



MIRACULOUS PROVISION

AG General Presbytery Partners with Dan Betzer to Eliminate AGTS' Long-Term Debt



President Klaus (right) and Rev. James K. Bridges, General Treasurer of the AG

During a meeting of the AG General Presbytery in August 2006, individual districts, churches and others in the General Presbytery committed to the funding that would eliminate the seminary's remaining long-term debt.

President Klaus recounted, "After I had finished giving my General Presbytery report, several people came up to speak a positive word about the seminary, including (then) board member Zollie Smith and Pastor Dan Betzer. Superintendent Trask noted

that Pastor Betzer had been working on a debt-retirement effort and there might be some who wanted to participate in this great opportunity. I was stunned and grateful as, in the next 20 minutes, the General Presbytery pledged \$375,000 for AGTS on the spot. This will pay off the remaining, long-term debt we have. We will now be able to put our annual \$63,000 payment into scholarships for students. This was a sovereign move of the Spirit. God is good!"

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Thank you!

As of August 2006, the following individuals, districts, churches and ministries made commitments during the General Presbytery meeting to pay off AGTS' long-term debt.

Individuals

Ray Berryhill
 Warren Bullock
 Todd Clair
 Bob Cook
 Charles Crabtree
 Robert Crabtree
 Richard Hammar
 E. Wayne Hanks
 Craig Matheson
 William & Constance McDonald
 Greg Mundis
 Richard & Cynthia Nicholson
 John Palmer
 Jerry Parsley
 Bob Rhoden
 Zollie Smith
 Clarence St. John
 Thomas Trask
 Loren Triplett
 Gary & Joni Wileman
 George Wood
 Larry & Esther Wood

Districts

Alabama (Billy Glover)
 Alaska (Ted Boatsman)
 Arizona (Stephen Harris)
 Arkansas (Larry Moore)
 Brazilian Florida (Joel Costa)
 Central Latin (Dennis Rivera)
 Georgia (Roger Brumbalow)
 Indiana (Don Gifford)
 Kentucky (Joseph Girdler)
 Korean (Young Gil Kim)
 Louisiana (Douglas Fulenwider)
 Michigan (William Leach)
 Minnesota (Clarence St. John)
 Nebraska (Dwight Sandoz)
 New Mexico (R. Kenneth George)
 North Carolina (Charles Kelly)

North Dakota (Leon Freitag)
 North Texas (Vic Schober)
 Northern California-Nevada
 (James Braddy)
 Northern Missouri (Ronald Garner)
 Northern New England
 (Dennis Marquardt)
 Northwest (Les Welk)
 Ohio (Doug Clay)
 Oklahoma (Frank Cargill)
 Peninsular Florida (Terry Raburn)
 Pennsylvania-Delaware
 (Stephen Tourville)
 Potomac (Larry Hickey)
 Rocky Mountain (Robert Cook)
 South Dakota (Stephen Schaible)
 South Texas (Joseph Granberry)
 Southern Missouri (Bill Baker)
 Southern New England (Otis Stanley)
 Southern Pacific Latin American
 (Sergio Navarrete)
 Spanish Eastern (Rafael Reyes)
 West Florida (Robert Thompson)
 West Texas (Robert Slaton)

Churches

Bethany Church (Don James),
 Wyckoff, N.J.
 The Bridge AG (Jim McNabb),
 Mustang, Okla.
 Calvary Church (J. Don George),
 Irving, Texas
 Cedar Valley Church (Jerry
 Strandquist), Bloomington, Minn.
 Cornerstone AG (Mark Lehmann),
 Bowie, Md.
 Faith AG (Carl Stephens),
 Orlando, Fla.
 Fijian Christian Fellowship
 (Eremasi Vabasi), Davis, Calif.
 First Assembly (Randy Valimont),
 Griffin, Ga.

First Assembly (Dan Betzer),
 Fort Myers, Fla.
 First Spanish Christian Church
 (Jose Espinosa), Naples, Fla.
 Full Gospel Church (Nam Soo Kim),
 Flushing, N.Y.
 Harbor Light (Terry Inman),
 Fremont, Calif.
 Morningside AG (Thomas Jacobs),
 Sioux City, Iowa
 Mount Hope Church
 (Dave Williams), Lansing, Mich.
 Northland Cathedral
 (Lowell Harrup), Kansas City, Mo.
 State College AG (Paul Grabill),
 State College, Pa.

Ministries

AG Chaplaincy Ministries
 (Al Worthley)
 AG Financial (Gerry Hindy)
 AG General Council (Thomas Trask,
 James Bridges)
 AG Intercultural Ministries
 (Scott Temple)
 AGUSM (Alton Garrison)
 AGUSM Church Planting
 (Steve Pike)
 AGWM (L. John Bueno)
 Chi Alpha Campus Ministries
 (Dennis Gaylor)
 National Black Fellowship
 (Zollie Smith)
 Native American Fellowship
 (John Maracle)
 Northwest University (Don Argue)
 Southeastern University
 (Mark Rutland)
 Teen Challenge USA (Mike
 Hodges)
 US Tongan Fellowship (Tomasi Vi)

Gifts Through Bequests



AGTS has been the recipient of bequests, both large and small, from our alumni and friends over the years. These donors utilized their capital during their lifetimes but found it possible to make a gift that would perpetually associate them with the mission of AGTS. These bequests, no matter how modest, have been welcomed and are important to AGTS. If you would like us to provide a sample of bequest language, please call 417.268.1022.

Endowment Establishes Burnett Center for Biblical Preaching



The Cordas C. Burnett Center for Biblical Preaching has been established to champion the centrality of biblical preaching in the AG. Named in honor of Dr. Cordas C. Burnett (above right), the first executive vice president of AGTS, this initiative will be foundational to the seminary's deep commitment to the training of capable biblical preachers. Dr. Burnett's preaching ministry modeled the finest integration of biblical foundations and Spirit-empowered passion.

We are grateful to Robert and Barbara (eldest daughter of Cordas C. Burnett) Hughes of Hurst, Texas, for the significant gift that will initiate the work of the Burnett Center.

Above left: Barbara Hughes shares her father's story at the President's Luncheon, May 5, 2007.

Endowment Growth



During the final months of 2006, AGTS received six significant contributions totaling \$220,000, including \$150,000 designated for student scholarship endowments.

These investments in the future of AGTS come from individuals, churches and charitable foundations.

In another effort, AGTS faculty and staff partnered to establish a student scholarship endowment that has grown to nearly \$40,000. We are grateful for the generosity of these faithful donors who are helping to make endowed scholarships at AGTS a reality. If you are seeking a way to honor the memory of a loved one, why not consider establishing an endowed scholarship in his or her name at AGTS? For details, call 417.268.1012.

PILLARS OF THE FAITH



AGTS

has chosen to honor men and women who have dedicated their lives to serve Jesus Christ and have followed the call of God in ministry, missions and the training of ministers. We acknowledge their generous contribution to AGTS and its mission to shape servant leaders. The Pillars of the Faith initiative is a symbolic and meaningful way to honor these individuals.

Persons being honored have been nominated by the president and approved by the Board of Directors in addition to meeting the following qualifications:

- Dedicated the majority of his or her life to significant full-time ministry in the AG.
- At least 65 years of age; a deceased person may be honored posthumously.
- An endowment gift of \$25,000 or more to AGTS in honor of the minister.

These and future honorees will be acknowledged prominently on a pillar located outside the AGTS Prayer Chapel.

INITIAL HONOREES



◀ **Philip Bongiorno**
*Philip Bongiorno
Scholarship*

Cordas C. Burnett ▶
*Cordas C. Burnett Center
for Biblical Preaching*



◀ **Charles Hackett**
*Charles Hackett Center
for Pastoral Leadership*

J. Philip Hogan ▶
*J. Philip Hogan Chair
of World Missions*



◀ **Arthur Klaus**
*Arthur Klaus Preaching
Scholarship*

Edgar R. Lee ▶
*Edgar R. Lee Double
Honors Scholarship*



◀ **Anthony D. Palma**
*Anthony D. Palma
Scholarship*

Del Tarr ▶
*Del Tarr Missions
Scholarship*



To learn more about these honorees and their stories, or to find out about the scholarships that have been endowed, go to www.agts.edu/partners.

WHAT CAN I DO?

Recommend

an individual who fits the criteria to be a Pillar of the Faith honoree. This person may be a family member, professor or minister whom you desire to honor in this venue.

Recruit

others to contribute. The \$25,000 endowment gift does not necessarily have to come from one individual. Several individuals can contribute toward an endowment.

Contribute

either with a one-time gift or a monthly gift toward an endowment in the name of the individual you wish to honor as a Pillar of the Faith.

Bequeath

funds to the endowment through your estate planning.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES FOR RECOGNITION

Champions of the Faith

Current ministry leaders under 65 years of age who serve as models of Pentecostal leadership worth emulating

Communities of the Faith

Churches that have invested to ensure that the legacy of Pentecostal faith is transferred to subsequent generations

Heroes of the Faith

Lay leaders whose service in professional and public settings and to the church merits recognition as an example of Spirit-filled life

For more information call Paul Martinez in the AGTS Development Office (417.268.1012) or Dorothea Lotter in the AGTS Institutional & Alumni Relations Office (417.268.1022).