COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Mark Crow is an energetic and influential author, pastor and leader. For many years, Mark has been impacting lives all over the globe with his wit, humor, passion and genuine love for God and people. Mark, along with his wife Jennifer, founded Victory Church in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, in August of 1994. Under his dynamic leadership, Victory Church has expanded multiple times and grown into various locations including campuses in Oklahoma City, Norman, Corpus Christi, Albuquerque and a Hispanic congregation in downtown Oklahoma City.

Along with leading an ever-growing mega-church, Mark Crow is an executive director of Integrity Leadership Ministries, a group of ministers from around the country who gather together to exchange ministry resources, build relationships, and empower church leaders. He is committed to leading with integrity and is a coach with EQUIP, John Maxwell’s leadership training program that was created to develop effective Christian leaders. Mark is a chairman on the board of the Beautiful Dream Society, an anti-human trafficking organization based in the United States, whose mission is to rescue and restore victims of human trafficking crimes in Lesotho, Africa and South Africa. He is also chairman of the board of Danita’s Children, an organization set up to rescue, love and care for orphans in Ouanaminthe, Haiti.

Together, Mark Crow and Victory Church are fulfilling their mission to reach cities, change nations and touch the world. They are doing this through community outreach, missions support, original worship music, a 24/7 stream of worship experiences and original music on their websites, and a growing international TV ministry. Mark also travels and speaks, sharing his passion for knowing Christ and living a victorious life with people all over the world. In addition to being the Senior Pastor of Victory Church and speaking at other locations, Mark is a renowned author, having written books such as “Extraordinary Living,” “Mastering Your Storms,” and “Secrets of the Second Mile.”

Mark’s commitment to communicating the gospel of Jesus Christ began in 1977, when he was radically saved from a lifestyle of depression as well as drug and alcohol abuse. Several years later he attended Oral Roberts University, received a bachelor’s degree in Theology, and met his wife Jennifer. Mark also holds a Master’s degree in ministry from Southwestern Christian University. Mark and Jennifer have five children and currently live in Edmond, Oklahoma.

Sixty-first Commencement Convocation
Saturday, May 8, 2011, 10:00 a.m.
Mistress of Ceremonies, Rita Tate

PROCESSION – (Audience, please remain seated)

Adrian Hinkle, Ph.D. (Cand.), Chair, Theology/Missions
President, Faculty Senate
Chief Marshal
David Burrows, Chairman
Southwestern Christian University Board of Regents
Bishop Talmadge Gardner
Executive Director, Discipleship Ministries, IPHC
Dr. Ed Huckeby, President
Dr. Reggies Wenyika, Provost and Vice President 
Academic Affairs
Rev. Mark Crow
Commencement Speaker
Wallace Hamilton, Vice President
Fiscal Affairs/Human Resources
Jonathan Chasteen, Ed.D. (Cand.), Vice President
Advancement and Development
Mark Arthur, M.Ed., Director
Advocate Athletics
Terry Tramel, D. Min., Dean
Graduate School of Ministry

John Chasteen, M.Min., Life Coaching Institute
Patricia Chavez-Anaya, Ph.D. (Cand.), Chair, Behavioral Sciences
Cassie Duffie, M.B.A., Professional Studies
Linda Garrett, Ph.D. (Cand.), Business
Shelley Groves, Ph.D. (Cand.), Chair, English
Adrian Hinkle, Ph.D. (Cand.), Chair, Theology/Missions
Kirk Jackson, M.B.A., Chair, Business
David Roman, M.M., Chair, Creative Arts
Ray Ballew, M.M. Ed., Creative Arts
Josh Burchett, B.A., English
Gary L. Burchette, M.A., Theology/Missions
Marilyn A. Hudson, M.L.I.S., Director, University Library Services
Marvin J. Hudson, D.Min., Theology/Missions
Spencer Ledbetter, Ph.D., Theology/Missions
Isabelle McClung, M.B.A., Business
Donna McCoy, Ph.D., Behavioral Science
Rebeccah Nelson, B.A., English
Lorena Ray, M.S., Adult Distance and Online
James Poteet, Ed.D., Education
James Wilhite, Ed.D., Education
Paul Williams, D.Min., Graduate School of Ministry
Kenneth L. Young, M.A.T.S., Theology/Missions
National Anthem
Lauren Rice and Rodrigo Rivas

Invocation/Declaration
Rev. David Burrows

Welcome & Recognition of Guests
Dr. Reggies Wenyika

Presidential Greeting
Dr. Ed Huckeby

Academic Achievement Award
Dr. Reggies Wenyika

Transformational Leadership Award
Prof. Gary Burchette

Servant Award
Dr. Ed Huckeby

Faculty Service Award
Adrian Hinkle

Special Music
Courtney Frederickson, Lauren Rice, Rodrigo Rivas
You Raise Me Up

Commencement Address
Rev. Mark Crow

Conferring of Degrees
Dr. Ed Huckeby

Alumni Installation
Mr. Jon Chasteen

Presidential Charge
Dr. Ed Huckeby

Response
Joshua Gamblin

Benediction
Dr. Spencer Ledbetter

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (Professional Studies)

Biblical Leadership

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Granada, Spain
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Norman, OK
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Guthrie, OK
**Business Administration**

- Wilhemina Annancy, Moore, OK
- Business Leadership
  - Antonieta M. Ayala, Oklahoma City, OK
  - Jessica Brittney Burpo, Bethany, OK
  - Christy Elizabeth Hagan, Mustang, OK
  - April Renee Jones, Moore, OK
  - Kyla Dyan Richardson, Bethany, OK
  - Illa K. Viloria-Perry, Oklahoma City, OK
  - Sandi Kaye Welch, Mustang, OK

**Human & Family Services**

- Yvonne M. Bell, Del City, OK
- Melanie Elaine Broadway, Yukon, OK
- Heather Lorraine Chatman, Oklahoma City, OK
- Earl Lee Cowdrey II, Yukon, OK
- Carole Jane Cox, Oklahoma City, OK
- Kayla M. Diaz, Oklahoma City, OK
- Jennifer Hall, Oklahoma City, OK
- Erica Genell Hutcherson, Oklahoma City, OK
- Angela Lee Jackson, Oklahoma City, OK
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- Erin A. Overturf, Warr Acres, OK
- Kendra Roat, Oklahoma City, OK
- Andrea Jean Faye Smith, Oklahoma City, OK
- Niouleava Lop Tasi Jr., Oklahoma City, OK

**Associate of Arts**

- Greggory K. Hansen, Yukon, OK

**BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

- Brandon Eugene Andrews, Oklahoma City, OK
- Greg Block, Bethany, OK
- Jaime Cuellar, Alvin, TX
- Bobby Reed Ewing, Piedmont, OK
- Aaron Isaac Hunter*, Roswell, NM
- Casamere Nichole Jane McGhee, Yukon, OK
- Danyel Sherrie Moses, Perry, OK
- Mary Elisabeth Perdue, Midwest City, OK
- James E. Perinovic, Choctaw, OK
- Bobbie Suzette Sandy, Perry, OK
- Brandie Shannon Sandy
  - *Cum Laude*
- Jacob C. Stangl, Oklahoma City, OK
- Tradidas Darnell Williams, Oklahoma City, OK

**BACHELOR OF ARTS**

- English
  - Joshua Ryan Gamblin, Oklahoma City, OK

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE**

- Behavioral Science
  - Derek L. Colvin*, Cum Laude, Oklahoma City, OK
- Human & Family Services
  - Eve Renae Arthur, Oklahoma City, OK
  - Channing Devern Hamilton, Oklahoma City, OK
  - Robert M. Roland, Moore, OK
  - Sarah L. Sanchez*, Magna Cum Laude, Columbia
  - Clarissa Elaine Taylor, Blanchard, OK

- Youth & Family Services
  - Maria Del Carmen Garcia, Oklahoma City, OK
  - Rodrigo Rivas, Chile

**CREATIVE ARTS**

- Church Music
  - Courtney Renee Fredrickson, Oklahoma City, OK
- Music Performance
  - Lauren Nichole Rice, Oklahoma City, OK

**SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY/MISSIONS**

- Pastoral Ministry
  - Rodrigo Rivas, Chile
  - Jonathan Daniel Tedder, Princeton, WV

**ASSOCIATE OF ARTS**

- Christopher Glenn Nimmo, Bethany, OK
- Brandon A. Savage, Oklahoma City, OK
- Christin Ward, Whiteville, NC

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PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES
An official photographer will record each graduate receiving his/her degree. Guests are also welcome at the front of the auditorium to photograph graduates. Please do not block the official photographer from recording this momentous occasion. Photographs will be available for purchase. See swcu.edu for additional information.
The precise origins of the several parts of academic dress still remain a matter of conjecture. The unheated buildings which medieval scholars frequented may have necessitated the wearing of gowns for comfort. The gowns and the hood were common at British universities before the 14th century; the square cap is thought to be a 16th century import from the University of Paris. European universities continue to use a wide variety in the cut and color of gowns and the type of headdress worn.

Academic attire began to appear quite generally on United States’ campuses in the late 1890’s. Since that time, its use has become universal for solemn university functions and its pattern highly uniform. From the color and size of the American academic attire, one may determine the institution from which the wearer received the degree and the degree earned.

The Cap

The mortarboard has become the universally accepted style in United States colleges and universities. The tam is a soft velvet cap worn by those with a doctoral degree. The caps are black with a tassel. The standard tassel worn by the faculty is black, but those with doctoral degrees have the privilege of wearing gold tassels. Candidates for degrees at Southwestern Christian University have colored tassels, which are red or black. Certain designated officers of the University wear gold tassels.

The Gown

The associate’s gown is grey with full sleeves and is worn closed. The bachelor’s gown has a long, pleated front with shirring across the shoulders and back. The flowing sleeves are pointed at the fingertip and are knee length. The master’s degree gown is worn open, and the oblong sleeves, reaching well below the knees, are cut so that the forearm comes through a slit just above the elbow. The doctor’s gown has broad, velvet panels down the front, and three velvet bars on full, round sleeves. This velvet trimming may be either black or a color distinctive of the degree.

The Hood

The hood gives color and meaning to the academic costume. The silk lining of the hood reflects the official colors of the institution conferring the degree. Southwestern Christian University’s color is light blue. The hood is bordered with velvet of a prescribed width to designate the degree and a color to indicate the field of learning to which the degree pertains. On the faculty, the hood also reflects their fields of specialization.