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Keeping Alumni Connected

New Preaching Website Launched



AGTS is happy to announce an online extension of the Center for Biblical Preaching program. The website is located www.karoox.com. ('Karoox' is simply a word play from the Greek stem 'to preach.') Karoox.com is dedicated to fostering biblically accurate and relevant preaching. The website is built around the Karoox blog which is a forum to address ongoing issues in contemporary communication both in relevance and substance.

We encourage alumni to be a part of this online community during its introduction! Your input, insight, and experience is valuable to students heading into the ministry. Our ambition is for Karoox.com to become a place where all types of students, ministers, and church members can connect to offer ideas, encouragement, and discussion that will sharpen us and further the art of preaching.

We look forward to your input and participation!

Dr. Doug Oss ('80)
Director of the Cordas C. Burnett Center for Biblical
Preaching and professor of Bible Exposition



Resources

Sermons and Lectures

[Listen to the 2008 Day of Renewal services](#)

On January 24, AGTS fasted from work and classes to seek God. Listen to these services featuring church-planter **Dr. Earl Creps** ('02).



[Renowned biblical scholar challenges students with New Testament Missiology](#)

You can make an
online gift now.



Dr. Craig S. Keener ('87) highlights the issue of race and community as he shares his New Testament missiology.

Prayer Focus: Each One, Pray One



On March 10-11, the faculty, staff and students will call alumni to pray for you, your family, your ministry and special needs. *No fundraising will be involved. Our goal is to pray and encourage you!*

What's New?

New AGTS Branch Campus



AGTS launched a new branch campus, AGTS West at Capital Christian Center in Sacramento, CA. Dr. Charles Self is the branch director. For more information contact Barbara Touchstone in the CE Office at 268-1044 or btouchstone@agts.edu

Alumni Step Up to Help Students

A special thanks to every alum who sent a gift to provide scholarships through the Pentecostal Leaders Fund! You sent a clear message to current students with your gift. Year-end gifts increased 85% in 2007. **Thank you!**

Alumni on Staff at AG Resource Center

Flower Pentecostal Heritage Center (FPHC)

The FPHC is the official AG archives, research center, and museum dedicated to preserving and sharing materials relating to the AG and the broader Pentecostal and charismatic movements. Their website includes free research tools, including: over 200,000 digitized pages of indexed periodicals; over 15,000 digitized historic photographs; and audio and video clips available for download. Users may search the online catalog collection, which contains over 55,000 entries. Three AGTS alums and two students are part of the team serving at FPHC.



Darrin Rodgers ('98), has served as director since 2005. He also worked at Fuller Theological Seminary at the David du Plessis Archive and the McAlister Library. Darrin authored *Northern Harvest*, a history of Pentecostalism in North Dakota, and numerous articles in books and journals. His research interests include Pentecostal origins, ethnic aspects of Pentecostalism's development, and the intersection of Christianity and culture.



Joyce Lee ('79), has served as the archivist since 1986. Born and raised in New Jersey, she is a third-generation Pentecostal. She assisted in the compilation of *The Essential Smith Wigglesworth*. Joyce previously worked as cataloger and coordinator of technical services at the AGTS library.



Glenn Gohr ('84), reference archivist, has served the center since 1987. He is the copy editor for *Heritage*. Glenn has also written articles for various publications, including the *New International Dictionary of Pentecostal and Charismatic Movements* and has a broad knowledge of early Pentecostal history.

Books and Publications

Alumni Publications

Gabe Lett ('03) recently published ***Let's Get Together*** which explores the state of community in the Church today and offers sound biblical principles upon which to connect to the family of God.



[Click here](#) for ordering information.



Cheryl (Goodman) and **Bill Gray** ('84), U.S. missionaries, recently started a ministry to their discipleship classes to go beyond where they live and introduce them to aviation. They published a book entitled ***Extreme Passion*** which shares Bill's testimony and stories of their ministry in Mobile, Alabama's inner city.

Check out these recent articles by AGTS alums.



[God Thinks Outside the Box: Thinking Creatively About Ministry](#) by **Dr. Cheryl Taylor** ('91/'03) in the AG Women in Ministry newsletter. Visit [online](#).

Read the article [Discipling Youth: A Bicultural/Bilingual Mission](#) by **Dr. Randy Walls** ('97/'04) in the Winter 2008 Enrichment. Visit the [Enrichment Journal website](#).



Connect with President Klaus

Dr. Byron Klaus will be at the following events:

- March 14 AG U.S.Missions Commissioning Service, Springfield, MO
- March 17-18 ATS Church and Seminary Task Force, Chicago
- March 24-26 S. Cal. District Council, Anaheim, CA
- March 27 AGTS West, Capital Christian Center, Sacramento, CA



Faculty News



Dr. Ray Gannon ('82/'84) taught two modular courses at The King's Seminary in Los Angeles, *The Spectrum of Jewish Religion* and *Isaiah and the Spirit of Prophecy*. This was the official launch of their new Messianic Jewish Studies program.

Dr. Edgar Lee and his wife Louise spoke at the fifth anniversary celebration of Renewal Christian Center in Mitchellville, MD. The church is pastored by alumnus **Albert Appiah** ('98). **Sam Gyermeh** ('06) is the music minister at the church.



Alumni News



Dr. Beth Leembruggen-Kallberg ('79) received her doctorate from Boston University. She is a lecturer at ATH, Free University, Amsterdam and a research associate with Boston University. Recent publications include Perspectives on Elder Abuse in Germany in *Educational Gerontology* and International Issues in Family Violence and Abuse, Erlbaum Publishers. Beth and her husband, Samuel, celebrated their 30th anniversary with family in Melbourne, Australia. They recently visited Egypt, Israel and Bahrain.

Darrell ('85) and Sandy **Blatchley**, AGWM missionaries to the Philippines, founded Family Circus Children's Ministries which focuses primarily on children and their families. The church currently averages 3,500+ in attendance, including thousands of children.

Visit their website at www.familycircuscm.org



Kwon Pyo ('88) is an Army chaplain currently stationed at Ft. Bragg, NC. He deployed with the 28th Combat Support Hospital to Baghdad, Iraq's main hospital until November 2007. He ministered to countless wounded soldiers, honored those who died, and comforted surviving unit soldiers, and served daily as a pastor to the hospital staff.



Kwon returned safely to his family where he continues with the 28th CSH at Ft. Bragg for another year. His wife, Cindy has written a book to be published, [Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus: A Study of Matthew](#). She also teaches from it at the local PWOC (Protestant Women of the Chapel) chapter on Ft. Bragg. See photos of family greeting Kwon at the airport and ministry in Iraq.

Randy Erwin ('93) has been on active duty as an Air Force Chaplain since 1996 serving in Nebraska, Korea, Florida, California, and Alaska. He deployed to Kandahar, Afghanistan in 2006. He completed a D.Min. at Fuller Seminary in 2007. His final project is titled, "A Strategy for Reaching and Discipling First Term Airmen in the United States Air Force". Randy is currently attending Air Command and Staff College and will report to a new assignment in June 2008.

James Baker ('97) pastored for eight years in North Carolina. He started a business and works as a tentmaker to plant churches in the Detroit area. He shares, *"Our heart is to see the Kingdom of God demonstrated in love and power."*



Chaplain (MAJ) Brad Baumann ('97) serves as the executive officer for the chaplain staff in Heidelberg, Germany. Brad pastored a military chapel for 18 months in Bavaria (between Munich and Nuremburg) before being called up to the U.S. Army Europe staff.

Mark Maine ('01) and his wife Brenda serve as missionaries reaching the Asian Indian diaspora in the U.S. They have been working in the Chicago area since 2002. They are partnering to reach out to peoples of Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Burma, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka living in Illinois and throughout the U.S.

Sean Moore ('03) serves in the U.S. Army and is currently stationed in Germany with the 173D Airborne Brigade Combat Team (Special Troops Battalion). He is deployed to Eastern Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom VIII (his third deployment since coming on Active duty in 2003, second to Afghanistan in three years).



Heather-Gail ('04) and Kelvin **Belfon** welcomed Ethan Kendall Belfon in December 2007.

Matt Biller ('04) formerly chaplain at a Michigan state prison, will begin working in February at Winning At Home (www.winningathome.com) as a marriage and family therapist. In addition to seeing clients, he will speak at marriage seminars, premarital events, and have the opportunity to write.

Kevin Pearl ('04) is an elementary school teacher in Central Florida. He continues to reach out to the homeless, addicted, and incarcerated in his non-profit ministry "Reach For The Top."

Kenneth Wiggs ('05) currently works at Safe Harbor Counseling Center in Springfield, MO.

Stephan ('06) and Alaine ('05) Buchanan. In February, Stephan took his oath of office as chaplain and reported to Ft. Lewis in Washington. He will go to Ft. Benning, GA for specialized training and anticipates deploying to Afghanistan through spring 2009. Alaine is teaching at Evangel University in Springfield, MO and begins her Ph.D. studies at Regent in Virginia this summer.

Christina (Chenault) Schones ('06) married John Schones in July 2007. She is an ordained minister and John will be ordained in May. They are currently in ministry in Michigan seeking to church plant and revitalize a church.



Julie McDonald, ('06) was appointed executive director of The Kitchen, Inc., in Springfield, MO. It's a Christian organization that provides a variety of services for homeless women and families, and homeless and at-risk youth. Visit the website at www.thekitcheninc.org.



Chaplain Laird M. Thompson ('06) mobilized in February with the Missouri Army National Guard in preparation for deployment to Kosovo. He is a chaplain with Headquarters, 20th Combat Aviation Brigade in Sedalia, MO. Thompson, a captain, will be deploying with the 129th Field Artillery in Maryville. He will support the NATO-led Kosovo Force mission, along with approximately 1,000 other Citizen-Soldiers of Missouri. He is part of an advance party, which will pave the way for the main body of troops that will join him in March.

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.

Seminary Day

AGTS to Host Seminary Day

Do you know someone looking for a challenging education experience? Refer them to AGTS! Our annual Seminary Day on April 11th is a great opportunity for them to see all AGTS has to offer.

For registration information, **visit the AGTS website** or call 800-467-AGTS, ext. 1031. You can also refer a student to our Enrollment Office online at www.agts.edu/referral.

Upcoming Events

AGTS Golf Tournament



Make plans now to join us for the **First Annual AGTS Golf Tournament** to be held May 1st at 1 pm at Rivercut Golf Course in Springfield, MO. All proceeds will go to student scholarships. Special pricing will be available for AGTS alumni. Please contact Paul Martinez at 417.268.1012 for details.

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