



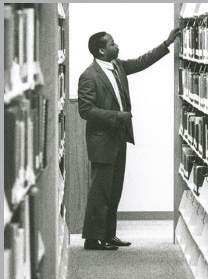
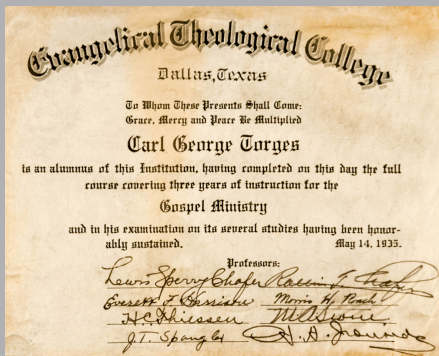
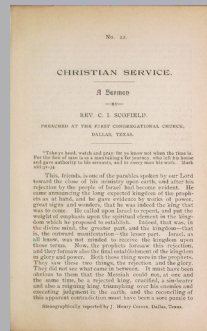
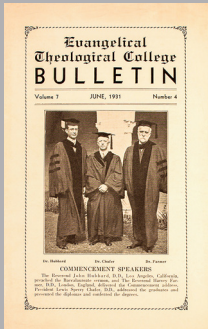
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It Is Because of Him

FROM: DR. MARK L. BAILEY

A few years ago, in a paved area northeast of the theater of ancient Corinth, someone showed me an inscription dating from the middle of first the century A.D., that reads, “Erastus in return for his aedile, paved it at his own expense” (Latin: *ERASTVS. PRO. AED. S. P. STRAVIT*). He explained that this Erastus had fulfilled his promise and, in gratitude, to honor those who had helped point him to the high office of *aedileship*, he laid a pavement and paid for it himself.

I had traveled to Corinth several times before. Still, on this particular tour, I couldn’t help but think about how this inscription supports what Paul teaches in 1 Corinthians 1:26–31: that there are a few who are noble and wise and that God sometimes chooses them to make a big difference in ministry. After all, God loves to take those who can’t do it and then do it through them so that He alone gets the glory.

This truth reminds me of the imagery often used by Dr. Donald K. Campbell, the Seminary’s third president. “When you see a turtle on a fence post, you can be certain it didn’t get there by itself. That’s how I see my own life. I’m a turtle on a fence post.” Dr. Charles Swindoll, who followed Dr. Campbell as president, often says the same thing.

I think all of us would have to admit we’ve had some great turtle-lifters in our lives, like those who helped Erastus into public office there in Corinth. And because of their help and encouragement, we get to do the work of the gospel.

Drs. Walvoord, Campbell, and Swindoll have all served as encouraging turtle-lifters in my life. Whether as a faculty member, an administrator, or president, I couldn’t have asked for more prayer and support in my role than what they gave me, and for that, I am deeply grateful. Indeed, not many mighty, noble people exist, but there are exceptions when God wraps catalytic people around our lives.

As I think about the legacy of DTS, every single one of us has stories of God bringing the right people at the right time. They may have been public people with prominence in their professions, or others whose businesses flourished, or those with influence in their context. God graciously provided them to come alongside us, and they were used by God to do His work in our lives.

The general rule is true: there are a few like Erastus. Perhaps he was the same city treasurer mentioned in the New Testament, who served as a turtle-lifter for Paul and remained his companion, even sending greetings from Corinth in Paul’s Letter to the Romans (Rom 16:23)? Whether this is the Erastus of Paul’s life or another Erastus in the city, the principle is still the same. Those of us who serve in ministry are not here because of our exceptional giftedness, merit, or worth. God tells us that we’re given our roles because of grace and because people came alongside us to serve as turtle-lifters.

DTS is here today because many people have graciously served in the ministry of the Seminary for over ninety-five years. We appreciate the heritage and legacy of our beloved friends and mentors. We remain grateful for the turtle-lifters who will be and are in our lives already. We pray we never forget that we exist only because of His grace and for His glory. And may we provide the lift for the next generation of God’s servant-leaders.

“It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption.”

—1 Cor 1:30

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Amy never would have dreamed God would choose her to do something great. The shy lassie, born the oldest in a family of seven, grew up in beautiful Northern Ireland, but not without pain. She and her siblings lost their daddy when they were young, leaving the family virtually destitute. Eventually she was adopted by another family who had the means to clothe and feed her.

She saw herself as “a little, ugly, shy girl.” In fact, she felt so unattractive while growing up that she shunned having her picture taken. As a teenager, she was diagnosed with a degenerative nerve disease that stayed with her the rest of her years. Ultimately that disease led to a serious struggle with arthritis, a battle she would fight the rest of her life.

Then something happened that changed her entire life. At the age of twenty, Amy was attending a Keswick Convention in England, listening to a man named Hudson Taylor share the story of his mission work in China. The year was 1888. The great missionary statesman told of what God had been doing in China and what he anticipated God would do in the future. He mentioned several times how good God was to choose him, of all people, from among the outcasts of England. By God’s grace, he had learned another language and blended into a culture far different from his own.

Amy sat there thinking, *What if God could use me to do something such as this?* And from that moment, God began to do something great through the shy, retiring Irish girl.

After a chain of events sovereignly orchestrated by her gracious God, Amy wound up at the southern tip of India, only a few miles from the ocean. She spent the next fifty-six years as a

missionary in that faraway place. Her calling was to invest in the lives of young boys and girls caught in the grip of human trafficking. They were part of the horrifying slave trade that ravaged the lives of innocent, unsuspecting children.

In those days, the trafficking was done under the guise of religion. Young girls were required to “service” the Hindu priests and those who worshiped with them. Their bodies were used, and in the process, their spirits were broken. Boys and girls alike became helpless victims. Amy’s heart went out to these broken little lives, and she invested the remainder of her years reaching out to them with the love of Christ as she freed them from prostitution.

Before her death, Amy rescued and ministered to more than a thousand victims. The Irish woman was Amy Carmichael, who ended up publishing thirty-five books. At her request, not one originally bore her name. In fact before she died, she made certain that her name would never be etched in granite.

Instead the children she had rescued, now adults, placed a birdbath over her grave which remains unmarked today. It seems appropriate: an unmarked grave over a woman who was virtually unknown in her day.

That is, until you read her words and discover that they are filled with profoundly impactful statements:

From pray’r that asks that I may be
Sheltered from winds that beat on Thee,
From fearing when I should aspire,
From falt’ring when I should climb high’r,
From silken self, O Captain, free
Thy soldier who would follow Thee.

From subtle love of softening things,
From easy choices, weakenings,
(Not thus are spirits fortified,
Not this way went the Crucified),
From all that dims Thy Calvary,
O Lamb of God, deliver me.

Give me the love that leads the way,
The faith that nothing can dismay,
The hope no disappointments tire,
The passion that will burn like fire,
Let me not sink to be a clod:
Make me Thy fuel, O flame of God.¹

What makes Amy Carmichael’s words so magnificent is that many who read them likewise view themselves as little more than worthless “clods.” Somewhere along the way, perhaps you have systematically talked yourself out of anything great God may wish to do through you. Maybe it’s because you feel

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woefully inadequate or you lack training. Perhaps you’re shy and entertain thoughts of being completely insignificant.

You look at yourself in the mirror and ask, *How could God ever choose somebody like me? I mean, it would be unlikely for God to notice me, to say nothing of using me greatly. I’m simply not qualified.*

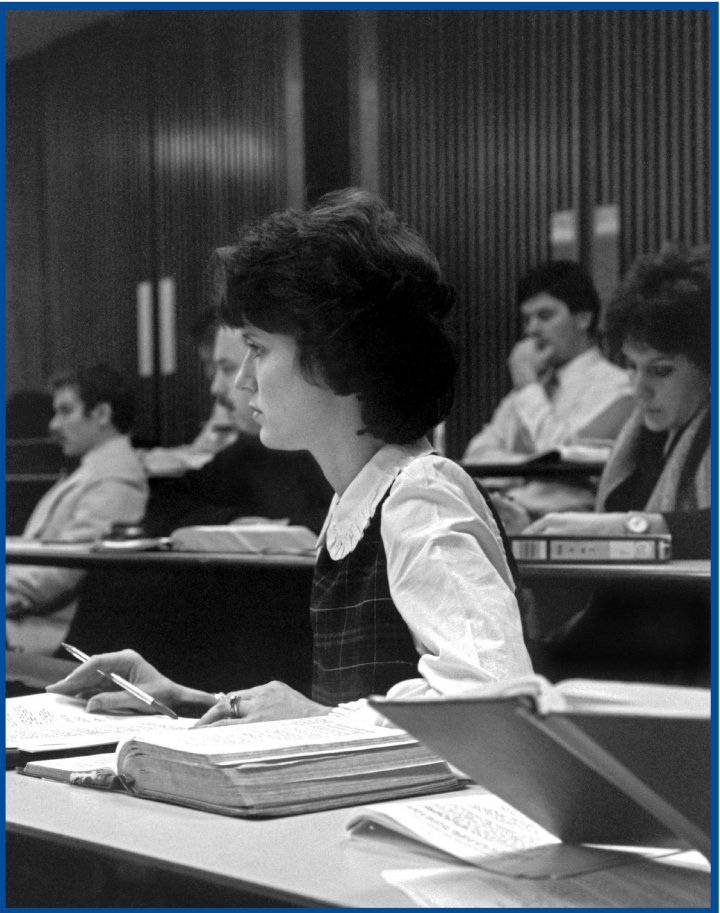
Be honest, now . . . does that sound like you? Every time you look in the mirror, do you talk yourself out of something great God wants to do? But *what if* God has other plans? What if He wants to choose you to do something great? Are you willing? Would you respond in faith, or run in the other direction?

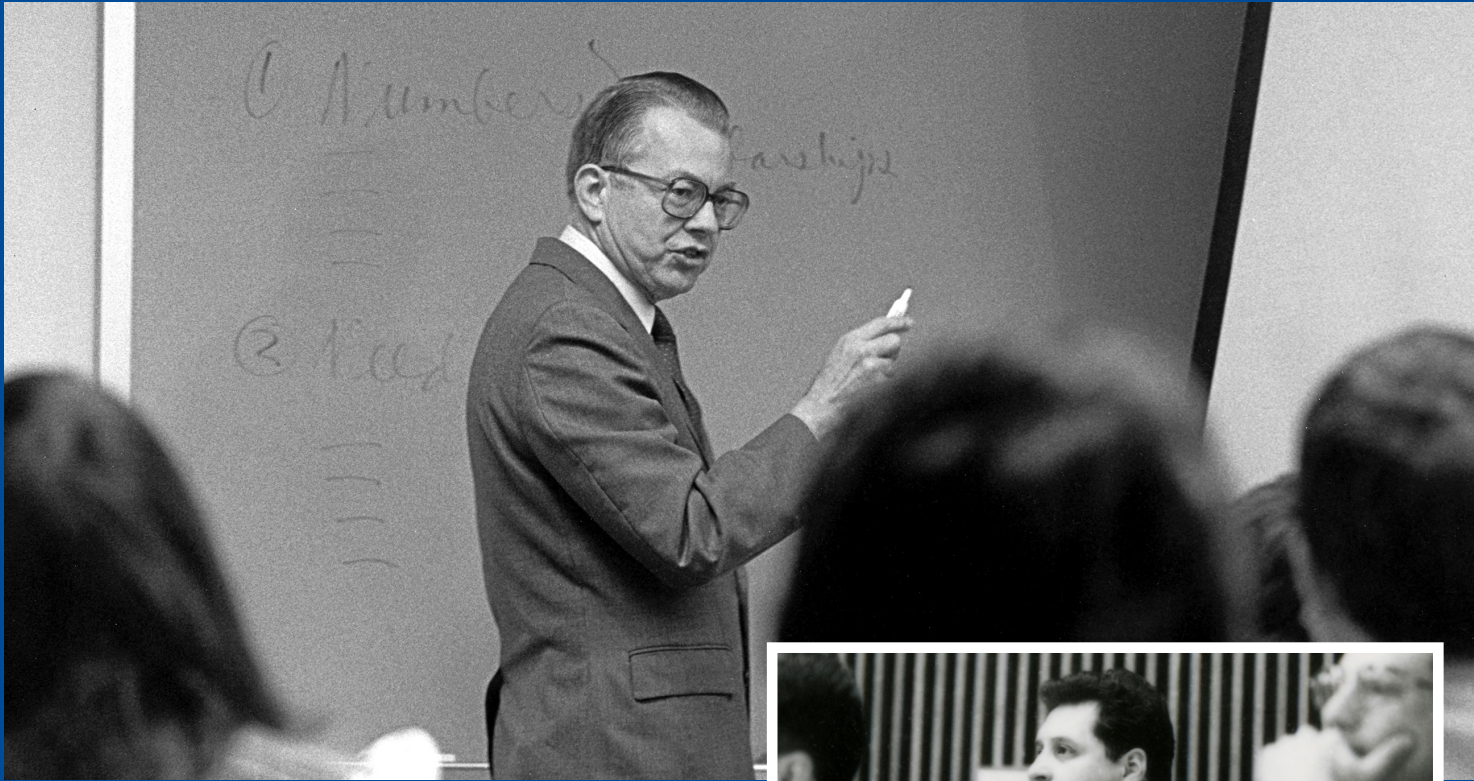
If you think you’d shrink from such a call, then welcome to the club! You’re not alone. In fact, you’re in company with one of the greatest individuals God ever chose to use greatly. This man’s name was Moses.

ONE DAY . . . GOD STEPS IN

Originally, Moses was an unlikely prospect for the Leadership Hall of Fame. The good news is that God doesn’t search through the Hall of Fame to find candidates for greatness. God often starts with losers. Washouts. Those with broken lives and downtrodden spirits. That’s where Moses found himself the day he became aware of God’s plan to use him to deliver His people, the Hebrews, from bondage in Egypt.

Upon first realizing God’s call on his life, he rolled up his sleeves and took matters into his own hands. The scene is sketched for us in Exodus, the Old Testament book that chronicles the epic story of God’s deliverance. Travel back with me to Egypt, where Moses grew up as the adopted son of Pharaoh’s daughter.





He is forty years old as the story unfolds in Exodus 2:

When Moses had grown up, he went out to visit his own people, the Hebrews, and he saw how hard they were forced to work. During his visit, he saw an Egyptian beating one of his fellow Hebrews. After looking in all directions to make sure no one was watching, Moses killed the Egyptian and hid the body in the sand. (Exod 2:11–12, NLT)

much like you do when you sit down at your computer or go to work in your shop. Or when you're fixing supper for your family. Or when you're boarding a plane to take the next leg of a business trip. Same song, forty-first verse. Until one day...God steps on the scene.

This is a good place for me to pause and point out three common mistakes people make when attempting to take life into their own hands, just like Moses did when he was a proud prince of Egypt.

We Run Before We're Sent

There are times when we allow the intensity of our vision to shove us prematurely into our own agenda. Moses felt the need to act and begin the process of delivering God's people from oppression. Yet that's not what God was leading him to do. He ran ahead before he was sent. The result was an impulsive act that led to a colossal disaster.

We Retreat After We've Failed

After we've blown it, our tendency is to retreat. We start to lick our wounds. We know we've made a mess of our lives, so our insecurity bursts into full bloom. In our insecurity, we begin our retreat. It's in those times we begin to doubt God could ever use us again. Better stated, we become convinced He won't. Whether you've served time in prison, gone through a divorce,

or committed an act of unfaithfulness in your marriage, your shame may lead you to believe the chance for God to use you is over. Regardless of the reason for your insecurity, it may lead you to retreat after you've failed.

We Resist When We're Called

As was the case for Moses, God has a way of stepping in and surprising us. In His grace, He chooses to use us after we've failed. God may be speaking into your situation at a time when you feel most unprepared or wholly inadequate. Perhaps you feel that way because of your age—you're either too young or too old. Or maybe you struggle with a physical disability or you battle depression or you have a dark period in your past that you're ashamed of. You'll do anything in your power to keep all that from being exposed. Whatever the cause, those feelings of inferiority block your ability to hear God's voice. So you resist because of inferiority.

Moses sat stalled in the desert for forty years, tending the same flock of smelly sheep. His skin was brown from the sun, thickened by the wind, and hardened from the continual blast of desert sand. His attitude matched the chafed exterior of his sun-beaten brow. Alone, washed up, out to pasture, long past his prime. An eighty-year-old has-been.

Yet that's when his real story begins...

As I mentioned earlier, it was like any other day. There was no angelic skywriting: "Pay attention, Moses! God will show up and speak today. Watch out for burning bushes—God is in the flame!" Nope, none of that. Moses hadn't been warned the night before in a dream. Instead, the sun rose that morning just like it had for the past forty years of his life in the desert. Another sunrise, another hot blast of the scorching desert wind. Then, suddenly, something happened that captured his attention:

One day Moses was tending the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian. He led the flock far into the wilderness and came to Sinai, the mountain of God. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a blazing fire from the middle of a bush. Moses stared in amazement. Though the bush was engulfed in flames, it didn't burn up. "This is amazing," Moses said to himself. "Why isn't that bush burning up? I must go see it." (Exod 3:1–3, NLT)

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In that unexpected moment, God stepped in. That's how it works. God doesn't make preannouncements. He doesn't shout at us from some divine pinnacle. He uses "one day" moments to say, in effect, "Hey! Are you there? Are you listening?"

That's His way.

NOTES

1. Richard H. Schmidt, *God Seekers: Twenty Centuries of Christian Spiritualities* (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2008), 268.

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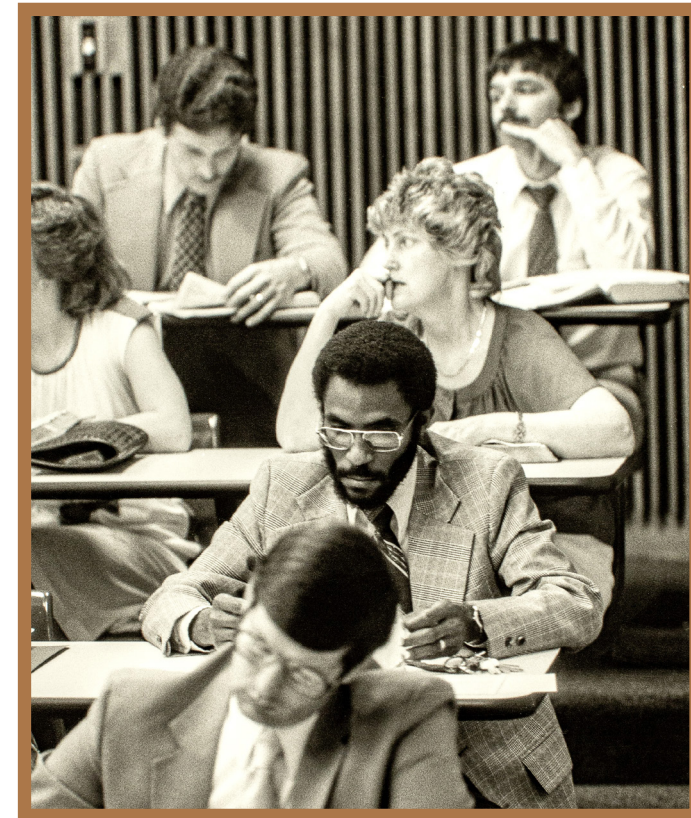
Passing the Test

The complexities of life in our modern society put many a father to a severe test. Providing adequately for the needs of a growing family is a demanding and often wearisome task. In addition, he must spend time with his family and should participate in civic and community affairs. Where does God fit into this picture? Is it possible today to fulfill the exhortation of Jesus, “But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well” (Matt 6:33)?

A dramatic chapter in the life of Abraham, recorded in Genesis 22, answers the question for all time. The patriarch in his old age was rejoicing in the company of Isaac, the son of promise. Life was flowing smoothly. Ishmael was gone and there was no more dissension in the camp. Suddenly Abraham’s life seemed to be shattered by a command from God, a command that burst on his calm, serene life like a bolt out of the clear sky. It was the most grievous trial of his life.

Wrote Ken Hanna (ThM, 1961; ThD, 1964), “Life has a way of confronting us with crises when we least expect them. Secure in our routine, warm contentment marks most days. Then with the suddenness of an earthquake, a crisis shatters our peace of mind. Do you ever wonder about a God who allows your life to be disrupted by some unpleasant experience, by some tragedy? It is not difficult for us to see God’s hand in the enjoyable things that happen to us. That is clearly a God of love giving us what is best. But, how can misfortune be allowed by such a loving God? How can the loss of someone or something dear to us be for our good? Abraham learned by experience that you can trust God even in crisis.”

The command to offer Isaac as a burnt offering was designed to test Abraham’s love for God. Abraham had already done a great deal to prove his devotion. He had torn himself from his own country and relatives; he had become a homeless wanderer in a strange land; he had renounced the hopes built on Ishmael and had driven him from the camp—but his new test was a trial that had to come. Isaac was a child of Abraham’s old age, and the danger was that his great love for this special son would crowd out the love of God. The Lord, therefore, would test Abraham to determine who was first in his life: Isaac, his son or God?



Declared C. S. Lewis, “If we keep God at the center of things, it is possible to suppose that pain is his method for training us for better things than we understand. If a man really cherishes his dog, he will do things to it which from the animal’s point of view must at times impugn the goodness of the master. Thus love may punish where indifference would allow the dog its own way. When we ask God to love us, we may be getting more than we bargained for.”

And the test came to Abraham without a single word of explanation. Dr. Joseph Parker, the famed London preacher, declared, “The innocent ones are impoverished and scourged. Wealth honestly gotten is scattered beyond recovery. The most useful workers

in the church are laid aside by sickness. Those who would gladly be foremost in the Lord’s work must stand aside because of pain and illness. No reason is given. Those who are nearest to God . . . bear the hardest trials, without His giving them a single word of explanation.”

It has been said that the reason God does not explain the mystery of suffering is because He wants our confidence.

Abraham’s response to God’s call was immediate and decisive. Father and son arose early, perhaps to slip away before the lad’s mother was awake. Interestingly, the Bible does not record Abraham’s personal reaction to this test of faith and love. It may well be that Abraham tossed on his bed through the hours of the night for it seemed that God was contradicting Himself in requiring that Isaac be offered as a burnt offering. After all, the promise was that God would establish His covenant with Isaac and his descendants after him, yet Isaac was not even married and it appeared that his life would soon end. But Abraham trusted God. His reason was taken captive by faith and he obeyed the divine command.

For three days father and son traveled the fifty miles from Beersheba to the environs of Jerusalem. We are not told of their conversation on this painful journey. Upon arrival, Abraham and Isaac began the ascent up the mountain with the wood for the sacrifice laid on the back of Isaac. Abraham carried the knife, the means of destruction, and the fire. The tension of the narrative grows. Isaac called to Abraham’s attention the absence of the sacrificial lamb. No doubt father and son had often offered sacrifices and the

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piercing question touched Abraham to the quick. He answered prophetically, “God will provide for Himself a lamb.” Isaac, the submissive son, was bound. He lay on the altar gazing into the tearful eyes of the father.


But God did not abandon Abraham in the hour of his severe test. He never does. When the knife was raised high, its blade gleaming in the rays of the morning sun, God provided a way of escape. From the precise moment of Abraham’s obedience at the beginning of the journey, God began to make preparations for this hour. First, the Angel of the Lord, the preincarnate



Christ, appeared to Abraham and said, “For I know that God is first in your life” (Gen 22:12, TLB). Abraham had passed the test. Father and son then joyfully offered the ram as a sacrifice of thanksgiving and worship.

The reward to Abraham for putting God first was one of great magnitude. The Lord reaffirmed His covenant with Abraham, promising to multiply greatly his descendants and to bless all nations through them.

Abraham was prepared to give Isaac, his only son, to God and thus proved his faith for all generations to behold. James wrote, “Was not our father Abraham considered righteous for what he did when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? You see that his faith and his actions were working together, and his faith was made complete by what he did” (Jas 2:21–22).



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Walking with God

When it first happened, you could hardly understand it. You had been seeking something that was missing in your life—an inner peace, a sense of having found the real meaning of life. You had struggled with your own failures, your foreboding sense of God’s disapproval, and you had struggled to comprehend what Christians spoke about when they said they had found peace with God.

Gradually the light dawned. You began to understand that your problems were too great for you to solve, but that God had provided a way of salvation. Somehow Christ in His love had opened the way for forgiveness and renewal when He died on the cross. In His resurrection, Christ had proved that He was indeed all that He claimed to be: the Son of God and the Savior of those who put their trust in Him. Then came the venture of faith, the simple belief that it was so, that Christ had actually died for your sins and that you had put your trust in Him as your Savior.

Next came that indescribable sense of relief. You had found the secret of life and of a new vital relationship to God. Now you had a wonderful peace. Your sins were forgiven. God had accepted you as His child. You had experienced what it means to be born again by faith in Jesus Christ. A new chapter in your life had begun. It was a new adventure, a new experience of what it means to walk with God.

Although your experience differed from that of many others who had had similar struggles to find the Truth, the important fact was that you had found Christ and that Christ had found you, and in that new relationship there was promise for the

present and for the future. While you still could not define completely all that had happened, the important fact was that now you were a new creature in Christ.

But there were questions. As you observed the lives of others who claimed to be Christians, you saw that all of them were not the same. Some seemed to have a much closer walk with God than others, and some who claimed to be Christian could hardly be distinguished from those who were not. What was the secret of really walking with God? How could your life be what it ought to be now that you were a Christian?

As you sought answers to these important questions, you discovered part of the problem was yourself. You soon woke up to the fact that although you were a new creature in Christ, this did not automatically cause you to make the right choices or to have the right desires. There was an enemy within. As you studied the Bible, you discovered that God’s Word takes this into consideration. Scripture recognizes that Christians are far from perfect and, accordingly, speaks of the “flesh” and “its lusts” as in Romans 13:14. You discovered that even Paul had a tremendous inner struggle and confessed, “I find then the principle that evil is present in

me, the one who wants to do good” (Rom 7:21*). But when Paul raised the question, “Who will set me free from the body of this death?” he also gave the answer. “Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!” (Rom 7:24–25). The way to be delivered from our inner temptation to sin is through the same person who delivered us from the guilt of sin, that is, through Jesus Christ.

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As you studied the matter further, you discovered that the secret of overcoming this inner tendency to sin was to “walk by the Spirit” as Paul mentions in Galatians 5:16. In other words, the Spirit of God who indwells Christians is able to give them strength to overcome sin and to fulfill the will of God if they will yield their lives to Him.

A milestone in your spiritual experience was when you discovered Romans 12:1–2. There the whole matter was brought into perspective. Paul wrote in verse 1, “Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, *which is* your spiritual service of worship” (Rom 12:1). You found that even though you were imperfect, God would accept your sacrifice because you belong to Christ.

Walking with the Lord accordingly meant walking in dependence on the Holy Spirit who indwelt you, submitting to the directions which Christ Himself would give as the Spirit guided your life. Unlike your accepting Christ, which was an act once for all, you found that this was to be a daily experience. Even when you failed, if you confessed your sins and yielded yourself to God, He would forgive you and restore you into an intimate walk of fellowship (1 John 1:9).

But your problems did not stop when you found God’s provision for victory over yourself. You soon learned that your new Christian faith required a standard of life that was different from what the world around you was following. Here again, Paul came to your rescue and in Romans 12:2 he wrote, “And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.”

The secret of living as Christians in a world that is hostile to Christian standards and values, you discovered, was twofold. First, you should not conform to the world outwardly. This does not mean that you had to dress in a peculiar way as some Christians have done, or that you had to label everything that the world says and does as evil. For instance, it was not wrong to use an automobile instead of a horse and buggy. But you did have to sort out what is good and evil in the world and, as Paul indicates, you were not to shape your life according to the pattern the world offers.

Not only should there be nonconformity to the world outwardly, but second, the real secret was an inner change, a renewed mind, a new insight into the real values and goals and meanings of life. The Bible became more important than

the newspaper, and prayer more important than the latest newscast. Now you had to look at things from God’s point of view, and realize that you were out of step with the world about you because you were in step with an unseen world that related to heaven.

The goals of the world—to acquire material wealth and material things, to attain position and cater to pride—were not to be your goals. The tendency to satisfy the desires of the body that were evil and opposed to walking with God had to be replaced by the desire to be pleasing to God and to live for eternal things. It affected how you spent your time, how you spent your energy, how you spent your money, and how you related to people. You were in the world, but you were not of the world: and God had planned this so that you could be a light to the world that was without light.

Your Christian experience matured and you learned something else that you had not realized before. There were not only problems with yourself and problems with your world, but you were also involved in a spiritual conflict. Here again you found that Paul’s experience corresponded to your own when he wrote, “For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual *forces* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*” (Eph 6:12). You found that all Christians are in a spiritual conflict where they were not only at war with themselves and the world, but they were also contending against an unseen enemy, the devil and forces of evil.

Surprising as this is, you discovered that here, again, the Word of God anticipated this problem. Paul again revealed the divine plan to enable Christians to conquer Satan and resist all his temptations. He described it in Ephesians 6 as putting on the armor of God, and followed it with the exhortation, which sums it all up: “Stand firm therefore, **HAVING GIRDLED YOUR LOINS WITH TRUTH, and HAVING PUT ON THE BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, and having shod YOUR FEET WITH THE PREPARATION OF THE GOSPEL OF PEACE**; in addition to all, taking up the shield of faith with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil *one*. And take **THE HELMET OF SALVATION**, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God” (Eph 6:14–17).

Your defenses against Satan were: the Truth which God provides, a righteous life made possible by the power of the Spirit, and relating your life to the proclamation of the gospel. Satan especially hates soul-winners, and anyone using the shield of faith, thereby trusting God for protection from him. In the battle you would need to hide again and again behind the fact that you were saved by, in effect, putting on the helmet of salvation. Above all, you were to use the sword of

the Spirit—the Word of God—which Christ Himself used so effectively in resisting Satan’s temptations.

Walking with God involved so many diverse experiences and scriptural truths that it was not easy to put it all together. But the important point was that you were walking *with God*. While walking, by its nature, is trusting your limbs to carry you, and involves effort on your part, you did not walk alone. As you walked with God, you were able to overcome your own sinful tendencies and live a life that was well pleasing to God.

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Walking with God you would be conformed to His will, not being conformed to the world, but being transformed within. Walking with God you would be able to face the temptations of Satan by putting on the armor of God, resisting him and having victory in your spiritual life.

As you thought it all through, you realized that walking with God is a supernatural experience in which every Christian can sense

God’s presence and power—even though we cannot see Him with our physical eyes. It is God’s plan that as we walk with Him in this present evil world, we will be prepared for our walk with God through eternity. Then we will be in His holy presence and earth’s temptations will be far removed.

Right now, however, the most crucial issue of our life is whether we are really walking with God. This is more important than what we are doing for Him, what we give to Him, or what we attain by way of earthly recognition for achievement. God is more interested in us and our relationship to Him than in anything we are doing or experiencing. Accordingly, as we walk through this world, let’s be sure we are walking with God and not foolishly attempting to walk without Him.

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Dr. Chafer’s choice of **John F. Walvoord** (ThM, 1934; ThD, 1936), his protégé and associate since 1935, to be his successor as president was confirmed soon after Dr. Chafer’s death. In addition to his outstanding administrative skills, Dr. Walvoord was a leading dispensational, premillennial theologian. He served as professor of systematic theology for fifty years and authored and edited more than thirty biblical and theological works, many in prophetic studies. He served as the second president of DTS from 1952 to 1986.

Dr. Mark M. Yarbrough Named as the Sixth President of DTS



The Board of Incorporate Members named current vice president for academic affairs, Dr. Mark M. Yarbrough, as the sixth president of Dallas Theological Seminary on Friday, October, 25, 2019.

Dr. Yarbrough (ThM, 1996; PhD, 2008) has served as a member of the faculty and administration including vice president for academic affairs (2012–present), academic dean (2012–19), executive director of communications and information technology (2004–12), and research assistant to the president (2001–04). He has also served on faculty in the Bible Exposition department since 2003. Before coming to DTS in 2001, Dr. Yarbrough served as a vice president of enrollment management, director of admissions, and professor at Dallas Christian College.

The Presidential Search Committee, chaired by Mr. David Stevens, was established when Dr. Bailey announced his retirement in 2018. They selected one of the nation’s leading executive recruiting firms, The Dingman Company, to help manage an extensive national and global presidential search. Mr. Robert Murchison, chairman of the Board of Incorporate Members, announced, “While the presidential search committee did a thorough and outstanding job identifying potential candidates and narrowing it down to a few finalists, the board has unanimously selected Dr. Yarbrough to lead DTS into the future.”

“God has prepared Mark to be a uniquely qualified leader,” Mr. Stevens explained. “The combination of his passion for the Lord, proven organizational leadership, scholarly excellence, and informed cultural engagement will serve him well as the president

of DTS. The board is excited to serve with him and see what the Lord will continue to do through DTS.”

Mr. Murchison added, “The board is thrilled that Dr. Yarbrough will be the next president of Dallas Theological Seminary. Once again, the Lord has displayed His faithfulness through the provision of outstanding leadership to advance the mission of the Seminary to equip godly servant-leaders for the proclamation of His Word and the building up of the body of Christ worldwide.”

Dr. Yarbrough will succeed Dr. Mark L. Bailey, who has served nineteen years as the Seminary’s president as a part of his thirty-five years on the faculty and in other leadership roles. Dr. Bailey will leave his tenure as president on June 30, 2020, and will continue to serve at the Seminary in the role of chancellor.

“I have watched God develop the character and competence of a leader in Mark Yarbrough,” Dr. Bailey shared. “I know of no one better qualified to steward the sacred trust of leadership at DTS, and I am thrilled to pass the baton to him this summer.”

Dr. Yarbrough commented on how “God’s faithfulness to this institution has abounded through the tireless service of men and women since its inception. It has been an honor to be a part of this community, and I am humbled by the invitation to serve in this new role.”

For more information about Dr. Yarbrough, please visit his website at markyarbrough.org.



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DTS Arts Week, “Stories We Tell,” held special events such as “Stories and Mental Health: How Stories Frame Our Identity and Relationships,” featuring Andi Thacker (MABC, 2006) and Michelle Woody (MABC, 2010). This year’s guest chapel lecturer was DTS professor Todd Agnew (ThM, 2018), who spoke on the purpose and method of writing songs for the church.

To watch the Arts Week chapel messages, please go to voice.dts.edu/chapel.



1 Buc-ee®, the supplier of Beaver Nuggets, was persuaded to enroll at DTS and will now serve with Dr. George Hillman in the department of Student Life. He knows teaching truth and loving well is fundamental!

2 Congratulations to this year’s four recipients of the Nathan Maier scholarship. From left to right: Caleb Foley, Cole Burgett, Russell Almand, and Yazan Fakhoury.

3 Current students Britt Ousley and Duncan Perry enjoy a refreshing, sweet time as they savor frozen pops from Steel City Pops outside on the Great Lawn.

4 Volunteers gather to pray as they prepare for the 24th annual Christmas Service Project that provides Seminary students a Christmas dinner gift. To date, the project has had the privilege of serving more than 2,000 families by encouraging them and helping them prepare for the Christmas season.

5 President-elect Mark Yarbrough (ThM, 1996; PhD, 2008) recently taught “The Story of Scripture” in Fort Worth, hosted by Christ Chapel Bible Church. Students in Fort Worth have a variety of ways they can take courses: fully online courses, video conference courses, and weekend-intensive courses that meet one weekend per semester.

6 Congratulations to the Student Life team! They are the 2019 winners of the annual interdepartmental Christmas decorating contest. They decorated their area as the North Pole, which included lots of snow, Santa, and the Elf.

7 Country singer Blaine Larsen (MACL, 2018) recently released an album that consists of eight songs—five classic Christmas songs and three original songs. “Waiting for the Christ” was written as a collaboration with Blaine, songwriter Barry Zito, and DTS professor Dr. Glenn Kreider (ThM, 1990; PhD, 2001). Go to voice.dts.edu/videostory/blaine-larsen to view his story.

8 Faculty and staff celebrate on the Great Lawn, where a kickoff pep rally that included a snow cone truck, popcorn, and cotton candy initiated “Project Titan.” Over the next several months, DTS will implement the full suite of Campus Management Corp.’s CampusNexus® products to serve DTS students better and to ensure the Seminary is well prepared for future growth. Pray for us!





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...Belief

It is utterly out of the question that any man could ever save himself. Of course, it depends on what we mean by “being saved.” If it is merely to make oneself a little better citizen in this world, perhaps with a good deal of effort one could bring that to pass. But if it is a matter of writing one’s name in heaven, of forgiving one’s sin forever, of imparting eternal life, or of clothing one’s self in the righteousness of God, surely we must declare—if we are honest at all—that this is something we cannot do.

And, we are just as ready to admit that all the people in the world put together—should they undertake to do this for us—could not approach one of these things. God alone is able to save. The whole plan and thought of saving sinners originated with God. It never originated with man. They hardly identify it when it is brought to them, and oftentimes they have no response to it at all.

With God, this proposition of saving sinners is the most intrinsic, the most enticing, and the most desirable thing. All His love is expressed in that salvation. It is the outlet of His infinite love toward the sinner. To Him that plan of saving the lost is more important than it could be to all of those that are lost put together. It’s worthwhile to fix in our mind that the salvation of one’s soul means more to God than it means ever to the soul. It means more to God to have us saved than it means to all the saved people together.

It is His great satisfaction in the exercise of His love in behalf of us. And because He loves us, He has devised this. He has taken away the hindrances which we could not remove. All this unworthiness, all this intense sinfulness as seen by His holy eye, is removed. He Himself did this long, long ago—before ever we were born.

He prepared the situation into which we should come and provided the salvation which would be unhindered by our sins. People are constantly saying, “Oh, I am not worthy to be a Christian. I am not worthy.” But friend, every unworthy thing that you can name, or God can name, in your life has been taken by the Son of God onto the cross and borne for you. The only other thing that hinders God’s infinite love from saving you is your own will.

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life . . . He that believeth on him is not condemned. . . .These are written, that ye might believe that

Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name. . . .Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved” (John 3:16, 18; 20:31; Acts 16:31, KJV). These words are only a fraction of what the New Testament declares.

Upwards of one hundred and fifty passages in the New Testament condition our salvation upon the one thing: believing. Nothing else. It is ruinous, tragic to add anything. Just the one thing: “believe . . . and thou shalt be saved.” Thirty-five passages use another word, which is of course just a synonym, and that is “faith.”

This great principle of turning from confidence in ourselves or anything else and looking directly

to the Lord Jesus Christ—the only qualified Savior in all this universe—that principle of looking to Him is *faith* or *believing*.

The great apostle described his attitude when he said, “I know whom I have believed.” I have believed Him, He is my Savior. He has told me of His saving grace, and I believe it. It answers all the burdens and the distress of my heart and life forever. I believe on Him.

The whole plan and thought of saving sinners originated with God. It never originated with man. They hardly identify it when it is brought to them, and oftentimes they have no response to it at all.



Now there are constantly those who are insisting that there must be something added to this one simple requirement of believing. “You must believe and repent,” or “you must believe and pray,” and so on.

But dear friend, if that were true, if anything were to be added to the one requirement of believing, then every one of these one hundred and fifty passages are incomplete. And if that were true, when Christ told Nicodemus that “God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life,” Christ was only telling Nicodemus a part of the truth and left him stranded without knowing it all.



And when Paul and Silas said to that Philippian jailer when he asked, “What must I do to be saved?” “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house,” were they giving him only a partial statement? Are they to be reprimanded for having misguided this poor man and leaving something so important out?


My dear friend, never confuse the issue of the greatest passages of the New Testament that have to do with the human responsibility in this question of being saved. It is just one and only one thing. Believe. Why?

Because that’s the only thing we can do. The other things add nothing at all. Shall I have to soften God with my tears? Must I persuade Him with my pleading? Have I got to make a public display in what I think? All of this is utter folly when we are dealing with God in a matter of this kind.

Look at the great elements that make up our salvation: our name is written in heaven, our eternal life is bestowed, our sins are forgiven, and we are clothed in the righteousness of God. Who is going to do this?

God said that He will do it through Jesus Christ. It’s made possible on the grounds of what Christ did for us on the cross. Therefore, I can’t add anything. There is nothing for me to cooperate in. There’s not some teamwork here in which I do my part and He does His part. I fall helplessly and hopelessly at His feet and into His hands and His arms.

I simply commit myself to the saving grace of God as it is through Jesus Christ our Lord. He never refused one who came like that. Therefore, once more, I leave the word definitely, definitely upon you today. “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved.”




*The capstone of **LEWIS SPERRY CHAFER**'s life as a musician, evangelist, and Bible conference speaker—in addition to founding and teaching theology at DTS—was the publication of his eight-volume Systematic Theology, the last of his books. Dr. Chafer's presence was a blessing and benediction to his students. He served as the first president of DTS from 1924 to 1952.*

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In Memory

Stanton (Scotty) E. McClenny (1952) passed away on October 27, 2019. Scotty's thirty-year Presbyterian ministry included planting and pastoring churches in Idaho, Oregon, Minnesota, and Alaska. He remained involved in community and veterans' organizations. After full-time church ministry, he worked as a hospital chaplain and as part of the school maintenance staff in the Seattle, Washington, area. Scotty was a kind gentleman who was generous with his time and energy. He dearly loved His Lord, family, church, and country.

Kenneth C. Istre (1954) died on November 4, 2019. During his sixty-four years of ministry, Kenneth ministered at the Locust Street Church of Christ, Johnson City, Tennessee; Piedmont Church of Christ, Dallas, Texas; Amite Church of Christ, Amite, Louisiana; Hayden's Grove Church of Christ, Amite, Louisiana; Abbeville Church of Christ, Abbeville, South Carolina; and Shiloh Church of Christ, Loranger, Louisiana.

Philip L. Whisenhunt (ThM, 1956) passed away on September 18, 2019. After graduating from DTS, Phil served as an assistant pastor in Columbus, Ohio, before serving as the senior pastor at Racine Bible Church in Racine, Wisconsin, for eighteen years. He later pastored Waterford Community Church in Waterford, Michigan, for sixteen years. Upon retirement, Phil served as interim pastor for many churches through the Calhoun County Baptist Association. He continued to preach and sing every Sunday at NHC Place, Anniston, Alabama. He loved God's Word and God's people.



Oong Choi (1958) died on August 11, 2019. Oong worked as an electrical engineer with RCA in Pennsylvania for twenty years. He then founded Sigma Electronics, Vista Lite Bicycle Lights Company, and Roamer. Oong was a respected member of the community and served on the boards of Reese Metals and Messiah College for some years. His passion was studying and preaching the Bible throughout his lifetime. Oong was a founding elder of Westminster Reformed Presbyterian Church in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and helped plant several smaller churches as part of its outreach ministry.

Malcolm J. Borden (ThM, 1959) passed away on August 8, 2019. Mal enjoyed sharing his knowledge of God's Word through teaching and preaching for over sixty years—most recently at First Baptist Church of St. Johns, Michigan—until the age of eighty-seven. Malcolm served as a lifelong pastor and missionary, retiring from the American Missionary Fellowship. A loving husband, father, and grandfather, Mal loved the Lord and studying God's Word.

William B. Reed (ThM, 1961) died on October 22, 2019. Bill pastored Calvary Bible Church in Westport, Massachusetts, for eight years before pastoring and retiring from First Baptist Church in Waterford, Connecticut.

Donald J. Hudson (ThM, 1963) passed away on November 26, 2019. After starting a Christian bookstore called The Lamplighter, Don spent his working career in the Christian book and Bible industry holding positions with David C. Cook Publishing Company, Christian Booksellers Association, and

Former DTS professor, **Dr. Walt Baker** (ThM, 1957) peacefully passed away on January 21, 2020, at the age of ninety. Baker was on faculty from 1974 to 2008, during which he served as associate professor of Missions, advisor for Student Missions Fellowship, organizer of the annual World Evangelization Conference, and an adjunct professor of World Missions and Intercultural Studies (1995–2002). Baker also served as a resident mentor at The Hendricks Center for Christian Leadership and after retirement served at DTS as associate professor emeritus in the World Missions and Intercultural Studies department (2002–08). He wrote "Obadiah" in *The Bible Knowledge Commentary* (Victor Books) and articles on short-term missions for multiple mission magazines. He is well known for the Summer Missionary Internship (SMI) in which the Bakers took groups of students to live and work with them for eight weeks in Haiti, under the auspices of Unevangelized Fields Missions (now Crossworld). They purposely chose a mix of students from seminary, Bible colleges, and secular universities to get experience working in the mission field.

Zondervan Publishing House. He was an ardent student of God's Word and loved to read Christian books. He faithfully served God's people through ministry at churches he attended, most recently at Grace Community Church in Nashville, Tennessee. Don was a beloved husband, father, and grandfather, who was a godly example to his family, colleagues, and community.

Raymond A. Acker (ThM, 1964) died on August 15, 2019. Ray was a retired US Army Chaplain and missionary working with Grace and Truth Evangelistic Association, Biblical Ministries Worldwide, and Philadelphia Biblical University.

H. David Clark (ThM, 1964; ThD, 1967) died on October 24, 2019. Dave taught at Cornerstone University in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and served as chairman of the Bible department before pastoring churches in Portage, Michigan; Arlington, and Walnut Creek, Virginia; and. He also worked as the executive vice president of Grace Fellowship International, a Christian counseling center in Denver, Colorado. After a career as a real estate broker, Dave returned to ministry, pastoring Millbrae Bible Church and First Baptist Church of San Bruno.

James F. Williams (ThM, 1964) passed away on September 24, 2019. Jimmy worked with Cru in Dallas and California until he cofounded Probe Ministries International in Richardson, Texas. He spoke about apologetics designed for college students in hundreds of campuses, classrooms, and churches across the world. Jimmy also sang with the Dallas Opera and was regularly

accompanied by his wife, Carol, on the piano. Jimmy loved his Lord, the Word, his family, the mountains, trout fishing, chocolate, and singing arias for unsuspecting people.

Gerald L. Kestner (1966) passed away on October 3, 2019. Jerry was an entrepreneur and enjoyed a long career in sales. He had a passion for computer technology and helping others through his gentle nature. Jerry loved to make people laugh and had a gift for finding humor in the most difficult of situations.

Samuel L. Canine (ThM, 1967) died on September 1, 2019. Sam pastored in Ohio before teaching evangelism at Moody Bible Institute. He completed his PhD in communication at Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio, before serving as a professor of pastoral ministries at DTS. Sam, with Dr. Kenn Gangel, wrote *Communication and Conflict Management in Churches and Christian Organizations* and authored the course Interpersonal Relations and Conflict Management in Christian Organizations. He also served as a consultant in homiletics with Zondervan Publishing House. Sam was also the associate pastor of education at Memorial Baptist Church in Houston, Texas, where he started Memorial Bible Institute.

Michael R. Tucker (ThM, 1967) passed away on September 1, 2019. Mike loved to preach, always using humor, stories, and illustrations to help listeners understand the Bible while never lacking scholarship. He pastored in Birmingham, Alabama, before serving as pastor of Pulpit Rock Church in Colorado Springs, Colorado, during which he earned his doctoral degree from Denver Seminary. Michael then pastored Bethany Community Church in Tempe, Arizona, and Faith Community Church in Chandler, Arizona. He loved to ride motorcycles, hike, and fish. Mike served at 21st Century Ministries, a counseling and church consulting firm.

Richard L. Ogden (ThM, 1968) died on September 15, 2019. Dick pastored four churches in Colorado, Texas, and South Dakota for over thirty years before his retirement. He loved reading books about the Old West, watching TV shows, and playing card games with his family and friends. In retirement,

Dick enjoyed writing to convert his favorite sermons into book form. He loved his grandchildren, prayed for them, and encouraged them.

Louis B. Hamada (MABS, 1978). After many years as an Arabic and Western classical musician, Louis became a world-renowned theologian and missiologist. He authored four books, including *Understanding the Arab World*, and discipled pastors and missionaries. His works were radically transformative in organizational approaches to Muslim evangelism. He taught at many churches and seminaries in the US, Singapore, and Europe, including Columbia Biblical Seminary, Biola University, and DTS. His classic dry wit, loving heart, infectious conviction, appreciation of music and art, solid dedication to Jesus Christ, and integrity endeared him to his friends and family.

Gary G. DeSalvo (ThM, 1981) passed away on August 26, 2019. He pastored Temple Bible Church in Temple, Texas, for thirty-eight years and was a steadfast leader and a gifted teacher. Gary's humor and warmth endeared him to many who affectionately knew him as Pastor Gary. While he diligently taught biblical truth, he was humble and genuine. He had a heart for global missions and helped start pastors' conferences in Ukraine and Rwanda. He faithfully served on several boards, including OMF Mission, Christian Discipleship Ministries (CDM), and the City of Temple Civil Service Commissioner for the Fire and Police Departments.

W. Michael McGuire (ThM, 1982) passed away on November 16, 2019.

George H. Redington (ThM, 1983) died on November 16, 2019. George pastored churches in Lodi, California; Calgary, Alberta; and Ellinwood, Hudson, Lorraine, and St. John, Kansas, for thirty-six years.

James E. Galloway (ThM, 1985) died on November 21, 2019. Through Hebrew Christian Fellowship, Jim sought creative ways to reach the Jewish people in the Philadelphia area with the gospel. He established Creation 6 Reptiles, using reptiles to point people to Jesus through discussions about creation and the gospel. After twenty-two years of professional ministry, Jim became the



Reverend **Robert W. Crummie** (ThM, 1996), devoted member of the DTS Board of Regents and Board of Incorporate Members, beloved pastor and college president, loving husband and father of two, and extraordinary leader and friend, unexpectedly passed away on Thursday, January 2, 2020. Robert served as the fifth president of Carver College in Atlanta, Georgia, for nineteen years, working tirelessly to grow the school. He faithfully pastored Mount Calvary Missionary Baptist Church in College Park, Georgia, for twenty-one years. He loved his congregation dearly. Robert received an honorary doctorate from the Denver Institute of Urban Studies in Denver, Colorado. He loved sports, especially basketball. Rev. Crummie was a gifted preacher, speaker, and leader who inspired people with his faith and hope in God. His life vision was simply to go to heaven and take as many people with him as possible. Rev. Crummie loved to ride his motorcycles and play basketball. He is survived by his beloved wife, Dr. Carla Michelle, his son, Robert Wayne II, and his daughter, Meagan Michelle.

sexton at Keystone Fellowship Church in Montgomeryville, Pennsylvania, serving in the college and career ministry. He then became the associate pastor at First Baptist Church, Clearbrook, Minnesota, and served in recovery ministries with the Mustard Seed Program.

Christopher D. Bunn (ThM, 1987) died on July 29, 2019. Chris pastored Faith Bible Fellowship in Oakland, Tennessee, for over thirty years. His legacy lives on in his family and the fellowship of Christ-followers he led and loved. Chris touched the hearts of hundreds of people and nurtured their faith and provided spiritual counsel. Most importantly, he loved Jesus Christ.

Ronald Lee Webb (ThM, 1991) passed away on October 12, 2019. Lee worked as a resident director and adjunct professor of Bible at Cedarville University in Ohio before serving as the pastor at Salisbury Bible Fellowship for twenty-two years. He was also an adjunct professor for Liberty University Online, School of Religion for eighteen years, where he recently earned his PhD in theology and apologetics. A lifelong scholar and faithful servant of God, Lee enjoyed reading, photography, and genealogy.

Anne F. Sheaffer (MABS, 1995) died on August 14, 2019. Annie cofounded the American Pregnancy Association alongside her husband, Michael, preceding the birth of their two children, Travis and Hannah. She was active in hosting weekly Bible studies for her neighborhood while being an incredible stay-at-home mom.

Annie's greatest gifts to her family were her unwavering faith in God and her beautiful smile that will be embedded in their hearts forever.

Martha Katharine Brittain (MACE, 1996) died on November 24, 2019. Kathy worked for Kidder, Peabody and Republic National Bank in Dallas, Texas, before moving to the family farm in East Texas, where she worked with cattle, raised Texas longhorns, and loved her horses and dogs. She also enjoyed gardening and growing roses. Kathy taught Sunday school in churches in Dallas, Center, and Timpson, Texas.

Robert J. Westerhaus (ThM, 1996) died on August 27, 2019. He initiated Deaf Community Church, a deaf ministry in Twin Cities, Minnesota. He then served as a pastor to the deaf at Peace Deaf Church until his retirement. Bob also worked at California-Fremont and Iowa Schools for the Deaf and taught ASL at Chaska and Edina High Schools in Minnesota. He retired as a pastor and a teacher and loved serving the Lord and leading many deaf people to find Jesus as their personal Savior.

Erica Mickels (MACE, 1999) passed away on September 22, 2019. Throughout her professional career in Christian counseling, Erica worked for Buckner Baptist Children's Home, HIS Bridge Builders, and Hope for the Heart in Dallas, Texas; Campus Crusade for Christ in Los Angeles, California, and Orlando, Florida; and Epiphany Fellowship Church in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She was a member of the Association

of Biblical Counselors, Evangelical Training Association, and One Community Church in Plano, Texas. She was commissioned as a missionary with the North American Mission Board, participating in mission trips to Ethiopia, Malawi, and various areas in the US.

Jonathan D. Booher (ThM, 2002) died on September 6, 2019. Jonathan pastored churches in central Florida, including Buckhead Ridge Baptist Church in Okeechobee and Mt. Ephraim Baptist Church in Arcadia.

Joshua P. Brown (ThM, 2010) passed away on September 30, 2019. He began his work in ministry as the youth pastor at First Baptist Church, Republic, Missouri. After graduating from DTS, he pastored in Republic, Missouri; Abingdon, Virginia; Minden, Nevada; and most recently, Springdale, Arkansas. Josh and his wife, Jenn, filled their seventeen years together with silly adventures and spoiling their dogs. Josh faithfully served the Lord and others through meaningful relationships and enjoyed telling stories and inspiring others to live life to the fullest.

Judith S. Gamble (CBTS, 2013) died on July 27, 2019. Judy was a member of Bridge Church in Knoxville, Tennessee. She served in women's ministry as a codeveloper of Beauty for Ashes, a peer-led support group for women. In her spare time, Judy also volunteered for many community outreach activities: the Love Kitchen meal delivery, the Anderson County Detention Center, and Oak Ridge Estates.



Lois I., beloved wife of Dr. **Tony Evans** (ThM, 1976; ThD, 1982) for forty-nine years, mother to Chrystal, **Priscilla** (MABS, 1998), Anthony Jr., and **Jonathan** (MACL, 2015), passed away on December 30, 2019. Lois and Tony cofounded The Urban Alternative, where she utilized her administrative skills to build the ministry's foundation, eventually becoming the executive vice-president. Her passion for ministering to other pastors' wives led to the establishment of the Pastors' Wives Ministry. Dallas Baptist University in Dallas, Texas, honored her with the Good Samaritan Award for outstanding Christian service to the community. She received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from Eastern University in Saint Davis, Pennsylvania. She dearly loved God's Word and working alongside her partner in life, her family, her five granddaughters, her eight grandsons and her two great-grandchildren. Lois's legacy was using her gifts and talents to plant many seeds that would bear fruit in the different seasons of her life.

Updates: 1950s

Helen Cotton, the beloved wife of **Dave Cotton** (ThM, 1952), recently passed away on November 16, 2019. A devoted wife and mother, loving grandmother, and Christian friend to many, Helen was known for her love for the Lord; her immediate and extended family; her churches, including the Metropolitan Baptist Church and Faith Bible Church in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; her work; and her many friends. She was devoted to praying for her grandchildren.

Maude Cardy, the wife of **Clare Cardy** (ThM, 1953; ThD, 1956), passed away on September 14, 2019. Maude and Clare served together as Bible camp administrators before coming to Dallas. While Clare attended DTS, Maude served as the dietitian of the cafeteria. She instilled in her children the importance of hospitality and generosity. She had a beautiful smile and loved to fellowship with people.

1960s

Donna Berry, the wife of **Harold Berry** (ThM, 1960), died on October 13, 2019. Donna worked at Scottish Rite Children's Hospital in orthopedic surgery in Dallas, Texas, while Harold studied at DTS. She then worked at Lincoln Christian School in Lincoln, Nebraska, and the Evangelical Bible Church and Grace University in Omaha where she faithfully served.

In his new video series on YouTube, **Wilbur Pickering** (ThM, 1968) discusses the historical evidence for the divine preservation of the New

Testament text to this day. Eleven videos make up the series averaging about twenty minutes each.

1970s

Ted VanderEnde (ThM, 1970) published a commentary in Dutch on Proverbs (*Spreuken*) in a series called "The Bridge" (*De Brug*).

Coming out of retirement, **Hal Haller** (ThM, 1971) now serves part-time as the director of Collection Development and Analysis at Luther Rice Seminary in Lithonia, Georgia.

The Evangelical Seminary of West Africa in Monrovia, Liberia, inaugurated **Rick Calenberg** (ThM, 1972) as its first president. ESWA is the only nondenominational, evangelical, graduate-level theological seminary in the country and one of only seven schools that offer graduate degrees.

Trent (ThM, 1973) and Vivian **Hyatt** celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary this year. Trent continues to teach with Cru in Eastern Europe and Russia.



Pictured above (left to right), Barbara and **Craig** (ThM, 1973; DMin, 1999) **Prather** and **Woody** (ThM, 1974; DMin, 2001) and Sue **Lewis** met up in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, last summer. Craig and Barbara serve a

Hispanic congregation in the DFW area with Avant Ministries. Woody and Sue are missionaries in France with Crossworld.

After serving as a chaplain for twenty-five years at Wheaton College in Wheaton, Illinois, **Steve Kellough** (ThM, 1974) has published *Walking with Jesus on Campus: How to Care for Your Soul During College* (Moody Publishers).

Mark Hopper (ThM, 1975) recently published *Let Me Encourage You*, a collection of 365 articles and stories that he wrote over the past ten years for a local paper.

For his fifth ministry assignment since graduation from DTS, **Larry Pillow** (ThM, 1977) leads WeCan, a growing network of fifteen long-term residential Christ-centered transformation ministries providing for over two hundred men and women who struggle with addiction.

Ursula Harris, the wife of DTS New Testament professor **Hall Harris** (ThM, 1978), passed away on December 3, 2019.

Apichart Branjerdporn (ThM, 1979) is studying Rehabilitation Counseling at Griffith University in Australia. He mentors and counsels ministers of the Uniting Church, serving nearly three months of pulpit supply at the Kenmore Uniting Church.

Dave Fouts (ThM, 1979; ThD, 1991) currently serves as the pastor of senior adults at the Fellowship Renewed Church in Sparta, Tennessee. He also

continues to serve as an elder in this young three-year-old fast-growing church plant in downtown Sparta.

1980s

Mark Blair (ThM, 1980) retired after twenty years as the senior pastor at First Baptist Church of Welcome, North Carolina.

Chuck Olson (ThM, 1980) will transition from forty years as a pastor in the local church in California to give full focus to a nonprofit he launched in 2011. Lead with Your Life exists to inspire, promote, and resource a movement of kingdom leaders who lead from the inside out. For more information, go to leadwithyourlife.com.

Brad Brown (ThM, 1981) has worked in software engineering for over thirty years, including telecommunications, medical devices, embedded software, and firmware. He currently owns and operates a business in software consulting.

Tim Demy (ThM, 1981; ThD, 1990) was appointed an honorary fellow in the Department of Theology and Religion at Durham University in the United Kingdom (2019–21).

Timothy Myers (ThM, 1982) received his DEdMin from Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Missouri.

John Check (MABS, 1983) self-published *A Methodist Minister Tells the Truth: A Memoir from Rookie to Retiree*.

Thomas (ThM, 1983; DMin, 1996) and Dickie **Rhodes** celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary with their two children, nine grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren. Tom recently wrote *Living by Grace in an Ungracious World* (Elm Hill Christian Publishers, 2019). He is enjoying retirement and serving at Waxahachie Bible Church in Texas.

After serving thirty-five years as vice president and associate provost of faculty, **Larry Davidhizar** (ThM, 1984) retired from Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, Illinois. He continues to serve for the Higher Learning Commission and Association for Biblical Higher Education.

Doug Bullock (ThM, 1985) retired after thirty-five years as a pastor at Eastern Hills Bible Church in Manlius, New York.

Jeff Kinley (ThM, 1986) published *Interview with the Antichrist* (Thomas Nelson, 2020).

As a professional counselor with Entrust, **Brian Eby** (MABS, 1988) was recently appointed by Governor Greg Abbott to an advisory committee for the Texas Board of Criminal Justice on offenders with medical or mental impairment. Brian serves as a member of the National Board of Certified Counselors. Previously, he was a project team member with Hospice of Wichita Falls, Texas.

Brad Smith (ThM, 1988) was appointed as the chair of the Global Institute of Leadership to develop leadership programs for the 130 national alliance leaders of the World Evangelical Alliance (WEA). Brad is seeking training and education partners for this work, which extends to the WEA the in-person and on-line processes developed at Bakke Graduate University in Dallas, Texas, where he serves as president.

1990s

Dymitr Wiazowski, the father of **Piotr Wiazowski** (STM, 1990), passed away on July 1, 2019. He served as a deacon and preached from the pulpit. In the early seventies, he smuggled Bibles and literature to communist Russia under the threat of persecution and imprisonment. Dymitr was incredibly proud of his son and always expressed his gratitude to those who invested in Piotr as he attended DTS.

For six years, **Matthew Glock** (ThM, 1991) has been part of a team that supports church planting with the Brethren churches in Paris, France. They planted ten new assemblies, and at least eight projects are in the planning phase. Matt rejoices in this growth not only in the Brethren church but in many other denominations throughout France.

Don Holdridge (PhD, 1992) published *Climate Change and the Bible* (Christian Faith Publishing, Inc., 2019), a compilation of scientific, historical, and biblical data addressing the current debate.

Following more than a decade of missions to Russia, **Brian Tidd** (ThM, 1995) feels called to refocus his energy toward Latvia, where he can work together with friends developing and assisting an international retreat center.

2000s

Sam Won (ThM, 2001; PhD, 2017) published *Remembering the Covenants in Song: An Intertextual Study of the Abrahamic and Mosaic Covenants in Psalm 105* (Wipf & Stock, 2019).

John Hensman (MABS, 2002) owns RemTech Associates LLC and serves as the part-time pastor of CLMinistries in Van, Texas, sharing Christ with the truck driving industry through Love's Truck Stop in Van.

Wade Wroten (ThM, 2002) serves as a chaplain at Kaiser Permanente in Sacramento, California, manager of spiritual care, and diplomat with the College of Pastoral Supervision and Psychotherapy. Wade also has a DMin in pastoral care and supervision.

Ben Blackwell (ThM, 2003) co-authored *Engaging Theology: A Biblical, Historical, and Practical Introduction* (Zondervan Academic, 2019). Besides a traditional focus on the development of key doctrines through the Bible and in history, the book intentionally engages contemporary issues (like major world religions) and devotes substantial discussion to practical spiritual formation issues with each area of doctrine. Ben also coedited a series of books on how early Christians engaged Second Temple Judaism: *Reading Romans in Context*; *Reading Mark in Context*; and most recently, *Reading Revelation in Context*.



Dominic Verdell (ThM, 2004) transitioned from his position at Christ Church in Columbia Station, Ohio, to become the crossroads program manager at The City Mission in downtown Cleveland. Dominic leads the services they offer to more than 1,700 men in crisis each year and provides help and hope to them through the transforming power of God's love.

After nine years of ministry involving equipping disciples and planting a church, **Jason Mayhall** (ThM, 2006) and his family moved from Cincinnati, Ohio. Jason felt a clear call to the northeast of England to lead a church that reaches its community and the surrounding region through faithful expositional preaching, developing new leaders, and starting new churches. He is now the lead pastor of Bethany Christian Centre in Houghton-Le-Spring, near Sunderland.

Andy Huff (MACE, 2008) released his debut novel, *A Cross to Kill*, in October 2019 from Kregel Publications.

Kevin Nicholas (MABS, 2008; MACM, 2008) and the Notsi translators reviewed and edited 1 Corinthians, 1 & 2 Thessalonians, Titus, Philemon, and James with an outside consultant and have prepared many more for a consultation, leaving Romans, Hebrews, and 1 & 2 Peter to finish this year. The Notsi are getting excited as their translation of the New Testament nears completion, and they are already beginning to make plans for the dedication.

Brent Rucker (ThM, 2009; MABC, 2014) is a wellness and trauma counselor for the Santa Fe Independent School District in Santa Fe, Texas.

Former Dallas Theological Seminary chairman of the Board of Trustees and longtime board member **Jack A. Turpin Jr.** joined his Savior in heaven on December 21, 2019. As one of the Seminary's most faithful stewards, Jack's legacy at DTS is both physical and intangible. One of the first buildings many people see when they set foot on DTS's main campus is the Turpin Library. Jack's impact, however, extends beyond mere buildings. During his tenure as the chairman of the Board of Trustees (1988–98), he established the Dallas Seminary Foundation. His wife, Sally, was also instrumental in the start-up of Luke's Closet and Pantry, a ministry on DTS's campus that distributes clothing, furniture, food, and more to Seminary students in need. This ministry has blessed countless students and their families. Jack Turpin left a mark—a physical mark and a permanent mark on DTS. His leadership, stewardship, and friendship to the Seminary will continue to bear fruit for generations to come.

2010s

Inspired Questions: A Year's Journey through the New Testament by **Brian J. Wright** (ThM, 2010) includes a foreword by **Gloria Furman** (MACE, 2007) and endorsements from **Dan Wallace** (ThM, 1979; PhD, 1995), **Tommy Nelson** (MABS, 1982), and **J. P. Moreland** (ThM, 1979). The year-long devotional takes 365 questions asked in the New Testament and shows the reader how to change focus, reorder affections, and reprioritize loves.

After serving at First Baptist Church of Kenova, West Virginia, for sixteen years, **Josh Sowards** (MACE, 2013) is currently serving as the pastor of Christian education and children's ministry at Simpson Creek Baptist Church in Bridgeport, West Virginia. Josh works alongside his wife, Desiree, with their three girls Aslyn, Lila, and Gwen, to share the gospel and equip the church.

Former church planter in Texas and Idaho, **Grant Nollmann** (MACE, 2014) now serves at Tammany View Baptist Church in Lewiston, Idaho, in various roles of leadership, discipleship, and evangelism to minister to about 2,500 people living in low-income housing. He and April, his wife of over twenty-two years, are raising five kids and discipling them to follow Jesus all the time with all their hearts.

Mondrell Oz (MACE, 2014) is now serving as area director of The Opened Bible Academy (TOBA) in Dallas, Texas. TOBA is a nonprofit, donor-supported Bible academy based in the greater Houston area in Texas, with locations in Dallas and Kansas City, Kansas. For more information, go to the-oba.org.



Jake (ThM, 2014) and Elizabeth **Wulbecker** welcomed their new daughter Joanna into the world this year.

Marjorie J. Cooper (ThM, 2015) published three articles on women in the church in 1 Timothy 2:9–15. These articles appeared in *Presbyterian*, Covenant Seminary’s journal in the spring issues of 2017, 2018, 2019. Her forthcoming article on the God-fearers in Acts 13 will appear in the spring 2020 issue.

Joshua Horton (ThM, 2016) joined the area staff of Search Ministries in Fort Worth, Texas.

Jeremy Patty (MACS, 2016) serves as a life and leadership coach with his company that he founded in 2017. He desires to inspire people to live from their God-given significance in all areas of their life. Jeremy also does missional work with a Dallas-based missions agency to encourage and equip missionaries around the globe. For more information, please visit jeremypatty.com.

Jonathan (MABC, 2016) and Jillian **Tekell** recently released their first Christian music album, *In Light of Eternity*, as co-artists through Lamor Records. The recording features themes of hope, purpose, and eternal perspective in view of God’s promise through Jesus Christ. Their continued desire is that God would use the music they create to draw a multitude of listeners into an ever-deepening love relationship with Him. For more information, go to jonathanandjilliantekell.com.

Chao Huang (MACL, 2018) serves as the assistant pastor at the Reformed Church of Newtown in Queens, New York.

Elliott Phillips (MACM, 2018) is serving with Polish local churches and their youth ministries in collaboration with Josiah Venture through a ministry called EXIT Tour. The team is ministering in public schools in Poland where they organize prevention programs taught from a biblical perspective. Through EXIT they have the dual opportunity to bring a message of hope to hurting teenagers while equipping students and leaders for outreach in their city.

With Cru’s City Ministry Division, **Kerry Resch** (MACL, 2018) works as the neighbors executive director in the Minneapolis, Minnesota, area.

While working on her doctoral studies at DTS, **Jazmine Sanchez** (ThM, 2018) is working as a Spanish teacher in public education at Uplift Triumph Preparatory in Dallas, Texas.

Ken Yu (MACM, 2018) and his family are missionaries in Germany with OMF International.

As a consultant in training, **Tim Bachmann** (MABL, 2019) recently helped translate the book of Ruth in Guinea Bissau. Tim helped the translators understand the twists and turns of the story so they could get the whole picture, appreciate its plot structure, and produce a translation that reflects the richness of one of the loveliest stories of loyal love and family honor in the Old Testament.

Cameron Gage (MABC, 2019) serves at Hope’s Door New Beginning Center as a counselor in Dallas, Texas.

Please pray for **Daniel Valle Gracia** (ThM, 2019) as he considers to serve with Chosen People Ministries in Australia next year.

Kellen Hiroto (MBTS, 2019) is a lecturer in Christian education at African Bible College in Malawi, Africa.

Stephen Kuzner (MACL, 2019) serves as the men’s ministry leader and small group coordinator at DOWNTOWN HOPE in Annapolis, Maryland.

Pamela White (MABS, 2019) serves as the director of new members and teachers at New Hope Baptist Church in New Orleans, Louisiana.

HaiYan Yang (MACS, 2019) volunteers with the International Students, Inc., ministry in Dallas, Texas.

New Ministries

David Harrill (ThM, 1985), lead pastor, Genesis Bible Church, Dunwoody, Georgia

Jim Harper (ThM, 1990), senior pastor, Bayshore Community Church, North Fort Myers, Florida

Bano Yanger (MACE, 1991), children’s minister, First Chinese Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas

Rodney Cripps (MACE, 1998), lead pastor, Chancellor Park Community Church, Sippy Downs, QLD, Australia

Joshua Lam (ThM, 2006), family pastor, Lok Yan Church, Tai Kok Tsui, Kowloon, Hong Kong

Kevin Joseph (ThM, 2009), minister of outreach, Trinity Bible Church of Dallas, Dallas, Texas

Josh Miller (ThM, 2009), lead pastor, Downsville Baptist Church, Waco, Texas

Mark Phillips (ThM, 2012), pastor, North Grove Evangelical Church, Forresteron, Illinois

Lauren Jones (MABC, 2013), LPC, Neema Counseling, Austin, Texas

Gillian Weng (ThM, 2013), children’s minister, Lok Yan Church, Tai Kok Tsui, Kowloon, Hong Kong

Cody Hensley (MACE, 2015), community life pastor, Blue Ash Community Church, Blue Ash, Ohio

Benjamin Song (MABS, 2016; ThM, 2019), youth and college ministry pastor, YoungNak Presbyterian Church, Beaverton, Oregon

Chip Davidson (ThM, 2017), pastor, Baptist Church of Perry, Perry, New York

Tosin Akande (MACE, 2019), director of student services, The Cove, Waco, Texas

Ashley Brancato (MABC, 2019), counselor, Bluebonnet Counseling Services, Dallas, Texas

Jennifer Garcia (ThM, 2019), fourth grade teacher, Tyler Street Christian Academy, Dallas, Texas

Taylor Lowrey (MACE, 2019), high school pastor, Fellowship Dallas, Dallas, Texas

Samuel Payne (MACE, 2019), youth pastor, Grace Bible Church, College Station, Texas

Daylon Rock (ThM, 2019), associate pastor, Mission Hills Church, Austin, Texas

Brian Theurer (ThM, 2019), minister of youth and education, First Baptist Smithfield, Smithfield, North Carolina

Amanda Tipps (MABC, 2019), counselor, Hill Country Bible Church, Austin, Texas

Reunions



Pictured above (left to right), **Ilir Stavro** (MABS, 2012), **Tim Savage** (ThM, 1980), and **Afrim Karoshi** (MABS, 2009; MAMC, 2013) reunite briefly. Ilir and Afrim attend the same local church in Albania where they work with Cru, and Tim recently served as a guest speaker.



Pictured above (left to right), **Aaron Nichols** (ThM, 2014), **Kenji Adachi** (ThM, 2003), and **Teddy Jestakom** (ThM, 2016) who serve in Fairfax, Virginia, take a minute to catch up to discuss church planting in the Washington, DC, Maryland, and Virginia area. Aaron serves as a pastor at Mosaic City Church. Kenji is the pastor at All Peoples Community Church, and Teddy serves as an associate minister at All Peoples Community Church.



Pictured above, over sixty alumni gather for prayer and fellowship at this year’s DTS Alumni Breakfast at ETS Conference in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



DR. TONY EVANS (THM, 1976; THD, 1982)

Beloved pastor, radio broadcaster, author, and respected leader, Dr. Tony Evans, received the Lifetime Achievement Award from DTS on Friday, November 8, 2019, during Kingdom Legacy Live in Dallas, Texas. During the historic evening, friends and family gathered to honor the work and ministry of Dr. Tony Evans.

Dr. Evans put his trust in Christ at the age of twelve and attended a church where they taught the Scriptures. He fell in love with God’s Word and, as he once shared, “Things just kept rolling from there.” He decided to attend DTS at the influence of a college professor in Atlanta, Georgia. “This professor,” Dr. Evans said, “thrilled me, awed me with his understanding, knowledge, teaching, and application of the Word of God. Plus, in college, I had read so many books written by Seminary professors, that I was deeply influenced by them as well.”

Dr. Evans earned a ThM and received the Outstanding Achievement Award in 1976. He founded Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship with only ten members meeting at his home. “We had a big vision,” he explained. The Urban Alternative was formed in 1981 when requests for Dr. Evans’s sermons came in from his radio broadcasts. Mrs. Lois Evans, cofounder of the ministry, began fulfilling orders and used her business skills to develop and expand the outreach and growth of the ministry.

Today, Dr. Evans is one of the country’s most respected pastors, teachers, authors, and speakers. He serves the body of Christ through his unique ability to communicate complex theological truths with simple, yet profound, illustrations

while addressing the practical issues of today. Ministry leaders regard him as a pastor of pastors and a father in the faith.

“Dr. Evans has the distinction of being the first African American graduate with a doctoral degree from DTS, and we’re proud of that,” Dr. Mark Bailey said. “He has served as an associate professor in our Pastoral Ministries department in the areas of evangelism, homiletics, and black church studies. It’s a privilege to call him a friend, a faithful board member, and a devoted partner. We are grateful for the contribution he has made to the DTS family.”

In conjunction with the celebration, Dr. Evans released *The Tony Evans Study Bible* and *The Tony Evans Commentary*, making him the first African American to take on such projects on his own. “*The Tony Evans Study Bible* represents five decades of Dr. Evans’s faithful study and teaching,” wrote Trevin Wax, director for Bibles and Reference at Lifeway Christian Resources. “My prayer is that Dr. Evans’s study Bible will equip readers of God’s Word so that they better understand what it means to live according to God’s kingdom agenda.”

“Receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award from Dallas Theological Seminary, and finding out that The Museum of the Bible in DC is putting my Study Bible and Commentary in the museum... was one of the many highlights at the Kingdom Legacy Live event this past weekend,” Dr. Evans wrote. “Thank you to...my family, and all of the staff, singers, musicians, and volunteers who worked so hard to make it what it was. All praise and glory to God, He is faithful.”

**BUILDING LEADERS: PROFILE OF AUBREY MALPHURS
(THM, 1978; PHD, 1981)**



Editor’s Note: Dr. Aubrey Malphurs retired in December 2019 after thirty-eight years of teaching and faithful ministry to the DTS family. His decades of service have led to a variety of experiences—teaching the Word, spreading the gospel, and serving others and God. In each opportunity, his enthusiasm, congeniality, humility, and concern have enabled him to serve his Lord in a most loyal way.

Fifty-six years ago, a freshman at the University of Florida ate lunch with a couple of friends who took the trouble to share a tract with him. That freshman, Aubrey Malphurs, trusted Christ for his salvation. “Right away, I realized that people around me—friends and relatives—were lost and needed to hear the gospel,” he explained. “At that point, I knew I had to go into some aspect of Christian service. There was nothing else I wanted to do!”

After graduating from college, Aubrey got married. “Susan and I met at a Christian youth ranch in Tampa, Florida. There were no ‘fireworks,’ however. Those came later when we both were attending a Bible college and we got to know one another better.” After serving for a year in the Navy, Aubrey got a job teaching high schoolers in the public school system in North Miami, Florida. “I finished at the University of Florida, got married, taught school for seven years, and planted a church, but my dream was to go to seminary.”

“I’d wanted to come to Dallas Seminary since about 1965—that long! I had been influenced by Dallas Seminary grads like so many other people, and I just wanted the kind of preparation that DTS had to offer,” he explained. In 1974, Aubrey, along with his wife, Susan, and their four kids—Greg, David, Jennifer, and Michael—packed up their things and moved to Dallas.

TRAINING AND FIELD WORK

As a ThM student majoring in Greek, Aubrey worked as a chaplain part-time at a convalescent center near the campus, and then a food company hired him as an industrial chaplain. His son, David, wrote, “My father is an extremely hard worker who taught me to have a strong work ethic and the value of taking care of my family, which is probably the most important thing he showed me. At one point, Dad had three jobs while going to Seminary. He taught, worked as a chaplain, and at a loading dock downtown. Dad worked very hard to provide for us.”

After earning his ThM in 1978, Aubrey began his studies in the PhD program. During those three years, he taught full-time at Dallas Bible College, teaching a variety of subjects. With a doctorate in systematic theology granted in 1981, Aubrey accepted an offer by Dr. Tom Constable (ThM, 1966; ThD, 1969) to serve as the assistant director of Field Education at DTS.

During that time, Dr. Constable taught a class on church planting and, as his responsibilities shifted, he asked Aubrey to take over the course. “He became quite an authority on church planting, publishing several books on that subject,” Dr. Constable wrote. “He has been a help to countless numbers of church leaders through his consulting ministry and his books on church planting and church growth.”

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age” (Matt 28:19–20).

A year later, Dr. Donald Campbell (ThM, 1951; ThD, 1953), the academic dean at the time, called Aubrey and asked if he’d like to be the director of admissions. The previous director, Roger Raymer (ThM, 1979), a longtime friend of Aubrey’s, had left to assume a pastorate in New Zealand. “I had never thought of doing that kind of work before, but I investigated it, accepted it, and I really liked it,” Aubrey explained.

While serving as the director of admissions at DTS from 1982 to 1986, Aubrey began to teach in the Department of Pastoral Ministries. “It has been a pleasure to have Aubrey as a colleague in the PM department,” Dr. Vic Anderson (ThM, 1986) wrote. “Regardless of any stresses in his life, he comes to the office with a warm smile and a desire to help others. And he has shown exceptional faithfulness in every area of his life—to DTS and its students, to his wife, and to the Lord. His personal disciplines are steady, even maintaining workouts at the Tom Landry Fitness Center several times each week.”

Teaching at the Seminary wasn’t the only thing Aubrey did. He served as an elder at Reinhardt Bible Church in Dallas, and he was later asked to step in as interim pastor by the leaders of Chapel in the Woods Bible Church located in the Oak Cliff area of Dallas. “They had a list of pastoral prospects, but it came to the point where the elders asked if I’d be interested in staying on as pastor. The more I thought about it, the more I realized I could serve on a part-time basis,” he explained. He didn’t do it alone. Two seminary students assisted him in shepherding the flock.

BUILDING LEADERS

Aubrey also got involved in other ministries ranging from church planting and growth, leadership development, and strategic planning. In everything he did, he took the opportunity to bring others alongside him.

In his book *Building Leaders*, Aubrey writes about the purpose of building leaders. He believes a Christian leader is “a servant who uses his or her credibility and capabilities to influence people in a particular context to pursue their God-given direction.” Leadership development, he explains, is the importance of investing time to help establish “emerging

leaders at every level of ministry to assess and develop their Christian character and acquire, reinforce, and refine their ministry knowledge and skills.”

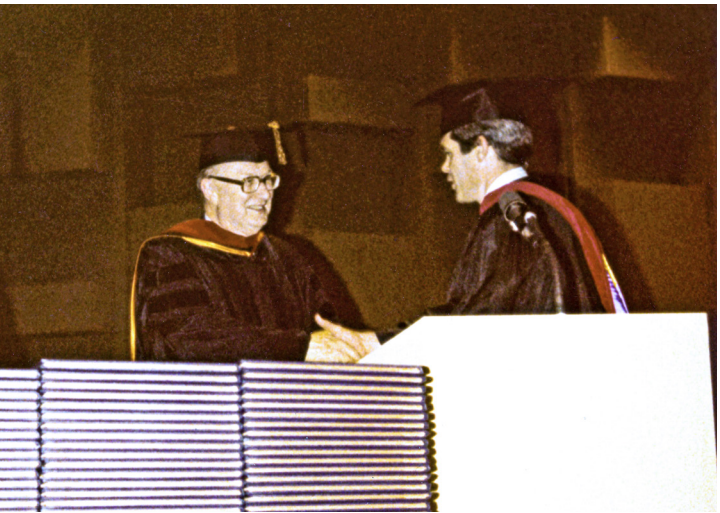
Aubrey served as the director of Field Education at DTS when Dr. George Hillman first met him. Dr. Hillman was on the pastoral staff at a local church and was supervising DTS students while they were doing their internships. “I did not attend DTS as a seminary student, so, honestly, Aubrey was my first ‘direct’ contact with DTS—I had only admired DTS from afar. I can’t explain it, but Aubrey and I just really clicked with one another and developed a friendship over the next two years. We started meeting at a coffee shop in Lakewood maybe once a quarter. He had taken an interest in my doctoral studies and was willing to invest in me as a young pastor.”

Erin Stambaugh, who has known Aubrey for over seventeen years, shared that when he interviewed her for her job as an administrative assistant back when he was the Department of Field Education chair, he took a chance and hired her. Erin wrote, “I am forever grateful! He is one of the kindest and gentlest people I know, and his sense of humor is one of the things I love the most about him! His passion for investing in the future of our church leaders is unsurpassed.”

BREAKING THROUGH BARRIERS

Aubrey explains that he began to pursue all things concerning the church, knowing the need. “I read everything I could get my hands on, and there wasn’t a lot,” he explained. With all his research came numerous books and articles on leadership and church ministry. Dr. Hillman explains, “I read one of Aubrey’s church leadership books, *Pouring New Wine into Old Wineskins: How to Change a Church without Destroying It*, for my MDiv studies. I knew who Aubrey was, and I was impressed with the stuff he was talking about. In the early nineties, the leadership concepts we take for granted nowadays was honestly not being talked about in church circles. Aubrey was a true pioneer.”

When churches and leaders began to contact him with a desire for hands-on help in applying the processes in his books,



A Christian leader is “a servant who uses his or her credibility and capabilities to influence people in a particular context to pursue their God-given direction.”



particularly *Advanced Strategic Planning*, Aubrey founded and led The Malphurs Group. As demand increased over the years, more team members joined the group to assist a growing number of churches to become healthy and effective.

He explains, “We live in strategic times, perhaps worse than in a long time, where we see our churches dying, our pastors getting discouraged and walking away from the church, and so we need to strategically think about how we’re going to see this thing turn around.” Part of leading a church is helping it to know where it’s supposed to be going, what its mission is, what its vision could be, what its core values are, and coming up with a strategy to accomplish those things.

Aubrey has partnered with numerous organizations in the US and in foreign countries such as Russia, England, Philippines, Finland, Latvia, Germany, Holland, Switzerland, and France. He has been a consultant and seminar leader for a wide variety of denominational organizations across the country.

MAXIMIZING IMPACT

Those who know him and have worked with him over the years describe him as humble, gracious, and an enthusiastic advocate for Christ’s community. Dipa Hart (ThM, 2004) explained, “Aubrey is well-known outside of the DTS world.” She rarely travels without someone asking her about him. “Within the academic and nonacademic leadership community, he is well-respected and is a pioneer in addressing issues of leadership from a biblical perspective,” Dipa wrote. “Because he is so humble, he doesn’t know the impact he has had on others. His books have guided millions of churches and people he will only meet in heaven. He has no idea that his reach continues to be global and powerful.”

“I feel like Aubrey is one of those people who is more respected ‘out in the field’ sometimes rather than here on the campus,” Dr. Hillman explains. “Aubrey’s material on ‘mission, vision, values’ was revolutionary in the church world. Aubrey was writing about leadership ideas before many others were. His legacy is in his books, which continue to be best sellers for

pastors and church planters. There is a reason for this because it works and is applicable in so many settings.”

The many books he authored are still some of the best ever written on the subject of church leadership and strategic planning. “There is no way to adequately thank him for his life’s work and all that he has done as a professor at DTS,” Dr. Jay Sedwick (ThM, 1989) wrote. “He will have a lasting legacy of impact and influence for generations to come.”

Those who have worked with Aubrey over the years admire the way he has treated others. Dr. Phil Humphries (ThM, 1986; DMin, 1997) described him as “a kind, scholarly, godly, dedicated servant of the Lord who is passionate about his students, teaching and writing in the areas of strategic planning and leadership.” He adds, “I would like others to know that Aubrey is the kind of man you would want as your friend and on your team.”

“He is a true gentleman and treats others with respect and regard,” Dr. Sedwick shared. “Even though I was his student thirty-two years ago, when I became chair of the Educational Ministries Leadership department, he enthusiastically supported and encouraged my leadership as a true colleague.”

Aubrey’s enthusiastic concern that marked his decision to follow Christ characterized his vision to influence generations of leaders. Through the classroom, pulpit, consulting, and writing ministries, he has partnered with many “to draw out the best in them” for God’s glory and the ministry of the gospel.



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FROM THE CHANCELLOR



Remain in the Mind of Others

DR. CHARLES R. SWINDOLL

Several times a year, Dr. Swindoll preaches in chapel, including Seminary Preview Day, to encourage prospective students. Here is an excerpt from one of his chapels.

Someday you’re going to be someone’s hero. I know that’s not a thought you spend much time on, nor should you. Eventually, others will admire your servant-hearted leadership and it will draw them to that same goal.

Your determination to stand in a stormy situation will be observed and later emulated by an individual who watched you endure. Your commitment to character and integrity of life will hold someone pure when they would otherwise yield and fall. Your model will strengthen them and you will be what today’s world calls a hero.

Getting from here to there isn’t the sort of thing we manipulate. It’s something God, by His grace, chooses to do as we’re busy about the work of leaving a legacy. Most of you are so young that the thought of a legacy sounds like something that attaches itself to an obituary or to age—not so.

In his penetrating book *Leading Without Power: Finding Hope in Serving Community*, Max De Pree has a chapter that never fails to grip me. The chapter is entitled, “Elements of a Legacy.” Listen to De Pree’s words:

In searching for our potential, we certainly need to distinguish between strategic planning and leaving a legacy. A strategic plan is a long term commitment to something we intend to do. A legacy results from the facts of our behavior that remain in the mind of others, the cumulative informal record of how close we came to the person we intended to be. For me, what you plan to do differs enormously from what you leave behind.

Most of you are in training for ministry at DTS and some of you are thinking about coming to this place for training. I want to give you a whole other direction. Think of DTS as the place where you begin your legacy, and not a place where you come simply to observe and learn—though you will do that. Think of it as a place where you come to establish some of the marks of your legacy.

You will see many of those things lived out in the lives of those who teach you and those who will surround you among your classes. But you—uniquely and specifically gifted by God—have your own touch and spiritual DNA, if you will.

In the book, De Pree gives us some of the elements of legacy. One of them is establishing and maintaining healthy relationships. Another is developing a direction in your life—having a vision and then pursuing it. The third is fending for truth, and the fourth is choosing to be personally accountable.

The value of living an accountable life—remaining with a small group of people who love you deeply and also care about your legacy—is the reason I’ve been able to stay on my feet. I have friends and mentors who have helped me sustain a sense of balance as a man, husband, daddy, granddad, and minister of the gospel.

I have never seen myself as an island unto myself, and I don’t want you to see yourself like that. I know the blessings of God have been upon me long before I was interested in Him. However, once I began to pursue ministry, I caught the idea of the value of living horizontally—in relationship with a few people who would help watch out for my good and my spiritual health, and a dozen other things.

“Think of DTS as the place where you begin your legacy.”



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