

The Dr. Fred and Sarah Howard Endowed Scholarship

Fred Howard made a resolution in 1940 never to be a preacher or a teacher. As he once stated, "I was born to write." However, in the years to come, he would not only write but also become a gifted preacher and teacher.

Dr. Howard began his writing in the fifth grade with a story entitled "The T-Model Wash Tub." In high school and junior college, he served on the newspaper staff and served as editor of the annual. Since that time, Dr. Howard has written and published many books including several on poetry. He was been a writer of Sunday school material for the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board since 1966. He has written for the Bible Book Study Commentaries. He was also written several lessons for 2000-2001.

Fred Howard married Sarah Pittman on December 24, 1940, and they had six children: Patricia, Katrinka, David, Rick, Belinda, and Kenney.

Dr. Howard was ordained to the gospel ministry in 1950. Soon after being ordained, he attended Mississippi College. There he received his Bachelor of Divinity in 1955 and his Doctor of Theology in 1957. Sarah received her Bachelor of Religious Education degree in 1955. Dr. Howard pastored two churches: The Ebenezer Baptist Church in Holmes County, Mississippi, and the Emmanuel Baptist Church in New Orleans.

Dr. Fred Howard, master teacher, preacher, poet and gifted writer, joined the Wayland religion faculty in 1958 and served as chairman of the Division of Religion and Philosophy from 1958-1961 and again from 1962-1963. The University honored Dr. Howard with the title of Professor Emeritus of Religion in 1985.