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- into new ministry
- into new positions of influence
- while learning from the past
- in understanding God's call



Jeff P. Iorg, President

Moving forward...

Golden Gate Seminary has launched its 63rd academic year, and it's an exciting time to be involved in our mission: shaping effective leaders who will accelerate the fulfillment of the Great Commission in the churches of the West and on mission to the world.

We shape these effective leaders with all kinds of tools and methods, and you will read about a number of them in this issue of *Gateway*: academic lectures, archaeological digs, the example and encouragement of our alumni, and quality teachers and administrators who teach both in and out of the classroom.

We also shape these effective leaders with the active and healthy financial support of generous donors, some of whom you will also read about in this issue of *Gateway*. Thank you for your continued giving through special gifts, through our *Partners for the Future* campaign, and especially through the Cooperative Program.

A significant development in my personal ministry over the past several months is a unique extension of my role as president of Golden Gate Seminary: I have begun serving as chaplain of the San Francisco Giants through an evangelical organization, Baseball Chapel.

I can't begin to express the excitement and fulfillment of being involved in a personal ministry of the Gospel.

Nothing takes the place of being in active ministry – of sharing Jesus with those who do not yet know him, and of encouraging believers to be bold and growing in their faith even in the high-stress and high-profile world of professional baseball. I have had numerous opportunities to share Christ, and then to encourage our students through my own example of personal ministry.

Another privilege I am looking forward to this year is delivering a series of chapel messages to our students, faculty, and staff, with the theme “Kingdom-focused leaders.”

As we train students at our five campuses and our Contextualized Leadership Development centers around the country, and as you serve in the place God has called you, this is my constant theme and challenge to all of us: stay focused on the Kingdom.

There is so much to distract us, and distractions must be dealt with, but we must never lose our focus on Jesus Christ and the expansion of his Kingdom on earth. It's what our mission statement is all about. I covet your prayers as we here at Golden Gate hold this goal always in mind.

I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming *Partners for the Future* and state convention meeting events this busy fall. ☐

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Seminary to receive additional money through one-time events and funding formula changes in the future

GuideStone Financial Resources of the Southern Baptist Convention recently made a strategic decision that has benefited Golden Gate Seminary.


In the past, GuideStone has received a Cooperative Program allocation to assist widows and other retirees who need financial help. Endowment earnings on these funds are now large enough that GuideStone informed the SBC Executive Committee they no longer needed Cooperative Program support. The Executive Committee allocated this money for 2007-08 to the Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission and the three smaller SBC seminaries. This one-time gift will be about \$348,000 (depending on the Cooperative Program income to the SBC).

In another unexpected development, the seminary collected on a 10-year-old debt obligation that had been written off as uncollectible many years ago. The property on which Golden Gate held a lien was finally sold, and the seminary received \$236,000 in satisfaction of a \$135,000 note.

The third and most significant financial development was a decision to change the seminary funding formula, made by the Executive Committee of the SBC and approved by messengers to the annual meeting in June.

For many years, Southern Baptist seminaries have been funded from the Cooperative Program on the basis of credit hours taught at each school's main campus, with only a few credit hours taught at other campuses eligible for funding. For Golden Gate, this meant only a few credit hours at any of the school's regional campuses were included in the funding formula.

Under the new formula, students taking classes at the Southern California campus will be included in the calculation of "main campus" credit hours. This new funding formula will provide an increase in Cooperative Program dollars to Golden Gate Seminary. However, this increase will not begin until the 2011-12 academic year.

"We are very pleased about this decision," states Dr. Jeff Iorg, Golden Gate president. "It creates a new opportunity for significant growth in Southern California. We are busy now making plans for improvement and enlargement of that campus." 



Guatemala native Daniel Teny, a student at a CLD Center in Utah, kneels to receive the prayer of blessing from GGBTS faculty & staff at the close of the Northern California commencement ceremony.



Master of Divinity graduate Donald Hart receives a congratulatory hug following the commencement ceremony.



Sarah and Pete Cuisson each received Master of Arts in Educational Leadership degrees from the Northern California campus.

Golden Gate graduates urged to keep personally sharing the gospel

More than 200 students from almost a dozen countries received degrees at Golden Gate Seminary's five regional campus commencement ceremonies this spring.

President Jeff Iorg urged the graduates to remain engaged in personally sharing the gospel.

"The personal work of the gospel is the sustaining food that will keep you going in your ministry," he stated in his commencement address.

He told the graduates that, as Christian leaders, they could easily become "completely encased" within the Christian community, and miss out on the opportunity to personally share the gospel with people.

"It's a dirty little secret," he explained. "Many Christian leaders do not involve themselves personally in the work of the gospel. If you are not careful you will wake up weeks, months, or years from now and wonder, 'What happened? When was the last time I personally shared the gospel with someone?'"

Iorg told the graduates that the solution lies in breaking barriers – of location, of fatigue, of social differences, and of moral issues. He pointed to the story of Jesus and the Samaritan woman at


the well as an example of how to break barriers in order to share the good news with someone personally.

The seminary's highest student award, the William O. Crews Presidential Leadership Award, was given to Doctor of Ministry candidate Kyung Suk Chung, a Korean national born in Japan.

Chung has spent most of his adult life in Venezuela and other areas of South America planting churches as a lay leader. After earning his Master of Divinity from Golden Gate several years ago, at the age of 62, he returned to Venezuela and led in the starting of the Caribbean Evangelical Seminary,

additional church planting, and missions work in Cuba. Chung plans to continue his pioneering work in Venezuela.

One graduate from the Northern California campus, Versil Milton, attended the ceremony despite the death of his wife, Regina, earlier that same day, following a long bout with cancer.

Said Milton, a Master of Theological Studies graduate, "I went to the graduation because my wife and I had a covenant with the Lord and each other. She 'graduated' at 1:24 in the afternoon and I graduated later that night. For her, I pressed on. My being there was simply God's abundant grace." 

This spring, Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary conferred:

- 59 Master of Divinity degrees, including those with concentrations in areas such as missions or Biblical studies
- 22 Master of Arts in Educational Leadership degrees
- 45 Master of Theological Studies degrees
- 2 Master of Theology degrees
- 13 Diplomas in Theology
- 1 Diploma in Educational Leadership
- 11 Doctor of Ministry degrees

Through its Contextualized Leadership Development centers across the country, operated in partnership with local churches, associations, and state conventions, the seminary also conferred 41 Diplomas in Christian Ministries and 16 Diplomas in Theology.

Partners for the future

A Campaign for Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary



Upcoming Events

Below are Partners for the Future fund-raising luncheons or dinners scheduled throughout the country for the remainder of the 2007 PFTF campaign.

Please RSVP at least one week before the event date to 1-888-442-8709, or rsvp@ggbts.edu.

BAKERSFIELD **October 18, 2007; 6:30 pm**

Stine Road Baptist Church
3001 Stine Road, Bakersfield, CA

SACRAMENTO **November 13, 2007; 5:30 pm**

Embassy Suites
100 Capitol Mall, Sacramento, CA

COLORADO **November 14, 2007; 6:30pm**

Radisson Hotel Denver SE
3200 South Parker Road, Aurora, CO

Campaign Update

Just over two years into the five-year campaign, the seminary has raised \$5.4 of the \$13 million goal. The support of friends, alumni, faculty, and staff have enabled the campaign to sustain momentum that will help propel the seminary into the future with resources to accomplish the mission: accelerating the fulfillment of the Great Commission.

To date, campaign support has enabled the seminary to:

- endow the Faith Kim Chair of Intercultural Education
- endow the Charles & Barbara Waters Chair of Biblical Studies
- renovate student housing
- provide wireless Internet service on the Northern California campus
- start a Ph.D. program and upgrade the library to sustain the program

For more information about the *Partners for the Future* campaign, visit the website at: www.ggbts.edu.

Upcoming campaign events are listed below. Also, see page 18 for upcoming Alumni & Friends events at state convention annual meetings.

Golden Gate trustees approve \$10.1 million budget for 2007-08 fiscal year, hear other reports at spring meeting

At their spring meeting in Mill Valley, Calif., trustees of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary approved a \$10.1 million budget for the 2007-08 fiscal year, elected new officers, and dedicated a renovated and renamed residence hall.

The budget represents an increase of \$500,000 over last year's. The increase will provide for much-needed additional faculty, facility upgrades, and especially the 25% increase in health care costs for full-time employees which the seminary is facing in the next fiscal year.

Trustees also elected new officers of the board. New chairman is E.W. McCall, Sr., pastor of St. Stephen Missionary Baptist Church in La Puente, Calif. McCall is believed to be the first African-American elected chairman of a trustee board at a Southern Baptist institution or agency.

Randy Adams, team leader for the Church Outreach Team at the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, and member of Quail Springs Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, was elected vice-chairman. Janie Finlay, member of First Baptist Church, Houston, Texas, was elected secretary.

Trustees were present for the opening of the new Elizabeth Wicker-Mahon Residence Hall at the Northern California campus. The apartment building, which offers four one-bedroom units for married couples, was renamed after Elizabeth Wicker Mahon, a donor whose husband, G. Heyward Mahon, was a member of the board of trustees for Golden Gate in 1950. The building was recently renovated and already houses four couples.



Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary president Jeff Iorg with new chairman of the board of trustees, E.W. McCall, pastor of St. Stephen Missionary Baptist Church in La Puente, Calif.

The board also heard reports on academic programs, enrollment, the Partners for the Future campaign, and the reorganization of the David & Faith Kim School of Intercultural Studies.

The Partners campaign has a goal of \$13 million by 2010, which will be used for additional faculty, additional academic schools and chairs, and new and upgraded facilities.

The David & Faith Kim School of Intercultural Studies has been renamed and reorganized as the David & Faith Kim School of Global Missions.

“This will enable the Kim School to focus more on the outcome we desire it to produce – global advancement of the kingdom – rather than on one of its processes, intercultural studies,” says Dr. Jeff Iorg, seminary president. “We will be better organizationally prepared to comprehensively address key disciplines related to missions. But in no way are we diminishing our commitment to intercultural education and to modeling multicultural and intercultural ministry effectiveness.”

Faculty reported to the board of trustees about the new Ph.D. program beginning in the fall, and an archaeological dig at Tel-Gezer in Israel in which the seminary is participating. Regional campus directors also brought reports to the trustees. 9

Voddie Baucham urged GGBTS students to focus on expositional preaching

Christian apologist, speaker, and pastor Voddie Baucham says that his goal “is not to make Christianity cool, but to communicate it clearly.”

And that’s what he focused on in a two-part lecture series Mar. 21-22 at Golden Gate Seminary: helping students learn how to communicate the gospel clearly, specifically through expositional preaching.

Baucham, pastor of Grace Family Baptist Church in Spring, Texas, urged students to preach expositionally for several reasons, based on 2 Timothy 4:1-5. Among them, he said, is that it is commanded by Jesus, it helps pastors be prepared at opportune and inopportune times, and it is “the only way we have moral authority.”

Expositional preaching is even effective when it comes to apologetics, he said.

He insisted that telling one’s own story was not sufficient in apologetics. “If the best answer we can give is, ‘It changed my life,’ then any so-called ‘Messiah’ is good enough, as long as he or she changes my life. Expositional apologetics moves us out of the realm of ‘my story is better than your story’ to ‘my source of authority is reliable, your story is rooted in yourself. Have you ever been wrong?’”

He then illustrated expositional apologetic preaching with a message that he said answered the four basic questions all people have. The four basic questions are: Who am I? Why am I here? What is wrong with the world? and How can what’s wrong be made right?



Voddie Baucham receives prayer from students Scott Hunnicut and Jeff Page following his lecture series at Golden Gate Seminary.

“Expositional apologetics moves us out of the realm of ‘my story is better than your story’ to ‘my source of authority is reliable’”

Baucham explained how secular humanism, the main worldview competing with Christian theism, answers those questions. Then, using Colossians 1:15-23, he explained how Christian theism answers those same questions.

Baucham also spent time in a question and answer session with students following the first lecture, fielding questions about youth ministry, age-graded ministry, one-on-one evangelistic conversations, his own discipleship experience, and the emerging church movement.

“My impression of him was that he is down to earth, intelligent, and definitely has a presence when he walks into the room,” said Jimmy Cook, a master of divinity student from

Arkansas. Baucham had visited Cook’s “Introduction to Preaching” class before the first lecture.

“I had asked him what one skill is needed for preaching, and he said to find your own voice as a speaker,” Cook recalled. “So then I asked how I could find my authentic voice, rather than imitating others’. His response was great: ‘Have people around you who love you and who’ll tell you you’re being a fake!’”

Baucham was the featured speaker at the annual Hester Lecture Series, named in honor of the late H.I. Hester, long-time professor of Bible and head of the department of religion at William Jewell College in Liberty, Mo. [9](#)

Dr. Harry Hahne explains how the sermons in Acts use a Christ-centered interpretation of the Old Testament

In both Old Testament and New Testament survey courses at Southern Baptist seminaries, students learn that the early church re-interpreted the Hebrew Scriptures in light of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

At the 2007 academic convocation of Golden Gate Seminary, held Thursday, Sept. 13 at the school's Northern California campus, Dr. Harry Hahne elaborated upon that topic, based upon his research.

Hahne is associate professor of New Testament studies at the Arizona campus.

"The Christological Interpretation of the Old Testament in the Apostles' Sermons in the Book of Acts" was the topic of his address. Hahne focused on the sermons of the Apostle Peter in Acts 2-4, and specifically how Peter's Christological interpretation was used for evangelistic purposes to Jewish and "God-fearing" Gentile audiences.


Hahne submitted that, rather than "reading things into the biblical passages," Peter's interpretations of the Old Testament must have been understood by the original Jewish audience in order to be persuasive.

Hahne explored in detail the Old Testament quotations and allusions in Peter's three messages, including passages that Jesus had used in reference to himself and interpreted in light of his own life and ministry.

"Peter uses several sophisticated techniques to interpret Scripture," he then explained, "including the explicit assumption that he was living in the days of fulfillment, direct predictive prophecy, Scripture interpreting Scripture, logic, typology, corporate solidarity, application of a principle, and interpretation based on Jesus' interpretation."

Peter used at least four methods of citing Scripture, Hahne added: "He incorporated Scripture through direct quotation, conflation of texts, allusion through Biblical language, and interpretive paraphrase. All of these were accepted methods of citing Hebrew Scriptures among his Jewish audience."

Hahne concluded, "Of course, Peter's conclusion that Jesus is the one who fulfills these prophecies is a distinctively Christian belief. Yet Peter's use of Scripture proved effective in bringing many Jewish people to faith in Jesus as the Messiah and Lord."

Hahne, who has been at the Arizona campus for five years, previously taught at Tyndale Seminary in Toronto, Heritage Baptist Seminary, and the University of Toronto. He holds a Th.D. from the University of Toronto and a master of divinity from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, and has served as a pastor in Illinois and Toronto, as a missionary in Nigeria, and as a student minister. 

Seeing the old
testament in light
of the life, death,
and resurrection
of Jesus



Preparing for processional at the 2007 Academic Convocation: Dr. Michael Martin, vice president of Academic Affairs, and Dr. Harry Hahne, associate professor of New Testament studies at the Arizona campus, convocation lecturer.

Golden Gate president takes on a major league ministry assignment

The recent Major League Baseball season included a major league ministry assignment for Jeff Iorg.

The president of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, who has ministered to baseball players, parents, coaches, and umpires for 15 years, is now the chaplain for the San Francisco Giants.

“I’m back in the game!” says Iorg.

“For the past three years, my frustration level at my inadequacy in personally fulfilling the Great Commission has been growing, and discouraging,” he confesses. “I have been asking God to give me a specific community to work among – to share the gospel, win the lost, and make new disciples. While I enjoy my work at the seminary, nothing satisfies like personal work centered on the gospel.”

Iorg serves with Baseball Chapel, the international ministry recognized by both the major and minor leagues to appoint and oversee more than 400 team chapel leaders throughout professional baseball.

As the chapel leader appointed to the Giants, Iorg is responsible for conducting Sunday chapel services for both home and visiting teams, promoting team Bible studies, counseling, discipleship, and outreach. His ministry includes players and their families; coaching staff and their families; umpires, front office and ballpark staff. He also coordinates the chaplains who serve the Giants’ minor league affiliate teams.


For the past two years, Iorg had assisted with the program as an occasional guest speaker. Taking the new leadership role has opened additional doors for ministry.



“There are already so many stories I could tell of witnessing, counseling, and serving in the name of Christ,” says Iorg, a former church planter and pastor. “The players and other personnel are spiritually hungry and open to the gospel.”

Iorg played baseball while growing up in Texas and planned on coaching before his call to full-time ministry. As a church planter in Oregon, Iorg found involvement in baseball met three needs: time with his sons who played; a way to be involved with the community; and an outlet for his lifelong passion for the game.

For the past 15 years, Iorg has also umpired amateur baseball, including a Little League Western Regional Championship game televised on ESPN. His love of the game and passion for ministry have merged in his ministry to players, coaches, and umpires in various leagues and levels of the baseball community.

“We all have a niche or group of people God wants us to reach. Mine seems to be ‘baseball people,’” Iorg says. “Little Leaguers or Major Leaguers, they all need Jesus.” 

Jeff Iorg fulfilling his other roles as a minister – catcher and umpire to Little League teams – all the while sharing the gospel.



Recent graduate reflects on the learning & growth experience at Tel Gezer, Israel archaeological dig this summer

by Dr. Gary Arbino and Joe Atinsky

This past summer Golden Gate Seminary once again took part in archaeological excavations at Tel Gezer, Israel. More than 80 volunteers and staff continued work on the Iron Age fortifications and opened a new field.

This work provided a glimpse into the history of the tel from before the days of King Solomon to just before the time of Christ. Joe Atinsky, who graduated from Golden Gate in June 2007, participated in the excavations, which ran from June 18 through July 20.

Golden Gate professor Dr. Gary Arbino, one of the senior staff members of the dig, asked Joe to comment on his time at Tel Gezer:

“Digging on a tel in Israel for five weeks was not one of my life goals, but it should have been. It involved lots of hard work, inhaled dust, heavy lifting, and sore muscles, but the experience will stay with me for the rest of my life.


I did not know what to expect when I was registering. I knew nothing of archaeology, except what I had read in a few books aimed at teens. However, by the second week I was using archae-

ological tools with a measure of proficiency. We also were trained in surveying technique, the processes involved in the cleaning and restoration of artifacts, pottery reading and other skills.

On the third week I was fortunate to join five other volunteers for two weeks of archaeological conservation. An Ethiopian conservator from the Israeli Antiquities Authority trained us in the skill of mortaring to preserve the ancient stone walls of Tel Gezer. Rich lectures by Israeli and American professors and local community officials provided depth to the experience.

Weekends were spent touring the impressive land of Israel, from the dense waters of the Dead Sea and the lush oasis of En Gedi in the South, to the Sea of Galilee and the cows of Bashan in the North. The Bible truly did come to life, and the memories are revived every time I read Holy Scripture or see pictures on television or in books. I also communicate regularly with other volunteers, who are now dear friends.

God used this short trip to challenge me. During our travels, especially to the Old City, I gained an appreciation for the people of Israel and the need to lift them up in prayer. While in Jerusalem, God opened doors to conversations with Muslims, Arabs, and Jews. Amad, my new Muslim friend from the Old City, asked me if I was Arab, which led into deeper discussion about Christianity. I am still praying for him.”

The Marian Eakins Archaeological Collection at GGBTS' Northern California Campus is a consortium member of the ongoing excavations; membership dues are \$8,000 per year. For more information, to participate in the dig, or to contribute, contact Dr. Arbino or go online to www.ggbts.edu/museum. 



Joe Atinsky, 2007 alum of Golden Gate, works at the Tel-Gezer dig in Israel this summer.



An aerial view of a portion of the Tel-Gezer dig.

Audas make seminary education

Usually, when two people in a seminary class share the same last name, it's either a case of coincidence or marriage. But not for David and Sarah Auda.

"It was especially fun at the beginning of the semester when the professor would call the roll and our names came up together and people would look at us and slowly realize I'm his daughter and not his wife," recalls Sarah, laughing. "It was really fun being in classes with my Dad."

So the spring graduation ceremony at the Southern California campus of Golden Gate Seminary was especially meaningful for the Auda family. Father and daughter both graduated with a master of arts in theological studies.

"It's not that many people who have the opportunity to be a student with their kid," admits David, who serves as a pastor at Mosaic (a multi-site church in Los Angeles). "But I highly recommend it."

Listening to this father-daughter duo, it's hard to gauge which is more proud of the other. David sings the praises of his daughter, whom he describes as a "go-getter" person and a "high caliber" student.

Sarah says that seeing her father "at his age and with his ability and talents do something he's wanted to do for so long was very neat."

Sarah took her Golden Gate courses as part of a partnership between the

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seminary and Mosaic. In this Protégé Program, emerging leaders from the church participate in an intensive hands-on ministry and mentoring program with Mosaic leaders, while simultaneously earning a masters degree from the Southern California campus of Golden Gate Seminary, in nearby Brea, Calif.

As a church staff member at Mosaic, David knew, when the Protégé Program started, that he would be one of the trainers on the Mosaic side, and so decided to pursue the Golden Gate degree partly for the first-hand experience and partly as encouragement and follow-through with the students in the program.

The Auda family is accustomed to this closeness: David and his wife Tamra home-schooled all four of their daughters, of whom Sarah is the old-

est. And Sarah, for the last 18 months, has also served on the staff at Mosaic doing production management for the church's high-energy worship services, held weekly at four locations.

Sarah, looking at her imminent graduation from Biola University two and a half years ago, was considering her options of pursuing a masters degree in theological studies or theater production.

"I kept thinking and praying during my last semester but no doors were opening and I thought God was kind of keeping me in the dark," she recalls. "Then right before I graduated everything fell into place – the job offer at Mosaic, the Protégé Program with Golden Gate. I had to double up on classes because I was one semester behind. I was working full-time and volunteering and doing school; it was a pretty intense 18 months, but I wouldn't take it back."

Once Sarah was in the program, father and daughter took all their classes together. They insist it was fun and not at all strange.

"We would remind each other about assignments, car pool together and talk in the car," says the energetic Sarah. "We were learning the same things which was cool, a good con-

a family affair

necting point for us, especially when it came to finals, staying up at 3 a.m. with coffee encouraging each other.”

David agrees, and adds that “it was fun to be the token non-20-something in the group. It was a real energizing experience for me. It’s been a long time since I’ve been an active student, and we had different perspectives to bring.”

Dr. Rick Durst, one of their professors, made special note of David’s perspectives. “David often spoke a well-received word of consensus during spirited class conversations, and his fellow students offered him genuine respect due to his life experience, long-term involvement at Mosaic, and his servant spirit. Sarah and David make a rare pair of committed learners – and they made it easy on their professor!”

For their professor and fellow Mosaic staff member Eric Bryant, having this father and daughter in class together seemed normal to him.

“We’re so used to having them serve alongside each other at church in one way or another, it seemed like business as usual to have them in class together,” says Bryant, who taught the Audas in two classes. “They are so similar, too, like two peas in a pod – both very people-oriented, very passionate about ministry.”

Bryant pauses then adds with a knowing smile, “They’re both competitive too. I don’t think Dave would have

wanted his daughter to make a better grade than him – and I don’t think Sarah would have wanted her dad to make a better grade than her! They ended up with two of the higher grades in a lot of their classes.”

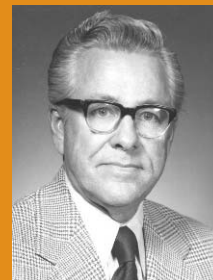
Sarah now has the mentoring and ministry component of the Protégé Program to complete, in addition to her full-time work at Mosaic, as an adjunct faculty at Biola University, and other volunteer ministries. David, after 30 years in leadership at Mosaic (including in its days as The Church on Brady), finally has a masters degree in theology to complement his ministry.

“It’s a very valuable degree, and practical at the same time,” he says.

“Golden Gate Seminary offers so much flexibility, a heart for practical ministry, and high academic standards. It’s great to be able to partner with a local congregation and seminary.”

It is exactly the mandate and mission, too, of Golden Gate Seminary – to train leaders in the West who will reach the West through churches in the West – even leaders such as the father-daughter team of David and Sarah Auda. 9

Former vice president of development, Stan Nash, died at 92 in September



Stanton Harris Nash, vice president of development at Golden Gate Seminary for 17 years (1965-1981), died September 26. He was 92 years old.

“Much of what we do today and many gifts we receive today are the results of Stan’s work at Golden Gate,” says Tom Jones, current vice president for Institutional Advancement. “His commitment to the Lord and his biblical approach to fundraising influenced several generations of Southern Baptist advancement professionals.”

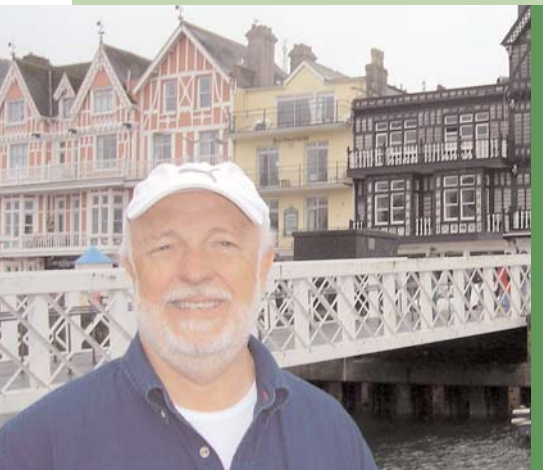
Nash, a native of Louisiana, served more than 59 years as minister of music and education in several churches, church administrator, and in various denominational positions with state and national Southern Baptist agencies.

He served churches in Louisiana, Texas, Oklahoma, Alabama, and Georgia. He was the first executive secretary-treasurer of the Hawaii Baptist Convention, beginning in 1959.

Nash was married to Joy Annette Balyeat of Alexandria, La. He is survived by their three daughters, one son, and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Memorial gifts may be sent to The Joseph Fund, Dallas Baptist University, or the Joy Balyeat Nash Fund at Golden Gate Seminary. 9

Ray Tallman named Chair of Intercultural Studies



Dr. Ray Tallman has been named Chair of Intercultural Studies for the Kim School of Global Missions at Golden Gate Seminary, as of fall 2007.

Tallman has a long career in cross-cultural missions, with particular experience in the Islamic world. He served in ministry in North Africa for several years, as International Director of Arab World Ministries, and as a consultant for OC International in developing North Africa, the Middle East, and Central Asia for their missionary initiatives.

He has taught at Calvary Bible College in Kansas City, at Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, and as guest professor at Wheaton Graduate School, Columbia International University, and several universities and theological institutions abroad.

Tallman has published several works, including a primary text for Moody Press called *An Introduction to World Missions*. He also serves as a consultant and board member for several Christian organizations. 9

Eddie Pate takes reins as new director of Kim School of Global Missions at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary



California native and former missionary Eddie Pate has begun as new director of the Kim School of Global Missions at Golden Gate Seminary, starting this fall.

Pate moved into this role after two years as director of Golden Gate's Southern California campus. He previously spent 11 years as an international missionary to North Africa and the Middle East. Between his overseas career and Golden Gate Seminary, he also taught at Liberty Baptist Theological Seminary in Virginia.

"I want to create a place where we can learn how to reach cities and people groups," says Pate, who holds a doctor of ministry and master of divinity from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, and a bachelors degree from California Baptist College (now University). "Almost everything in missions now is global, intercultural, and urban all at the same time – the world's population is increasingly in cities. And the nations of the world are in California, in particular, so why not make the Kim School a place to train people to reach the nations here, while at the same time train them to work overseas? This is what I'm most excited about in this new role."

Pate says his 11 years as a pastor, in Texas and California, combined with 11 years as a missionary, give him the ability to relate to those in both worlds.

"Eddie brings a wealth of urban and cross-cultural missions experience to the Kim School," says Dr. Jeff Iorg, Golden Gate Seminary president. "That, combined with his teaching and mentoring skills, will take us to a new level of training effective cross-cultural ministers at Golden Gate Seminary."

The Kim School of Global Missions (formerly the Kim School of Intercultural Studies) will offer special studies in missions and intercultural studies.

Pate and his wife Myrla have four sons. 9

Reggie Thomas

begins as new director of the Southern California campus

California and Texas pastor and denominational leader Reggie Thomas has begun serving as the new director of the Southern California campus of Golden Gate Seminary.

It's an ideal place for a person whose desire is to "invest in younger leaders and prepare future leaders for the ministry opportunities and challenges of the 21st century," as Thomas says.

"Leadership is my passion," says the Tennessee native. "I know I'm called to develop leaders, and have narrowed that down to future church leaders. And since administration and leadership are my spiritual gifts, this job is really aligned with my calling and gifts and skills."

Thomas will also teach as assistant professor of leadership.

Thomas was most recently Director of Congregational Leadership at the Baptist General Convention of Texas. He has served as pastor of churches in California and Texas, and as a director of missions in New Mexico.

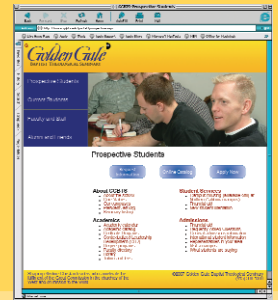
He is currently a doctor of ministry candidate at Fuller Theological Seminary, and holds a master of divinity from Southwestern Baptist



Theological Seminary and a bachelors from Union University in Tennessee. He and his wife Jeannine, a California native and elementary school teacher, have two girls.

"Jeannine and I have a lot of relationships in Southern California, plus a real love for the area, that will be beneficial," he says.

"It is always good to bring staff to Golden Gate Seminary who have experience in ministry in the West, plus a passion for reaching the West," says Dr. Jeff Iorg, seminary president. "Reggie's heart and gifts for training future leaders, too, make him a valuable addition to our seminary, and particularly to our fast-growing campus in the diverse and influential Southern California region." 9

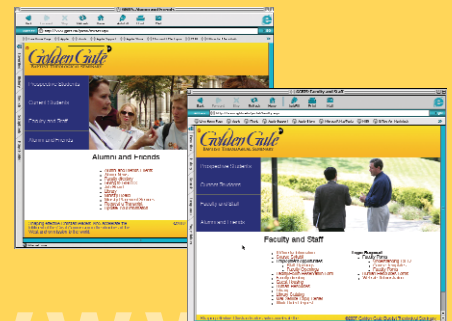


New website launched

If you've visited www.ggbts.edu in the last several weeks you've noticed a radically different look and format of the seminary's website. The new website was launched Sept. 1 with the objective of increased user-friendliness particularly to prospective students, but also to current students, faculty, staff, alumni, and friends.

The home page includes links to upcoming events, recent news from the seminary, and of course an obvious link to information for alumni & friends. In this section of the site you can find out about upcoming alumni events and update your own alumni information.

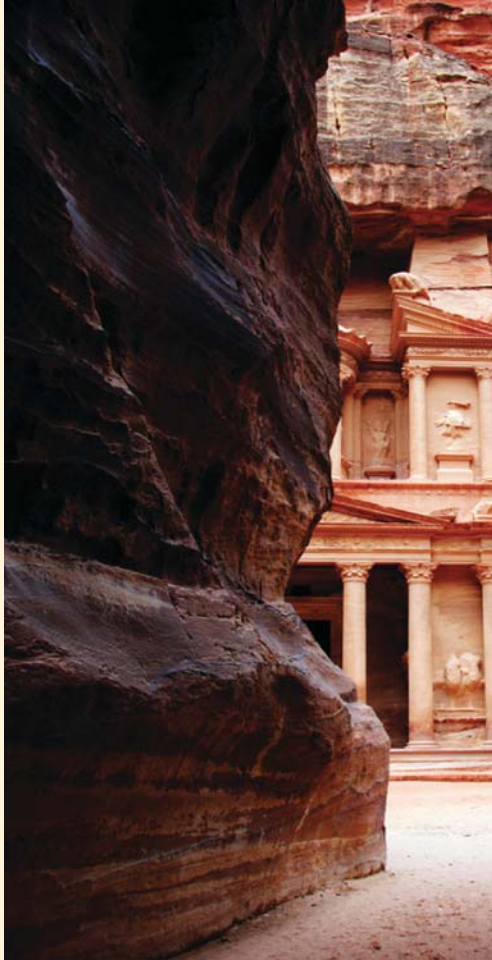
Audio files of recent lectures given in chapel services are also on the new website, under "Current Students" and "Chapel." Additional features are in the works as well. 9



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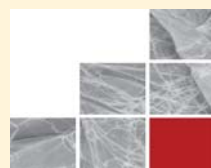
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Golden Gate Seminary staff Jeff Iorg, Eddie Pate, and Ray Tallman will also be on the trip as leaders and teachers.

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Jeff Iorg teaches collegiate students at **Ridgecrest Conference Center** how to understand God's call

It's a question that comes up often in a believer's life, but seems to frequently start while in college: "Is God calling me? How can I know?"

For two summers now, Golden Gate Seminary president Jeff Iorg has addressed precisely that question to hundreds of college and university students from around the country at LifeWay's Collegiate Week events, held at Glorieta and Ridgecrest Conference Centers.

At this year's Ridgecrest conference, he spoke to more than 600 college students and their leaders each morning on the subject, leading them through a process of recognizing God's call.

"'Call' is such an overused and misused word among Christians," he began, "but a clear understanding of God's call is valuable for a whole lifetime. It will clarify who you are and what you do."

He explained to the students that every believer shares a universal call to Christian service – no one is exempt from service to the Kingdom of God or to the church. However, some believers have a general call to ministry leadership, which can encom-



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pass all kinds of ministries, and is by no means limited to vocational service. Within a call to ministry leadership comes a call to a specific assignment.


Iorg spent about 40 minutes each morning addressing a specific aspect of God's call: the three categories of God's call, patterns in the Biblical call experience, signs of having been called, and "what kind of people" God calls.

"God calls real people, with real limitations, to do his work," he encouraged them. "God doesn't call you because you're so worthy, but simply because he chooses to use his people to carry out his work. This should be an encouragement to you – you can't be disqualified from ministry because of your past."

He also insisted that a call from God was necessary to pursue any ministry leadership role. God's call, he said, provides leaders with the qualities they will need to fulfill their specific assignments: confidence, perseverance, appropriate authority, and humility.

Iorg spoke on the same topic at the 2006 Collegiate Week at Glorieta and was requested to return in 2007, this time at Ridgecrest.

"The issue of God's call is one I've spent many years studying and applying, not least to better understand God's work in my own life," he says.

Most of Iorg's teachings on call at the collegiate conferences are included in a forthcoming book early next summer, *Is God Calling Me?*, published by Broadman & Holman and available through LifeWay. 

**Upcoming
State Convention
Annual Meetings /
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Oct. 16 COLORADO

Steamboat Grand Resort
Steamboat Springs

Oct. 16-17 NEVADA

Foothills Southern Baptist Church
Las Vegas

Oct. 23-24 NEW MEXICO

Sandia Baptist Church
Albuquerque

Oct. 23-24 UTAH/IDAHO

First Baptist Church
Burley, Idaho

Oct. 29-30 INDIANA

Calvary Baptist Church
Greenwood

Oct. 30-Nov. 1 MICHIGAN

Sunrise Baptist Church
Midland

Nov. 6-8 ILLINOIS

Prairie Convention Center
Springfield

Nov. 8-9 WYOMING

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Casper

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Henry Deneen receives Distinguished Alumni Award at SBC luncheon

Golden Gate alum Henry Deneen was presented with the school's Distinguished Alumni Award at the seminary's alumni luncheon in San Antonio, held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, June 12.

Deneen, a native of South Carolina, earned a master of divinity from Golden Gate in 2000. He began serving as the new president of Greater Europe Mission, an evangelical mission agency, in September.

"God has placed Henry in a pivotal role to impact Europe with the gospel," said seminary president Jeff Iorg in presenting the award before more than 130 alumni and friends who gathered at the Gonzalez Convention Center for the luncheon.

"We are delighted to recognize him as an example of the missional focus we hope every Golden Gate graduate will have."

Receiving the award, Deneen told those gathered, "Ten years ago when my family was leaving South Carolina and moving to California I cried the whole way thinking about what I was leaving behind, but now, after what Golden Gate Seminary has given me, I cannot imagine these last ten years without it. I am so grateful for the impact Golden Gate has had on me and my family."

In 2005 Deneen founded the Center for Global Strategies in Columbia, S.C., which is a non-profit corporation organized for the purpose of leveraging business, government, healthcare, and educational professional resources to assist in connecting the non-integrated world.

Deneen and his family served for four years as strategy leaders for the International Mission Board in North Africa and the Middle East, overseeing a team of missionaries from both the IMB and other evangelical missionary organizations.

While a student at Golden Gate, Deneen was instrumental in growing a new church plant near the school, Strawberry Community Church, from about 10-12 people to an average of around 80. Prior to his seminary and full-time ministry experience, Deneen was the chief legal counsel to South Carolina governor David Beasley, from 1994-1997. He also served as college and graduate student minister at Shandon Baptist Church, in Columbia, S.C., from 1980-1997.

Deneen received his law degree in 1981 and a bachelor of arts in history in 1978, both from the University of South Carolina. He and his wife Celia have four children: Lee, Laura, Leslie, and Layna. 📧

Alumni Updates

Ministries

1970

W. Scott Williamson is serving as senior pastor at Glacier Valley Baptist Church, Juneau Alas.

1971

Juan Pawluk passed away in Monterey Park June 14. Pawluk was part-time faculty at the Southern California campus of Golden Gate Seminary.

1974

Keith Williams is serving as a member care consultant for the Pacific Rim region of the International Mission Board.

1975

Johnny Lee Wilson is serving as pastor of Northwest Baptist Church, Tyrone, Ga., instructor at the Art Institute of Atlanta, and lecturer for an interdenominational Bible study.

1981

Zan Sellers is serving as an Army chaplain at a NATO base in the Netherlands, and is endorsed by the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

1984

Timothy and **Joan Gillihan** are serving with the International Mission Board as strategy coordinators for the unreached people groups in Western Canada.

1989

Edward Bolen has begun service as senior pastor of Milledge Avenue Baptist Church in Athens, Ga.

1990

Greg Huguley is serving as senior pastor of First Baptist Church, Elgin, Ill.

1994

Burt and **Suzanne Schmitz** are working as missionaries among the Jola people in West Africa.

1995

Jaime and **Kimberly Knight** have been serving for three years with the International Mission Board in North Africa and the Middle East.

1997

Gus and **Diana Suarez** are serving in Kansas City, Mo., where Gus has been named as a church planting national missionary. He is also the Nehemiah Professor of Church Planting at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

1999

Alan and **Raetta Daws** are serving in Medford, Ore., where Alan is director of missions for the Siskiyou Baptist Association.

2000

Teresa Simmons is serving at First Baptist Church, Tacoma, Wash.

2002

Tom Cook is a North American Mission Board chaplain with the U.S. Navy. He is presently serving as the ship's chaplain aboard the USS Bataan.

2003

David and **Danyel Humphrey** are serving with the humanitarian and evangelical organization AidSudan, and attending Forest Grove Baptist Church, Alachua, Fla.

Becky Mebane is teaching at Tupelo Christian Preparatory School in Tupelo, Miss.

2004

Stephanie Bruce married **Kevin Sapp** and is living in Bishop, Calif., attending Sierra Crossroots Ministries.

Marian and **Ryan Engelland** (2003) are serving as church planting missionaries in San Rafael, Calif., through the North American Mission Board.

Peter Jaeung Yoon has begun a church plant – RockBridge Church – in Vancouver, Canada.

2005

Tim and **Suzanne Fortescue** are working as church planting missionaries with the North American Mission Board, in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Leanne Sanders is serving as Baptist Collegiate Minister at the University of Virginia.

Ryan and **Laura Wolf** have moved to Central Asia as missionaries with the International Mission Board. Their first child, Selah Blessen, was born Dec. 19, 2006.

2006

Alan Todd is serving as senior pastor of First Baptist Church, Joanna, S.C.

Jeff Waldrop is a Ph.D. candidate in church history at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, Calif., and is working at the library there.

2007

Su Chang is serving as children's minister at Korean Emmanuel Presbyterian Church in San Jose, Calif.

Garrett Holmes is serving as pastor of youth and Christian education at Bethany Baptist Church in Boulder City, Nev., just outside of Las Vegas.

Deaths

1955

Delbert G. Fann

1961

Grady Lynn Davis

1962

H. Ralph Caffey

1964

Stanley N. Millard

1976

Richard Bruner, July 11, 2007.

1977

Clifford Mero

1980

Benny Townsend, March 21, 2007.

1983

Stanford A. Warner

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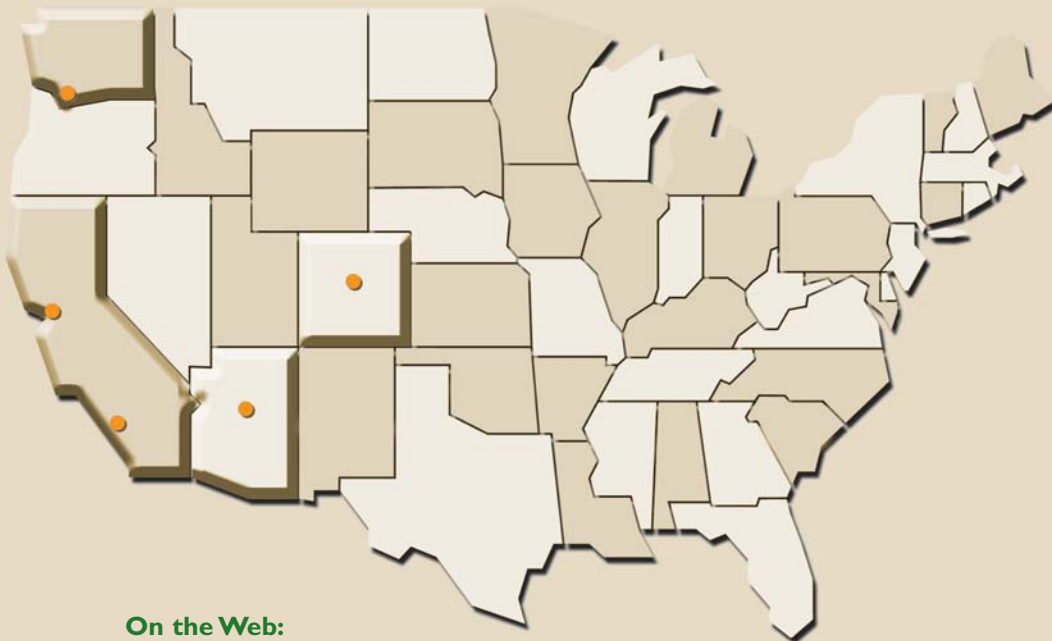
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