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We have intentionally placed our campuses in five of the major metropolitan areas of the West – San Francisco, Los Angeles, Portland, Phoenix and Denver. This urban focus is important to prepare effective leaders for ministry in these contexts.

This issue of *Gateway* focuses on ministry in the metropolitan areas of Los Angeles, Denver and Portland. The students who are ministering in these areas are passionate and committed to making Christ known in their city. The ministry taking place in these cities and the education the students receive at

the campuses are specific to the context of the area. We know ministry is different in Portland, Denver, San Francisco, Phoenix or Los Angeles and a student's education should reflect those differences.

In addition, we are featuring the story of Naomi Paget, a chaplain and alumnae who has tirelessly served the Gulf Coast hurricane victims. Paget, and the ministry she has provided, is an example of the purpose of Golden Gate Seminary – to impact the west and world through capable leaders. We are proud of the response our alumni make to critical ministry needs like Katrina relief.

As you read this issue of *Gateway*, pray for our students and graduates. Many of our alumni are faced with difficult ministry challenges. Some serve in places too sensitive to mention. But through prayer, we can overcome any obstacle and empower our students and alumni to glorify God by accelerating the fulfillment of the Great Commission.

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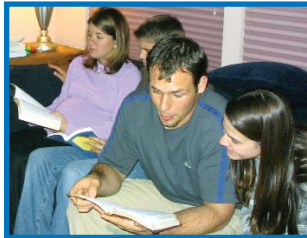
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Urban Community is in Heart of Church Planter



Michael Morgan and wife, Kate, along with their three children: Joshua, four years, Abigail, three years, and Patrick nine months.

"Our heart is to plant a church that plants churches that plant churches."

By Claudean Boatman

Michael Morgan is a student at Golden Gate Seminary's Rocky Mountain Campus. As church planters, he and his ministry partner, Matt McShea regularly visit apartment complexes hoping to connect with the Hispanic residents of communities in Aurora, Colorado. He recalls one visit in particular.

"As we were knocking on doors, one was wide open," Morgan said. They could see that the apartment had no furniture, no bed on which the lady who lived there could sleep that night. They realized the situation was a God-ordained opportunity to serve at least one person. Morgan and McShea left her with a promise to do what they could. They returned later that day with a bed, thereby meeting a real need in the woman's life.

"We're trying to love on people, meet felt needs and tell them about Jesus at the same time," Morgan said. "The vision can't be accomplished apart from impacting individual lives and loving people where they are."

Morgan is beginning his second semester at the Rocky Mountain

Campus in Centennial, Colorado. He and his family arrived in the Denver area last August and began both the church plant and seminary classes about a week later.

Steve Veteto, director of the Rocky Mountain campus says, "We are inspired by students like Michael who come to seminary with a passion for service and immediately immerse themselves in ministry."

Michael and his wife, Kate, have a vision to plant an urban, multi-ethnic church that serves three different neighborhoods. Morgan admits that their vision is bigger than their own resources. "It's a huge geographic area; it's way outside our capacity to be able to do it," Morgan said. "We're praying a whole lot, asking God to move in a significant way."

And God is moving. Jimmy, a former homeless man who was transformed when he committed his life to Christ, leads worship for those who meet together on Wednesday evenings for "Soup and Soul." The gathering has attracted individuals like Alex, a Jewish man from the Ukraine who does not yet know Christ.

Michael's desire since beginning the church plant has been to develop a ministry team that reflects the ethnicity and experience of the area. Through their ministry in the neighborhood and Bible studies in their home, a ministry is developing which addresses the physical and spiritual needs of those they meet. Morgan sees a compassionate ministry throughout the Bible, including Isaiah 58:6-12 in which God calls upon His people to meet the needs of the poor and oppressed.

He knows one church won't reach everyone, so Morgan isn't approaching his first church plant as a stand-alone endeavor. "Our heart is to plant a church that plants churches that plants churches." [9](#)



One of the Bible studies that meet in the Morgan house.

Rock On Church



“I wouldn’t come here if it was like all the other churches I’ve known. This place is real.”

By Kelli Cottrell

Sitting casually on one of the donated multi-colored sofas that lined the room, Tye McClain, chats with John Davis about what life is like sleeping behind a gas station every night.

“It beats sleeping in the park and they let me use their bathroom and they leave me alone,” said Davis, a recovering alcoholic who lost his apartment almost a year ago and has been homeless since.

Davis is one of many hurting people McClain has invited to his church in Tustin, California.

“This church is just different,” said Davis who accepted Christ to be Lord of his life recently. “I wouldn’t come here if it was like all the other churches I’ve known. This place is real.”



And that is the way McClain desires the unchurched of Tustin to view his ministry, called “Rock On.”

“Eighty percent of our church is in recovery from some sort of addiction like drugs, alcohol, pornography,” said McClain who spends most of his time counseling throughout the week at his storefront church.

McClain, a 2000 graduate of Golden Gate Seminary’s Southern California Campus, started the church in a shopping center in Tustin three years ago with a vision to help those who the world shuns.

“I felt God calling me here to minister to these people,” said McClain who was pastor of Brea Center Baptist Church before opening Rock On. He has watched more than 100 people begin a relationship with Jesus Christ and try to heal from their addictions.

Each Friday, Rock On holds a recovery program for community members emphasizing the 12-steps of Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) with Christ-centered principles.

“Our modern-day lepers are the hopeless and outcast people who are

full of rejection and depression,” said McClain, 44, a former member of 20 rock bands. “The solution is spiritual.”

McClain knows first hand because he experienced the spiritual healing himself.

In 1993, he remembers playing with his band in a nightclub and driving home drunk and high on drugs. He was pulled over by a cop who gave him a sobriety test.

“I knew I failed miserably and before the cop let me go he told me to ‘never do this again,’ ” said McClain, who still does not believe it was a police officer. “There is no cop that would’ve let me go like that. That was the last night I used (drugs).”

He made his way to an AA meeting in Costa Mesa where he met another addict who exuded a sense of peace in his life.

“I wanted to have what he had,” said McClain. “He told me the way to have it was to go home, get on my knees and ask God to remove my desire to drink. So I drove home to Lake Elsinore, weeping the whole way.”

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Pacific Northwest Campus

Students reach out to the lost in urban Portland culture

By Karen L. Willoughby

George Bradley is committed to starting churches in urban areas. Matthew and April Young are committed to reaching college students at a secular university campus. All three are students at Golden Gate Seminary's Pacific Northwest Campus. All three minister in downtown Portland, Oregon.

"I've seen this city change in dramatic ways over the last 20 years," George said. "Christians have fled the

core of the city...at the same time there's been a huge migration of secular people to it that has created a spiritual vacuum."

To answer that void, George planted The Renaissance Church in 2004. The church's first meetings were Bible studies held in homes. Today, the church meets on the campus of Portland State University focusing their ministry on people groups living in the downtown area.

Portland, the second largest city in the Northwest has a metro population of about 1.5 million people. According to George, the downtown population has about 100,000 people with only one evangelical church that owns property in the city core.

He believes committed Christians that feel called to minister in the area need to be just as eager to move to downtown Portland. "Part of whatever God does here will have to be incarnational. If we really want to see an indigenous work here, we have to live here," said George.

Chris Turner, director of the Pacific Northwest campus is grateful for students like George who attend Golden Gate Seminary. "When students

involved in real-world ministry share their experiences in the classroom, it transforms the Seminary environment into laboratories for better understanding ministry. This added dimension makes Seminary education all the more relevant."

Matthew and April Young are involved in real-world ministry at Portland State University through the Northwest Collegiate Ministries of the Northwest Baptist Convention. With an enrollment of more than 25,000, the University has more students than any other college in the state.

"We face the challenge of the campus climate," shared Matthew. "Professors speak negatively toward Christianity or conservative beliefs, and if you're a Christian student it can be real uncomfortable."

In addition, Matthew and April face the challenges of ministering on a commuter campus. Relationships and a sense of community are difficult to establish with students who return to the suburbs after attending classes. The Youngs have learned that relationships are built one conversation at a time.





George Bradley (left), pastor at Renaissance Church meets with Sarah Elliott, Mission Service Corp volunteer working with internationals at Portland State University, talk over coffee as they partner to reach Portland for Christ.

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“Christians have fled the core of the city... at the same time there's been a huge migration of secular people to it that has created a spiritual vacuum.”

And sometimes one warm drink at a time. The Northwest Collegiate Ministry offers free hot cocoa every Friday during the winter. Students accept it without comment for perhaps three weeks before beginning to make conversation.

“Hopefully...eventually we'll have the opportunity to ask about spiritual beliefs,” said Matthew. “That's what it's all about. That's why I got into student ministry. This time in individual's lives...they're making decisions that will affect the rest of their lives.

The Youngs began the ministry in the Fall of 2005 with six people attending a Bible Study. Today, it's a group of about 30, including five who are in Baptist Collegiate leadership training and four who have gone on mission trips.

“It is exciting to see students like Matthew and April who are engaging the culture with the powerful and relevant message of Jesus Christ,” said Turner. “Their ministry challenges and breakthroughs inspire and encourage all of us to reflect on our own approaches to sharing Christ within the cultures we are called for Kingdom service.” [9](#)

He remembers kneeling on his shag carpet in the bathroom that night and talking to God. “I was crying out to God and then I had a sense of peace,” said McClain. “I told God He had me and where He leads I will follow.”

Five years later, after graduating from the Southern California Campus of Golden Gate, he took over as lead pastor at Brea Center Baptist Church, the church where he was baptized.

But his passion remained for the addicts who came from a lifestyle similar to his.

“The best attraction to Rock On is my own experience,” said McClain. “The depravity from which I came. God is all about reconciliation. I'm not the model, I'm the stereotype.”

His gifts were noticed early on at seminary. “I noticed he thinks outside the box,” said Don Overstreet, an adjunct professor at the Southern California Campus who taught McClain as a student in his Leadership Practicum class. “I saw the potential for him to minister to people the traditional pastor would not. His gifting is to minister to the hurting who have been beat up by life. He has a caring heart.”

McClain feels his church has seen miracles in the lives of those he minister to at Rock On Church.

“Every time there is a lifechange it's a miracle,” said McClain, who admits it is not an easy job. “It's the hardest thing I've ever done in my life. But watching God perform miracles... what else is better?” [9](#)





One of the many shelters Naomi Paget ministered to as a chaplain for the North American Mission Board.

Chaplain shares stories of hope and heartache during **Gulf Coast Hurricanes**

by Jeff Jones

Representing Christ to people in times of crisis is the task set before Naomi Paget, a disaster relief chaplain for the North American Mission Board and a GGBTS doctor of ministry graduate. Since the beginning of September, she has worked tirelessly on the front lines of the relief effort to share the love of Christ with those impacted by hurricanes Katrina and Rita along the Gulf Coast.

“The stories of escape and survival are amazing. I hear horrific stories of the Superdome experience, the overpass experience, the relocation experience. I hear fatigue, frustration, and fear,” said Paget.

Much of Paget’s work with NAMB is to assess the needs of all disaster relief sites and determine where chaplains are most needed and how to meet the spiritual and emotional needs of the victims. During her assignment, Paget has visited shelters in San Antonio and along the coastal area of Texas to New Orleans.

Her position as a disaster relief chaplain with NAMB is a temporary assignment. Under normal circumstances, Paget can be found working as a clinical chaplain for the FBI in the San Francisco Bay Area. The FBI has given her leave from her duties to allow her to serve the hurricane victims for an extended period.

Paget has lost count of the survival stories she has heard, but one survival story stands out in her mind. It is the story of a man

who, as she describes his experience, “awoke to water throughout the first floor of his house. Even as he hurried to gather his valuables and move them to the second floor, the water flooded the stairs and forced him out the window.

“He spent the night clinging to a tree in complete fear of falling asleep and drowning as the flood waters swept past him. Three days later, he was found still clutching the tree, desperately trying to stay awake.”

After Paget spent time with the man, she asked him what he was feeling. “I feel like I need that ol’ tree. What else can I hang on to, Chaplain?”

Knowing the only thing that would bring him peace was Christ, Paget said, “Sir, you are to cling to the Lord your God and no one will be able to snatch you out of His hands. Jesus will give you the strongest tree of all—the Tree of Life.”


Whether Paget has the opportunity to share Christ directly or indirectly, she is always available to listen, spend time with people, and care for their needs.


Paget shares of a time she received encouragement from a young girl who was staying in a Hurricane Katrina evacuee center at Kelly Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas.

“During a restless evening, a little girl of five tugged at me and asked if I was ‘the holy lady.’ A Red Cross volunteer had sent her my way to entertain while her mother finished her meal which was prepared by the Texas Baptist Men and the California Disaster Relief teams.

“I explained that I was not really a holy lady but I knew stories about a holy Man and she immediately wanted to hear one. Seeing the volunteers feeding the 5,000 or so residents, I began to relate the story of a man named Jesus who loved people so much he fed a group of hungry people almost like this one (Mark 6:35-44). I explained that Jesus loved her, too. She smiled and said, ‘I saw Jesus today.’

“Surprised at such a revelation, I asked, ‘You saw Jesus today? Tell me about that.’ She pointed at the volunteer who had served her supper.”

Looking back on the encounter, Paget believes the story sums up her passion and desire as a disaster relief chaplain, which is to be the face of Christ during a disaster. “It is exactly the reason we do the work we do.” 



“I saw Jesus today.” A child’s description of the disaster relief workers who helped the her and her family through the hurricane disaster.

Iorg encourages graduates to depend on God

by Jeff Jones

Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary faculty, staff, friends and family members gathered at historic First Baptist Church, San Francisco on December 16 to celebrate fall graduation. President Jeff Iorg challenged the 41 graduates to depend on God throughout their ministry.

the good spiritual sense to ask people to pray for you,” said Iorg. “You need it more than you know.”

Iorg also challenged the graduates to depend on the Lord. “I challenge you to trust in the promises of the Lord Jesus Christ. He is faithful; He will strengthen you; He will guard you and if

how to do your work. Empower me to get your work done. Show me how to do your work. Lord I am depending on You.’ ”

During the ceremony, Derek Guyton from California and James Misloski from Colorado were presented the William O. Crews Presidential



Left: President Jeff Iorg encourages the Seminary's 2005 winter graduating class to depend on God throughout their ministry. Middle: President Iorg congratulates James Misloski, a graduate from Colorado, during the Seminary's Dec 16 commencement. Right: Graduates enjoy a laugh during the Seminary's commencement ceremony. Photos by Mandi Buckner.

Challenging the graduates, Iorg told the audience, “If our graduates are at their best...they will leave here tonight dependent people, with a realization of how weak they really are.”

Preaching from 2 Thessalonians 3, Iorg shared examples of the apostle Paul's dependency on God. One way Paul was dependent, said Iorg, was his practice of asking others to pray for him. In 2 Thes. 3:1, Paul wrote, “Finally, brethren, pray for us.”

“You show dependence, graduates, when you go out from this place with

you look through His Word you will find a thousand other promises that He has made to you. He will be more faithful to his Word than any other person or source you might trust.”

In addition to showing dependence by asking for prayer from others and depending on the Lord's promises, Iorg encouraged the graduates to depend on God by humbling themselves and praying.

“My hope is that as you leave seminary, even tomorrow morning, you will get up and cry, ‘Lord I don't know

Leadership Award. The award was established by Dr. and Mrs. Crews for students who exhibit exceptional leadership potential. Guyton, a doctor of ministry graduate, is pastor of First Missionary Baptist Church in Marin City. Misloski, a master of divinity graduate, is lead pastor of Loveland Community Church.

The 41 students of the Winter 2005 graduating class represented 11 states and three countries. [9](#)

Seminary launches new fundraising campaign

The Seminary received final approval by the Southern Baptist Executive Committee, in February, to launch a comprehensive fundraising campaign called the Partners for the Future. Divided into two phases, the Enhancement Phase will raise \$5.5 million for operational expenses. The Endowment Phase will raise \$7.5 million to endow academic chairs and schools.

“This giving campaign is not about building an institution. It is about giving our best, and being the best school possible, so students can be trained to give their best around the world for Jesus Christ,” says President Jeff Iorg. “This campaign exemplifies a resolve and determination to aggressively address the opportunities being afforded Golden Gate Seminary.”

Partners
for the
future

The Partners for the Future campaign will seek to raise \$13 million over a five-year period encouraging donors to express a statement of their intent to give over the next 3 to 5 years. The campaign will be conducted in key geographical areas with volunteers from various constituent groups leading the local effort.

The Enhancement Phase of the Partners for the Future campaign will significantly increase the funds given annually for support of operational needs. The “Partners Fund” (formerly known as the Student Sponsorship/Outward Vision Fund) will provide additional faculty members needed to meet the demands of expanded course offerings and delivery systems. In addition, the Enhancement Phase will provide for much needed facility upgrades to meet the demands of an increased student population.

The Endowment Phase of the Partners for the Future campaign will provide endowment funds to sustain the annual support of key academic positions and schools. The endowment phase is a concentrated effort to raise support for perpetual funding of academic chairs and schools.

“As God enables the Seminary to accomplish the goals of this campaign, it will become the leading conservative, evangelical seminary in the West with an influence across the Pacific Rim,” said Iorg.

Plans are now under way for regional campaigns to be conducted in 23 geographic locations. Alumni and friends of Golden Gate Seminary should look for a special edition of the Gateway in early summer providing details of the campaign’s priorities and structure. If you have any questions about the Partners for the Future campaign, please contact Dr. Tom Jones, vice president for institutional advancement, at (888) 442-8709. [9](#)

Martin Elected as Dean



Dr. Michael Martin was appointed as vice president of academic affairs and academic dean at the fall trustee meeting of the board of trustees. Martin had been serving as the dean of the Joe L. Ingram School of Christian Service at Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee, Oklahoma. Prior to this position, Martin served as a professor of New Testament at Golden Gate from 1984 until 2003.

“As I look back at this sequence, I know that my years at Oklahoma Baptist University have made me a better administrator. I am excited about coming back to the diverse and challenging ministry that is present at Golden Gate. I love the Seminary and look forward to ministry with the faculty.”

Martin has written numerous curriculum pieces for Lifeway, several articles for other publishers and authored 1 & 2 Thessalonians in the New American Commentary series. He has served numerous churches as interim pastor, Bible study leader and special consultant.

“We are blessed to have Mike Martin coming back home to Golden Gate,” said Seminary president Jeff Iorg. “Not only is he a scholar, but his knowledge of ministry in the West is outstanding and he is committed to the Seminary’s mission of equipping leaders for churches of the West and world.”

Martin and his wife, Beth, have two sons, Philip and Garrett. [9](#)

Golden Gate Seminary receives \$750,000 matching gift

An anonymous donor has pledged \$750,000 as a matching gift to Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary to assist in the endowment of the chair of intercultural education.


The matching gift represents one-half of the \$1.5 million needed to fully endow the chair and provide perpetual funding. A previous gift had been secured that provides interim funding for the chair until it is endowed and the endowment produces income.

“We are very grateful for the vision of this donor to partner with the Seminary to fulfill the great task set before us—to equip leaders for churches in the West and the world,” stated Jeff Iorg, GGBTS President. “The Great Commission impact that this endowment will have on the lives of future leaders is enormous.”

In February, the Seminary named The Faith Kim Chair of Intercultural Education in honor of Dr. Faith Kim, a long-time professor and proponent of intercultural awareness at Golden Gate. Dr. Kim was appointed to the

chair by Chancellor Bill Crews and then inaugurated as the first faculty member to hold the position. The chair is responsible for the development and implementation of programs to train students, staff and faculty members of the Seminary in intercultural awareness and competency.

“This gift is both an encouragement and an investment to make sure that the vision of intercultural understanding embraced by the Kim School will continue to move us forward,” said Ray Tallman, director of The David and Faith Kim School of Intercultural Studies. “We receive it as God’s endorsement that what we are doing is for His Glory among all peoples.”

“We are striving for our students to be able to relate, lead and minister to people of all cultures to be effective in Great Commission work,” stated Iorg. “This gift will help ensure that future students will continue to receive focused and deliberate training in this important area of leadership.” 



Seminary President Jeff Iorg announces a \$750,000 matching gift to assist in the endowment of the chair of intercultural education at the Intersect '05 chapel service.

Golden Gate Seminary Celebrates Culture during Intersect '05

“Culture can be a barrier or it can be a bridge. I think it is a bridge when we let people use their own culture to present the Gospel of Jesus Christ.”

by Jeff Jones

Golden Gate Seminary held a weeklong celebration of intercultural community Nov. 7-11 on the Northern California campus. Intersect '05 was sponsored by The David and Faith Kim School of Intercultural Studies and included special chapel speaker Dr. Emerson Falls, an intercultural film festival and opportunities for intercultural interaction in prayer gatherings, meals and panel discussions.

The chapel services on Nov. 9 and 10 emphasized intercultural worship styles, including hip-hop, Korean and Middle Eastern.

Dr. Emerson Falls, pastor of Glorieta Baptist Church in Oklahoma City, spoke to students, faculty and staff during both chapel services. Falls told the audience of the cultural barriers Native Americans have experienced.

“Among Native Americans, 95% of our people today have rejected Christianity...a lot of that has to do with the barrier of culture and the paternalistic attitude we have experienced.

“God never gave us a common language. (He) never gave us a common culture. In fact, the New Testament church was multicultural from day one. It was birthed in multiculturalism. What He gave us was a gospel in common that we might share each in our own language.”

Falls then shared with the audience how he believes the cultural barrier can be overcome.


“I have come to understand that to be brothers in Christ doesn't mean that we have to be alike. In fact, the real test is for us to be diverse and to be one...for us to be different and come together in spite of that. You can't do that anywhere else in the world, except in the church. Only Jesus Christ makes it possible for us to do that.

Dr. Faith Kim, chair of Intercultural education, headed up the weeklong emphasis.

“Our goal was to sensitize the cultural awareness of the Seminary community. We all value diversity according to our own cultural norms. Intersect '05 sought to promote a bias-free celebration of the intercultural community God has created.”

The week also featured a film festival highlighting movies with a cultural message. Facilitated by faculty and guests who have experience in the culture, the films allowed for further exploration into cultural conflicts. The films

included; “The God's Must be Crazy,” “Lost Boys of Sudan,” “Smoke Signals” and “The Intercultural Classroom.”

“This is a great event for our students. Wherever they serve in the future, they will experience cultural diversity,” said Seminary President Jeff Iorg. “Whatever the Seminary can do to prepare our students to minister in these multicultural settings will deepen and enhance their ministry.” 



The hip-hop music of Cross Carriers was part of the multicultural experiences of Intersect '05, a weeklong event hosted by The David and Faith Kim School of Intercultural Studies.

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GGBTS offering Northwest doctor of ministry track

Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary has slated a new Northwest track in its doctor of ministry program—designed to increase the ministry effectiveness of church leaders—to start in January 2007.

The program is comprised of eight seminars, field mentoring and a ministry project that are designed around skill-sets that are critical to ministry success. These include Leadership, Spiritual Formation, Ministry Relationships, and Proclamation. Seminars are scheduled in such a way that only four trips to campus are required.

Several Northwest leaders noted the benefit of Golden Gate Seminary's D.Min. program in their own lives and ministries:



"I felt like I grew both professionally and personally," said **Jim Fitzpatrick**, pastor of CrossPointe Baptist Church in

Vancouver. "I find myself being much more intentional and focused in the ministry God has blessed me with."

Because it is conducted in a cohort, several graduates and students noted the friendships developed during their studies.



"I felt a deep bond with those in my doctor of ministry track," said **Keith Evans**, pastor of Greater

Gresham (Ore.) Baptist Church.

Seminars typically last ten days. In addition to the orientation, the seminars focus on ministry, relationships, leadership and research.

The field mentoring component gives students the opportunity to learn from their ministry setting with the aid of an experienced mentor.

Mentors aid students in assessing strengths and weaknesses and in developing customized learning plans.



"I like to tell people that I 'grew up' through my experience at GGBTS," said **Frank Shope**, associate executive

director for the Northwest Baptist Convention and a 2002 graduate of the program. "I use the skills and tools I learned and developed during my time at the Seminary every day and that is not the whole of it."


The program culminates in a ministry project where theology, theory and methods are integrated based on the student's specific interest and ministry setting.



"My doctor of ministry studies have opened my understanding to the contemporary world of Christian studies,"

noted **Jim Harvey**, church growth strategist for the Northwest Baptist Convention and a current student in the program. "I needed to catch up to the times, and become more aware of the current writings, thoughts, and trends. The processes have forced me to get connected with the present and not be satisfied with the past.

The Seminary's program is based largely on helping leaders become more self-aware and growing personally.

For more information on this or other D.Min. programs, call the Seminary at 888-442-8703 or visit www.ggbts.edu. 

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Golden Gate alumni honor goes to David Gill

David Young Hwan Gill, pastor of Concord Korean Baptist Church in Martinez, California, is the recipient of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary's 2005 Distinguished Alumni Award during the Seminary's Alumni.

Gill holds a master of divinity and master of arts in Christian education from Golden Gate Seminary. He has served as a trustee of Golden Gate from 1995 to 2004 and as an adjunct professor since 1995.

"What impresses me most about Dr. Gill is his 29 years of service at one church," said Seminary president Jeff Iorg. "It is a testament both to his character and leadership that he has pastored such a healthy, vibrant church for almost 30 years."

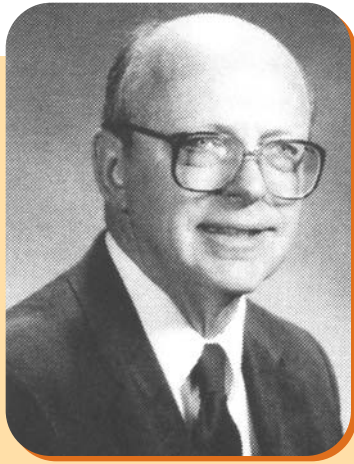
Moving to the United States from Korea in 1976, Gill started Concord Korean Baptist Church with six people. Under Gill's leadership, the church has grown to



more than 600 members and has helped to start new churches in California, Mexico, Nevada, New York and four in Mainland China.

Active in denominational service, Gill is currently the second vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention and president of the Southern Baptist Council of Korean-American Churches. Gill also has served as the first vice president of the California Southern Baptist Convention.

The Seminary grants the Distinguished Alumni Award to those who have demonstrated the ideals of effectiveness in ministry as expressed in the Seminary mission statement. **9**



Robert Cate Obituary

Memorial services were held June 18 for Dr. Robert L. Cate, a former professor and academic dean at Golden Gate Seminary.

He died June 16 after a long illness at his home in Spartanburg, South Carolina where he moved after his retirement in 2003. A native of Nashville, Tennessee, he was 72 years old.

Dr. Cate graduated from Vanderbilt University with a Bachelor of Engineering in 1953 and from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary with a Bachelor of Divinity in 1956 and a Doctor of Philosophy in 1960.

He was pastor of churches in Campbellsville, Kentucky; McRae, Georgia; and Aiken, South Carolina until 1975, when he was named Professor of Old Testament and Hebrew at Golden Gate Seminary. He was then appointed Dean of Academic Affairs, a position he held from 1984 to 1991. He then accepted a faculty position at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, Oklahoma as the Phoebe Schertz Young Professor of Religion.

Dr. Cate is survived by his wife of 53 years, Dorothy Wright Cate; 3 children; 4 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; a sister; and brother.

Alumni Updates

Patricia E. Collier ('86) is serving as minister of music and music teacher at Diamondhead Baptist Church in Diamondhead, Mississippi.

Michael Mendoza ('91) lives in Santee, California, and teaches aboard navy ships while they are on deployment as a PACE (Pacific Afloat College Education) instructor. He is also a member of the San Diego Christian Writer's Guild.

David Elliott ('97) and his wife, **K.C.**, have been serving as Wycliffe Bible Translators in Cambodia since April 2003. Their goal is to translate the Bible into the Brou people's heart language.

John Draper ('00) is an Acts 1:8 missionary for the Baptist Convention of Maryland-Delaware. He is also teaching Theology and Discipleship in Seminary Extension, as well as a Church Planting accelerated course in Ukraine.

Aaron ('01) and **Amy Rose (Boyer) Graham** (2000) are co-pastoring Quincy Street Missional Church in Boston. Amy is also the director of Kaleo Ministries and studying social work at Boston University.

Marc Carr ('02) is serving as pastor of Craig Avenue Baptist Church in El Verano, California.

Brad Johnson ('03) is serving as a chaplain at the Varner Correctional Facility in Grady, Arkansas, where he leads faith-based programs with the inmates.

Jeff Summers ('05) is serving as Youth Pastor at Choctaw Road Baptist Church in Oklahoma.

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Adelle Chatfield (alum '54)	Jack B. Boyd ('70)
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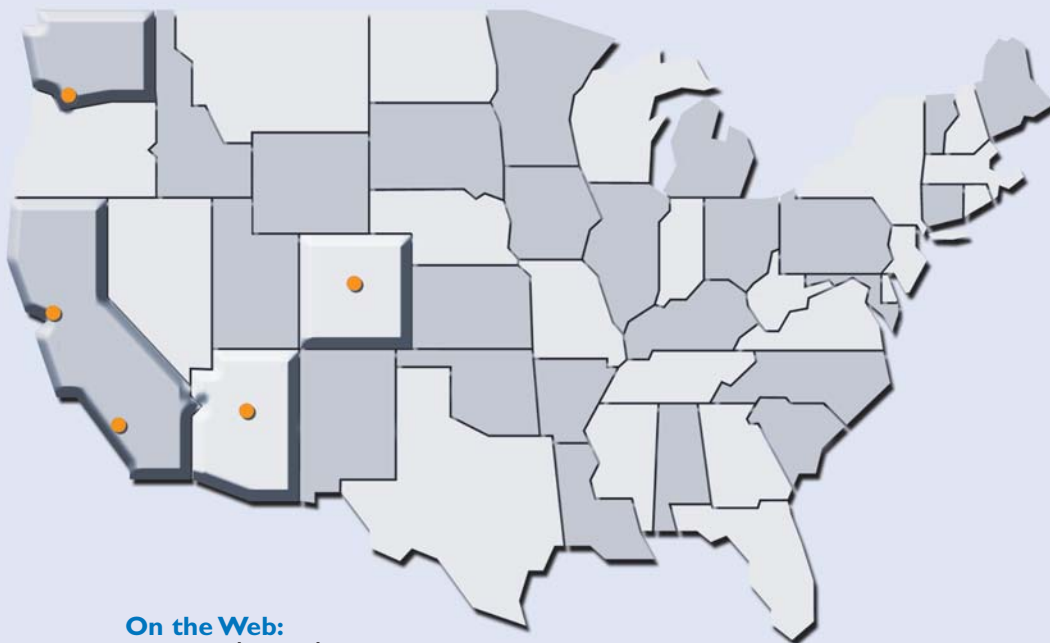
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