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**AIB TV PARTNERS WITH MERCER'S MCAFEE SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY
TO BRING VIEWERS "THE 30-MINUTE SEMINARY"**

ATLANTA (Dec. 29) – Have you ever wondered what classes are taught at seminary? Now you can get an inside look at what professors teach in their classes in a new 30-minute program airing on Atlanta Interfaith Broadcasters Inc. AIB TV has partnered with the James and Carolyn McAfee School of Theology at Mercer University to bring viewers "The 30-Minute Seminary," in which professors provide 30-minute summaries on topics such as the Old Testament, the New Testament, theology, church history, ethics and worship – 14 different subjects in all.

"The Thirty-Minute Seminary' is an idea that came from the McAfee faculty, and it posed a daring challenge for them: take your whole discipline and present it for a general audience in one 30-minute segment," said Dr. R. Alan Culpepper, dean of the McAfee School of Theology. "McAfee is committed to serving the church and to being a resource for pastors and churches. Our hope is that through this series, viewers will be challenged to advance their understanding and education in their faith. Churches may choose to use these short video presentations with Sunday Schools, study groups or Wednesday evening programs. Viewers can also get a taste of the curriculum at a seminary—and McAfee in particular."

"The 30-Minute Seminary" will air on AIB TV for 14 weeks, beginning Jan. 28, 2010 and will air Thursdays at 5 p.m., Fridays at 1:30 p.m., Saturdays at 7 a.m. and Sundays at 6:30 a.m. AIB TV can be viewed on Comcast – channel 5, AT&T Uverse – channel 6 and Charter Communications (Smyrna, Roswell) – Channel 22

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About AIB: Atlanta Interfaith Broadcasters Inc. is the nation's largest regional interfaith cable network and is celebrating its 40th Anniversary this year. AIB has been providing faith-based communities and nonprofit service organizations access to a larger audience since 1969. AIB remains a destination for international dignitaries and media representatives because of its unique programming platform which promotes dialogue between all faiths, cultures and socio economic backgrounds. AIB is a self-supporting organization and is seen in more than 1 million homes across 19 metro area counties. www.aibtv.com

About the James and Carolyn McAfee School of Theology: The McAfee School of Theology was established in 1996. Located in Atlanta on Mercer's Cecil B. Day Graduate and Professional Campus, the School of Theology offers programs leading to the degrees Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry. The School of Theology also offers several joint programs: an M.Div.-Master of Business

Administration, an M.Div.-Master of Science in Counseling and an M.Div.-Master of Arts in Church Music through the Townsend-McAfee Institute for Graduate Church Music Studies, a collaborative program between the School of Theology and the Townsend School of Music in Macon. For more information, visit theology.mercer.edu.

About Mercer University: Founded in 1833, Mercer University is a dynamic and comprehensive center of undergraduate, graduate and professional education. The University enrolls more than 8,000 students in 11 schools and colleges – liberal arts, law, pharmacy, medicine, business, engineering, education, theology, music, nursing and continuing and professional studies – on major campuses in Macon, Atlanta and Savannah and at three regional academic centers across the state. Mercer is affiliated with two teaching hospitals — Memorial University Medical Center in Savannah and the Medical Center of Central Georgia in Macon, and has educational partnerships with Warner Robins Air Logistics Center in Warner Robins and Piedmont Healthcare in Atlanta. The University operates an academic press and a performing arts center in Macon and an engineering research center in Warner Robins. Mercer is the only private university in Georgia to field an NCAA Division I athletic program. For more information, visit www.mercer.edu.