

ceLink

**An eLetter to the ceCommunity from the AGTS Office of Continuing Education
"Shaping Real People for Real Ministry in a Real World"**

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ceLines:

I recently did an online interview with John O'Keefe, founding "web-dude" of ginkworld.net. The website is a meeting place and information center for 21st century Christians and pre-Christians. It represents the "edge" of ministry to postmoderns.

One of the questions John asked me was, "How is the A/G dealing with postmoderns?" I gave my standard, albeit reflective, answer to his question. I say standard answer, because at its heart A/G ministry must be missional. Thus, my answer addressed a basic missional issue.

As I reflect on this interview, I am curious as to what this mission actually looks like in the various regions of our nation. So, instead of getting on my "soapbox" to preach my challenge du jour to you, I really want to use this space to invite you to respond to my inquiry. How does your ministry express itself missionally? How are you building bridges between your ministry and pre-Christians? Do you have an effective ministry to 20 and 30 year olds? What does it look like?

I'll synthesize your responses and put them in this section of the November ceLink.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Until next time—I wish you well,
Randy C. Walls, Director
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(If you'd like to read the interview go to http://ginkworld.net/7_questions_1014001.htm)

ceCommunity:

Pastor John Kuert, ceStudent, started his search for an associate pastor to assist him with the development of the "We Build People" (WBP) ministry at his church in Sarver, PA. He found the person for the job in a classmate, Gary Bracewell, while attending a course he took at the AGTS

branch campus at Southeastern College in Lakeland, FL. Through a unique arrangement, Gary agreed to come on staff with John for two years to help set up WBP.

I just spoke with John this week, and, interestingly enough, Gary is still on staff with him (well after the two year period) helping transition the church into a more effective missional model for reaching the unchurched people of their community.

You just never know what doors of ministry the ceCommunity network might open for you. Keep connected!

ceLinks:

Check out these web sites!

[<http://www.theooze.com>](http://www.theooze.com)

This website is THE gathering place for emerging 21st century leaders. Spencer Burke and Tim Taber run this site out of Spencer's garage, but the content and the network potential make this the site to surf to find out what's happening on the "edge."

<http://www.ginkworld.net>

This is website for my interview noted above. It's another good resource for understanding the heart and mind of ministry to "20/30 somethings."

ceSources:

Books you can count on!!!

A Primer on Postmodernism, by Stanley Grenz. Stan looks at the philosophical and theological framework of postmodern culture and presents an excellent resource for helping the Church respond to a culture rapidly embracing postmodernism. It's not really a "quick-read," but it's well worth the effort.

Ancient-Future Faith, by Robert Webber. Here's another good attempt to connect contemporary ministry to classical church tradition. Webber's insights on worship make this book a must read.

Contact: adilley@agseminary.edu at the AGTS Bookstore to place your orders.

ceCourses:

A Full Slate of Courses for All of Your ceNeeds!

AGTS Branch in Springfield, MO

November 5-9	HOMM 531 Methods of Biblical Preaching (3 Credits)	Richard Dresselhaus	1-5 pm 6-10 pm
January 14-18, 2002	PTHM 545 Ministry Development Seminar (3 Credits)	Bradford/Spurling/Walls	1-5 pm 6-10 pm
January 21-25, 2002	BTHM 640 Spirit & Power: Foundations of Pent. Exp. (3 Credits)	R. Menzies/W. Menzies	1-5 pm 6-10 pm
February 11-15, 2002	PTHM 528 Vision Centered Leadership & Mgmt. (3 Credits)	Mel Ming	1-5 pm 6-10 pm
March 4-8, 2002	BTHM 632 Biblical Theology of Signs and Wonders (3 Credits)	Ben Aker	Mon. 1-10 pm/ T-F 8 am - 5 pm

NC Extension in Kirkland, WA

February 25 - March 1, 2002 PCPE 547 Interpersonal Techniques in Helping Relationships (2 Credits) Melody Palm 1-3 pm (Monday) / 8-Noon T-F
February 25 - March 1, 2002 BNTE 542 Special Studies in the NT: First Peter (2 Credits) Blaine Charette 3-5 pm (Monday) / 1-5 pm T-F

SC Branch in Lakeland, FL

(Special "Beyond All Limits" conference in Orlando, FL. Graduate credit option available.)

January 7 - April 22, 2002 BIBB 532 Hermeneutics (3 Credits) Charles Estridge Mondays 5:15-8 pm
January 7 - April 22, 2002 PCPB 632 Tests and Measurements (3 Credits) David Boyd Mondays 8-10:45 pm
February 18-22, 2002 PTHB 528 Vision Centered Leadership & Mgmt. (3 Credits) John Spurling 8-Noon 1-5 pm
March 11-15, 2002 BTHB 530 Old Testament Theology (3 Credits) Steve Fettke 8-Noon 1-5 pm

VFCC Branch in Phoenixville, PA

Jan 18-19, Feb 15-16, March 8-9, & 29-30, 2002 PTHB 535 Pastoral Ministry (3 Credits) Roscoe Leach Fridays 6-9pm / Saturdays 9am-5 pm
January 21 - April 15, 2002 HISB 532 History and Polity of A/G (3 Credits) Michael DiGiacomo Mondays 6-10 pm
February 11-15, 2002 PCPB 645 Theories of Marital and Family Therapy (3 Credits) Jim Harris 8 am - 5:30 pm

Network Partners

Division of Home Missions

Various Dates and Locations Church Planting - Boot and Reboot Camps Jay Taylor Camp Schedule

National Leadership Institute A/G

Various Dates and Locations Foundations of Leadership Conferences Ron McManus Conference Schedule

Willow Creek Association

October 22-24 @ Barrington, IL Prevailing Church Workshops WCA Staff Conference Schedule
October 25-27 @ Barrington, IL Prevailing Church Conference WCA Staff Conference Schedule

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