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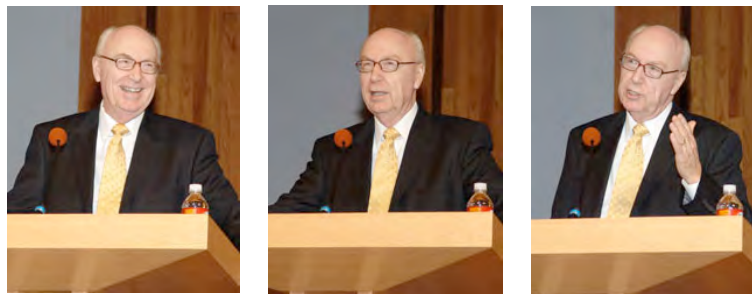
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Keeping Alumni Connected

General Superintendent Elect Shares Vision



Dr. George Wood, general superintendent elect of the Assemblies of God (AG) and chair of the AGTS Board of Directors, laid out five enduring core values expressing his vision for the AG in a Student Advisory Council chapel at AGTS on September 14th.

[Listen to Dr. Wood](#) speak on what will be the focus of his administration.

Israel Tour Opportunity

AGTS is offering a three-week study tour of Israel (May 11-31, 2008) with an optional half-week extension to Jordan (May 8-10), led by Dr. Deborah Gill ('78/'79). *"Get your spiritual batteries recharged and re-connect with the roots of your faith. It will so enrich your life that you will never look at the Bible in the same way,"* said Dr. George Wood. He is working to secure \$1,500 scholarships for up to 30 AGTS students.



Alumni are cordially invited to join the tour. For information and costs, go to [Israel & Jordan Study Tour 2008](#).

What's New?

40 Days through the New Testament

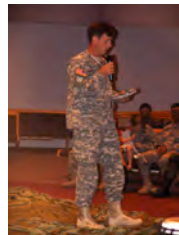
Did You Know?

- 65% of Bible-believing Christians have never read the entire New Testament
- In a survey of more than 500 pastors, 47% cited "lack of time" as the main reason more Christians don't read the Bible



AGTS has partnered with *Faith Comes by Hearing* to encourage the AGTS community to listen to the entire New Testament in the next 40 days. Beginning October 4th those participating will listen to 28 minutes of the New Testament on MP3 discs provided by *Faith Comes by Hearing*. The November 27th Chapel will celebrate the conclusion of the 40 days of Scripture. You are invited to read along with the AGTS community. A [daily schedule of readings](#) can be found online.

Chaplaincy Chapel



The AGTS Chapel was transformed into a battlefield staging area as military chaplain candidates hosted a mock pre-battlefield service on September 23rd. **Col. Scott McChrystal** ('84), head of military chaplaincy for the AG, spoke from Psalm 23. The morning concluded with students and faculty sharing a lunch of MRE's (meals-ready-to-eat).

D.Min. and Church Life Resource Cohorts on Campus

AGTS is hosting the Doctor of Ministry and Church Life Resource cohorts on campus during the month of October.

Over the next few weeks, 47 D.Min. students will return to campus for classes. The D.Min. program will begin cohort 18 on January 18, 2008. For more information, contact the D.Min. Office at 1-800-467-2487, ext. 1082.

The Church Life Resources cohort is a partnership program AGTS has entered into with Church Life Resources, a ministry consultation firm founded by Dr. Wayne and Sherry Lee of Lakeland, FL. Through their consulting network they have invited a number of persons to connect with a special learning cohort with AGTS and CBC that provides the opportunity to earn a MA in Christian Ministries or a BA in Pastoral Ministry. The first cohort started in September 2007. We anticipate beginning a new cohort each Fall.



Phonathon Update



Thank you for participating in the 5th Annual Alumni Phonathon! With your help, AGTS received over \$23,000 in commitments and more is coming in daily. We appreciate your support of AGTS. If you haven't yet sent in your commitment or you still would like to give, it's not too late. Just mail your donation or donate online at www.agts.edu/partners.

Quotables

"Prayer catapults us onto the frontier of the spiritual life...to pray is to change. Prayer is the central avenue God uses to transform us."

-- Richard Foster

"I don't fear failure as much as success in things that don't really matter."

-- H. Robert Rhoden

Connect with President Klaus

Dr. Byron Klaus will be at the following events:

- Oct. 8 Association of Theological Schools meeting, St. Louis, MO
- Oct. 18-20 Latin America Bible Institute Conference, Educacion y el Espiritu Santo, San Antonio, TX
- Oct. 26-28 Inauguration of Dr. Joseph Castleberry, Northwest University, Kirkland, WA



Lifelong Learning

AGTS is committed to providing lifelong learning opportunities. Graduate alums are invited to take one free course audit per academic year. Why not use your free audit to enhance your ministry skills? For a complete list of course offerings, visit www.agts.edu.

AGTS One Week Modules – Oct. 22-26 (M-F)

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

BTHM/MHTM 501 01
Dr. David Thomas

Mission of God in Biblical & Contemp. Contexts

THEM 639 01
Dr. Frank Macchia

The Doctrine of the Trinity

1:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

PTHM 655 01
Chap. Manuel Cordero

Religious Pluralism & the Ministry of the Chaplain

AGTS Branch Campus at Northwest University, Kirkland, WA (Nov. 5-9)

Mon. 1-10 pm; Tues. – Thurs. 8:30 am - 5:30 pm; Fri. 8 am – Noon
PTHB 620
Dr. Earl Creps

Ministry in Emerging Culture

Resources

"Enrichment" Journal E-newsletter

The "Enrichment" journal now offers a new e-newsletter supplement for ministers. **Rick Knoth** ('90), the journal's managing editor, notes the "e-newsletter . . . will enhance our overall electronic and web site services." It will be sent out between the print editions of the magazine and contain Tools of the Trade, Pentecostal Preaching, and the Pastor's Survival Guide. To subscribe, visit www.enrichmentjournal.ag.org.

Women in Ministry Resource

The Women in Ministry Web site has been updated. Their theme for this update is Mentoring. For additional resources on this topic, visit the Women in Ministry Web site, www.womeninministry.ag.org.

Faculty News

Dr. Roger Cotton ('78), professor of Old Testament, spoke and did a question and answer session on Old Testament for the Young Life Christian student group at Central High School in Springfield, MO, on September 13.



Dr. Debbie Gill ('78/'79), professor of New Testament Exposition, and **Dr. Barbara Cavaness** ('75) traveled to India for a special conference based on their book ***God's Women: Then and Now***.

Dr. Mark Hausfeld ('83), the J. Philip Hogan Professor of World Missions, spoke to pastors in the Seattle area of the Northwest District of the AG who are focusing their Missional efforts on unreached people groups of the world.

Dr. Jim Hernando ('78), professor of New Testament, will speak at Pastor Mark Boucher's church in Leominster, MA on October 30, 2007. His topic. "Christian Friendship: Challenges, Benefits and Blessings"

Dr. Stephen Lim, academic dean, wrote an article entitled "Will Christians Face God's Judgment?" for the October 2007 issue of *Today's Pentecostal Evangel*.

Dr. Johan Mostert, associate professor of Community Psychology, traveled with a team of students from AGTS and Evangel to South Africa where they were involved in community based work with children affected by the AIDS pandemic. He was the speaker at the inauguration of an AIDS Orphan Care Centre at the church in Soshanguve, north of Pretoria.

Dr. Angela Reid ('00), assistant professor of Counseling Psychology, attended the American Association of Christian Counselors World Conference in Nashville, TN along with AGTS students and alumni.

Dr. Jay Taylor ('95/'01) has been appointed chair of the Practical Theology Department and also serves as director of Spiritual Formation and Student Services.

Dr. Randy Walls ('97/'04), director of Continuing Education, will be at the Northern Cal./Nev. Lay Leadership Summit at Capital Christian Center in Sacramento, CA promoting the new branch campus. He will also be preaching in the three Protestant chapel services at the state correctional facility (prison) in Soledad, CA. Rev. Judge Lindsey, an ordained A/G minister, is the Protestant chaplain for the prison.

Books and Publications

Book Recommendations



Dr. Angela Reid ('00), AGTS assistant professor of Counseling Psychology, recommends:

Michael Yaconelli, ***Messy Spirituality: God's Annoying Love for Imperfect People***. (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2002)

Author, lay pastor, and co-founder of Youth Specialties, the late Mike Yaconelli was intent on helping believers find rest in the arms of God. *Messy Spirituality* is a book for sincere born-again believers who struggle with feelings of inadequacy in their journey with Christ. With the ongoing nagging feeling that they fall short of the Christian "ideal" on a daily basis, Yaconelli has exhorted believers to disavow the façade that presents Christian living as a bubble of perfection in order to realize that God uses, and more importantly actively loves and accepts them just as they are. In turn, Yaconelli reminds readers, God prompts others to love and accept the imperfect believers among them.



Dr. Roger Cotton ('78), AGTS professor of Old Testament, recommends:

Duvall, J. Scott, and J. Daniel Hays. ***Grasping God's Word***. 2nd ed. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2005.

AG schools in Springfield are using this hermeneutics book to teach students how to interpret the Bible. It is the clearest, most practical, down to earth, statement of the issues and principles of dealing with the details of the Bible text as well as the big picture and how to relate it all to our lives today. The summary of their approach is to picture moving from the "town" of the text on the other side of the "river" of culture, language, covenant, time, and situation over the "bridge" of principizing and to our "town" and application to our lives. It includes a great chapter on Bible Translations and an appendix on Building a Personal Library. No matter

how long you have been studying and ministering God's Word, this book can help you improve how you do it.

Visit the [AGTS Alumni Bookshelf](#) for titles published by AGTS alums.

Alumni News



Richard Kowalczyk ('01) reports completing their second adoption from China and recently welcomed Jacob Alexander FuMin Kowalczyk to their family.

Bruce Jackman ('01) shared God is doing amazing things throughout Africa. *"In January 2007, we put down a borehole in a remote part of rural Zimbabwe providing health through clean water. The community meets here for prayer most mornings where the paths of living water and drinking water connect."*



Hospital Chaplain **Robin Storer** ('04), while on a trip to Thailand, had the opportunity to visit and pray with a Thai woman in a hospital in Phuket, Thailand. Also in the photo is his sister-in-law, Milka Seidler. Milka and her husband Jay (Dawn Storer's brother) are missionaries with the Finnish Pentecostal Church in Thailand.

Send Us Your News!

We want to hear from you! Send your latest news and photos for possible publication in the *Alumni E-Newsletter* and/or *Rapport*. Email your news/photos to alumni@agts.edu.

Upcoming Events

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| Oct. 10 | Inaugural Lecture, AGTS Chapel 10:30 a.m. Dr. Mark Hausfeld will present three lectures on "Islam in America" this fall. You are cordially invited to attend the lectures and reception. Wednesday, October 10 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, November 14 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 4 1:30 p.m. |
| Oct. 22-26 | Fall Study Week: One Week Modules |
| Oct. 26 | Fall Seminary Day |

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