the institution directly. Contributions will support the continued growth of Foster College as a center for biblical education and leadership development.

About Foster College

Foster College (*formerly Southern Bible Institute & College (SBIC)*) has been a beacon of biblical education and spiritual development since its founding in 1927. Located in Dallas, Texas, Foster College is committed to equipping men and women for ministry and leadership roles through its Christ-centered academic programs. Offering both collegiate and non-collegiate education, this college provides a diverse range of certificates, associate degrees, and continuing education opportunities designed to meet the needs of today's students. With a focus on biblical studies, theology, and practical ministry training, Foster empowers students to impact their communities and the world for Christ. Dedicated to academic excellence and spiritual growth, Foster College provides a supportive, multicultural learning environment that prepares graduates to serve with integrity, wisdom, and a deep understanding of God's Word. For more information, visit southernbible.edu.

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