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Keeping Alumni Connected

AGTS Hosts Seminary Day



AGTS will open its doors to potential students on Friday, April 11th. Dr. George Wood, general superintendent, will speak in chapel that day. Alumni are invited to join us to hear Dr. Wood at 1:30 p.m. in the seminary chapel.

Do you know someone who may be interested in attending AGTS? Please refer them our Enrollment Office online at www.agts.edu/referral.

What's New?

AGTS to Celebrate 35th Annual Commencement

On Saturday, May 3, AGTS will award Doctor of Ministry, Master of Divinity and Master of Arts degrees to 127 graduates from 31 states and Puerto Rico, 8 countries, and 9 different denominations. The service will be held at Central Assembly of God at 1:30 p.m.



Rev. Dan Betzer will deliver the keynote address. A veteran of over 60 years in broadcast media, he hosts *Byline*, a weekday radio commentary heard on more than 240 radio stations. He also hosts the weekday *Byline* television commentary aired around the world on over 900 television stations with a potential audience of 186 million viewers.

Rev. Betzer has served as senior pastor of First Assembly Ministries in Fort Myers, Florida, since 1987. First Assembly has 10,000 members and adherents across five campuses www.firstassemblyministries.com. He has ministered in over 60 nations and has worked on behalf of World Missions, raising tens of millions of dollars. He has authored 20 published books and pioneered seven churches. Dan, and his wife, Darlene have three daughters, and a son who is a missionary in Africa.

A public Doctor of Ministry symposium will be held on Friday, May 2, 2008, at 12:30 p.m. in the AGTS chapel. Twenty-two graduates will present summaries of field-based doctoral projects such as:

- Preventing Self-Sabotage in Ministry
- The Effects of Sin and Righteousness on Aging
- Biblical Worldview Integration for Effective Ministry
- Suffering as an Integral Component of Christian Life and Ministry
- Mentoring Missionaries
- Partnership Models for Missions
- Ministry to Gen-X Students
- Training Pastors in Emotional Intelligence

AGTS Graduation Schedule. You are invited to attend.

May 1

AGTS Golf Tournament (1:00 pm)



The tournament is a four-person scramble format and will begin with a 1 p.m. shotgun start on Thursday, May 1st. Great prizes for the winners!

All proceeds go to student scholarships. Visit the [website](#) for details and to register.

May 2

Doctor of Ministry Symposium (12:30-2:15 pm)
AGTS Chapel

(**Please RSVP** to Nate Moore at nmoore@agts.edu)

May 3

AGTS Graduation (1:30 pm)

Speaker: Rev. Dan Betzer
Central Assembly of God, 1301 Boonville Avenue

Alumni Speak in Chapel



Mike Owen ('89), director for New Initiatives, World Vision, shared about the impact of global poverty and AIDS.

Steve Miramonti ('07), AGTS Business Office coordinator

DeLonn Rance ('83), AGTS Doctor of Missiology director

Cheryl Taylor ('91/'03), AGTS Doctor of Ministry director

Marshall Windsor ('04), AG National Evangelists representative

[Click here](#) to listen to AGTS Chapel services.

Resources

AG History Video Available Online

[View or download](#) 9-minute video on history of the AG. Entitled, "*History in the Making: The Heritage of the Assemblies of God*," this video is ideal for new and long-standing members.

Lifelong Learning

Graduate alumni can audit one course free per academic year. Why not use it as an opportunity to take a break and enhance your ministry skills? For a complete list of course offerings, visit www.agts.edu.

1-Week Summer Classes (M-F, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.)

May 5-9

Dr. Charles Self

Apologetics

June 2-6

Dr. Mario Guerreiro
Dr. Paul Martinez

Leading Change & Revitalizing Ministries

June 16-20

(M 2-6 p.m.; T-Th 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; F 8 a.m.-12 p.m.)

Dr. David Lim

Stu.: Theology & Practice of Spiritual Gifts

[Visit online](#) to view classes offered at AGTS Branch Campuses through Continuing Education.

Connect with President Klaus

Dr. Byron Klaus will be at the following events:

- April 8-10 North Dakota District Council speaker
Minot, ND
- April 21-22 Kansas District Council speaker
Lenexa, KS
- April 25-26 Hispanic Educators Consortium
La Puente, CA



Faculty News

Dr. Gary McGee Honored

The Society for Pentecostal Studies (SPS) honored Gary B. McGee, distinguished professor of church history and Pentecostal studies at AGTS, with the **SPS Lifetime Achievement Award** during its annual meeting at Duke University Divinity School in March. Dr. McGee was recognized for his scholarly contributions to Pentecostal studies and service in SPS.



Dr. McGee is known broadly for his scholarly work and deep involvement in religious dialogue with other leaders within the Christian faith tradition. He is a frequent lecturer with the Overseas Ministries Study Center at Yale University and is an associate editor for International Bulletin of Missionary Research. *"It is a special thing indeed when historians not only record and interpret history,"* said President Byron Klaus, *"but also play a major role in shaping the future. Dr. McGee has achieved exactly that feat."*

Dr. Mark and Lynda **Hausfeld** ('83) will speak at Teen Challenge Pakistan for the tenth anniversary celebration of its founding. On April 26, a new building will be dedicated at the Men's Teen Challenge Center in Attock City in honor of Mark and Lynda who started Teen Challenge in Pakistan.



Mark will also be speaking at the following events:

- April 15-18 Congress on Urban Ministry in Chicago, IL
Islam in America: Reaching Diaspora Muslims through the Local Church
- April 20 Southwest Community Church in Plainfield, IL
Missions in the 10/40 window
- April 21 Kentucky District Council, Louisville, KY
Islam in Central Eurasia



Dr. DeLonn Rance ('83), director of Intercultural Doctoral Studies, went to San Jose, Costa Rica to teach "Contextualized Theology" at CINCEL. He preached a missions convention at the AG Church in Spearfish, SD. During the Society for Pentecostal Studies meeting, he presented a paper entitled, "The Unique Contribution of Salvadoran in a Global Context."

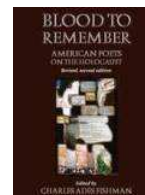
Books and Publications

Dr. David PENCHANSKY'S ('81) article, "No Other Gods: The Bible as a Polytheistic Book" was published in the journal *The Fourth R* 21:2 (March-April 2008). He is professor of theology at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, MN.

Preaching 101: A Practical Guide to Sermon Preparation by **Lee Vandendriessche** ('02) (self-published). This textbook can be used in self-study or in a class setting. It teaches how to develop sermons that are based on the intended meaning of a Biblical text. Contact Lee at lee40s@yahoo.com to order.

Dr. Lois Olena ('06) had two of her poems recently published in *Blood to Remember: American Poets on the Holocaust* an anthology of American Holocaust poetry.

To see a complete review, visit Amazon.com.



Women In Ministry newsletter article

[If You Are Not Real, You Cannot Heal](#) by **Dr. Peggy Jo Wobbema** ('94/'07)

[Amazing Grace: Experiencing Christ's Sustaining Power Through My Journey of Suffering](#) by **Gloria Jackson** ('81).

[The Challenge of Unanswered Prayer](#) by **Cheryl Taylor** ('91/'03)

New Contact Info



If you have recently moved, plan on moving, or have **new contact information**, please let us know so that we may update our records. Email us at alumni@agts.edu.

Alumni News



Dr. Robert Rose ('76/'01), AGWM missionary in Rome, Italy, is the director of the International Bible Institute of Italy.

Doyle Jones ('88) travels in ministry every weekend, has written a couple of books, and started a church in India. Currently he is planting an Hispanic church in Arkansas in cooperation with the Gulf Latin America District.



Edward and Faith **Ferguson** ('89) have completed 39 years as AG missionaries including over 13 years pastoring an AG military church in Okinawa, Japan. They currently pastor the AG military church in the Kaiserslautern/Ramstein AFB area of Germany. The military there have numerous troops serving in the war zones. Several church members are "down range," meaning that they are in one of these battle zones. In connection with pastoring, they visit the Army Hospital where casualties from the war areas of Iraq and Afghanistan are brought for treatment.

Doug Sampley ('91) is the new pastor at Marshfield AG in Marshfield, MO.

Wallace Nelson ('92) is the regional prison chaplain over central Texas, supervising and evaluating chaplains on 23 different units. He also works with wardens and supervisory staff. Part of his responsibility is to assist in the hiring process of new chaplains. He represents the Texas Department of Criminal Justice to the public as far as recruiting and training volunteers and promoting programs and ministry opportunities.



Greg Read ('94) and his family have been through a few transitions since moving back to Mississippi. *"Hurricane Katrina caused my mother to lose her home in LA and move in with us. Then after pastoring a few years, we have settled into a church that is interracial, where I serve as the children's pastor, co-teach the adult Sunday school class, and help in the drama department as much as possible. I teach at Laurel High School (80% of the student body receives free or reduced lunches), where I am the faculty sponsor of First Priority Club (Bible club). God is good."*

Dr. Pat Berkram ('97) teaches Global University courses to prisoners at Crossroads Correctional Center in Shelby, Montana. "Dr. Pat" and her husband Elmer recently received the facility's first Volunteers of the Year award.



Jesse Goldblatt ('00) is preaching the gospel in Asia. He began the Indo Israeli Mission and is currently maintaining a mission base in the Himalaya that is being used interdenominationally to facilitate missions in the area.

Lee and Hanna Vandendriessche ('02). Lee works at Arizona State University as an Office Specialist. He preaches and teaches in churches across Arizona. Hanna is a therapist at Phoenix Interfaith Counseling, working towards becoming a Licensed Professional Counselor.

LTJG Eric J. Cochran, CHC, USN ('05) is attached to the Marine Wing Support Squadron 371 (MWSS 371) in Yuma, AZ. **LTJG D. Raylene Cochran, CHC, USNR** ('05) was commissioned as a Navy chaplain in the Reserves attached to a unit in Phoenix. Eric and Raylene are proud to be

representing the New Mexico District as its first military chaplains.

Sam Farina ('05) will serve as executive assistant to new Trinity Bible College president Rev. Jack Strom.

Eric Kyler ('06) was selected as supervisory chaplain at the Federal Correctional Institution in Cumberland, MD.



Russ ('07) and Kris **Michaels** planted "Connect Church" in southwest Montana in February.

Visit their website www.connectchurchonline.com.

Rochelle Cathcart ('07) is pursuing a Ph.D. in Intercultural Studies at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School.



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 and photos to alumni@agts.edu.

Upcoming Events

April 11 Seminary Day

May 2-3 AGTS Graduation Activities

AGTS Chaplaincy Reception

July 27 University Plaza Hotel

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