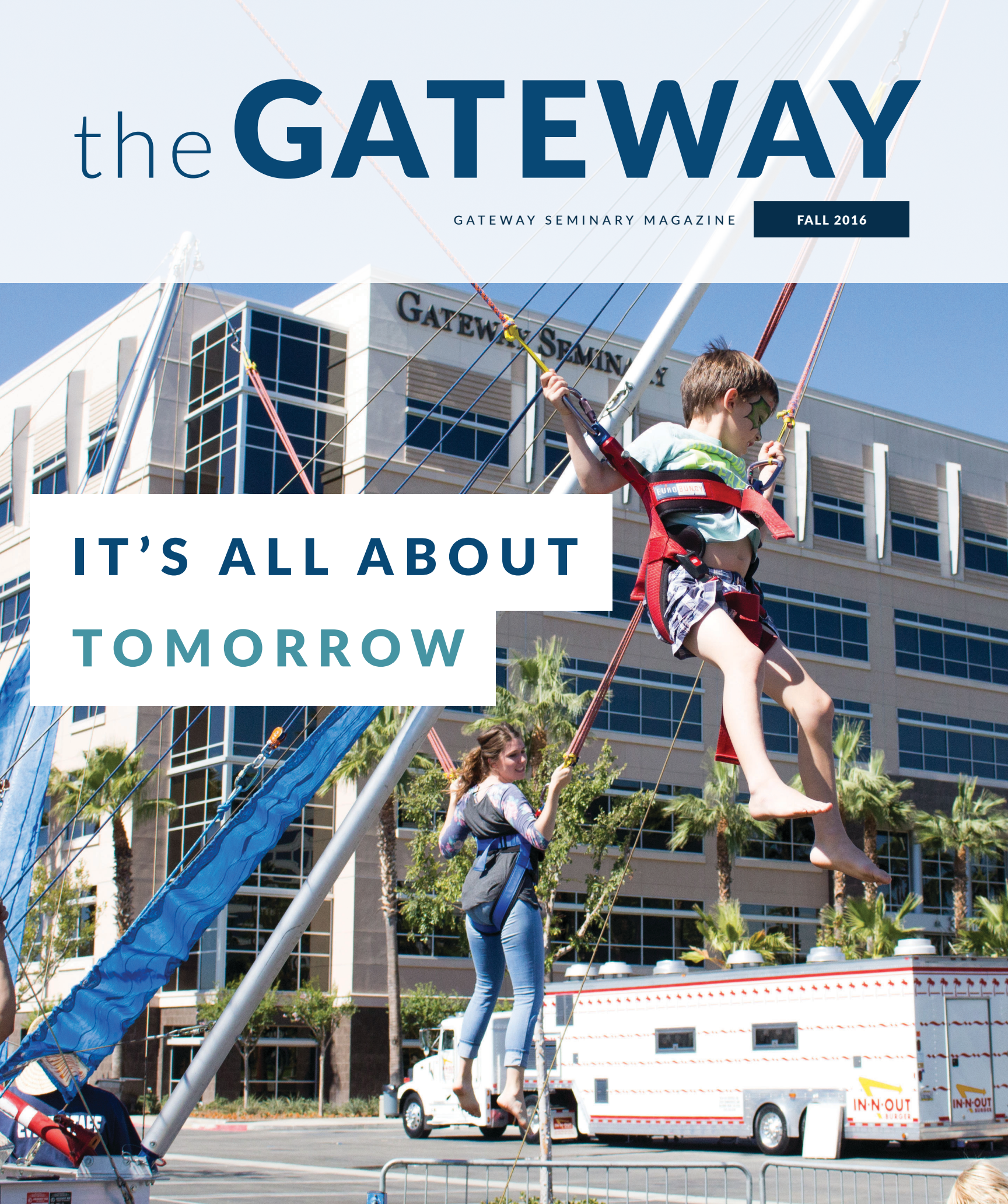


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TOMORROW





*Gateway Seminary shapes
leaders who expand God's
kingdom around the world.*

FROM THE DESK OF DR. IORG

Dear Friends,

Our transition is complete! The move-in process was accomplished much faster than anticipated, thanks to a tremendous effort by faculty and staff. The chapel was filled with Seminary family and friends as we dedicated the new building in Ontario. Five hundred attendees at the Gateway Gala praised God for all the ways He has blessed us in this two-year process, and the Gateway Festival that followed provided an opportunity to get to know the surrounding community.

My heart is overflowing with gratitude! God has been good to Gateway Seminary.

This issue of The Gateway magazine commemorates the dedication events with text and photos. It introduces you to new prospects for us as we face a very bright future.

The new campus in the Bay Area is scheduled to open for classes in January, and we received a significant gift to begin a new Chinese-English Bilingual Program in the next year. The archaeological museum has a new look that we hope will be inviting to students and biblical scholars. The Rocky Mountain Campus recently celebrated its 20th year. We also look forward to a full schedule of events for the remainder of this academic year.

But, throughout all the changes, we are still the same school, with the same mission that drives us as a Great Commission institution: to shape leaders who expand God's kingdom around the world.

Of course, central to that mission is our faculty. As you may be aware, we added six new faculty that make our academic program even richer, and it is my pleasure to introduce them to you through the pages of The Gateway.

And, while we're making every effort to make you aware of all of the changes we've experienced, we hope you'll visit soon so you can see for yourself! Gateway Seminary is your seminary, and we would love to give you a tour of the new facilities.

Thank you for your prayers and support!

Sincerely,

Jeff Iorg
President



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GATEWAY SEMINARY TO OFFER CHINESE-ENGLISH BILINGUAL PROGRAM

GATEWAY SEMINARY WILL INITIATE A CHINESE-ENGLISH BILINGUAL (CEB) PROGRAM OFFERING BOTH master's and doctoral level degrees, thanks to a large gift from an anonymous donor.

The \$500,000 contribution will support the program through its formation and provide a basis for its operation.

"The donor is making it possible to train Mandarin-speaking leaders in the United States and around the world," said President Jeff Iorg. "With our remote access and online capabilities, global training for Chinese leaders

will be possible."

The search for a program director is now underway, with classes scheduled to begin in Fall 2017. Student applications are now being accepted for the program.

The CEB program joins the Korean-English Bilingual Program (KEB), which began four years ago, as the seminary's second fully bilingual program at the master's and doctoral level. In addition, Gateway Seminary supports study in English, Korean, Spanish, Thai, Chinese, Hmong, Mien, Russian and Haitian through its Contextualized Leadership

Development Program in various locations, depending on need.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the Asian population in the western United States grew by more than 45 percent in the last decade, with Chinese being the largest group.

Approximately 3.6 percent of California's population is Chinese.

"The donor felt training leaders through Gateway Seminary was the best way to make a long-term impact and reach the most people for Christ," Iorg said. "We appreciate his confidence in us and his long-term vision."

NEW CAMPUS WILL OPEN FOR CLASSES IN JANUARY

GATEWAY SEMINARY'S NEW SAN FRANCISCO CAMPUS (SFC) WILL OPEN FOR SPRING SEMESTER classes in Fremont, Calif., on Jan. 30. The SFC will serve 250-300 students as the Seminary continues its ministry in the Bay Area that began with its location to Mill Valley in 1959.

Fall 2016 classes opened in Mill Valley as construction continued in Fremont.

"It's been hurry up and wait, hurry up and wait," said Dr. Rick Durst, director of the San Francisco Campus. "The process has been a little bit bruising, but it's what it takes to get there."

Durst said that the best part of the new

campus is they will be in the center of what God is doing in the Bay Area.

"In Mill Valley, we were isolated on one highway," he said. "Ten highways are close to our new location. There are also multiple growing mega churches nearby, as well as firms like Facebook and Google and Tesla, which has 4 million feet of building under construction for automobile production."

He said the area will be a whole different environment for mission—even the campus' address is on Mission Boulevard.

"Although the San Francisco area is multicultural, Marin County really is not," he said. "In comparison, the Fremont area has a

very diverse population. The largest group of Afghans outside of Kabul live in Fremont. It's also close to Levi's Stadium, where the San Francisco 49ers play."

The land on which the campus is located was donated by Mission Way Baptist Church. Valued at \$2.9 million, it is the largest single gift ever contributed to the Seminary.

"Their generosity and their vision for Southern Baptist ministry led them to give us the property at the right time and at the right opportunity," Durst said. "The circumstances were something only God could orchestrate."

The San Francisco Campus will be officially dedicated April 22, 2017.

Gateway Seminary's San Francisco Campus in Fremont, Calif., will open in January 2017 for the spring semester. The state-of-the-art facility, shown here under construction, is set to complete construction in November 2016.



ROCKY MOUNTAIN CAMPUS CELEBRATES 20 YEARS

GATEWAY SEMINARY’S ROCKY MOUNTAIN CAMPUS (RMC) IN CENTENNIAL, COLO., CELEBRATED its 20th anniversary in September 2016.

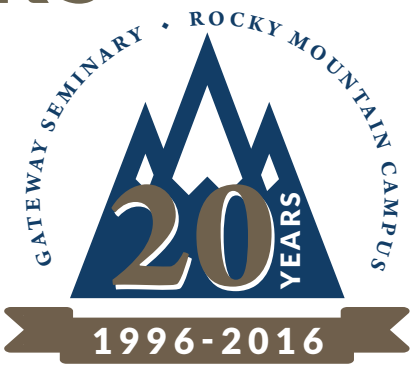
The Seminary’s fourth regional campus was established in 1996 by Dr. William O. Crews, president emeritus, who had a vision for a campus in Colorado; Dr. David Bunch, former executive director of the Colorado Baptist Convention; and Dr. Emerson Falls, founding director.

“It’s hard to imagine that it has been 20 years since the Rocky Mountain Campus first held classes in the Denver area with just a handful of students,” said Dr. Steve Veteto, current director of the Rocky Mountain Campus. “God has grown the campus to a high enrollment of more than 90 students, and the campus has seen more than 120 graduates who are expanding God’s Kingdom in the west and around the world. We cannot wait to see what He has in store for the next 20 years.”

Rocky Mountain Campus graduates serve all over Colorado, from the eastern plains to the western slope, as well as in states such as Wyoming, Utah, Oklahoma, Kansas, Texas, Tennessee, Missouri, Montana and Florida, and even internationally.

“In 1995, when we sat down to discuss the possibility of theological training coming to Colorado and the Rocky Mountains, we didn’t even know which of our Southern Baptist Convention seminaries we wished to partner with us,” said Jay Badry, director of donor development. Badry was a pastor in a Colorado Baptist Convention church at the time Gateway’s Rocky Mountain Campus was founded and earned his Master of Arts in

Theological Studies there. “Selecting Golden Gate Seminary, now Gateway, was the key to what God has done. Everything we dreamed would result from this bold move has come to fruition and more besides. Church and denominational leaders throughout the Rockies have been trained and had an incredible impact in building God’s Kingdom.”



ARCHAEOLOGICAL MUSEUM ADDS IMAGES TO BIBLICAL HISTORY

THE MARIAN EAKINS ARCHAEOLOGICAL COLLECTION RECENTLY OPENED IN NEWLY designed space on Gateway Seminary’s Los Angeles Campus in Ontario, Calif. Housed in the campus library, the museum’s redesign took nearly two years to research, design, construct, move and reinstall in its new facilities.

Curator Gary P. Arbino, professor of archaeology and Old Testament, said the collection includes more than 250 items on display in four galleries.

“One of the galleries is devoted to archaeological method and includes a life-size diorama of an excavation,” he explained. “Other galleries house artifacts from ancient Egypt, Mesopotamia and the Levant, as well as more recent items, such as a 19th Century Torah Scroll from North Africa. The collection also displays a significant collection of glassware from Roman Palestine, Apulian ceramics and Greek, Jewish and Roman coins spanning from Alexander the Great through the Byzantine Period.”

According to Arbino, the museum’s primary purpose is to preserve and display artifacts from cultures and lands associated with the Bible.

“Through this [purpose], the museum seeks to engage and inform students and visitors, giving insight into the contents, contexts and interpretations of the biblical text,” he said.

The collection began in the 1970s, when Dr. j. kenneth eakins, then professor of archaeology and Old Testament, began to assemble a small group of items from the ancient Near East for a seminary collection to be used primarily in the classroom. His wife, Marian, who, along with ken, was a member of the Joint Archaeological Expedition to Tell el-Hesi, Israel, was appointed as the first curator of the artifacts in 1986. As curator, she initiated the public display of material and created the first exhibits. Following Marian’s death in 1990, seminary trustees named the collection in her memory and established an

endowment fund for its support. Arbino first became design director as a Ph.D. student and was appointed as curator in 1998. Combining a background in theatrical design and construction, a doctorate in biblical studies and experience in archaeological fieldwork, Arbino has mounted more than 20 different exhibits in his 25 years with the museum.

Over the years, the collection grew and diversified, adding artifacts from New World archaeology, Ottoman Period materials from the Tell el-Hesi Excavations, European manuscripts and folios and even a collection of proprietary medicine bottles from the late 19th and early 20th centuries. During its 30 years at Mill Valley, the collection grew to more than 1,000 holdings.

“As it settles into its new location in Ontario,” Arbino said, “the founding vision and purpose of the collection remains true: knowing the past to interpret for the present as we move into the future.”



The Marian Eakins Archaeological Collection is open to the public during regular library hours: 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday; 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday and Friday; and noon to 5 p.m. on Saturday.

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MEET GATEWAY'S NEWEST FACULTY MEMBERS



Kristen Ferguson *Director of Online Education*

Kristen Ferguson has done extensive research on online learning, including work on how evangelical faculty perceive online teaching. Before coming to Gateway, she worked as an online instructional designer at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

- Ed.D., The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary
- Advanced M.Div., SBTS
- Bachelor of Applied Theology, California Baptist University



Carl Mosser *Professor of Christian Theology*

Carl Mosser is an expert in Mormon studies and has participated in a plethora of research articles and books. Before coming to Gateway Seminary, he was a visiting scholar and visiting associate research professor at the University of Notre Dame.

- Ph.D., New Testament, University of St. Andrews
- Th.M., Fuller Theological Seminary
- M.A., New Testament, M.A., Philosophy of Religion & Ethics, M.A., Theology, Biola University
- Bachelor of Arts, Biblical Studies, Life Pacific College



Eddie Pate *Professor of Evangelism*

Eddie Pate brings decades of experience as a pastor, church planter, and missionary. He has been part of the Gateway family for many years, as the director of the Southern California Campus, as well as an adjunct professor.

- D.Min., Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
- M.Div., Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
- Bachelor of Arts, California Baptist University



John W. Taylor *Professor of New Testament & Chair of Biblical Studies*

John Taylor brings a wealth of knowledge in the New Testament, as well as experience as a Youth With A Mission (YWAM) leader. Before coming to Gateway, he was an associate professor of New Testament at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

- Ph.D., New Testament Studies, University of Cambridge
- M.Div., Fuller Theological Seminary
- Bachelor of Town and Regional Planning, University of Melbourne, Australia



Dwayne Ulmer *Professor of Educational Leadership*

Dwayne Ulmer has a depth of experience in youth ministry and has written and co-written books and curriculum for teaching youth. Before coming to Gateway, he was an assistant professor of leadership at Dallas Baptist University.

- Ed.D., The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary
- M.Div., Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
- Bachelor of Arts, Baylor University



Alicia Wong *Associate Professor of Women's Ministry*

Alicia Wong joined the Gateway family to build a brand-new women's ministry program. Before coming to Gateway, Wong was an assistant professor of women's ministries at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

- Ed.D., Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary
- M.Div., SEBTS
- MAIS, Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary
- Bachelor of Arts, Spanish, Pepperdine University

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GATEWAY SEMINARY OPENS WITH CONVOCATION SERVICE



DR. JEFF IORG TOLD STUDENTS DURING THE FIRST-EVER PRESIDENT'S CONVOCATION service on the new campus he hoped they would find classes difficult and challenging as they prepared for a life of ministry—but not be impacted by the unintended consequences of seminary training.

Using 1 Timothy 6: 3-10 as the basis of his sermon, Iorg spoke on the topic “The Unintended Consequences of a Seminary Education.”

“One unintended consequence of your seminary education is when your theological depth exceeds your character development,” he said.

Iorg recounted a deacon in a local church calling him to ask for advice about a brewing conflict between the pastor and his congregation. He explained the pastor had developed some positions controversial for many in the church. The bigger problem, however, was when the deacons tried to discuss it with him the pastor blew up in anger, marginalized his opposition, and questioned their theological understanding.

“The pastor did not suffer from a lack of theological depth,” Iorg said, “but a lack of character development. When one exceeds the other, chaos usually results.”

Iorg said a seminary education could also be detrimental to the extent a graduate would

rather debate doctrine with peers than share the truth with everyday people.

“There are more students enrolled in the Southern Baptist Convention’s six seminaries than at any other time in history,” he said, “but there has never been a time when our churches are less effective in evangelism. We are better at arguing theology with our peers than explaining the gospel to everyday people.

“It’s vital you master the depths and intricacies of the gospel,” he said, “but you are not fully prepared until you can explain the gospel to everyday people.”

Iorg also warned another unintended consequence of a seminary education is allowing material gain to displace missional sacrifice.

Evidence of this includes when students believe someone should take care of them financially.

“It seems to be a trend, and it’s the downside of seminary financial aid, that more and more students assume someone else is responsible to raise the money to pay for their training,” he said. He warned this mentality has a detrimental effect as seminary students search for ministry positions.

Iorg recounted a conversation with a pastor who had interviewed several recent graduates for a position at his church. The people interviewed had all asked, as their first question about the position, how much vacation time they would receive and what benefits would accompany their salary.

“While these are important questions, the pastor was disappointed the first questions were not about the opportunity to reach people and impact their community,” Iorg reported. He then added, “These are important issues to resolve in seeking a position, but they are not the primary issues. Settle the ‘mission questions’ first, and then work out the financial details while trusting God to provide.”





FROM FIVE CHRISTIANS TO 10,000

*Gateway alumnus uses
‘bubbling’ strategy to
grow faith among Muslims*

DAN*, A GATEWAY SEMINARY ALUMNUS, SERVES IN AN AREA OF SOUTHEAST ASIA WHERE “NOBODY HAD BEEN AND NOBODY WANTED TO GO.”

Furthermore, his sending agency didn’t want him to go there, either. “During appointment week, I learned I was not allowed to go to that location,” he said, “so I went to language school in a different location and was eventually able to demonstrate all the reasons for denying me were not valid.”

Still, he was told he could go there if he wanted, but there was no support at all in that location, and there would be no help.

He was undaunted and went anyway. “I had to find a job, because Christian workers are not allowed there,” he said. “I’m also the only white face in any direction for nine hours.”

In fact, he was in some danger, because the area was predominately Muslim. A slight misstep could lead to his arrest. However, as he looked for a place to stay, someone introduced him to a man who had a room to rent. That man turned out to be a highly respected government official. As they became friends, the connection gave Dan some protection.

There were other advantages, too.

“Moving into his home meant I really learned the language,” he said. “I was totally immersed in the culture.”

As he worked in his job, he also began building relationships that opened opportunities to share the Gospel. However, he didn’t see any results at all for seven years.

“If I witnessed to someone, they would go home to their family to discuss the possibility of accepting Jesus as their Savior. And the family would tell them no,” he said. “No decisions can be made at all unless the family is consulted.”

He saw the same thing happening over and over again.

“Those first years were rough. But when you get slammed to the floor, how many times do you get up?” he asked. “If you have a call from God, you have no choice. You get up every time. Every single time.”

Dan explained there were no good patterns for evangelism when he began. The personal evangelism techniques of working with individuals one-on-one had been successful in his U.S. assignments, but they didn’t work at all there. As he began a second term of service, he decided to try something new.

“I would go to a house, meet the entire extended family and build relationships,” he said. “That strategy made a dramatic difference. I started with a group and ended with a group. That’s biblical. I was not fishing for one fish. I was fishing for a whole bunch of fish.”

From an initial five Christians, the numbers of converts grew.

“A lot of local young people travel around for experience,” he said. “They stay with a local family, and they also bring their witness with them. Think generational growth. One small group splits to another. I call it bubbling.”

Eventually, the number of small congregations grew to 50. Now—after 18 years in the country—there are about 500 groups with participation of about 10,000 Christians.

“We do leadership training for about 300 people at a time,” Dan said. “There is a basic

leadership course, as well as a more in-depth curriculum.”

He explained that, although most claim the Muslim faith in the area, there is low participation. And people are curious about Jesus.

“IF YOU HAVE A CALL FROM GOD,
YOU HAVE NO CHOICE. YOU GET
UP EVERY TIME.”
- DAN*

“We say nothing bad about their prophet or their book,” he said. “We just tell them there’s one verse in their book that tells them to read the gospels. The most important question they ask is ‘why did Jesus have to die?’”

Access to social media leaves plenty of room for discussion about their new-found faith.

“They are very up front during Ramadan,” he said. “One new Christian posted ‘I love the blood of Jesus.’”

That enthusiasm often leads to people being arrested for talking too much about Jesus.

“If you want them to come out of jail, you

have to pay the police,” Dan said. “But being arrested often leads to a witnessing opportunity. When police tell them they’re being arrested for talking about Jesus, they respond with ‘OK, and this is what we’re saying.’ Security issues have nothing to do with sharing the gospel.”

He recounted the story of two men who—with trepidation—decided to go outside their village and talk about Jesus.

“The term ‘foreigner’ means someone who was not born in their village,” he explained, “so they were taking a big risk going to the next town where no one knew them. If they talked to the wrong person about their faith, they could be arrested.”

The men met someone in that village who invited them to their home for tea. The patriarch—a crippled man—looked them in the eye and asked them if they knew Jesus.

“They came home so excited,” he said. “They experienced the joy of meeting brothers and sisters in Christ. And that’s only encouraged them to go to other villages. That’s bubbling.”

* Name was changed for security reasons.



Dan*, a Gateway Seminary alumnus, visits Dr. Don Dent, director of the Kim School of Global Missions. Dan’s name has been changed and his identity concealed for security reasons.



GATEWAY SEMINARY DEDICATES BUILDING, CELEBRATES GOD’S BLESSINGS

GATEWAY SEMINARY WRAPPED UP TWO YEARS OF TRANSITION OCT. 5-8, 2016 WITH A SERIES OF dedication events that praised God for His blessings on the institution’s recent move.

“Today we celebrate our heritage and stand in awe of God’s miraculous activity through us over the past few years,” said President Jeff Iorg during the Oct. 6 dedication service. “These memories are important to us. But for us, our dreams exceed our memories. Our vision supersedes our heritage. Our longing to experience God’s future is more important than celebrating our legacy in our past.”

[See the abbreviated text of Dr. Iorg’s address in the next pages.]

More than 400 people attended the dedication, which was livestreamed to a worldwide audience from the Seminary’s new chapel. Special guests included John Ong,

president of Malaysia Baptist Theological Seminary; Daniel Jimenez, president of Mexican Baptist Theological Seminary; Paige Patterson, president of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary; Chuck Kelley, president of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary; Wanda Lee, Executive Director of Woman’s Missionary Union; Kevin Ezell, president of the North American Mission Board; many executive directors from Western state conventions, which partner with Gateway Seminary; and several presidents of foundations in Western states.

Iorg recounted seven miracles which enabled the seminary to relocate its primary campus and launch a new kind of seminary for the 21st century. For example, the buyer of the Mill Valley property met all the institution’s needs in the conditions of the sale, and the building that was purchased was constructed in 2009 but was left unfinished and unoccupied

for five years. The Seminary also received several large financial gifts, some from donors with no previous connection to the school. In addition, the institution came out of the relocation process debt free with \$123 million in real estate and endowment assets, up from \$32 million just seven years ago.

Outlining his vision for the future, Iorg explained why the decision was made to move to Ontario.

“We moved here because Riverside and San Bernardino counties are the two fastest growing counties in the American West. By 2050, the population of these two counties is projected to grow by more than 3 million people. That’s more population growth in these two counties than will occur in any western state, except Arizona, during the same time frame. We established Gateway Seminary where the most people will be moving and living.

We are in the perfect place for our ministry-immersion approach to theological education.”

Iorg reminded the audience that all the Seminary needed to fulfill its mission of shaping leaders to advance God’s kingdom was a chapel, classrooms, meeting rooms, a library and offices—so that’s all that was built.

He challenged other Southern Baptist entities and churches to “stop borrowing money to build monuments to human ego and become more serious about investing every dollar possible in fulfilling the Great Commission. When billions of people have not yet even heard the name of Jesus, we must find ways to model capital frugality and spend more money on getting the gospel around the world.”

Bill Moffit, chairman of the Gateway Seminary board of trustees, thanked staff, faculty and students on behalf of the board for the sacrifices they made to make the move possible.

“They took on the task of running a seminary at full speed with the added complexities of moving the seminary 400 miles,” he said. “What has happened is truly unprecedented.”

David Johnson, executive director for the Arizona Southern Baptist Convention, said that the Seminary—from its inception more than 70 years ago—has been known as a missions seminary.

“Missions has been its very DNA,” he said. “It began in a missions setting and was driven to take theological education out to those places it was needed. It responded to the needs of churches to train leaders who would help them reach people with the gospel. May this seminary continue to be a gateway for theological education.”

“OUR DREAMS EXCEED OUR MEMORIES. OUR VISION SUPERSEDES OUR HERITAGE. OUR LONGING TO EXPERIENCE GOD’S FUTURE IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN CELEBRATING OUR PAST.”
- PRESIDENT JEFF IORG

Frank Page, president and chief executive officer of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, spoke about the

Seminary’s impact on the Southern Baptist Convention.

“We recognize how significant it is to have a Great Commission seminary, a global seminary, in the West,” he said. “This school has brought a paradigm shift. It has shown us how to be a school in the midst of a very difficult culture and how to do it well. God is at work in a powerful way. You set an example for us, and we have watched and learned.”

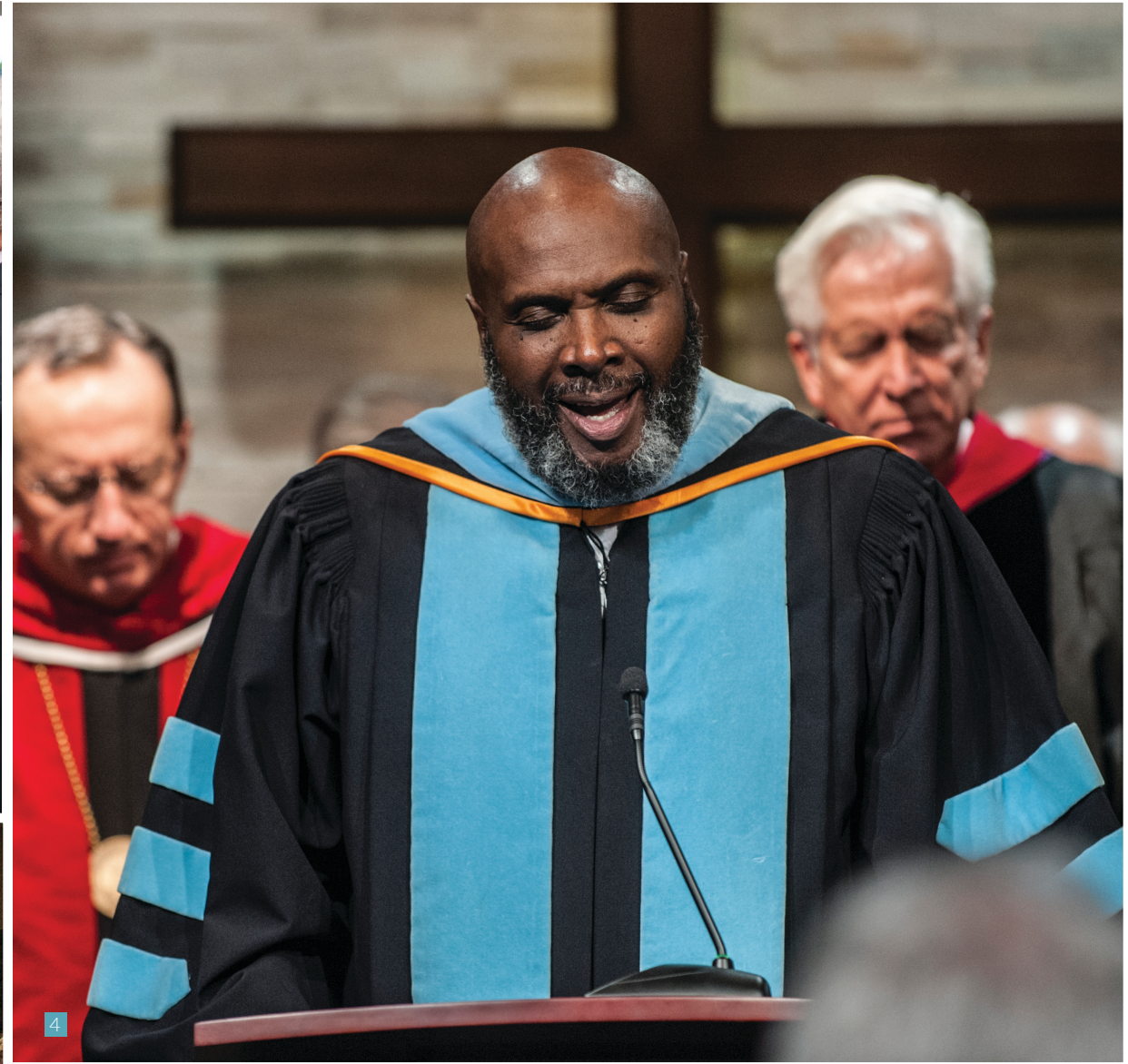
Iorg presented the Harold K. Graves Award to Gary Groat, vice president for strategic services, for his work in leading the relocation processes, including managing the construction details for both the Los Angeles Campus in Ontario, Calif., and the San Francisco Campus in Fremont, Calif.

He also recognized and expressed appreciation to donors who made significant naming gifts in the new building, including a library study room to honor the memory of Charles Bass, a classroom to honor Jerry and Joanne Stubblefield, a classroom to honor Jearl and Jo Smart and a prayer room to honor Henry and Marilyn Blackaby.



Video of the dedication service is available at <https://vimeo.com/186040237>. The Deere Lecture is available at <https://vimeo.com/186039439>.

DEDICATION HIGHLIGHTS



1 Gateway Seminary faculty and academic delegates gather in the library prior to their processional for the dedication service Oct. 6.

2 Frank Page, president of the executive committee of the Southern Baptist Convention; Wanda Lee, executive director of the Woman's Missionary Union and her husband Larry; and Dr. Chuck Kelley, president of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, gather for the Southern Baptist Convention executives dinner.

3 Guests from around the world pack Gateway Seminary's chapel for the dedication service.

4 Dr. Leroy Gainey, chair of educational leadership, gives a prayer of dedication during the dedication service.

5 Dr. Don Dent, director of the Kim School of Global Missions, and Dr. Gregg Watson, associate dean of academic affairs, chat before the academic lecture Oct. 6.

IT'S ALL ABOUT TOMORROW

An excerpt of President Jeff Iorg's Dedication Service Address

THE BIRTH OF GATEWAY SEMINARY IS GROUNDED IN OUR CONVICTION THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS ADVANCING, THE future is ripe with missional opportunity, and the people of God must seize the opportunity to join God in his steady march forward.

MIT professor and business consultant Michael Hammer once said, "One thing that tells me a company is in trouble is when they tell me how good they were in the past. When memories exceed dreams, the end is near. The hallmark of a truly great organization is the willingness to abandon what made it successful and start fresh."

For us, our memories don't exceed our dreams—they inspire them. Our memories of God's past activity motivate us to peer over the horizon, anticipating the promise of God's fresh activity among us. We are here today because of our profound conviction God's kingdom is advancing and we have a part to play in it. We are here, because for us, faith means it's all about tomorrow.

MIRACLE NEEDED

Gateway Seminary began as Golden Gate Seminary through the vision of two San Francisco Bay Area pastors in 1944. They dreamed of a seminary in the West, training leaders for the West, and sending leaders from the West for global ministry. For 73 years, the seminary was headquartered in the Bay Area—first in Oakland, then Berkeley, and ultimately our most recent location in Mill Valley.

From 2009 through 2013, we endured a prolonged political and legal conflict, along with persistent opposition from some in our community to development plans for our former campus. Despite our best efforts and much



prayer, we were kept from fulfilling those plans.

The situation was bleak. We owned a deteriorating campus, in a very challenging location, with significant development restrictions, and entrenched community opposition. We were on a trajectory toward closure or worse—a perpetual struggle to preserve our property at the expense of our mission. Frankly, we needed a miracle.

Sometimes, God allows obstacles to teach us perseverance. He expects us to bow our neck and courageously overcome those challenges. Other times, God erects barriers to redirect us. For the several years, we interpreted our challenges as obstacles to overcome. Gradually, God changed our perspective. We came to believe our challenges were not obstacles testing our faith, but instead were signposts telling us to go another direction.

MIRACLES EXPERIENCED

We needed a confluence of miraculous circumstances to relocate our seminary and—in many ways—launch a new seminary for the 21st century. We needed, to borrow from Ephesians 3:20, God to do something "above

and beyond what we could ask or think."

God has moved among us and here are seven miracles we have experienced.

First, God provided a buyer for our Marin County property. We had three key terms—a cash sale, a two-year lease back of our campus to facilitate our transition and the buyer had to assume all future development risks. God provided. We sold the property for \$85 million, secured a two-year lease back to continue full operations and the new owner assumed all development responsibilities.

Second, God provided a building for our new primary campus. We developed 10 parameters to consider for our new campus location. When we found this building, built in 2009 and left unfinished and unoccupied for five years, it met all 10 parameters. We were able to purchase this facility and customize the finishes for our use.

Third, God provided the right leadership team for this season in our seminary's life. Our vice presidents were uniquely suited for the challenges we have faced. God gave us the right leaders, at just the right time, to see us through the relocation.

Fourth, God provided remarkable gifts to encourage us. During the relocation, we received an \$850,000 scholarship gift. We received a \$2.9 million land gift in Fremont, Calif., where our new San Francisco Bay Area Campus will open in January 2017. We received a \$500,000 gift to purchase a new

Missionary-in-Residence home near the Ontario Campus. We have also received special gifts to furnish the board room, library study area, two classrooms and the prayer room in this facility. We thank all these donors for their generous gifts.

Fifth, God has given us governmental

favor. The Ontario and Fremont communities, governmental employees, and political leaders have streamlined our relocation process.

Sixth, God has given us supernatural unity. We have moved the primary campus of one of the 10 largest seminaries in North America with minimal external opposition and no internal conflict. Our 9,000 graduates have supported us, most of our 2,000 students have stayed with us and many employees have sacrificed to relocate with us. The Gateway family truly models the phrase so often spoken when we first announced the relocation decision—"the mission matters most." We thank God for bringing together so many people who prioritize mission over comfort and convenience.

Seventh, and finally, God has sustained us through the process so that we now have two new anchor campuses in California, a new campus housing complex, multiple other real estate holdings and a significant increase to our endowment. We are debt-free today with over \$105 million in real estate and endowment assets for future kingdom ministry. We thank God for his supernatural provision.

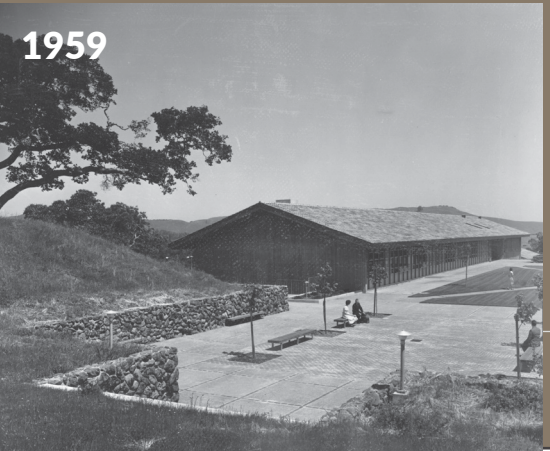
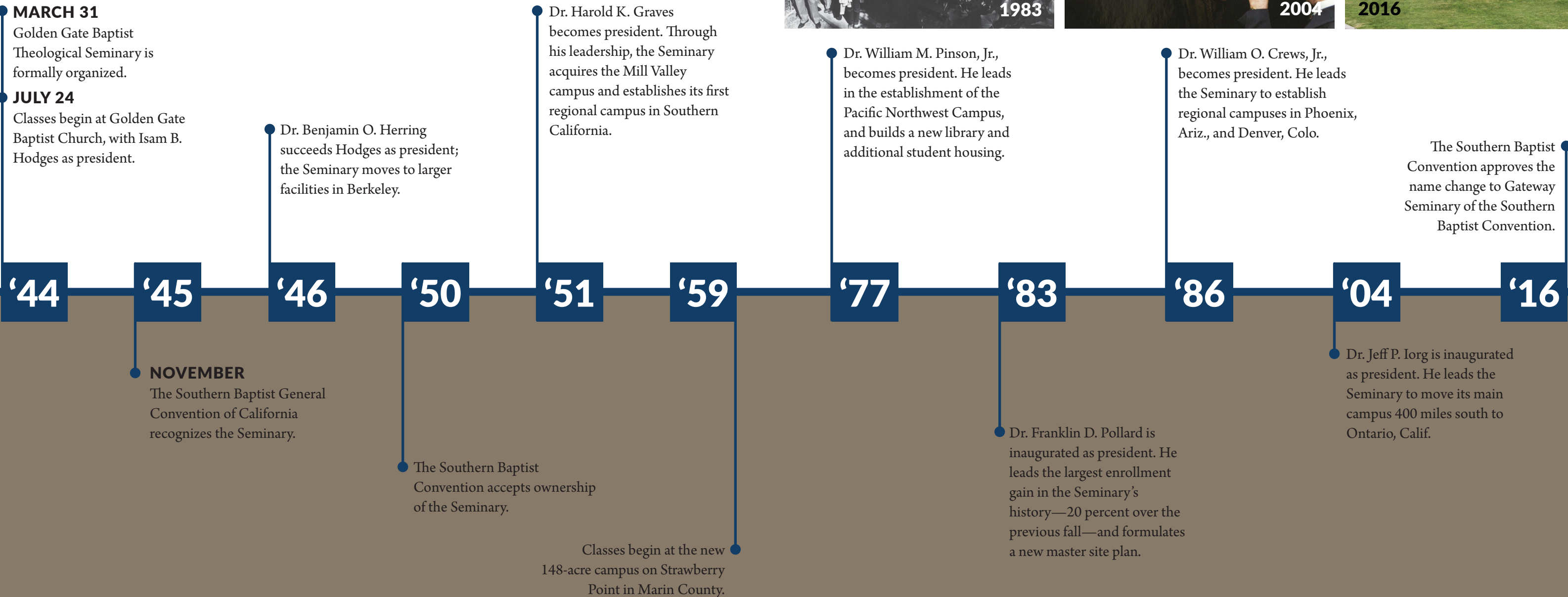
FUTURE KINGDOM MINISTRY

Today, we celebrate our heritage and stand in awe of God's miraculous activity through us over the past few years. These memories are important to us. But for us, our dreams exceed our memories. Our vision supersedes our heritage. Our longing to experience God's future is more important than celebrating His legacy in our past.

Future kingdom ministry is the reason we have taken these bold steps. Today we celebrate the rebirth of Golden Gate Seminary as Gateway Seminary of the Southern Baptist Convention. For us, it's all about tomorrow—about being and becoming a seminary for the 21st century.



GATEWAY THROUGH THE YEARS



NEW ROOMS HONOR ALUMNI, FACULTY

GATEWAY SEMINARY DEDICATED THREE ROOMS IN ITS NEW ONTARIO BUILDING OCT. 6 TO HONOR ALUMNI OR FORMER FACULTY.

The Henry and Marilyn Blackaby Prayer Room honors the Blackabys' ministry to prayer. Henry Blackaby graduated from the Seminary in 1965. His *Experiencing God* materials have been used by millions to facilitate a deeper relationship with God. The room includes many items from the Blackabys' own prayer room, including his study Bible, which he presented to the Seminary. Memorabilia includes a letter from Manuel Noriega praising the book *Experiencing God*, which Henry

Blackaby wrote. Noriega became a Christian while he was in prison.

The Jerry and Joanne Stubblefield Classroom honors the Stubblefields' tenure at the Seminary as the couple worked with and mentored students. Dr. Jerry Stubblefield retired as senior professor of Christian education in 2002.

The Charles Bass Study Room honors Bass' service in ministry. A 1959 graduate, he served as a U.S. Army chaplain for 20 years before working as a pastor and missionary in his retirement. Later, he served as a fundraiser for the Rocky Mountain Campus. The study room includes reference materials for students, as well as photos from Bass' career.



- 1 Henry and Marilyn Blackaby present Henry's study Bible to President Jeff Iorg. The Bible is on display in the prayer room named for the couple.
- 2 Jerry Stubblefield, a retired senior professor of Christian education, taught at the Seminary for 25 years. A classroom was named for Jerry and his wife Joanne, in honor of their years of service to the Seminary.
- 3 Martha Bass, middle, and her children arrange some of her husband Charles' personal effects on display in the library study room named for him.
- 4 Dr. Iorg gives a presentation about the Stubblefields' contributions to Gateway Seminary in the classroom named for them.
- 5 Henry and Marilyn Blackaby donated several items for display in Gateway's prayer room.
- 6 A bookshelf filled with Charles Bass' photos and books honors his memory in the study room named for him.



GATEWAY *Gala*

Thanking God for what He has done for the Seminary

IN THE LARGEST EVENT EVER HOSTED BY THE SEMINARY, ABOUT 500 PEOPLE GATHERED OCT. 6 FOR THE GATEWAY GALA, A WORSHIP EXPERIENCE AT THE ONTARIO CONVENTION CENTER to celebrate Gateway Seminary's new name, relocation and rebrand and to praise God for His blessings during the transition.

Keith and Kristyn Getty, hymn writers and entertainers from Northern Ireland, provided entertainment for the evening. The choir from Immanuel Baptist Church in Highland provided backup vocals.

President Jeff Iorg said that Keith Getty asked him before the event what needed to happen for it to be a success. Iorg told him that it would be a success "if God is thanked for what He has done in our midst, and we bring glory to Him for all He has accomplished on our behalf as Gateway Seminary.

"You have been successful in both points tonight," he told the group. "Thank you for expressing our thanks to Him and bringing glory to God."

"I believe that is money well spent, and I thank the Lord in that investment in quality theological education in the West."

As he concluded the banquet, Iorg said that an employee at the Ontario Convention Center asked an alumnus attending the event what it was about, and he was able to share the Gospel with him. The man accepted Jesus as his savior during the Gala.

"That's what Gateway Seminary is about," Iorg said, "expanding God's kingdom one person at a time all around this globe."





FUN & GAMES

FOR ALL AT THE GATEWAY FESTIVAL

GATEWAY SEMINARY'S PARKING LOT AND PARK WAS TRANSFORMED INTO A SCENE FROM A CARNIVAL ON OCT. 8 AS THE SEMINARY HOSTED THE GATEWAY FESTIVAL. THE EVENT featured a bungee trampoline, rock climbing wall, face painter, an In-n-Out burger truck and games for all ages.

"It was a great family event," said Shane Tanigawa, director of student services. "It was a celebration of what God has done in relocating us and blessing us with this building and property."

About 400 people turned out in support of the Seminary on the sweltering Saturday, queuing for colorful face paint and free burgers and

playing lawn games such as cornhole and bocce ball.

After lunch, families and children took refuge from the heat inside for building tours and an illusion show by John Shouse, professor of Christian theology.

The Inland Empire Southern Baptist Association celebrated moving into its new office in the Seminary's Ontario building with its annual meeting and open house on the day of the Gateway Festival, as well.

"Community participation exceeded expectations," said Adam Groza, vice president for enrollment and student services. "The Gateway Festival was a complete success."



IORG REPORTS TO GATEWAY SEMINARY TRUSTEES: ‘WE MOVED’

PRESIDENT JEFF IORG TOLD TRUSTEES MEETING FOR THE FIRST TIME ON THE NEW CAMPUS OCT. 7 THAT HE debated delivering the shortest written report in the institution's history.

“It would have simply said ‘We moved. Any questions?’” he said. “I think that pretty much sums up the last six months.”

Iorg then highlighted key aspects of the relocation process and also talked about the challenges of the move.

“The biggest challenge to the relocation effort was the delay in getting phone and Internet service installed in the facility,” Iorg reported. “We requested service in March and it was finally installed in early August.”

Iorg praised staff and faculty for their tenacity during the delay. For example, the enrollment staff set up tables in an apartment in student housing, had Internet and phone

service installed, set up their computers, and went to work.

“They told me, ‘Let us know when we have phones and Internet, and we’ll move back into the building. For now, we have work to do.’” The enrollment team ended the summer with 393 approved applications, including many finalized from the temporary location.

Iorg also reported the library was ready to open two weeks ahead of schedule, which was accomplished by “a herculean effort by our employees who worked tirelessly to accomplish what many thought impossible.”

“We were open on July 5, were operational by Aug. 10, and are fully operational in every way for the semester,” Iorg announced. He also indicated the new Fremont campus was nearing completion and would be finished in late November. The campus will open for classes in January 2017.



In other routine business, the Board approved a revised media relations policy to govern social media use during board committee meetings, accepted the 2015-16 audit, approved an additional \$700,000 in transition funds if needed during this fiscal year, approved sabbaticals for four faculty members, and passed a resolution of appreciation for Dr. Fermin Whittaker, executive director of the California Southern Baptist Convention.

Above, Bill Moffitt, chairman of Gateway Seminary's Board of Trustees, speaks at the Seminary's Dedication Service Oct. 6, 2016.

Below, Gateway Seminary's Board of Trustees meets for the first plenary session at the new Los Angeles Campus in Ontario, Calif.





“WE ARE WELCOMING DR. JEFF IORG, WHO GOT A NEW JOB YESTERDAY as president of the Gateway Seminary in the state of California,” SBC President Ronnie Floyd said June 15 as he introduced Iorg for the seminary’s report to the Southern Baptist Convention.

The seminary’s name change from Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary was affirmed by SBC messengers the previous day, after a first vote in 2015. SBC bylaws require two consecutive years of messengers’ approval for such a change.

Iorg called the seminary’s transition over the past two years “one of the most significant relocations in American history.”

“By the end of this year, we will have two new campuses in Ontario and Fremont to anchor our work on the West Coast,” Iorg continued. “We will have relocated dozens of families, employed about 50 new people, created two new student bodies, transitioned all technological functions, opened new student housing, created new student housing options, established a new organizational plan and implemented a new compensation plan.

“To say the least, it has been quite a ride

over these two years.”

Iorg told messengers that God has enabled the seminary to do these things without rancor or division.

“The Gateway Seminary family has displayed remarkable discipline, institutional humility, personal sacrifice and divine patience,” he said. “Former employees are ending service graciously, new employees are taking on tasks with enthusiasm and relocating employees are experiencing God’s blessings as they find houses, churches, schools and jobs for their spouses.”

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- PRESIDENT JEFF IORG

Iorg said enrollment at the former Bay Area campus in Mill Valley declined as its closure became imminent, but the regional campuses and the online enrollment increased so that the seminary’s overall enrollment remained steady.

“This progress, while largely positive, has not come without cost,” Iorg said. “The spiritual, emotional and financial toil of our

employees and students has been significant. The remarkable response so many have made does not discount the difficulty they have been through. Our employees and students have been remarkable models of the truth that the mission matters most. While they have made this determined choice, it has not been easy.

“Our employees and our students who have made this great transition possible are the heroes of this process, and I salute them this morning for their hard work.”

Iorg reported that Gateway Seminary has multiplied the \$85 million received for the sale of the Mill Valley property to more than \$100 million in assets for future use, including about \$70 million in real estate, without any deferred maintenance—and designed for ministry in the 21st century—all debt-free.

“When we conclude the construction process, we will own two debt-free campuses in prime locations in California worth over \$52 million,” Iorg said. “We will also own a development lot in Ontario worth \$4 million. We will own a building in Brea, Calif., worth about \$4 million. We will own two student apartment complexes worth over \$8 million and the new Casey and Doris DeShon Missionary House in Ontario worth \$500,000.”

Iorg said the decision was made to build a campus equipped with essentials to accomplish the seminary’s mission, including classrooms, faculty offices, administrative offices, library, chapel and community gathering space—and not other facilities like gyms, childcare centers and bookstores.

“When millions of people have not yet heard the name of Jesus Christ and our mission force is being slashed, Gateway Seminary has chosen to model frugality and simplicity to prioritize future resources for global missions.”

Iorg said Gateway Seminary is built on the foundation of Golden Gate Baptist Theological

Seminary, healthier than any time in its history.

“We are battle-tested and ready to go forward,” he said. “We thank you for your support, your gifts over the years and for your prayers. Keep sending us your students, and thank you for all you’ve done to make this relocation possible.”



GATEWAY SEMINARY HONORS OUTSTANDING ALUMNI



DR. JEFF IORG, PRESIDENT OF GATEWAY SEMINARY, THANKED ATTENDEES AT THE ALUMNI AND Friends Luncheon June 15 in St. Louis for their continued support of the institution through the two-year process of moving the primary campus to Ontario, Calif.

“It will take a little time to get used to saying ‘Gateway’ instead of ‘Golden Gate,’” he said.

He told alumni that the first of the trucks are arriving on the new campus this week from Mill Valley and asked that prayer continue for the Seminary during the move over the next few weeks.

Three alumni were honored with Distinguished Alumni of the Year Awards.

Dr. Robert E. Haskins earned a doctor of ministry degree from Golden Gate Seminary and served churches in Oklahoma for nearly

40 years. He began his career as a pastor before taking on the role of State Missions Director, relating to more than 100 missionaries and 42 associational directors of missions, and became senior associate executive director for the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma (BGCO). BGCO’s Robert Haskins School of Leadership was named in his honor. Even in retirement, he has continued to serve, assisting 10 churches as interim or transitional pastor.

Dr. Frank Lewis earned a doctor of ministry degree from Golden Gate Seminary and has served for the past 16 years as senior pastor of First Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn. He also has worked as a preaching and worship consultant for Lifeway and as senior pastor at Green Valley Baptist Church in Henderson, Nev. He has taught as an adjunct professor at Gateway Seminary and Belmont University in Nashville and has served as a field supervisor

for master of divinity and doctor of ministry students at Duke, Vanderbilt and Beeson divinity schools.

Chang Sun Moon earned a master of divinity degree from Golden Gate Seminary and was awarded an honorary doctor of divinity by Faith Evangelical Lutheran Seminary in Tacoma, Wash. He has served as a pastor to Korean congregations for more than 40 years and was president of Pacific (Korean) Union Seminary from 1989 to 1993. He also has served as a board member for the Northwest Baptist Convention Executive Board for the past four years.

Recipients are nominated by faculty, staff or alumni “in recognition of outstanding accomplishment that exemplified a commitment to shaping leaders who expand God’s Kingdom around the world.”

GATEWAY ALUMNUS NAMED PRESIDENT OF MCUTS

JOE CALDWELL, A TWO-TIME GRADUATE OF GATEWAY SEMINARY AND A CURRENT PH.D. STUDENT, WAS NAMED president of the Memphis Center for Urban Theological Studies (MCUTS) in July 2016.

Caldwell received a master of divinity degree in 1996 and a master of theology degree in 1999, as well as the doctor of ministry degree from Fuller Theological Seminary in 2010. He has served as an army chaplain and pastor and was the executive director of the San Francisco Peninsula Baptist Association. Before working at MCUTS, he was the director of the accelerated pastoral ministries program and an assistant professor of religious studies at

Gardner-Webb University.

“I was drawn by MCUTS’s long history of utilizing higher education as a tool to transform lives who are then equipped to transform communities,” Caldwell said. “MCUTS has a reputation for providing access to higher education to some of Memphis’ most under-resourced and overtaxed neighborhoods.”

MCUTS’s mission is to provide affordable, accessible and accredited theological education and training for those serving in an urban context to transform Memphis and the Mid-South for the kingdom of Christ.

“The diversity of the student body and the focus on multicultural ministry and



multicultural communication at Gateway Seminary has been huge to making the transition to MCUTS,” Caldwell said. “The Seminary’s focus on making theological education accessible to every major city in the West really resonates with what we do in Memphis with MCUTS.”

ALUMNI NEWS

DAVID R. HOWARD (1980) is currently a ministry and management consultant, most recently serving as director of the spiritual transformation program of Central Union Mission in Washington, D.C.

LARRY L. SUTTON (1994) is vice president and district manager for the Bank of the Orient in Honolulu, Hawaii.

HARVEY MARTINDILL (1995) has served as pastor of Carson Baptist Church in Carson, Calif., since 1989.

QUENTIN P. KINNISON (1998) serves as chair of the biblical and religious studies division at Fresno Pacific University and was recently honored as Alpha Chi Inspirational Faculty Member. He also published a new book, *Transforming Pastoral Leadership* (Wipf & Stock, 2016).

KRISTEN K. WHITE (2002) serves as assistant professor of intercultural studies at Belhaven University in Jackson, Miss.

DARRELL C. HARTLEY (2010) is director of counseling, coaching and mentoring programs at Warr on Wellness, LLC in Dallas, Texas.

ROBERT M. UYEDA (2012) serves as English pastor for Hawaii Chinese Baptist Church in Honolulu, Hawaii, which is planting a multi-cultural church in the area. He also serves as vice president of the Executive Board of the Hawaii Pacific Baptist Convention. His wife, Miki, is treasurer for the Oahu Baptist Network of churches.

IN MEMORIAM

EDMUND WILLIAM “BILL” HUNKE (1953) passed away Oct. 31, 2016 at his residence in Sun Lakes, Ariz. Hunke served as executive secretary of the Alaska Baptist Convention and helped establish Southern Baptist conventions in Utah-Idaho and Nevada. He also worked as missions director of the Arizona Baptist Convention and western regional coordinator for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, with the responsibility of establishing missions across the western U.S. and Canada.

PHILIP H. FIKE (1992) passed away on Sept. 15, 2016 in Fairborn, Ohio. He served pastorates in Texas, New Mexico and South Dakota before becoming a hospice chaplain and interim pastor for six years in northern Utah. He and his wife Mellanie moved to Ohio in 2010 to be near family.



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