



# AGTS ALUMNI CONNECTION

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## Keeping Alumni Connected



**Congratulations to the AGTS Graduating Class of 2010!** We welcome you into the **AGTS Alumni Association!** You are joining AGTS alums who stand shoulder-to-shoulder in ministry worldwide in over 125 countries and every state in the U.S. As an AGTS alum, we invite you to:

- Connect to alumni experienced in similar fields of ministry
- Audit one course free every year
- Attend special events and lectureships
- Download podcasts of sermons and lectures
- Receive the alumni e-newsletter and the Rapport magazine
- View the [Encounter Journal](#) online
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Please help us keep you connected to the AGTS community-at-large by notifying us whenever you move, change jobs, or have news to share. Just e-mail [alumni@agts.edu](mailto:alumni@agts.edu) to update your information. We look forward to hearing from you!

## What's New?

### Alumnus of the Year 2010



**Bishop Lemuel Thuston** ('81) pastors the historic Boone Tabernacle Church of God in Christ in Kansas City, Mo., and has served other parishes in Missouri, Indiana, Illinois and Texas. Bishop Thuston serves the Church of God in Christ as dean of the International Adjutant Corp, associate commissioner of the National Board of Education and Doctrine, co-chair of the National Institutional Ministry, member



of the National Constitutional Committee and assistant chief of the National Adjutancy. He is also the former dean of the National Youth Department. In 2004, after 25 years of pastoral leadership, Bishop Thuston was appointed Prelate Kansas East Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction (52 parishes) for the Church of God in Christ.

Having answered the call to ministry in his youth, Dr. Thuston has ministered in 40 states and 14 countries. He is the author of *Essential Ministry Tools*, *Tears of Jeremiah*, and *The National Adjutancy*, and the soon-to-be published *Jabez*, *Tupac*, and *the Jesus Prayer*. He hosts a weekly telecast and is the director of *The LINK*, a former inmate community re-entry program. In addition to his service with the Federal Department of Justice, he served in the United States Air Force Reserve Chaplain Corps.

### **Three Alumni Elected to Sigma Chi Pi Honor Society**

The Alliance for AG Higher Education sponsors the *Sigma Chi Pi Honor Society* for alumni who graduated at least 10 years ago who meet the scholastic, character and leadership qualifications. The 2009 recipients nominated by the faculty are:



**Saturnino Gonzalez** ('84) serves as the pastor of Templo El Calvario in Orlando, Florida. He is the east Spanish language area executive presbyter for The General Council of the Assemblies of God. He is also the superintendent of the Southeastern Spanish District of the Assemblies of God. Prior to that position, he was the superintendent of the Puerto Rico District. He serves as the national commissioner for the Hispanic Pentecostal Congress and on the AGTS Board of Directors.



**Melody Palm** ('96) is the director of Counseling Programs and associate professor of counseling psychology at AGTS. A licensed minister, she has a burden for the development of effective women leaders and ministers. As a licensed clinical psychologist and psychological health service provider, her commitment to the practitioner model keeps her actively involved in clinical practice, supervision and forensic psychology. She is the founder and executive director of Still Waters Counseling and serves as a consultant to Health Care Ministries and AGWM.



**Glenn** ('96) and **Denise Harvison** ('95) pastor Harvest Time Church (AG) in Greenwich, Conn. In the fall of 2009, Harvest Time Church expanded to seven worship services meeting on Saturday nights and Sunday mornings. Having been in their current building for five years, the church is gearing up to break ground on a new sanctuary in the summer of 2010. They recently hosted the vice president of Kenya and other Kenyan and U.S. dignitaries at a well-drilling conference. They are working in partnership with other local churches to drill wells around the world.

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## **Resources**

**Graduation Highlights Available**



Visit the [AGTS Graduation website](#) to view candid photos, purchase diploma frames, and listen to graduation events. Photos taken by AGTS staff are watermark-free and are free to download and print. Photos taken by the professional photographers are watermarked.

Ordering instructions for watermarked photos will be posted on-line.

Dr. Steven J. Land, president of Pentecostal Theological Seminary, delivered the keynote address, "The Elijah Prescription."

[Listen](#) to Dr. Land's address.



Nine Doctor of Ministry candidates presented summaries of field-based doctoral projects. Topics included: creating a strategic church growth plan, promoting compassion ministries, preparing for mate selection, the beatitudes as a model for spiritual formation and effective cell leader training.

[Read these abstracts.](#)



The 3rd AGTS Annual Golf Tournament at Deer Lake Golf Course on April 29<sup>th</sup> was a great experience with 83 golfers participating (alumni are pictured with Dr. Klaus). The best news is almost \$5,000 was raised for student scholarships. Thanks to all of our golfers, sponsors and donors who made the golf tournament a huge success!

## Connect with President Klaus

Dr. Byron Klaus will be at the following events:

- June 1-6 Kansas Woodston Family Camp
- June 23-25 ATS Conference, Montreal, Canada
- July 7-8 Chaplaincy Conference, Denver, CO



Visit [www.byronklaus.com](http://www.byronklaus.com) for additional resources and pod-casts.

## Books and Publications

### Dr. Gary McGee's Final Book Released



Completed weeks before his death, the late Gary B. McGee's book *Miracles, Missions, & American Pentecostalism* has been released.

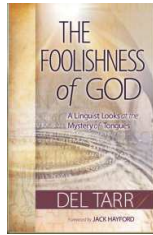
Said to be the most up-to-date, thorough and critical account of American Pentecostalism, the book examines the historical, theological and missiological context and development of American Pentecostal missions.

"McGee's final book is a culmination of his life-long research on the history of Pentecostal missions," says **Darrin Rodgers** ('98), director of the

Flower Pentecostal Heritage Center. "McGee traces the link between miracles and the expansion of the church in the past two centuries, helping to explain why Pentecostalism is growing in cultures where Western scientific worldviews do not prevail."

**Dr. Warren Newberry** ('85) helped to get this new book finalized and to press. To learn more about the book, [click here](#).

### Former President Releases New Book



#### ***The Foolishness of God: A Linguist Looks at the Mystery of Tongues*** by Dr. Del Tarr

Forward by Jack Hayford

This book, 8 years in preparation and consulting over 400 sources shows Del's deep concern for the weakening of the importance of the Pentecostal experience in North America at the same time the growth of the charismatic theological persuasion is burgeoning around the world and represents the fastest growing segment of the Church of Jesus Christ.

[Click here](#) for ordering information.

### Alumni Publications



**Dr. Dale Wolyniak** ('79) wrote "*Finishing Well*", *Focusing on the Essentials for Ministry Health*". Peak Vista Press. 2009.

This book is the culmination of the Dale's own study and experiences in both the pastorate and foreign missions, and is a reflection on the ministry lifestyle.



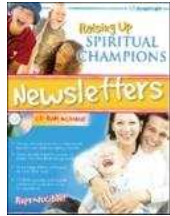
Dale is a pastoral counselor with the Church and Clergy Department at Focus on the Family in Colorado Springs. Dale has been an affiliate faculty at Colorado Christian University for the past seven years.



*Nebraska's Living Water: 20<sup>th</sup>-Century Assemblies of God*, compiled and written by Elisabeth James Lemp and Glenn W. Gohr. Grand Island, NE: Nebraska District Council of the Assemblies of God, 2010.

**Glenn Gohr** ('84) recently coauthored a book containing historical information, biographical sketches, and testimonies and anecdotes relating to the Pentecostal movement and the AG in the state of Nebraska.

The early part of the book shows connections between Nebraska and the holiness movement, Charles Parham, the Azusa Street revival, and some early evangelists who traveled through Nebraska. The latter part of the book covers history and testimonies relating to the Assemblies of God in Nebraska through the end of the 20th century. The book was presented at the Nebraska District Council at Hastings, Nebraska, April 19-21. Glenn is the reference archivist at the Flower Pentecostal Heritage Center for the Assemblies of God. [Read a review](#) of this book.



**Jean Lawson** ('90) wrote *Raising Up Spiritual Champions* Newsletters Reproducible manual with CD-ROM. Gospel Light, 2007. [Click here to order.](#)

Multiply your ministry to children by helping parents foster their children's faith at home with this quick and easy tool. Featuring one topic per month, each newsletter highlights quick and easy age-appropriate activities and bonus fun ideas.

Jean earned a masters in special education and a certificate in autism from MSU (2009). She teaches special education (students with autism) in the Springfield Public Schools.

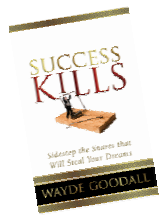


**Dr. Christopher Carter** ('01) wrote *The Great Sermon Tradition as a Fiscal Framework in 1 Corinthians Towards a Pauline Theology of Material Possessions*.

This text addresses two separate but related questions. Firstly, what is Paul's theology of material possessions, and secondly, what is the source of the apostle's thought on this subject? Carter endeavors to answer these questions by posing the hypothesis that Paul owes his pecuniary thought to the synoptic sermon tradition.



Chris is an AGWM appointed missionary involved in training leaders and church planting in Japan.



**Dr. Wayne Goodall** ('03) wrote *Success Kills: Sidestep the Snares that Will Steal Your Dreams*.

Success - we crave it, work for it, dream it, want it as a personal achievement, but how we each define it differs. Power, influence, wealth, fame, or a position of authority--the hallmarks of success we strive for can just as easily become the cause of our destruction, if we don't have a clear set of boundaries by which to live.

Wayde has counseled, encouraged and ministered to individuals, churches, para-church organizations and community leaders for more than three decades. He is the president of World Wide Family assisting marriages and families in over 60 language groups. He has written and co-authored 14 books. Visit the [Alumni Bookshelf](#) for a more complete listing.

**Martin Monacell** ('10) turned a class assignment into published article! It is the first scholarly history of Pentecostal Denomination (Church of God of the Apostolic Faith). [Order a copy](#) from the PCCNA.

Martin was recently interviewed by Pentecostal Evangel Editor Ken Horn along with Professor Charles Self. View the complete [interview online](#).

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## Alumni News

**Frank Klapach** ('76/'77) was recently honored by the faculty of Northwest University at the May Commencement with the Delta Tau Award for his noteworthy contributions to the Adult Degree Completion program. Dr. Klapach retired from Northwest University after ten years of

service.



**Dr. Arlyn Jacobus** ('83) along with his son Brent traveled to Haiti in March. In the early 90's, they started a global medical organization called Vital Injection which sets up medical clinics in the third world. They use medicine, chiropractic, and nursing as evangelistic tools to spread the gospel.

**Glen** ('85) and **Peggy** ('92) **Gray** are US missionaries directing an ESL program for the state of Arizona. In the four years of directing this ministry, the 1,000 mark has now been passed for refugees going through this program.

**Kwon Pyo** ('88) is finishing a year in Daegu, South Korea as the garrison chaplain there. He will be home a month, then go to Yong-san, South Korea where he will be the operations chaplain for the 8th Army.

**Jill Holm** ('95) was recently awarded the 2009 Outstanding Achievement Award for Duty Performance by the Minnesota Wing Civil Air Patrol, an auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force.



**Ben Thompson** ('00) serves as lead pastor at Fairview Avenue Brethren In Christ Church in Waynesboro, PA.

**Bob Caldwell** (03) is receiving his PhD from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO. His dissertation is on Zephaniah.



**Erik Alfsen** ('06) is a U.S. army chaplain with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 187<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division (Air Assault) from Fort Campbell, KY. He is currently deployed to Paktika Province, Afghanistan.

**Raymond Nathán González** ('07) is the Community Development Pastor at Christian Life Church in Middlesex, NJ.



**John** and Amy **Johnson** ('09) welcomed Elijah in April.

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