Belhaven Professor Publishes Book

Jackson, Miss. (December 9, 2004) – Dr. Paul Waibel, professor of history at Belhaven College, will be releasing his latest book, Martin Luther: A Brief Introduction to His Life and Works, on January 1, 2005.

Published by Harlan Davidson, Martin Luther: A Brief Introduction to His Life and Works introduces the general reader, as well as history and seminary students, to the man who launched the sixteenth-century Protestant Reformation. In addition to a brief biographical sketch, individual chapters discuss the key issue of salvation, which was at the heart of the Reformation struggle, and Luther’s most important Reformation writings. One chapter is devoted to Luther’s controversial pamphlets against the peasants and the Jews, which through the centuries since the Reformation have clouded Luther’s reputation and fueled anti-Semitism. The book places Luther’s developing thought in its historical context, showing how historical and personal events influenced his writings. Included is an annotated guide to Luther’s Reformation writings that have been translated into English.

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