



Watercrest of Lake Nona to Host Courses by New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary's Leavell College

VERO BEACH, FL, September 16, 2015 – [Watercrest of Lake Nona](#) is proud to announce that the [New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary \(NOBTS\)](#), one of the largest seminaries in the Southern Baptist Convention, will offer undergraduate courses beginning this fall at Watercrest of Lake Nona Assisted Living and Memory Care Community.

The NOBTS course offerings bolster the opportunities for continuing education offered by Watercrest of Lake Nona, who recently announced their partnership with Rollins College in offering the national award winning STARS innovative learning program to adults 50 and older.

“Hosting educational courses at Watercrest of Lake Nona gives our residents and community members an opportunity to engage issues that are both thought provoking and foundational to modern culture,” says Christopher Shepherd, Director of Creative Program Development for Watercrest. “As part of our Watercrest Common Unity Initiative, we strive to fulfill community needs and offer meaningful connections for our residents.”

NOBTS classes begin in October and will be held at the Watercrest of Lake Nona Community Center. Courses will be offered weekly for eight weeks, and cost fifty to sixty dollars as audit or credit. Topics this fall include *Church History* and *Introduction to the Old Testament*. To register, contact Chris Shepherd at cshepherd@watercrestslg.com.

Church History with Dr. Ben Kinney will be held Thursday evenings at 6:30pm from October 15th to December 10th, offering students a history of the church and understanding of current world movements. Dr. Kinney has pastored churches in Iowa and Tennessee and currently serves as staff chaplain for both a large non-profit hospice and a local hospital. He holds degrees from the University of Texas, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and Tennessee Temple University.

Introduction to the Old Testament with Dr. Paul Gordon will be held on Wednesdays at 10am from October 14th to December 9th. The course provides a survey of the Old Testament, including pertinent geographical and historical information. Dr. Gordon has served as a senior pastor for 32 years and as a college professor for 17 years. He holds degrees from Western Kentucky University and Luther Rice Seminary and is a published author.

As the developer and operator of assisted living and memory care communities, Watercrest Senior Living Group advocates the benefits of continued education programs and encourages a commitment to serving others and fulfilling needs in our hometowns through their Common Unity program, a company-wide initiative supporting associates and residents in community service and enrichment. The NOBTS and Rollins STARS courses welcomes community members into the 76,000 square foot [Watercrest of Lake Nona Assisted Living and Memory Care Community](#), featuring 80 luxurious residences, resort-like service offerings and extraordinary care.

Watercrest Senior Living Group is committed to enriching the lives of seniors by creating an environment of well being and providing a comprehensive memory care program specifically designed to engage the senses, expand the mind and enhance the emotions of residents. Focused on the growth of servant leaders, Watercrest Senior Living Group identifies people as the company's greatest asset. For more information, please visit www.watercrestseniorliving.com.

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