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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

When we moved into our building in Ontario over a year ago, some of us were looking for what would be a normal day in our new location. After all, we had experienced months of transition meetings and packing and anticipation to the extent we just wanted things to settle down a little. We have since decided maybe there is no such thing as a “normal” day at Gateway Seminary.

God continues to bless us, and every day seems to bring something new and exciting, whether it’s a chapel speaker or a program being initiated or a progress report from one of our alumni.

God is so good!

This issue of *Gateway* gives detail about some of those blessings. For example, Students from several of our campuses came together to minister in Nepal. We announced the Jonathan Edwards Center would be opening on our main campus in Ontario. The fall semester brought a new crop of students that share a sense of excitement and energy we all appreciate.

Maybe we should never strive for normal or routine when the extraordinary is possible. Perhaps we should always face each day knowing the possibilities are endless. After all, we serve a truly awesome God who knows no bounds.

We are thankful for you, wherever you are and wherever you serve. Thank you for your support for Gateway Seminary as we continue to shape leaders who expand God’s kingdom around the world.

Sincerely,

Jeff Long
President



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JONATHAN EDWARDS CENTER OPENS AT GATEWAY SEMINARY

President Jeff Iorg has announced the establishment of the Jonathan Edwards Center (JEC) at Gateway Seminary on the Los Angeles-Ontario Campus. The center will be affiliated with the Jonathan Edwards Center at Yale University. An agreement between the two institutions was signed in October.

“The JEC at Gateway Seminary will serve as a research, education and publications hub for the study of Edwards and his connection with Baptist history,” Iorg said. “We expect to officially open the center in the Gateway Seminary Library sometime in 2018.”

Jonathan Edwards (1703-1758), pastor, revivalist, Christian philosopher, missionary, and president of what is now Princeton University, is widely regarded as one of America’s greatest theologians. He is the subject of scholarly interest due to the profound legacy he left on America’s religious, political and

intellectual landscapes.

Edwards’s writings are consulted by religious leaders, pastors and churches worldwide because of the fervency of Edwards’s message and the acumen with which he appraised religious experience. This global interest in Edwards has increased in part by the work of

Works of Jonathan Edwards Online, a digital learning environment for research, education and publication, that presents all of Edwards’s writings, along with helpful editorial materials that allow the reader to examine Edwards’s thought in incredibly powerful, useful ways.

The Works of Jonathan Edwards Online, as

well as the Jonathan Edwards Studies journal online and the Global Accelerated Sermon Editing project are accessible through the Center’s web site at: www.edwards.yale.edu.

“We are looking forward to

collaborating with international Edwardsean scholarly communities as well as local churches in California,” said Dr. Chris Chun, director of JEC at Gateway Seminary. “Under the auspices of the Seminary, it will host conferences followed by publications and will strengthen existing visiting scholar programs.”

the Jonathan Edwards Center at Yale University, whose sole mission is to support inquiry into the life, writings, and legacy of Jonathan Edwards by providing resources that encourage critical appraisal of the historical importance and contemporary relevance of America’s premier theologian.

The primary means to achieve this is with the



The *Jonathan Edwards*
Center at Gateway Seminary



UNDER CONSTRUCTION: The Nuts & Bolts of Planting a Church

MARCH 9 - 10, 2018

Gateway Seminary's 2018 Missions Conference will focus on church planting and include several case studies of church plants across the Western United States. North American Mission Board (NAMB) church planters will lead main sessions and panel discussions.

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SCHOLARSHIP BENEFITS MISSIONS VOLUNTEERS

The Ann Shirley Roberts Journeyman Scholarship was named in honor of Ann Shirley Roberts, a native of Alabama, who moved to San Francisco after World War II as a young bride.

She spent the remainder of her adult life in Pacifica, Calif., where she was elected a deaconess of Vista Del Mar Baptist Church (which merged with Grace Bible Fellowship to become New Life Christian Fellowship), served as a children's teacher, participated in the American Baptist Women's Ministry and worked as director of missions for the church.

The endowment was set up by Roberts' niece, Gail, and her husband, Charles W. Gamble, of Tuscaloosa, Ala.

"Above all else in serving her Lord, Ann's passion in ministry was encouraging missionaries to whom she frequently wrote supportive messages," said Gail Gamble. "She encouraged them verbally by attending meetings and conventions where they appeared during home leave."

The scholarship provides for financial assistance to students entering the Seminary within two years of an extended mission volunteer service through either the International Mission Board or the North American Mission Board. Applicants must articulate a personal call to career evangelism and/or domestic or international missions, must meet all Seminary admission standards

and be cleared for acceptance to the Seminary to be considered for the scholarship.

Preference may be given to members of New Life Christian Fellowship or Vista Del Mar Baptist Church of Pacifica, Calif., who meet the scholarship requirements.

Current recipients include two students on the Los Angeles-Ontario Campus and one on the Rocky Mountain Campus.

Additional contributions will enable more students to benefit from this scholarship. For more information, contact Dr. Jeff Jones, vice president of institutional advancement, at 909.687.1750 or JeffJones@gs.edu.



SMITH ADVISES PARTICIPANTS TO PRAY FOR UNITY IN CHRIST

Dr. Kevin Smith, executive director of the Baptist Convention of Maryland/Delaware, opened the 2017 Intersect Conference Nov. 2 by reminding participants that in the final agonizing moments of Christ's life on Earth, He prayed for unity among His followers.

"We have to have a desire for God's work," he said. "Too many people get their presuppositions from somewhere else. Christ's followers must be united. The 12 tribes of Israel were best when they were together."

Smith was keynote speaker for the conference, with a theme of "Racism, Gospel & the Church." About 175 people attended the event at the Los Angeles-Ontario Campus of Gateway Seminary. His address was titled "Bible 101: Christ's Followers Must Be United."

"Of those who claim to be followers of Jesus

Christ, is that their primary identification?" he asked. "Is that the main t-shirt they wear? Or is being a follower of Jesus Christ some subset of who they are?"

Smith recalled Paul's writings in I Corinthians, said that the spirit of Christ is not the author of confusion and the lack of unity among believers grieves and quenches the spirit.

"I've been in a lot of churches. I've heard good choirs sing 'Lord send a revival.' I've seen people pray at the altar to change our country, but none of that matters as long as we grieve and quench the spirit."

He pointed out that there are many churches, but many followers are ineffective.

"We have some of the biggest buildings in any city, some of the biggest speakers in the city. Yet few people are saying about us what they said about the early followers: they turned things

upside down."

Smith admitted that unity takes time and effort, but it is worthwhile to be unified if God will be glorified.

"Sometimes we don't want to put in the effort. We won't put the effort in what has not moved our hearts. Paul tells the Ephesians you must make every effort."

Smith said that unity is rooted in the trinity, in the person and the work of Jesus Christ and people filled with the spirit.

"Jesus said 'May they be one so that the world may know that they are my disciples by their love for one another.' Can't we spot racism in the church? Can't we spot unloving divisions that we see in the work of the church as well? Who wants to put a lot of work in the Great Commission and undercut it by the lack of love for others? A united church has the ability to



fulfill the Great Commission, but a divided church undercuts its own usefulness.”

He said that Christians have been given many trials to test their unity.

“We’ve failed failed failed,” he said. “At some point, we ought not to fail the test of racism. Why not try Christ? Why not submit to Christ and the authority of His word? We’ve got the buildings, we’ve got the Cooperative Program, we’ve got the powerful preachers, but we don’t have power—because the divisions undercut the power.”

The conference included a panel discussion and afternoon breakout sessions to discuss aspects of racism. Speakers included Dr. Kenya Davis-Hayes, associate professor of U.S. history at California Baptist University, who presented the topic “Racism & the Media; Dr. Richard Vera, senior pastor of Primera Baptist Church in San Jose, Calif., with the topic “A RACE to the Finish: Making a Godly difference;” the Rev. Jay

Opposite: A panel discussion featured (from left) Dr. John Gill, Dr. Kevin Smith, the Rev. Jay Pankratz, Dr. Richard Vera and Dr. Kenya Davis-Hayes. Dr. Lisa Hoff (right) moderated the discussion.

This page, left: Dr. Kevin Smith delivered the keynote. Right: About 150 people participated in discussion.

Pankratz, lead pastor of Sunrise Church, Rialto, Calif., “How to Grow a Healthy Multi-Cultural Church; and Dr. John Gill, associate professor of Christian studies at California Baptist University, “Race and Ethnicity in the Asian-American Church.”

The Intersect Conference, which began in 2005, is hosted annually by the David and Faith Kim School of Global Missions, which aims to become the primary provider of intercultural understanding, intercultural education and intercultural experience at Gateway Seminary.



WOMEN'S MINISTRY AT GATEWAY

'TEA PARTIES ARE FUN, BUT LET'S GO DEEP' SAYS WONG

The road back to Gateway Seminary for Alicia Wong was a winding one. A 1999 graduate, she served in Venezuela and in East Asia with the International Mission Board and as a national missionary focusing on women's evangelism with the North American Mission Board. She also worked as an assistant professor of women's ministries at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. She returned to Gateway as associate professor of women's ministry to begin a program here.

"When I graduated in 1999, there was nothing offered in women's ministry here," she said. "So I was just trying to understand what women's ministry was all about. It wasn't as popular as it is now. After all this time, I had the opportunity to start a new program at Gateway. I did that at Southwestern."

But when the job was mentioned to her, Wong was not interested. After some prompting, she submitted her application anyway and prayed that God would direct her path.

"God orchestrated my return," she said. "I'm a native of California, and my parents are getting older. Lord used all the little things that would have been a concern. He worked out the logistics."

Wong says training in women's ministry has not been available on the West Coast, so she has worked hard for the past year to build awareness.

"Women can't be pastors but they can do so many other things in the local church," she said. "We want to train women up to serve and to serve well."

Several things have been a challenge in building the program: relocating the seminary from the San Francisco area to the campus near Los Angeles, getting the word out that the program is being developed and building an online women's network.

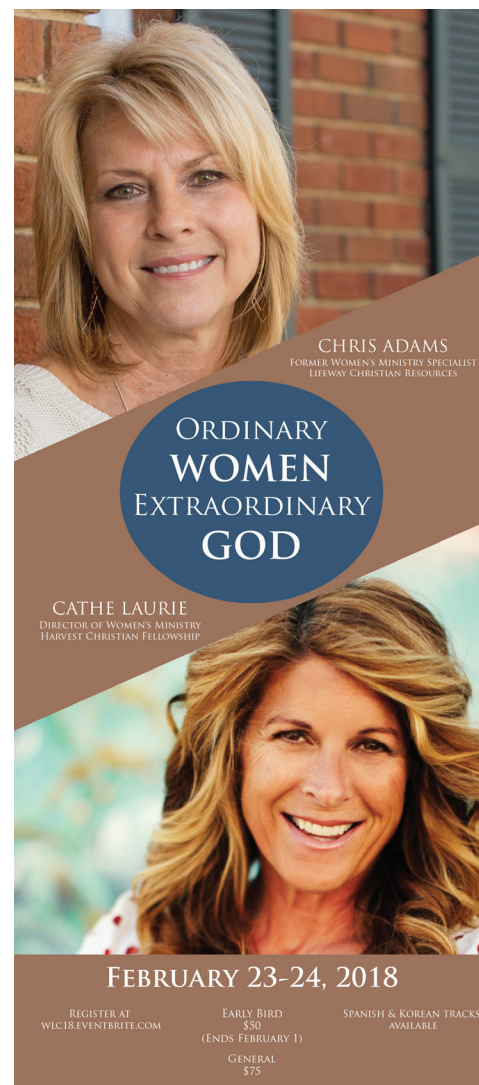
The Women's Network is a mentoring program that helps women connect with others who may be more experienced in directing women's ministry programs. In addition, the network will offer webinars for 10 months out of the year, with the exception of December and July. The cost to enroll is \$100 or \$10 per month.

Denise Matthews, women's program coordinator, works with Wong to direct the network, conferences and retreats. She contacted all the state conventions to set up mentors in each state and contacted 700 churches personally. "We're really fortunate to have her," Wong said. "The women's programming part of our program is totally hers."

Wong herself teaches classes, which now includes a certificate program in women's ministry, an ADVANCE program in women's ministry offered through ADVANCE centers around the country, as well as concentrations in the master of divinity and master of educational leadership programs. Courses are offered online this fall and will be expanding to other campuses soon.

"Why shouldn't women get trained at the highest level?" Wong asked. "Theology is important for women. Whatever biblical knowledge you have, that is what you're going to use

in ministering to women, because you can only train to the level that you have yourself. Women in our culture demand deeper things, so better training makes a difference. Why not take three years for the rest of your life's ministry? Tea parties and craft times are fun, but let's go deep. That's my heart's desire."



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‘GOD LOVES YOU, NO MATTER WHAT,’ CHIN TELLS AUDIENCE

Gateway Seminary honored Dr. Peter Chin, senior pastor of Global Mission Church, during chapel services Oct. 5 to commemorate his friendship and partnership with the Seminary to shape leaders who expand God’s kingdom around the world.

Global Mission Church is the largest Baptist church in Korea, with more than 30,000 members and 24 worship services each week.

The chapel service was followed by a luncheon dialogue between Chin and Dr. Jeff Iorg about ministry leadership.

Prior to becoming senior pastor of Global Mission Church in 2011, Chin lived in the U.S. for 30 years. For many years, he served as pastor

of New Vision Church near Gateway’s former location in Mill Valley, Calif. During that time, he served the Seminary as an adjunct professor and student mentor.

Referencing scripture from Luke 15, Chin reminded the audience that the parable of the prodigal son contained in that chapter is one of the most well-known stories in all of scripture.

“We love this story,” he said. “But some scholars would say that the story is more about the father than the prodigal son.”

Chin said that the problem with the prodigal son was not that the son wasted his father’s money. The problem was that he left the presence of his father.

“The passage tells us about the father,” he said. “It was the father who saw the son first as he returned. One explanation is that the father had been waiting for the son to return since he left. He was always looking toward the direction he would come. That’s how he saw him first.”

Chin said that the son was probably dressed very well when he left home, but when he returned, he was out of money, he had lost weight because he could not eat well and probably did not look much like his former self. Even though the son looked like a totally different person, the father recognized him.

“The father said to the servants to bring his best robe, a ring for his son’s finger and some



sandals for his feet,” he continued. “What was the best robe? It was probably the father’s. He also told the servants to bring the fattened calf, to kill it and to celebrate. He wanted the best meal to be served to the starved son.”

Chin said that the father was not just restoring the son to the family but to the community. When he called for the celebration, everyone knew the son was being restored to the family again. The son was probably seated next to the father for everyone to see.

“Our Father is the one who waits for us. No matter what condition we’re in, He’s waiting for us. Giving up all the privileges in Heaven, Jesus came down to us. He emptied himself, humbled

himself and died on the cross. He gave his life for us.”

Chin reminded Seminary students, faculty and staff that “God loves you, no matter where you’ve been in your life or what you’ve done. We’re telling people God loves you, but the message today is that God loves *you*. He’s running out and meeting you, and He’s restoring you, no matter what you’ve done and no matter where you’ve been. When we return to God, he welcomes us with open arms and gives us the best robe. May we continue to dwell in the presence of our Father.”

Left: Dr. Peter Chin, senior pastor of the largest Baptist church in Korea, speaks during chapel Oct. 5.

Right: Dr. Jeff Iorg leads a discussion with Chin during a luncheon following chapel.

Listen to Dr. Chin's sermon, as well as those of all Fall 2017 chapel speakers at gs.edu/news-events/sermons/series/fall-2017-chapel-series/



Dr. Jeff Iorg accepts the 2017 Award of Excellence from the Baptist Foundation of California.

IORG HONORED BY FOUNDATION

The Baptist Foundation of California honored Dr. Jeff Iorg with the 2017 Award of Excellence during their report Oct. 25 to the California Southern Baptist Convention.

Philip W. Kell, president and CEO of the foundation presented the plaque to Iorg for his work in Gateway Seminary's transition from Northern California to Southern California while still maintaining full seminary operations.

"Jeff represents—from church planter to pastor to executive director to president of a seminary—what happens when a life is surrendered to Christ and fully serves Christ."

Kell noted that he now felt the pain associated with that transition. The foundation recently relocated its offices from Fresno to Gateway Seminary's Los Angeles-Ontario Campus.

Iorg said he accepted the award on behalf of the Seminary's employees and students.

"I understood that this is in appreciation for the culmination of what Gateway Seminary has now become. I receive this on behalf of Gateway Seminary, its employees and its students who made the dream a reality of thrusting our seminary boldly into the future, and it is their excellence that is being awarded today. I am honored to serve with them and to serve them."

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'SEMINARY IS HEALTHIER THAN EVER,' IORG TELLS TRUSTEES

Gateway Seminary President Jeff Iorg told trustees meeting in Denver Oct. 9-10 the seminary's core enrollment is increasing and the Seminary is healthier financially than it has ever been.

"We have stabilized from the relocation and are trending in the right direction on headcount and credit hour enrollment," he said. "We are, however, enrolling a larger percentage of part-time students than any time in our history. Currently, the average age of our students is 35, and they have families and ministries to prioritize while they try to go to seminary. These demands have always been a challenge for students, but these issues seem to be more difficult than ever before."

Iorg said students report the primary reasons for part-time enrollment are financial challenges and time constraints, including family and ministry demands.

"These delays keep students from graduating and devoting their full attention to ministry leadership, and we are committed to helping resolve these issues."

Iorg outlined several strategies – from helping students with personal financial planning to increasing fund raising efforts for scholarships – the seminary is implementing to address this issue.

The Board's most significant action was approving a long-range strategic planning process to chart a course for Gateway's progress to 2030.

"Now that the relocation is largely behind us, we are beginning to understand our new normal and turn our full attention to future opportunities. Our current strategic plan takes us through 2020. Over the next 18 months, we

will be asking God to help us understand his vision for us to fulfill by 2030."

Trustees approved a recent audit with total seminary assets of \$122.3 million, compared to \$40.8 million in 2013 – prior to the seminary's relocation and rebranding as Gateway Seminary. In addition, they heard reports about several major gifts to the seminary in the past six months, including \$500,000 for the Caskey Church Planting and Mission Service scholarships, and \$325,000 in proceeds from the sale of a residence near Lake Elsinore, Calif. In addition, donors contributed \$133,000 for the William O. Crews Endowment and a \$50,000 endowed scholarship for women.

"God's hand is on Gateway Seminary, and He is blessing us as we move into our new future."

The Chinese-English Bilingual (CEB) program, which was expected to launch in Fall 2018, actually engaged in a soft launch this fall offering several master's level classes. In addition, the CEB program will also feature a doctor of ministry track beginning next year on the Los Angeles-Ontario Campus and another doctor of ministry track in Singapore hosted by Baptist Theological Seminary (BTS) of Singapore, a result of the international partnership recently finalized between Gateway and BTS.

The Board heard progress reports about the new remote access delivery system, which allows students to join face-to-face

classes via video conferencing that began last fall. Currently, students are enrolled in 27 classes through remote access, expanding the seminary's delivery systems to three, including in-person instruction and the online program. The ADVANCE (Contextualized Leadership Development) program has expanded from offering three diplomas and six certificates to offering 17 ministry certificates, 15 ministry diplomas and 13 leadership diplomas – all based on interchangeable and customizable learning modules. ADVANCE centers taught classes in Spanish, Korean, Karen, Khmer and Mandarin to 763 students and graduated 95 students with diplomas in the past academic year.

Trustees also approved combining endowments that fund the Deere and Hester lecture-ships and to close the Golden Gate Foundation, a corporation the seminary controlled but has been inactive for at least 20 years.

"This was one of our shortest Board meetings in years," commented Board chairman Larry Felkins of Alabama. "God's hand is on Gateway Seminary, and He is blessing us as we move into our new future."

IORG ANNOUNCES BILLY GRAHAM EXHIBIT, CHALLENGES STUDENTS TO EVANGELISTIC FERVOR

Dr. Jeff Iorg announced during President's Convocation August 31 the Seminary has opened a Billy Graham exhibit that celebrates Southern California crusades in 1949 (Los Angeles), 1963 (Los Angeles), 1969 (Anaheim), 1974 (Hollywood), 1985 (Anaheim), and 2004 (Los Angeles). The exhibit was created through a new partnership with the Billy Graham Library.

The 1949 Los Angeles crusade launched Graham into international prominence as a young evangelist. Scheduled for three weeks, the meetings were extended to more than eight weeks, with overflow crowds filling a tent erected downtown each night.

"The exhibit will help us remember and be invigorated by a rich heritage of evangelistic fervor and kingdom expansion in Southern California," Iorg said during the service that opened the fall semester. "This area has been marked by successful evangelism crusades, including those by Billy Graham and Greg Laurie, pastor of Harvest Church in Riverside, Calif., whose annual crusade in Anaheim attracts 150,000 people."

Iorg said Gateway's evangelistic fervor was displayed by 40 students in two evangelism courses taught this past summer. Their work resulted in more than 160 gospel presentations, with 36 people receiving Christ. Afterward, one student led another 14 people to Christ during Vacation Bible School week at a local church.

"In spite of efforts like these, declining baptismal numbers indicate evangelism in the

Southern Baptist Convention is on the decline," he said. "There are a lot of macro reasons for that, but today we have to concentrate on the micro reason: We must be passionate about introducing people to Jesus."

Iorg said we need fresh eyes to see people as they really are and not what they do or who they pretend to be. He concluded, "When emotional engagement intersects human need, passion for introducing people to Jesus is ignited."

"How motivated are you to get people to Jesus?" he asked. "When you watch television, do you just see activists, protestors, and politicians — or do you see people as they really are — with needs, hurts, and personal struggles? More personally, how do you see people around you?"

Based on the response of religious leaders in Mark 2, Iorg warned the Seminary community about becoming part of any religious system that opposes people being introduced to Jesus. He lauded the four friends who brought their paralyzed friend to Jesus and challenged the Gateway community to be more like them than the religious elite who questioned Jesus' actions.

Iorg reported he recently attended a Harvest Crusade in Anaheim, featuring Greg Laurie, where "thousands streamed forward in the service to profess faith in Jesus Christ." When he left the stadium, protestors were holding signs labeling the event "false Christianity" and listing the supposed theological shortcomings

evident in Laurie's message and methods. Iorg compared the protestors to the scribes in Mark 2.

"While those guys stood outside the stadium with their signs telling the rest of us the proper way to share the real gospel, the man in the arena gave his heart and soul helping people come to faith in Jesus," he said. "We must be passionate witnesses, not detractors who attack others who are busy sharing the gospel."

Iorg challenged the Seminary community to continue the tradition of evangelism in Southern California. "Engage with people around you, see them for who they really are, and lead them to Jesus the best way you can. The world needs Jesus, and they need to hear about him from you and me."

The Billy Graham exhibit is located in the Chapel of Gateway Seminary's Los Angeles-Ontario campus. It is open before and after chapel on Thursdays at 10:45 a.m. and 12 p.m. and on request.



GATEWAY BEYOND TEAM MINISTERS IN NEPAL



Nine students, a recent Gateway graduate and two professors pose for the camera before trekking up the mountain in Nepal. The Gateway Beyond team represented all five of the Gateway Seminary campuses.

A Gateway Beyond team of 12 headed to Nepal in late May for two weeks of trekking, research, evangelism and discipling. The team of six men and six women represented five of seven Gateway campuses and teaching centers and included nine students, a recent graduate and two professors.

“Although the team did not actually meet

until all were in Nepal, they quickly became friends and trusted ministry partners,” said Dr. Don Dent, director of the David and Faith Kim School of Global Missions. “Gateway’s ethnic diversity was evident as local people tried to guess where the team was from and sometimes expected students to speak Nepali.”

The team spent two days in Kathmandu participating in morning training from

International Mission Board (IMB) partners and engaging Nepalis with the gospel in vast temple compounds in the afternoons. Then the team headed up towards the Himalayas to carry out their mission assignment.

According to IMB partners, the church in Nepal now comprises about 7 percent of the population, having tripled in size in less than a decade.



Gateway students shared the gospel, disciplined young Christians and encouraged Nepali believers in their faith.

“That was a wonderful surprise,” said Dent, who first went to Nepal more than 20 years ago, when the number of Christians was only a few thousand. “The team saw many visible signs of Christian faith in the form of crosses on buildings and vehicles. However, there are still large sections of the country where there are few or no believers.”

The IMB Nepal team asked the Gateway team to minister in one of the least reached sections of the country high in the Himalayas. The team researched the Christian presence, shared the gospel daily and taught discipleship to new believers they found.

The target area was at the junction of two large and dramatically different cultures, South Asian Hinduism and Tibetan Buddhism.

The team flew through one of the deepest gorges in the world to spend their last day together before splitting up to cover more

geographical territory.

“Team 1 trekked at 8,000 to 9,000 feet and were excited to find numerous Christians and five churches,” Dent said. “During the day they visited different villages to share the gospel. At night, they disciplined young Christians who pleaded with them to teach them the basics of faith. You can imagine the excitement of the Gateway students to teach and encourage these new Nepali believers.”

Dent said that Team 2 trekked up to 13,000 feet and found no churches in that more remote area. However, they shared the gospel in several villages and in the two hotels where they spent several nights.

“In one village built around a huge Tibetan monastery, the manager of the hotel trusted Christ after hearing about a loving God for the first time in her life,” he said. “In the other hotel, three young Hindu men heard and believed

the gospel and began meeting nightly to read the Bible. The hotel where they work is within sight of one of the holiest shrines of Hinduism.”

Beyond Teams are Gateway Seminary student teams sent overseas — typically during the summer months — under the leadership of a professor and is a ministry of the David and Faith Kim School of Global Missions. The purpose of the teams is to provide hands-on international, cross-cultural experience as part of theological education.

Donors provide scholarships to help students pay for travel and tuition. Contact the Kim School for more information.

GATEWAY SEMINARY CELEBRATES FIRST YEAR IN NEW LOCATIONS

President Jeff Iorg told messengers of the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Phoenix, Ariz., that the past year had been one of celebration and success as the Seminary completed its first year with a new name in two new locations in Ontario and Fremont, Calif.

“Built on the legacy of Golden Gate Seminary, we continue to be your seminary in the West delivering theological education and leadership training at our five campuses, including one here in Phoenix,” he said.

In addition to the two new facilities, Gateway launched Gateway Live, a video conferencing system that makes live classroom participation possible from virtually anywhere in the world, and expanded Gateway Online, a delivery system offering multiple degrees.

“We truly are a global seminary, in more ways than ever,” Iorg said.

He announced a new academic program to train Mandarin-speaking leaders — a Chinese-English bilingual program — would begin offering classes this fall and will eventually use all the Seminary’s delivery systems to train Mandarin-speaking leaders globally.

Gateway also has retooled the Contextualized Leadership Development program with a simplified curriculum and a new name, ADVANCE.

“This program continues to be a vital entry-level program for students with limited English language skills as well as a key source for training bi-vocational ministry leaders across the West,” Iorg said. “We are grateful to announce we have received nearly \$2 million in special gifts this year to support our work and launch these new initiatives.”

Iorg said that the biggest celebration was the number of new students who enrolled at Gateway

“We pushed hard for students to graduate so they would not have to relocate when the Seminary moved,” he said. “Now that we are fully operational in our new locations, we are seeing large numbers of new students enroll for classes, including an all-time record of new applicants approved for this coming fall. We are rebuilding our student body and expect it to grow to its former strength and beyond.”

“Built on the legacy of Golden Gate Seminary, we continue to be your seminary in the West delivering theological education and leadership training at our five campuses.”

Iorg said that the Seminary also experienced sadness in the death of President Emeritus William O. Crews, who passed away in February. As Iorg was sorting through Crews’ presidential papers, he came across a letter from Dr. Harold Graves, former Golden Gate Seminary president. It explained the presence of a small plaque over the door of a classroom at the former campus in Mill Valley, Calif., that read “William Conover Chapel.” No one remembered Conover or how the room had received its name.

The letter from Graves explained that the Seminary had had difficult months following the 1950 decision of the SBC to accept it as an

institution to be owned and operated by them. During the summer before the SBC would assume control on Jan. 1, 1951, it was apparent they must act sooner if the school was to survive. The Seminary’s chairman of the board wrote the SBC Executive Committee and asked for a special allocation of \$50,000 to allow classes to open for the fall semester.

“Almost simultaneously with this exchange of letters, the Executive Committee received a letter from an attorney concerning the settlement of an estate,” said Iorg, reading from the letter. “(In 1932), a Mr. William Conover had died, leaving his estate in trust for his children and grandchildren. They were to be paid income until their deaths. Then the residue was to be given to a Southern Baptist Seminary.

“The heirs had all died, leaving \$51,839.81 in the estate. After due consideration, the Executive Committee sent a check to Golden Gate Seminary for \$53,000.”

Iorg noted that Graves had concluded the letter with the exclamation “God works in mysterious ways, His wonders to perform.” He said the story had important implications for Gateway Seminary and for the Southern Baptist Convention.

“William Conover died in 1932, Golden Gate was founded in 1944 and was adopted by the SBC in 1950. Now, 85 years after Mr. Conover’s death and 65 years after his gift saved our school, Gateway Seminary stands strong as a Southern Baptist sentinel in the West for the gospel of Jesus Christ.”



Gateway Seminary's new main campus (top) is located in Ontario, Calif. and opened in July 2016, while the San Francisco Campus in Fremont, Calif. was dedicated in April 2017.



SEMINARY ALUMNI HEAR REPORTS ON SUCCESSFUL YEAR

Oklahoma Baptist University broke into Gateway Seminary's planned program at their SBC Alumni and Friends Luncheon to present President Jeff Iorg with the Herschel H. Hobbs Award for Distinguished Denominational Service.

"We watch from Oklahoma your leadership," said Dr. Stan Norman, OBU provost, who presented the award. "We marvel at the way God moves in your life, for your vision, for your sacrificial service, for the way you are serving kingdom purposes in your role at Gateway Seminary."

The award plaque cited Iorg's "exemplary and

Godly service to the churches of the Southern Baptist Convention."

About 200 alumni and friends of Gateway Seminary gathered for their annual luncheon at the Southern Baptist Convention June 14. Iorg reported that since last August 1 the Seminary had been "the nerve center for Southern Baptists in Southern California," hosting 60 groups meeting in the new Ontario building, with 6,000 attendees. Those groups included the North American Mission Board's board of trustees, the national meeting of the State Executive Directors Fellowship, the Southern California Regional Hispanic

Worship Leadership Conference and others. In addition, the Inland Empire Baptist Association is a tenant in the building, as will be the California Baptist Foundation when they move to the facility this summer.

He announced that in addition to offering classes that students attend in person (Gateway Local) or online (Gateway Online), the Seminary now offers an additional delivery system, Gateway Live, that allows people to participate in a class by video conferencing anywhere they have a high speed connection. "About 60 students have already embraced Gateway Live," Iorg said. "A couple of students



President Jeff Iorg presents Distinguished Alumni Awards to Dr. Mark Edlund (left) and Dr. Chad Garrison. Dr. Wayne Eurich was honored during Gateway Seminary's spring commencement services.

participate in videoconferencing who actually live closer to the campus than the professor teaching the class."

He also told alumni that the new Chinese-English bilingual program (CEB) will include class instruction in Mandarin, but that students must also have English skills to navigate the rest of the classes.

"A full program will begin the fall of 2018," he said. "Classes will be scheduled in the evening so that students participating overseas can do so during the day."

Iorg said that the new women's ministry program already offers classes, but a mentorship network will offer a monthly webinar, followed by a live discussion. Also, the Contextualized Leadership Development program has been renamed ADVANCE, with streamlined academic processes for basic theological education.

"We want to move from having 1,000 students in the program to thousands of students," he

said. "This is our opportunity to train people in dozens of languages. It represents my heart for the person who has no other opportunity."

Iorg presented Distinguished Alumni Awards to Dr. Chad Garrison, Dr. Mark Edlund and Dr. Wayne Eurich.

Garrison, a 2001 graduate, has been pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Lake Havasu City, Ariz., for 25 years. During that time, the church has baptized more than 1,200 people, averages a worship attendance of 1,700 and has contributed \$3.8 million to the Cooperative Program. Most recently, Garrison opened his church as a teaching center for Gateway Seminary.

Edlund served 17 years with his wife Kristy as Southern Baptist missionaries to Asia, first as a school administrator/teacher in Kitakyushu, Japan, then mission administrator in Tokyo, and finally as regional administrator for the Pacific Rim. He assumed the role of executive director/treasurer for the Colorado Baptist

General Convention (CBGC) in 2001, as well as executive director of the Baptist Foundation of Colorado, executive director of the Ponderosa Retreat and Conference Center and editor of *The Rocky Mountain Baptist*. He is also the CBGC's interface with Gateway Seminary's Rocky Mountain Campus.

Eurich graduated in 1950 and, at age 97, may be the oldest living alumnus of the Seminary. He served in churches in Oregon, California, Hawaii, Nevada, Alaska, Germany and South Africa. Eurich was presented the Distinguished Alumni Award at Gateway Seminary's first spring commencement service in May.

"These men represent who we are," Iorg said. "Veteran pastor, long-serving pastor in an effective ministry role, and an international and denominational leader. These are who we want all of our graduates to aspire to be like."

SBC MINISTERS WIVES HONOR ANN IORG FOR CHARACTER, SERVICE



Kathy Ferguson Litton, NAMB's national consultant for ministry to pastors' wives presents the 2017 Willie Turner Dawson Award to Ann Iorg.

Southern Baptist ministers' wives honored Ann Iorg, wife of President Jeff Iorg, with the 2017 Willie Turner Dawson Award during the annual Ministers' Wives Luncheon in Phoenix on June 13 prior to the SBC's annual meeting.

Each year, the Dawson Award recognizes a minister's wife for making a distinct denominational contribution beyond the local church and for her Christian character and service.

The Iorgs, who have been married for more than 35 years, have three grown children and three grandchildren. In addition to being a supportive minister's wife and mother, Iorg has served as a preschool director and teacher at various churches.

At the Seminary, Iorg enjoys being a hostess and mentoring and teaching women about the practical aspects of ministry. She has written many articles and is a contributing author in

The Christian Homemaker's Handbook, Mintry in the New Marriage Culture, and various women's devotionals.

She holds a bachelor's degree in behavioral science from Hardin Simmons University in Abilene, Texas, and a master of arts in educational leadership from Gateway Seminary.

Presenting the award, Kathy Ferguson Litton, the North American Mission Board's national consultant for ministry to pastors' wives, asked Iorg how she has been "brave" in her life.

Iorg responded that she had feared being in ministry because she feared being in front of crowds. But that fear dissipated, she said, when she learned "ministry is about loving people and helping people." She noted that "God uses ordinary people like me to showcase His extraordinary power."

She said she felt comfort in knowing the apostle Paul served "in weakness and in fear and

much trembling" (1 Corinthians 2:3), and that "perfect love casts out fear" (1 John 4:18).

Iorg also shared her fear early in her marriage of being at home alone at night when her husband traveled. Psalm 4:8 became her go to verse: "In peace I will both lie down and sleep; for you alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety."

The Iorgs recently relocated to Southern California when the Seminary sold its property and purchased a campus in Ontario. In the process, "we ladies prayed, cried and celebrated together," Iorg said. "Relationships were key."

The Willie Turner Dawson Award was established in 1963 when the ministers' wives group posthumously honored Willie Turner Dawson, wife of J.M. Dawson, pastor of First Baptist Church in Waco, Texas. Dawson was a teacher and lecturer who in 1930 successfully challenged the SBC to give more to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

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ALUMNI UPDATES

F. Timothy Burt (M.Div., 1966) teaches pre-release/reintegration classes for a Texas Department of Criminal Justice jail facility.

Joe Caldwell (M.Div., 1974; D.Min., 1977) lives in Sausalito, Calif. He is author of *Holy Ritmo! Rhythm, Mystery, Life* and serves on the board of directors for Gilead House in Novato.

Timothy Morita (M.Div., 1974; D.Min., 1994) retired as senior pastor from Olivet Baptist Church in Honolulu, Hawaii in 2016. He and his wife are traveling to visit grandchildren.

Mark Caldwell (M.Div. 1982) lives in Nong Bua Lamphu, Thailand and plans to retire at the end of 2018.

Zande (Zan) Sellers (M.Div., 1983) and his wife Dian live in Cibolo, Texas. He retired as an active duty U.S. Army chaplain in 2016 after 18 years of service and currently works as bereavement coordinator at Kindred Hospital in San Marcos, Texas.

JT Reed (M.Div., 1985; D.Min., 1989; Th.M., 2004) lives in Jurupa Valley, Calif., and serves on the faculty and as associate director of Gateway Seminary's D.Min. program.

Joel Russell (M.Div., 1992) retired as an active duty U.S. Army chaplain in 2015 and now serves as a half-time pastor for both Bethel and Goshen Moravian churches in Leonard and Durbin, N.D., respectively. He and his wife Jan are parents of Joshua and Jonathan.

Michael Atinsky (M.Div., 1993; D.Min., 2012) retired from Stanislaus Detention Center and is serving with Detention Center Program Systems Consulting. He also works with cell

group discipleship and evangelism training in his church in Modesto, Calif.

Michael Lukche Li (M.Div., 1994) lives in Rowland Heights, Calif., where he is active in Word of God Ministries and Churches. He is publishing his first book, *Great Seal of God*, in which he is trying to revive the evangelical tactic of Apostle Paul by providing verifiable evidence of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

David Howle (M.Div., 1988; Ph.D., 1993) worked for Wayland Baptist University (WBU) for 20 years in a series of jobs, including professor of religion, webmaster and director of online programs. Just prior to retiring, he served as executive director of WBU's Hawaii campus. He still teaches classes at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor and in online programs at WBU and Gateway Seminary.

Makito Watanabe (M.Div., 1988; D.Min. student) has served for 15 years as Japanese-speaking pastor at Olivet Baptist Church in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Mike Yeamans (M.Div., 1991) lives in Riverside, Calif., and works as a drug and alcohol counselor at Full Circle Recovery in Norco, a Christian-based recovery organization. He is also involved in the ministry's church doing worship and occasional pulpit supply.

Michael W.J. Kopulos (M.Div., 1992) lives in Turlock, Calif., where he teaches advanced placement American and British literature to public high school students. Though he had not planned a career in public education, Kopulos says God has multiplied his sphere of influence beyond what he could have imagined.

Paul and Karen McGovern (both M.Div., 1992) continue to serve at Crossroads Church in Fremont, Calif., which they started 22 years ago. He is lead pastor and she is connections pastor.

Rodger Russell (D.Min., 1992) lives in Mancos, Colo. and serves as part-time pastor of Dolores (Colo.) Southern Baptist Church. He teaches in the doctor of ministry program at Gateway Seminary, writes sermon illustrations and is author of the book *Connection: Understanding Our Mormon Friends and Neighbors*.

Anthony Isaac Hong (M.Div., 1994) lives and serves in La Cañada, Calif.

Robert Jerome Thomas (D.Min., 1994) of Sacramento, Calif., recently retired after 22 years as a U.S. Navy chaplain. He currently works as a staff chaplain at the Sacramento Veterans Administration Medical Center.

James Broadwater (M.Div., 1996) and his 20-year-old son formed a company called 82:3 Pictures (named for Psalms 82:3) to make Christian movies. Their first full-length feature film, *Bully's Bane*, was released directly to DVD through Amazon in 2016. Broadwater and his family are planting a new church called Faithworks in Fort Worth, Texas. He and his son teach martial arts at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, where Broadwater is pursuing a Ph.D.

Robert Hnat and Deborah Kiouss-Hnat (both M.Div., 1996) live in Celle, Germany, where he pastors two international English language churches, and she teaches and encourages him.

Johnny Aho (M.Div., 1997) is a pastor at LifeChurch in Canton, Mich. He and his wife Michelle have three daughters: Christy, a college senior; Sierra, a college junior; and Rebecca, a high school senior.

Steve Allsbrook (D.Min, 1998) lives in Midlothian, Va. He served for 20 years as executive director of missions for Dover Baptist Association in Ashland, Va. and retired in June 2017, completing 40 years of ministry in the state.

Lisa Hoff (M.Div. and MAIS, 1998) lives in Ontario, Calif. She serves as associate professor of intercultural studies at Gateway Seminary.

Erik Tisher (M.Div., 1998) has served as a chaplain in the U.S. Air Force since 2002 and currently manages deployment readiness requirements for the USAF Chaplain Corps. In 2017, he earned a D.Min. degree from Denver Seminary, and he and his wife Shannon moved from Korea to San Antonio, Texas. The couple has three adult children and one at home, a high school senior.

Beth Walker Haley (MAIS, 1999) serves at City Life Church in San Francisco, Calif. She is mom to Skylar, age 11, and has been married to Peter for 13 years.

Helen Lin Chiao Lee (MMCM, 1999) is organist for Rollingwood Lutheran Church and Mt. Zion Lutheran Church and pianist for Berkeley Gospel Church of Christ. She also leads the Agape Christian Team Inc. in Richmond, Calif.

John B. Draper (D.Min., 2000) has served as a church planting catalyst for southeastern Wisconsin for the North American Mission Board since 2014.

Sean Peifer (M.Div., 2000) has served as senior pastor of Ferndale (Calif.) Community Church for more than eight years.

Kyung Suk Chung (M.Div., 2001) resides in Cumana, Venezuela but is temporarily living in Oakland, Calif. In Venezuela. He works with Korean-Cuban descendants in seven regions, founded the Caribbean Evangelical Seminary in Cumana and is mission facilitator in the Caribbean and Central-South America for the Korean Baptist Church Association.

Michael Hall (D.Min., 2001) lives in Naples, Italy, where he serves as a board-certified chaplain at the U.S. Naval Hospital.

Stephen Orr (THM, 2001) is based in Nairobi, Kenya, where he is team leader for a United Kingdom government-funded agriculture development project being implemented in nine countries. His wife Nicole is a U.S. State Department foreign service officer.

Chad Etheridge (MATS, 2002; MAIS, 2003) is program director for JH Israel and lives in Ariel, Israel.

Greg Holmes (M.Div., 2004; D.Min., 2009) is pastor of a church in Clearlake Oaks, Calif., where he has served since 2010. He is also director of missions for Mendo-Lake Baptist Association, which serves 18 churches.

Christopher Farrington (M.Div., 2005) and his wife Krista serve missionaries in Managua, Nicaragua. Their four children were born in Nicaragua. They work with several ministries, including a nonprofit called Mision Cristiana Corazones Abiertos (Open Hearts Christian Mission) and Club Cristiana La Esperanza (Hope Christian Club). They also operate rescue homes for at-risk children and are involved in church planting among the Miskito Indians along the Rio Coco. They write a blog at losfarringtons.com.

Edward (Rusty) Russey III (M.Div., 2005) is owner of Russey Arbitration, Mediation and Pastoral Services in Marble Falls, Texas.

Jim Dodds (Diploma in Theology, 2007) lives in Florida and works as a hospice chaplain in Port St. Lucie.

Joe Sanchez (M.Div., 2007) has served as associate pastor of International Baptist Church, Costa Rica since 2014.

Greg Breedlove (M.Div., 2008) is senior pastor at First Baptist Church, Meadow, Texas.

Steve Howell (MAWL, 2002; M.Div., 2015) serves as minister of music and lay development at Tiburon Baptist Church in Tiburon, Calif.

Brendan and Marie Kennedy (MACE, 2002 and MMCM, 2002, respectively) live in Marengo, Ohio with their three daughters. He earned a Ph.D. from Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in 2016, is an Old Testament translator for the Readable Bible and serves as lay minister at Ashley (Ohio) Wesleyan Church.

Michael Ki Kim (M.Div., 2002) resides in Goesan, Korea. He currently serves as a missionary in rural Korea and a staff member at Providence Baptist Church and KPM (Katie Prayer and Mission) House.

Brian D. Wood (M.Div., 2002), who lives in Murrieta, Calif., retired from Motorola Solutions after 31 years as a principle staff systems engineer.

Kevin A. Muilenburg (D.Min, 2003) resides in Rockport, Texas, where he serves as senior pastor of Coastal Oaks Church.

Warren Ng (M.Div., 2003) is retired and living in Arcadia, Calif.

Tim Swanson (M.Div., 2003) serves as pastor/elder of preaching and administration of Redemption Hill Church in Santa Rosa, Calif.

Jeffrey A. Waldrop (M.Div., 2004; Th.M., 2006) serves as assistant professor of church history and director of the David Allan Hubbard Library at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, Calif.

Chia-hua Sally Wu (MMCM, 2004) is a music minister of a church in Taipei, Taiwan.

Andy and Tracie Dominguez (Diploma of Theology, 2005) work in discipleship in Rosarito, Baja, Mexico. He ministers to missionaries, pastors, staff leaders and others through biblical counseling, teaches at a Bible college and preaches at a local church. She leads worship and women's ministries at the churches, and also teaches Bible studies at retreats and women's conferences. The couple has planted more than 19 churches in nine years, four of them in the United States.

Dean Kelly (M.Div., 2005) lives in Hood River, Ore., where he has served as senior pastor of Tucker Road Baptist Church since 2014.

Josh De La Rosa (M.Div., 2006) serves as senior pastor of Orangecrest Community Church in Riverside, Calif., which he started in 2007. He and his wife Erika have three children: Gabriel, 13; Gavin, 11; and Grace, 7.

Shane Tanigawa and Maela Sanders Tanigawa (both M.Div., 2006) live in Ontario, Calif., with their two sons, Preston and Justice. They are members of The Vine Church of Rancho Cucamonga, where Shane serves in the audiovisual ministry and as small group leader. He continues to work for Gateway Seminary as director of student services and international student advisor.

Carey Hall Waldrop (M.Div., 2006) is an adjunct professor at California Baptist University in Riverside, Calif., and teaches research methods to graduate English as a Second Language students. He lives in Pasadena, Calif.

John Lake (M.Div., 2007) and **Simone Lake** (MATs, 2008) live in Payson, Ariz., where he serves as pastor of the Church on Randall Place and teaches at Gateway Seminary's Arizona Campus and Payson, Ariz. cohort. In 2013, he completed a doctorate at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Simone works with Gateway Seminary's Women's Network and also serves as women's director of the Arizona Southern Baptist Convention and the Valley Rim (Ariz.) Association.

Ron Tan (MTS, 2007) is a volunteer minister for the Alaska Christian Ministry to Seafarers in Anchorage during the summer months. He also serves in his local church in Redmond, Wash.

Dennis S. Williams (M.Div., 2007) just moved back to Denver, Colo. He continues to be involved in bivocational ministry as transition, interim and pulpit supply.

James Detwiler (M.Div., 2008) currently serves as an active duty chaplain at F.E. Warren Air Force Base in Cheyenne, Wyo.

Paul O. Gerritson (M.Div., 2008) resides in Durham, N.C. and is area director-pastor for Triangle Christian Medical & Dental Associations, where he serves healthcare students on the Campbell, Duke, East Carolina University, the University of North Carolina (Chapel Hill and Asheville), and Wake Forest campuses, as well as health-care practitioners. He has written two books: *Notes of Encouragement* and *Your Privileged Position*. He also serves as co-director of the American Academy of Medical Ethics in North Carolina.

Michael Loomis (MTS, 2008; MAEL, 2010; D.Min., 2016) is pastor of First Baptist Church of Graton, Calif. He began teaching a CLD class in San Quentin State Prison in the fall 2017.

Jamie N. Sanchez (M.Div., 2008) earned a Ph.D. from Virginia Tech University in 2016 and now works at Biola University as assistant professor and program director of intercultural studies. He lives in La Habra, Calif.

Leslie Steven Simpson (D.Min., 2008) serves as pastor of River Bend Baptist Church in New Bern, N.C. and also an adjunct instructor for the University of Mount Olive.

Gary Brndiar (M.Div., 2009) serves the northern Colorado community in healthcare as a board certified chaplain with Centura Health in Longmont and Banner Health in Loveland. He and his wife Anna are parents to three children: Logan, 6; Ivory, 4; and Laine, 1.

Jesse L. Burwell Jr. (CLD Diploma in Theology, 2009) is assistant pastor of Calvary Southern Baptist Church in Las Vegas, Nev.

Adam Christman (M.Div., 2009; Ph.D. student) is associate pastor of Cornelia Avenue Southern Baptist Church in Fresno, Calif. He and his wife Rachel have three children.

Terry Dorsett (D.Min., 2009) serves as executive director of the Baptist Convention of New England, which serves 371 Southern Baptist churches. He lives in Northborough, Mass., is the author of seven books and is grandfather to two children.

Matthew L. Ellis (M.Div., 2009) and his wife Jamie live in Fremont, Calif., with their daughter Alatheia, who was born in August 2017. Ellis teaches Bible at Fremont Christian School, serves as pastor at Hillview Baptist Church and as a chaplain at Travis Air Force

Base. Recently, he was honored with the Air Force Reserve Command's annual "Individual Award for Excellence" for sustained outstanding ministry support.

Steve Long (M.Div., 2009; D.Min., 2015) retired from pastoral service. He works with his wife Barbara to encourage pastoral staff at Del Norte Baptist Church in Albuquerque and currently serves on Gateway's board of trustees.

Emile Masabarakiza (M.Div., 2009) has served as lead pastor of Twin Palm Baptist Church in Lusaka, Zambia since 2010 and is an instructor of biblical languages at the Baptist Theological Seminary of Zambia.

Rebecca Unrau (MAEL, 2009) ministers with her husband, who is senior pastor at Seabreeze Church in Huntington Beach, Calif.

Heather Higginson Weaver (M.Div., 2009) lives in Tulsa, Okla. and asks for prayer as she searches for a new position.

Michelle Aiken Fox (MTS, 2010) lives in Winston-Salem, N.C., where she ministers to victims of pornography and adultery and serves as an international outreach leader.

Jeremy Gant (MTS, 2010) owns and operates a video production company for churches and ministries called One Ten Pictures. He also produces a daily radio program for men's spiritual health, curates the content for a churches and ministry website in the Los Angeles area and has created a simplified small group campaign for smaller churches.

Jason Blankenship (MTS, 2011) serves as director of missions of the Mid-Valley Southern Baptist Association in Fresno, Calif.

Mark Cheney (M.Div., 2011) serves as a bivocational English pastor at Chinese Bible Church in Houston, Texas. He leads

young adults and preaches for the English congregation and is a mechanical designer in oil and gas as his primary job. His wife Stephanie is a professional photographer, and the couple has two sons: Elijah, 9, and Owen, 6.

William Hughes (M.Div., 2011) serves in Curinñanco, Chile with a ministry called Serving Ministers of Christ-SMC.

Hak Cheong Kim (D.Min., 2011) lives and serves in Buena Park, Calif.

Steve Timmons (D.Min., 2011) leads the Christian Challenge at New Mexico State University. He lives in Silver City, N.M.

Frederick L. Combs Sr. (D.Min., 2012; M.Div., 2006) lives in White Oak, Texas and is celebrating 10 years as pastor of Mount Gilead Baptist Church in Gilmer, Texas.

Monée Phillips (MAEL, 2012; MTS, 2014 and D.Min in progress) lives in Austin, Texas. She was divorced and lost a kidney in 2015 and was diagnosed with a brain aneurysm in 2017. Phillips says God is using her to help other women who are separated or going through a divorce to navigate and give their hurts to Him.

Rene Osorio Santiago (Diploma in Theology-CLD, 2012) lives in Yorba Linda, Calif.

Mark D. Coppola (M.Div., 2013) served with his family in Ghana, West Africa for two years. He is now executive pastor of Mountain View Baptist Church in Tucson, Ariz.

Joe Olin Grizzle Jr. (MTS, 2013) serves as pastor of the Rincon Valley Cowboy Church and as worship leader at Mountain View Baptist Church, both in Tucson, Ariz.

Rob Lee (MTS, 2013) has served as executive director-treasurer of the Utah-Idaho Southern Baptist Convention since 2008 and has worked on the state convention staff since 1991.

Ryan Smith (M.Div., 2013) is associate pastor at Eagle Heights Baptist Church in Stillwater, Okla. He published his first book, *Not That God: Trading the Believable Lie for the Unbelievable Truth* in 2015.

James E. Soy (M.Div., 2013) and his wife Pia planted a church in San Francisco and then moved to Houston, Texas, where he serves as senior pastor of First Philippine Baptist Church.

Daniel Tai (M.Div., 2013) serves in the youth and English ministries at Arise Church in Fremont, Calif.

Benjamin Wong (D.Min., 2013) is senior pastor of Grace Evangelical Free Church of San Francisco, Calif.

H. Steven Davidson (D.Min., 2014) serves part time at Clovis Hills Community Church in Clovis, Calif. He currently is chair of the boards of trustees for California Baptist University and for Mid Valley Southern Baptist Association.

Joam A. Martinez (MATS, 2014) lives in Anaheim, Calif., and serves as senior pastor of Cornerstone Christian Fellowship of Orange County, located in Fullerton.

Jim Poulin (MTS, 2014) is editing his first screenplay called *Believing*. He is an elder in his church, where he applies the biblical truth and godly wisdom he learned at Gateway. Poulin resides in Chandler, Ariz.

Pete Ramirez (MTS, 2014) serves as missions and evangelism team leader for the California Southern Baptist Convention. He resides in Fresno, Calif.

Kathy Ann Camarillo (D.Min, 2015) works through the Integrated Recovery Foundation with military women who have experienced sexual trauma. She taught pastoral counseling to more than 150 pastors in the Philippines through the Sacred Harvest Foundation.

Joel Cruz (M.Div., 2015) lives in Daly City, Calif., and serves as worship and media pastor at Bay Church in San Francisco

Jonathan and Jessica Han (both M.Div. 2015) reside in Mililani, Hawaii.

Jeff Degiacomo (M.Div., 2015; D.Min. student) lives in Oklahoma City, Okla., with his wife Laura and their two sons, Ryker and Keagan. He currently serves as student pastor at Quail Springs Baptist Church.

Kerry Haynes (D.Min., 2015) serves as mental health chaplain at the San Antonio (Texas) Veterans Administration, working with veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder and moral injury. He preaches on Sundays at the Air Force Village Protestant Church.

Sean Lee (M.Div., 2015) serves as youth and English ministry pastor at Antioch Korean Church in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

Andrew Marquez (Ph.D., 2015) works as assistant executive director/campus dean for Wayland Baptist University in Tucson, Ariz.

Christopher Nason (M.Div., 2015) serves as pastor of Souls Church of Manitou Springs, Colo., a church he planted as a student in 2009. It is now constituted and a full member of the Pikes Peak Baptist Association and the Colorado Baptist Convention. He is currently writing a book about holistic discipleship, a strategy of Souls Church.

Cornell Swain (Master of Missiology, 2015) leads a basketball team in San Quentin State Prison and is developing a ministry to help integrate men being released from the prison back into communities and churches. Swain lives in Vallejo, Calif.

Chi Yuk (Johnson) Chen (M.Div., 2016) is assistant pastor at Chinese Independent Baptist

Church of San Francisco, Calif., where he is involved with Chinatown youths, immigrants, and bilingual/bicultural ministry.

John Daniel (MAEL, 2016) lives in San Anselmo, Calif., and serves as youth leader and treasurer at Red Hill Church. He also teaches math at San Domenico High School.

David Dean (M.Div. 2016) serves as senior pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Modesto, Calif. He and his wife Heather have three children: Sarah, John and Matt.

Dan Dodge (MTS, 2016) is a pastor of missions and singles and men in El Paso, Texas. In 2017, he took 153 people on missions trips to Costa Rica, Russia, France, Kenya, Guatemala and Phoenix. He also is involved with planting a church in Kenya.

Larry Elrod (D.Min., 2016) currently is researching a rubric that takes baby Christians to mature Christians. He also works with men coming out of prison and women who are in Christian living facilities.

Anthony Majors (D.Min., 2016) is a pastor in the East Oakland, Calif., area and is attempting to reach for Christ as many African-American men in the area as possible.

Robert McNair (MTS, 2016) lives in Mill Valley, Calif. and is studying at the University of St. Andrews. He continues service as a volunteer teacher/tutor at the Bay Area Rescue Mission in Richmond and is working with a church plant in Berkeley.

Kreig Sartin (M.Div., 2016) recently moved to the Dallas, Texas area and is actively seeking a ministry position.

Kevin Trick (D.Min., 2016) lives in Calgary, Alberta, Canada and serves as men's pastor at Centre Street Church. He also works with

Calgary Police Services as a volunteer chaplain. He and his wife Joy have been married more than 36 years and have three adult children.

Margaret Collins (MTS, 2017) lives in Rancho Cucamonga, Calif. She serves as vice president of California's state Woman's Missionary Union and is on the women's leadership team at Gateway Seminary. She and her husband pick up food for St. Stephen's Missionary Baptist Church food bank ministry.

Samuel Deng (Diploma in Theology, 2017) lives in Long Beach, Calif.

Dennis Fish (Diploma in Christian Ministries, 2017) is pastor of Bairoil Community Baptist Church in Casper, Wyo.

Brandon Imbriale (M.Div., 2017) recently began work as vice principal and dean of student discipleship at Woodcrest Christian High School in Riverside, Calif. He and his wife attend Redeemer Baptist Church in Riverside.

Brannon Short (MTS, 2017) serves as associate pastor of Saddleback Church, Los Angeles, overseeing spiritual maturity, assimilation, small groups and outreach. He lives in Glendale, Calif.

Chase Sims (M.Div., 2017) serves as minister to young singles at Prestonwood Baptist Church in Plano, Texas.

Jeff Woolstenhulme (M.Div., 2017) is participating in a pastoral residency program at Hinson Baptist Church in Portland, Ore.

Julian Zepeda (CLD Diploma in Christian Ministries, 2017) serves as a Bible teacher at the Spanish church, Alfa and Omega Baptist Church in San Jose, Calif. He and his wife Jenny have three sons and two daughters.

DEATHS

Bob Anders (M.Div., 1982) of Montgomery, Ala. died May 18, 2017. Anders retired as a chaplain with the Air Force Reserves and the Veterans Administration hospital, and as pastor of First Baptist Church, Pine Level, Ala.

Kenneth G. Branton (B.Div., 1959) died Sept. 2, 2017.

Bob Joe Briton (Diploma of Theology, 1979) of Waterford, Calif., passed away April 12, 2017.

Harold R. "Ranny" Chappell Sr. of Elizabeth City, N.C. died Oct. 12, 2016. He taught Sunday School in his local church.

Mark E. Fite (1952) passed away September 4, 2016 at the family farm in Nunley, Ark. He served as a Navy chaplain until he retired in 1972. He served as pastor of two churches in

Arkansas and completed 30 years as a hospital chaplain in 2008.

Harry D. Foley (1978) died Feb. 18, 2017.

John V. Hawk (B.Div., 1960; Th.M., 1962; D.Min., 1977) passed away Jan. 21, 2017.

J. Sue Higgins, wife of trustee Milton Higgins, died March 14, 2017 in Fresno, Calif.

William F. Hunter (MRE, 1952; MTS, 1965) passed away May 7, 2017 in Ripon, Calif. He and his wife Florence served as missionaries to the former Belgian Congo and to Madagascar. He retired as a faculty member in psychology at Biola University in 1992. He also served as pastor of churches in California.

Doreen L. Keene, a student, passed away Jan. 21, 2017.

Ellen L. Melichar, a CLD student, died March 30, 2017.

Edward Glen Paden (Bachelor of Theology, 1960) passed away April 7, 2017 at his home in Clovis, Calif. He served as pastor of several California churches.

Nelson P. Ponthieux (Assoc. of Divinity, 1985) of New Braunfels, Texas passed away May 6, 2017. He served as pastor of churches in Illinois, Texas, Arizona and California.

H. Paul Smith (B.Div., 1952) died March 31, 2017. He served as pastor of churches in San Leandro and Gridley, Calif., before working as director of missions for the North Coast (Calif.) Baptist Association for 23 years.

John E. Stagg (1958) passed away Sept. 30, 2016.

Robert Blake Withers, former student, passed away December 20, 2016. Withers lived in Sun City, Calif.



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