



## SOUTHEASTERN CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

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STATEMENT claiming religious exemption for TITLE IX under 45 C.F.R. 86.12(b).

Southeastern Christian College is a Liberal Arts Junior College, owned and operated by a Board of Directors chosen by cooperating Churches of Christ. While offering a Liberal Arts curriculum, this school places strong emphasis on the teaching of the Bible and the living of a Christian life. The introductory sentence of its statement of purpose as found printed in the Catalogue, page 6, reads:

"The over-all purpose of Southeastern Christian College is to provide each student with a program of Christian education including religious, academic, social, physical and vocational experiences which will result in Christ-centered living."

It is the conviction of this school and of its supporting churches that the Bible does not condone women as "Preachers", or "Ministers of the Gospel" or "Pastors".

In view of this, Southeastern Christian College does not employ women to be teachers of Bible and/or Religion. Nor does it invite women preachers to speak at religious assemblies of the college. (Sec. 86.51(a)(1&2); Sec.86.53(a&b).)

This does not mean that women cannot take any Bible or Religion course which is offered. In fact, we have several women currently enrolled with Bible majors. However, as a rule, women do not attempt to enroll in certain courses such as homiletics (sermon preparation).

This position does not rule out women from being teachers in other subjects, including directing of the school choir which sings mainly religious music. Our present choir director is in fact, a woman.

As a consequence of the above stated belief regarding women preachers, one student extra-curricular activity known as the "Timothy Club" (a club of young men aspiring to be preachers of the Gospel and who preach as opportunity provides) is limited to men. The women on campus have a counterpart in the "Dorcas Club" which seeks ways of service to the church in keeping with their understanding of God's Word. The staff advisor in that case would also be a woman. (Sec. 86.31(a) ..."extracurricular"...) )

We have studied all the requirements of the Rules and Regulations per FEDERAL REGISTER of June 4, 1975 Volume 40 Number 108 Part II, and find that in all other aspects we are in compliance with Title IX.

Sincerely,

Victor N. Broaddus, President

Hall C. Crowder, Chairman of Board