



Each year a graduating senior is selected by the faculty to represent NTS, and his or her graduating class, by preaching the Corlett Senior Sermon at the Graduate Chapel the morning of Commencement. This prestigious preaching award was first presented in 1945 as an incentive for more effective preaching by NTS students by the late Mr. Eric A. Mabes, a prominent Kansas City realtor. Mr. Mabes underwrote this award until 1966, when Dr. and Mrs. L.T. Corlett, as a symbol of their continuing interest in the future ministry of the Church, assumed the sponsorship. The award is now sponsored by the estate of Mr. R. Wesley Blachly. The winner is awarded a cash prize and recognition on the Corlett plaque at NTS.

- The sermon should be an original expository sermon (approximately 20 minutes in length) that focuses on some aspect of the Christian experience. You are encouraged to emphasize the central theological themes of Christian holiness. The sermon may be one that was prepared for a prior class assignment or preached in the local context. It must, however, be your original work. In the presentation of the sermon, you may use whatever method you find most appropriate for the homiletical context: e.g. manuscript, outline, or extemporaneous.
- The Office of the Dean of the Faculty must receive notification by phone or email of intent to participate in the Corlett Sermon Series prior to the submission deadline. Please contact **Melinda Morgan** (mmorgan@nts.edu or **816.268.5412**) by **January 31**, acknowledging your intent to submit a sermon for consideration.
- Submit a written transcript *and* a link to a video recording of the sermon chosen on the graduation page on Moodle. The voting faculty would like to see both content and presentation skills as they determine the finalists. **Deadline for submissions: Friday, February 22, 2019.**
- A faculty committee will select up to three students to preach during the **Tuesday, April 2, 2019** Chapel in the Koinonia Café. Attendance is *required* for the finalists. Airfare and lodging will be provided for distance students participating. Faculty will be present to vote.
- By **Thursday, April 4, 2019** all three finalists will be contacted by phone with the results.
- All participants, whether or not they have been chosen as finalists, will be recognized in the Graduate Chapel scheduled for Saturday morning, **May 4, 2019**. Family and friends are welcome to attend. The winner will preach at this service.