

From the Office of the Academic Dean...



Joe Castleberry
Academic Dean

In the fall of 2005 AGTS will implement its new curriculum—*Missio Dei and the 21st Century Church*. Both faculty and students, as well as board members and other stakeholders, are expressing great excitement over this innovative new program of studies.

The program is designed to form theologically reflective ministers who are deeply committed to the fulfillment of God's mission in Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit, through the Church. In an age when "organized religion" has become an epithet and society is abandoning churches, we are committed to the belief that the Church—in all of its forms from megachurches to local congregations to military chapels to Chi Alpha groups to rescue missions to house churches—is the primary instrument for the completion of the Great Commission.

The curriculum consists of four conceptual elements that organize course offerings and areas of study. Each of these elements involves a deeply integrative, interdisciplinary approach to ministerial training.



The River

The multidisciplinary core of our curriculum covers the flow of salvation history from the beginnings of biblical revelation to the present.



The Bridge

The practical theology component serves as a bridge from theological understanding to ministerial practice.



The Vehicle

Academic emphases provide the expertise in a particular branch of theological studies or ministerial practice that will help you get where you are going in ministry.



The Road

Supervised field education provides pathways into the world where true *praxis*, the union of theological reflection and practical ministry, occurs.

By linking all theological and biblical material directly to ministry and society, we will train ministers who are able to think on their feet, ready to contextualize the gospel in new situations for a world that suffers drastic changes constantly. Take a look at our catalog at www.aGts.edu for more details. ■

From the Office of Development...



Paul F. Martinez
Director of Development

FIRST ANNUAL ALUMNI PHONATHON

AGTS alumni were contacted in Fall 2003 to raise money for the Pentecostal Leaders Annual Fund, which helps to pay for expenses not covered by tuition and fees.

- 23 students made calls to 1,500 AGTS alumni – 83% of alumni in the United States
- 85% of donations were made by first-time donors or those who had not contributed in the past five years

- The number of alumni donors increased by 234% over the previous year
- The phonathon goal was \$10,000; nearly \$11,000 was pledged.

Total gifts received: \$11,200

SECOND CAREER SCHOLARSHIP

One AGTS alumnus contributed \$30,000 to establish the Second Career Scholarship, which provides financial resources to incoming students who demonstrate a call to ministry after a successful career in a secular field. ■