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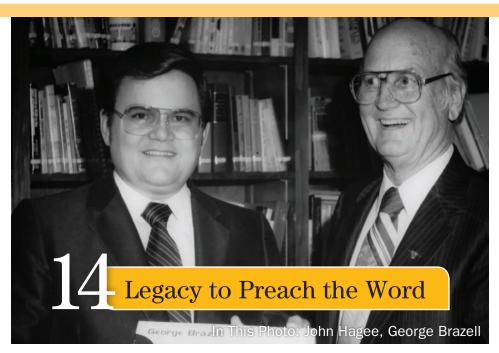
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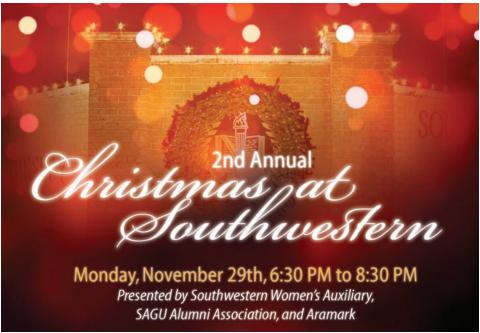












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Statement of Purpose: The purpose of Southwestern Assemblies of God University is to prepare undergraduate and graduate students spiritually, academically, professionally, and cross-culturally so as to successfully fill evangelistic, missionary and church ministry roles and to provide quality educational and professional Christian service wherever needed throughout the world.



Charitable Gift Annuities

In trying to create new avenues for our donors, SAGU offers a Charitable Gift Annuity program. With this new program, you can give and receive! Charitable Gift Annuities have become the most popular gifting vehicles in today's volatile market. The Charitable Gift Annuity with Southwestern Foundation is fixed for life. Your lifetime payment amount is dependable and unaffected by economic downturns. Establish a CGA for yourself, or anyone you choose, with a charitable donation of \$10,000 or more. You may choose either a Single Life or a Joint and Survivor Annuity. You may also choose to defer payment for a higher annuity rate.

President's perspective

Kermit S. Bridges, D.Min., *President*

t has been an amazing summer and beginning to the fall semester! This year we were privileged once again to experience a record enrollment. With an increase to 2,064, we are up 51 students compared to last fall. Most notably, we saw a significant increase in the number of students who reside on campus.

The Significance of On Campus Growth

An increase in residential enrollment is an important milestone. As you know, SAGU remains committed to the spiritual development of our students. A significant part of our being able to fulfill that objective is an immersive experience where students experience the presence of God in their dorms, classes, peer relationships, and chapel. We firmly believe that students benefit from the experience of living on campus.

In addition to the spiritual implications, dorm life helps students become more closely connected to the campus, traditions, and friends. Those memories and connections become more meaningful as we get older.

Accreditation

As I mentioned in the last issue, Southwestern soon begins the process of reaffirmation for accreditation with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS), the regional accrediting body that accredits every large and small, public and private college or university in the southeastern United States. Every major state university and every small private university in these states must abide by the same rigorous academic standards and be evaluated every ten years. The fact we are accredited by the same body that accredits major universities such as University of Texas, Rice University, University of Georgia, and Duke University makes a strong statement concerning the quality of a Southwestern

education. Yet, we continue to offer something that many other schools cannot provide—an uncompromising spiritual atmosphere.

Meaningful Chapel Services

Perhaps you have had the opportunity to join us for one of our chapel services via live streaming. Last year, we began streaming select services to web and iPhone. If you have not had the chance to view what happens in chapel on a daily basis or listen to the terrific worship music, I encourage you to view our archives (www.sagu.edu/chapel).

Sports Streaming

In addition to chapel streaming, we are expanding streaming to select sporting events this year. I hope you will join us for one of our scheduled football or basketball games (www.sagu.edu/athletics). Plans are underway to expand streaming to volleyball as well.

Mission TEN

Our commitment to world outreach continues. This summer 110 students traveled to 15 foreign countries as a part of Mission TEN (To Every Nation), an endeavor to place groundworkers in every nation of the world in the next ten years. You can read about their involvement on pages 22-23. Also, pay special attention to the Digital Media announcement regarding "backpack journalism" on the inside cover.

Connections

As the excitement continues to grow, I hope you will choose to stay closely connected. Visit us on Facebook. Or visit www.sagu.edu/alumni to sign up for our alumni e-letter. These resources are your most immediate means to receive up-to-date news and announcements. As always, thank you for your continued support.





Devin Ferguson, Director of Alumni Relations

hen it came time for me to consider my undergraduate options, I narrowed my choices to three places: SAGU, a sister A/G school, or a state school in my hometown. I would love to tell you that I heard that audible voice from God as He set the Crape Myrtles in my mother's front yard ablaze and instructed me to move to Waxahachie. However, it was the influential voice of a SAGU alumnus that helped guide my

decision to make SAGU my Alma Mater.

I suspect many of you found yourselves in similar situations. Many alumni cite the guidance of a parent, grandparent, pastor, or friend who happened to be an SAGU alumnus as influential in their decision to choose Southwestern. Having graduated from SAGU, we find ourselves on the "flip side" of that equation. As alumni we have a very important voice and a very important role to play in the story of our University. Staying connected to SAGU can help strengthen that bond that unites us across generations, vocations, and continents. I hope that you find your relationship with your University as a two way street—a resource for you professionally and relationally connecting you with long-time friends. Here are just a few of the ways you can stay a part of the great things happening at SAGU:

Your Network

SAGU continues to make career services resources available to both students and alumni. Perhaps you're looking for available jobs, or seeking to hire your own employee. Utilize SAGU Career Services. Find information at www.sagu.edu/careerservices.

Keep in Touch

Did you recently take a new position? Maybe you tied the knot

or completed a higher degree. We want you to tell us—and the Southwestern family—all about it! Submit a class note by returning the detachable form in the Southwestern Today magazine or visiting www.sagu.edu/alumni.

Did you move? Let us know by e-mailing alumni@sagu.edu so we can keep you in the loop about what's happening at SAGU and let you know when we might be in your area.

Attend Alumni and University Sponsored Events

The Alumni Association may be coming to your area. Join us to see old friends and make new ones when we are in your neighborhood for district council receptions, sports contests, and planned events that take place throughout the year. If you are not a part of our contact list, you are missing out.

Homecoming

Plan to attend the pinnacle of all alumni events by joining us for Homecoming in Waxahachie. Annually we honor the 50th, 25th, and 10th reunion classes and host special reunions for affinity groups. Don't see a reunion that fits you? Host your own! Email alumni@sagu.edu to get started.

Prav & Give

God continues to bless SAGU as we grow. This year we celebrate another record enrollment! There are multitudes of ways you can give back. Refer a prospective applicant. Represent SAGU in your local church. Pray for us. Consider giving financially to SAGU or the Southwestern Foundation. New facilities and opportunities for future Southwesterners are only possible with the generous support of those who have gone before. Your contributions of time, talent, prayer, and resources aid SAGU in passing on opportunities to the next generation.

You may find yourself a long way from Waxahachie, but you have a network to draw from. You have a voice to be heard. You have an opportunity to "Pass it On." Can we count on you?



Student Story

Sara Demel

Sara Demel looked at the bill again. \$4,000 and her resources were limited. Her parents had helped as much as they could. She had worked hard to earn her way. Several small scholarships had come in, and she was grateful. But it still wasn't enough.

Tears filled Sara's eyes. Had she misheard God's call on her life to come to SAGU? She hid her face in her hands.

"Oh, God," she prayed. "I feel so completely inadequate... Did I miss out on Your true will for my life? How could I have been so off?"

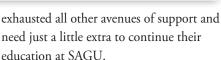
Sara thought back to that Sunday morning church service, just a few months before. Jana, a respected woman of God, had approached her with a word from the Lord. She told Sara that what she was worrying about didn't matter because God was going to take care of it all. Sara had been struggling with the question of how to pay for college and she just knew that's what the word referred to. It had touched her spirit in such a way that she knew it was genuine.

Sara had been called into some area of ministry in 8th grade during National Fine Arts in Denver, Colorado. She had felt a tug on her young heart for the people of this world and knew she wanted

to somehow minister to those around her. Confident in God's call and direction, Sara came to SAGU from Levelland, Texas, in Fall 2009. Sara knew that this was where God wanted her.

One semester later, she was faced with the strong possibility of not returning her second year due to finances. She still had \$900 that carried over on her bill, without any way to pay for it. Sara went home for Christmas break dejected and extremely discouraged.

Two days before Sara returned to school, she received a call from the Accounts Receivable Office at SAGU. She had received the HANDS scholarship! The HANDS ("Help A Needy Deserving Student") scholarship is designed to help students at the last minute who have



When Sara returned to campus, she discovered the scholarship took care of \$500 of her debt. She was thrilled!

Despite hard work and various odd jobs, the money she had to put towards her bill always seemed to fall disappointingly short. With the scholarship and a summer job, Sara was able to pay her complete balance.

According to Sara, "If I had not received the HANDS scholarship, I would still be behind a little and would not have been able to put aside money this summer for this coming year. The timing of it was impeccable, and knowing that the people who gave it prayed over who it would



go to made the whole process seem that much more of a gift from God. I know it was a God thing through and through."

The HANDS scholarship affirmed in Sara that God would take care of

everything. She believes it was God's way of telling her He had it under control.

"I know it was only a small portion of what I owed," Sara commented, "but it meant so much more to me than that. Not only did God provide a way for me to

pay off my bill for last year completely, He has provided so much financial aid and scholarships this coming year that I have hardly anything to worry about at all! He is so good to me, and He has let me know if I will just trust Him, He will fulfill His promises to me."

Part of that promise is being able to attend SAGU. "So many people here have a genuine heart after God, and it is so refreshing (and challenging) to be involved in what is going on here."

"Being able to stay at SAGU proves foundational growth for the path God

> has set for me. The years I spend here are going to be so beneficial in the years to come. I wouldn't trade this time for anything! God is doing great things in my life, and I hope to be able to stav here until I feel He has completed His work in me during this season of my life."

Sara is currently a music performance major with a specialization in Voice and minor in Spanish. However, she is still unsure of the specific ministry God has for her. Possibilities include graduate studies for a career in opera, music therapy, or education. For now, she is taking it one day at a time, grateful for scholarships that have enabled her to continue her studies and preparation.

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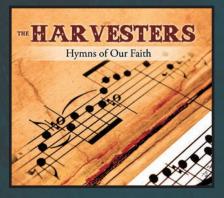
not only that I heard God's calling correctly," Sara continued, "it ensures that I will have a solid few years of

Helping HANDS

You can help a needy and deserving student today.

If you would like to provide for other students like Sara, visit the Southwestern Foundation online. Or, simply visit www.sagu.edu/give for the online donation form.

Harvesters Release New Album



The SAGU traveling music group The Harvesters will soon release their second album, "Hymns of Our Faith." The album includes 10 hymns arranged by lead singer Caleb Barnett.

The Harvesters is a four-part harmony southern gospel quartet that represents the SAGU Advancement Office. Their version of southern gospel is embraced by all generations and will certainly touch your life with Christ's message.

According to Irby McKnight, SAGU Vice President of Advancement, "It is a privilege traveling and singing with such talented young men as you will hear on this album. They are some of Southwestern's and the Lord's finest. I am greatly indebted to them for all the time, effort, and talent they have put into this project."

Songs on the album include Blessed Assurance, In The Garden, O I Want To See Him, When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder, and Great Is Thy Faithfulness. Dr. James K. Bridges, to whom the album is dedicated, had a great love for hymns and the group.

"Although Dr. Bridges was recognized worldwide for his accomplishments, most importantly, in the eyes of The Harvesters, we were friends," McKnight commented. "He was a great encourager and we knew he loved and prayed for us often. Brother Bridges loved hymns. He felt they conveyed the great doctrines of the church in a way that no other song can. It is a great honor of ours to dedicate this album to a man who both loved us and the hymns we sing."



Listen or buy online at www.sagu.edu/harvesters

Campus Connection





Drama Department Presents "Pride & Prejudice"

ver the last several years the Drama Department has produced a number of student dramatic productions: "The Importance of Being Earnest," "Clue," "It's a Wonderful Life," "The Crucible," "To Kill a Mockingbird," "The Diary of Anne Frank," "Arsenic and Old Lace," and "Inherit the Wind."

This fall the department produced one of its most successful to date in "Pride and Prejudice." September 30 through October 3, the student cast performed four times. Total attendance for the showings approached 800. The crowd was incredibly responsive, often requiring the cast to pause while the laughter subsided.

The cast was comprised of 25 students (4) leads, 11 supporting, and 10 extras). Leading actors included Amanda Clark, who played Elizabeth Bennett, Vincent Josiah as Mr. Darcy, Taylor Johnson as Mr. Bingley, and Courtney Mask, who played Jane Bennett.

The production was based upon the Jane Austen novel of the same name. The plot revolves around five sisters - Jane, Elizabeth, Mary, Kitty and Lydia Bennet - in Georgian England. Their lives are turned upside down when a wealthy young man (Mr. Bingley) and his best friend (Mr. Darcy) arrive in their neighborhood. This tale of love and values unfolds in the class-conscious England of the late 18th century.

In a small 3-week window, Dr. Skip Redd, Drama Department Program Coordinator, helped mold the talented cast into a production that, according to several in attendance, "captured the best lines from the novel in the amount of time available for such a performance." Also of note were the number of fresh faces and talent comprising the cast--illustrating the new crop of talent enrolling at SAGU. The student cast was not only comprised of the University's own drama students, but also students from a number of other academic disciplines.

Dr. Redd is working on plans for the next production. The early indication is that it will break from the traditional genre of drama and introduce the first SAGU musical produced by the department. Details about the production will be released at a later date.



A photo gallery for "Pride and Prejudice" is available on SAGU's facebook (www.sagu.edu/facebook).





Student Film Premieres at Historic Texas Theater

tudent filmmakers at SAGU have raised their game with the release of their third project, a western-style comedy titled Murdoch. The short film premieres November 4, at 7:00 PM, at the Texas Theater in downtown Waxahachie. The 2-hour "red carpet" event showcases behind-the-scenes video, interviews with cast/crew, and stand-up comedy.

Murdoch follows the story of a boy named Alex who is obsessed with a fictional western movie hero named Merle Murdoch, Alex mimics Murdoch and shares his passion for the cowboy's heroics to his fifth grade classmates. But Alex's show-and-tell session leads to taunts from his peers. Confused and frustrated, Alex becomes jaded, and later falls in with the wrong crowd.

Alex's inner struggle between right and wrong continues as he is painfully "bad at being bad." The



fictional character of Murdoch becomes Alex's life-sized visual conscience, pressing him to evaluate right versus wrong.

"Every film we make under the banner of Southwestern Cinema has a redemptive theme, but Murdoch adds a new element we've never attempted before—comedy," said executive producer and Digital Media Arts Program Coordinator Rob Price.

The film was co-written by students Amber Williams and Jesse Dale. The cast was comprised of college actors and area talent. The school worked closely with Linda McAlister Talent, a Waxahachiebased agency that provides services for actors in the DFW area and across the nation. Local professional actor Tom Young headlines the cast in the lead role of Murdoch. Young's experience includes acting in 25 films and 3 stage plays.

"The story is what first attracted me to the project. What little kid didn't grow up pretending to be his favorite hero from the movies or television?" said Young. "Working with the student crew from SAGU was a pleasure. Everyone was extremely talented, professional and well taught. It was clear from the beginning

that this was going to be more than just another student film."

Student Landon Perry directed the film, leading a crew of 25 other students. "Murdoch is a film of firsts. We filmed our first period piece in an old western town set, our first green screen composite in a car-driving scene, and in post-production we produced our first truly professional dialogue replacement," Perry said. "It's amazing how we have progressed. It is truly an exciting time to be a part of Southwestern Cinema."







Campus Connection

History Department Hosts Archaeology Seminar

he History department recently hosted a seminar about "Biblical Archaeology." Headlined by Bible scholar Christopher Gornold-Smith, the seminar provided two days of extensive biblical history regarding the life and times of Christ.

The History Department regularly produces scholarly seminars and lectures series at SAGU. Previous series have focused on interdisciplinary sessions related to "Religion, Reform, and Literary Voice in Early 19th Century America" and "American Puritans and the Salem Witch Trials."

The department is already making plans for a spring seminar themed around World War II. Each interdisciplinary seminar involves faculty from a variety of academic departments, such as Music, Bible, History, and Communication Arts, to provide a rounded perspective of topics from the era.

Ransomed Releases Album



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Students Reflect on "Lions at Work"

n August 31, nearly 300 students participated in "Lions at Work" to reach out to the surrounding community. The outreach taught incoming freshman the importance of volunteerism.

"Lions at Work was an excellent opportunity to serve, grow, and connect with fellow students," said Joshua Harris. "It is always great to be able to help others and follow God's command that 'each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others.""

The event included 18 locations in Waxahachie, Lancaster, Desoto, Red Oak, Ennis, and Midlothian. At Waxahachie Bible Church, students were involved in cleaning. "I experienced how easily people get to know each other when working sideby-side," commented Trina Reynolds.

A group of students went to the Waxahachie Senior Center, where they cleaned the facility and visited with residents. "I enjoyed going to be with them," remarked Lauren Pettitt. "Seeing the expressions on their faces...was priceless. They were so grateful for us

spending time with them."

Students painted the playground and did yard work at Highland Meadows Church in Red Oak. Meanwhile, another group of students helped at the Lancaster Outreach, a local food bank and thrift store. According to Erika DelGuzzo, "I am extremely thankful to God that He has given me the life I live, and I am thankful that I had the opportunity to serve people that are just in need of a little encouragement in their lives."

Student Pamela Castro added, "I'm glad I had this awesome experience; helping others and knowing that I'm making a difference."

Other locations included Connect4Life, the Cowboy Church of Ellis County, the Ellis County Sheriff's office, Meals on Wheels, Renfro Health Care, The Avenue Church, St. Joseph's Catholic Church, and Foundations of Life Church. Students were involved in a variety of activities, including yard work, cleaning, delivering meals, organizing and painting.

SAGU Expands Traveling Ministry Groups

AGU has a number of traveling ministry groups available to churches, camps, and other events. Each group has a varying style uniquely suited to various venues. To learn more about each group, visit www.sagu.edu/travelinggroups.



Season
All-girl modern
worship band
Newest addition

The Harvesters
Southern gospel
ensemble
2 albums available



The Call Modern worship band Album available

Comedy Outreach
Standup comedy and
short devotional





Ransomed
Traditional worship
ensemble
Album available

Dramatic Pause
Drama and
human video



SAGU faculty & staff provide a great resource for your next special event. Access SAGU's database of faculty who are available to speak at your next event. View their biographies and contact them directly. WWW.SAGU.EDU/SPEAKERSBUREAU

SAGU Launches Comedy Outreach

aculty member Dr. Garland
Owensby and Drama student
Taylor Johnson began a stand-up
comedy tour this semester. The purpose
of this comedy outreach is two-fold.
According to Owensby, "We want to
make students laugh, which leads to a
devotional presentation of the Gospel. Its
secondary reason is to promote SAGU
Campus Days in a unique way."

Dr. Owensby and Johnson have worked together previously doing stand-up and thought it would be fun to take the show on the road to youth groups and churches. Taylor has performed in venues such as The Improv, Addison and After Hours Improv, as well as in local churches. "He has such a unique sense of humor and storytelling that connects with the audience," Owensby commented.

The duo has performed in Wichita Falls and Grand Prairie, with upcoming dates in Colleyville, Keller, and Nacogdoches. They are currently taking dates for the Spring 2011 semester. Both comedians have clips on YouTube.

"I recently had the privilege of hosting Garland and Taylor at my youth group and they both hit it out of the park," said youth pastor Wade Bearden. "My students loved them! I even had one Jr. High student ask if they could come back and do their 'Comedy Night' once a month."

Students Joe Garza from Laredo, Texas, and Derrick Malnar, Lufkin, Texas, recently joined the comedy group and will be touring with Dr. Owensby.

For more information, contact Garland Owensby at gowensby@sagu.edu

Campus Connection

Students Travel to Israel & Jordan for Study Trip

ay 10 - June 4, 2010, five students joined Bible & Theology professor Dr.

Bruce Rosdahl for a study tour of Israel and Jordan. The group studied the geography and history of Israel at Jerusalem University College in conjunction with the AG Holy Land Tour. The study tour is an annual event.

Students who participated included Brandy Pate, Jeremy Stevens, Chad Lawson, John Chism, and Daniel McCoy. The team flew from New York to Amman, Jordan, to travel the Transjordan region from the northern city of Gedara to the ancient city of Petra in the southern desert. The rest of the study tour focused on the major geographical regions of Israel.

Based in the old city of Jerusalem, the study included extensive hiking and exploring throughout Israel and Jordan and an archaeological dig. In addition to the sites in Jerusalem, the team traveled to cities such as Ashkelon and Caesarea on the Mediterranean and key cities such as Lachish and Beersheba. They also traveled south to the desert region of the Negev. The Negev experience included a one-night stay with Bedouins in the region of Arad. The final part of the trip was an excursion to the region surrounding the Sea of Galilee.

According to Rosdahl, Bible & Theology Department Chair, "The value of this study tour is the difference of moving one's reading of the Bible from black and white into living color."



SAGU Sets 4th Consecutive Enrollment Record

AGU set a new enrollment record for the fourth consecutive year with 2,064 students. With this new all time record, SAGU has grown 24.6% in the past five years.

Fall 2010 enrollment is up 2.5% over last year's record enrollment of 2013. Graduate enrollment is up 3.5%. Undergraduate on-campus enrollment is up 8.5%, while on-campus enrollment as a whole, undergraduate and graduate, saw

a 7.6% increase. In addition, the dorm population increased by 6%.

According to Eddie Davis, Vice-President for Enrollment & Retention, "In recent years, administration has focused on improving the on-campus environment with construction of two new dorms and the Garrison Wellness Center."

"In addition to new buildings, SAGU has added new undergraduate academic

programs that have also contributed to the growth," Davis commented. "These efforts are beginning to pay off with increased enrollment and retention. SAGU has now experienced four consecutive years of growth and record enrollment. It's exciting to see such continued growth on our campus."



SMA Announces 2011 Mission TEN Trips Notable Chapel During Fall Missions Convention

AGU held Fall Missions Convention 2010 on Sept. 21-23. The theme was "Children of the Nation." Each day focused on a specific need related to children. In addition, Southwestern Missions Association (SMA) unveiled 25 Mission TEN trips and the giving project for the upcoming year.

The giving project for 2010 is to raise \$30,000 to fund a Royal Family Kids' Camp. Royal Family Kids' Camp is the nation's leading network of camps for abused, neglected and abandoned children. Their goal is to make a lasting difference in the young lives of children, ages 7-11, by giving them a week filled with fun, love, attention and care.

The camp will take place this summer on the SAGU campus. SAGU will be able

to see the effects of their giving first-hand with this opportunity to reach out and invest in the lives of hurting children.

The convention also highlighted upcoming Mission TEN trips. Mission TEN (To Every Nation) is an initiative to pray for every nation, proclaim the gospel in every nation, and send workers to every nation by 2020. Twenty-five Mission TEN trips are slated for Summer 2011. Destinations include Madagascar, Ireland, Cambodia, Spain, Bulgaria, El Salvador, Haiti and Romania.

Chi Alpha Student Mission Directors Scott & Crystal Martin were the special guest speakers for the missions convention. According to Martin, "The most important thing you'll do is to tap into the purpose and destiny God has for you."

Speakers 2010

Bryan Jarrett Rick Johnson Ron Woods Doug Fulenwider Jim Hennesy Jim Byh Dave Roever Rick DuBose Mark Hausfeld Isaac Lewis Jonathan Gainsbrugh Dane Hall Martha Tennison Jay Mooney Herbert Cooper Michael Fernandez Dr. Delmer Guynes Don Steiger J.R. Rodriguez Scott and Crystal Martin David Barton Glen Beaver Nolan McLaughlin



Services with these guests are available as video on demand at www.sagu.edu/chapel

Award Recipients Named for Homecoming 2010









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Rev. H. Franklin Cargill 1

Honorary Alumnus Award

- B.A. Oklahoma State University
- M.Ed. University of Central Oklahoma
- Superintendent, Oklahoma District
- Has served SAGU as a member of the Board of Regents for 24 years
- Currently serves SAGU as Secretary of the Board of Regents

Dr. Douglas Fulenwider 2

Distinguished Alumnus Service Award

- B.S. SAGU, 1971
- Superintendent, Louisiana District
- Member of the Board of Regents for SAGU for 22 years, where he continues to serve
- Chairman of the Board of Regents for SAGU September 2001 to May 2010

Rev. Dustin Woodward 3

Young Alumnus for Vocational Ministry

- B.S. SAGU, 2006
- Student Ministries Pastor at Copper Pointe Church, Albuquerque, NM
- 212, a student ministry, and Wake, a college ministry, have grown to multiple sites including Portales, NM; Mobile, AL; Socorro, NM; and Los Alamos, NM

Miss Crystalyn Maloney 4

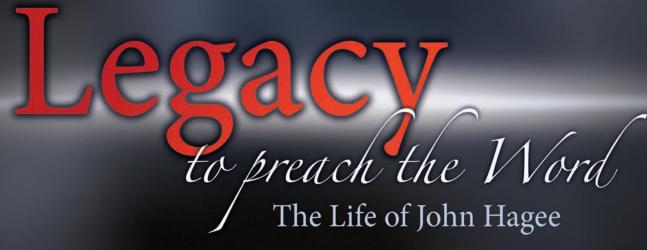
Young Alumnus Award for Marketplace Ministry

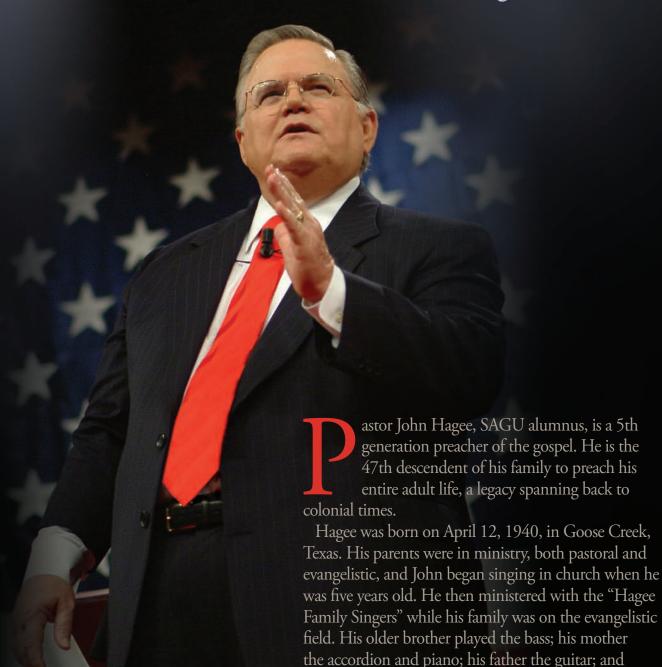
- B.S. in Business, SAGU, 2007
- Hired as permanent member of Walt Disney Marketing Department, August 2008
- Projects have included Tokyo Disneyland Resort, Disney Vacation Club, Walt Disney Parks and Resorts Online, Disney Internships, Walt Disney World Entertainment

Dr. Larry Goodrich 5

Distinguished Faculty Award

- B.A. in Secondary Education from Western Michigan University
- B.S. SAGU, 1974
- M.R.E Grand Rapids Baptist Theological
- Ed.D. University of Minnesota
- Lifetime has been dedicated to Christian Education, nationally and internationally
- Dean of the College of Arts & Professions
- Has served SAGU for 13 years





"Johnny" played the Hawaiian guitar and saxophone.

An honor student, John was involved in drama and other programs during high school. He loved sports and lettered in football. He excelled academically and athletically. As he approached college, John planned to attend West Point Academy. The last thing on John's mind was becoming a preacher.

On the second Thursday of January 1958, however, John heard the call of God on his life while sitting on the back pew of his father's church. It was from that pew that John walked to the altar and accepted Christ as Lord.

He immediately enrolled in Southwestern Bible Institute. His mother, Vada (Swick) Hagee, was a 1932 graduate from Southern Bible College, one of the original three schools that formed SAGU.

While at Southwestern, Hagee was the Junior class president and played on the basketball and football teams. Hagee toured with the Harvester Choir and preached revivals every weekend. During the week, he attended classes and worked at a church furniture factory to pay his way through school. After graduating from Southwestern with a 3-year Bible degree in 1960, John entered full-time evangelism.

He preached his first sermon in March 1958 in his father's church in Houston. Hagee was not successful in those early days of ministry. He slept in a garage for a year and lived on \$7,000 during his first three years of ministry, working odd jobs to keep food on the table.

"Hagee admits that certain things in his past such as his mother's strong work ethic and his experiences on the football field shaped his message," commented Jim Douglas of Charisma Magazine. "The pastor, known for his Texas twang and tough preaching style, puts it simply. He became successful because he maintained a contagiously positive attitude in the face of adversity."

John received a full athletic scholarship to Trinity University in San Antonio as a football walk-on. In 1964, he received bachelor's degrees in history and education. He coached at Nimitz Middle School. Under his leadership, the football, track and field and basketball teams won district championships. Hagee went on to earn his master's degree in Education Administration from North Texas State University.

In October 1966, Hagee returned to San Antonio and founded Trinity Church, which outgrew its first location and moved in 1972.





Hagee Interacts with Children in Nigeria

Hagee founded Castle Hills Church in 1975 with only 25 families. It also grew quickly and soon moved to a multimillion-dollar complex with 3,300 worshipers. According to Hagee in 1978, "The phenomenal growth of this church can only be explained in terms of the miraculous. The presence of the Holy Spirit to direct and empower gives freshness and vitality." Castle Hills changed its name to Cornerstone Church and moved to its present location in 1987.

The Dedication Day on October 4th was the realization of a dream. Pastor Hagee remarked, "Our primary purpose is to praise the Lord Jesus Christ for His faithfulness as we formally dedicate these worship, educational and recreational facilities to the glory of His name. 'Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it."

Six thousand people packed into the 5,000-seat sanctuary for Dedication Day. Pastor Hagee had planned for the new facility to hold enough congregants that everyone could attend one service. By February, however, Cornerstone had to return to two services because of the continued growth. From its humble beginnings with 100 people, Cornerstone has grown to include over 19,000 members.

Hagee's straightforward presentation of the Gospel has won countless souls to the kingdom. "All preaching must reach a point of decision in the person doing the listening," said Hagee. "You are in a tug-of-war with the Prince of Darkness for people's souls. I feel the tension of that battle every time I stand in the pulpit and open the Bible."

"I have watched you lead your church and your staff with admiration," John C. Maxwell told Hagee. "You have built a wonderful church but more importantly, you have equipped the people you lead. You have a heart to make a difference in people's lives. Your kindness and generous spirit is reflected by those around you."

In addition to the congregation at Cornerstone, Hagee has reached people around the world through his television and radio ministry. The ministry began with a vision to televise Cornerstone's services. In 1978, an opportunity arose to acquire licenses for two low-powered television stations in San Antonio. Once licenses were granted and Hagee presented the vision to his leadership, they appealed to the church to raise funds.

The John Hagee Television Ministry began in a 10-foot by 12-foot room with one secretary and one phone. It was run predominantly



by volunteers. In what he calls a blind leap of faith, Hagee formed a non-profit corporation called "Global Evangelism."

In 1979, Hagee's television ministry started its first program. "Clap Your Hands" was a locally-produced Christian talk show. As the ministry grew, they were able to purchase a separate building and it continued to expand. More importantly, thousands of lives were being changed through the uncompromised Word. Staff members installed a large bell in the prayer room to ring and celebrate each soul that came to the saving knowledge of Christ.

The one room office with one secretary has developed into John Hagee International Media center. The center is a 48,000-squarefoot, state-of-the-art radio and television production center with television studios, producers, directors, engineers, technicians, 100 telephone counselors, data entry complex, shipping for books and tapes and Executive Offices. They now broadcast throughout America and the world and feature over 200 products. Their ministry has reached millions with the gospel. Hagee's desire to "take the Gospel to all the world" has become reality.

"This has truly been a 'God thing' and only the Lord can accomplish something that miraculous," Hagee commented. "The growth of our ministry is something only God could do."

The Prayerline Ministry is the pulse of the media ministry. Since starting in 1980, it has taken over 10 million calls from people with desperate needs. In 2007, they had 865,876 calls with a report of 34,000 salvations. According to Hagee, "It has been an exciting journey watching God work.'

Later in his ministry, Hagee answered God's call to speak around the world. He raised money to build an orphanage in Nigeria and spoke to 3 million during a crusade in Africa.

Pastor Hagee's "tell it like it is" approach draws the attention of believers who yearn for the fundamental teaching of the Gospel. "I had never heard anyone preach with such conviction, honesty, or with such great knowledge from the Word of God," said Randy Travis.

Hagee has been a strong proponent of Israel. According to Rabbi Joshua Fass, "Not only have you been a shepherd to the tens of thousands in your ever-growing congregation, but you have become an inspiring voice for hundreds of thousands as an unparalleled supporter of Israel."

John was just a child when Israel achieved statehood, but he remembers it well. "Over the years, as I devoted myself to study of biblical prophecy, the memory of that childhood day in May 1948 grew in significance," Hagee reflected. In June 1978, Hagee visited Israel. As he walked the cobbled streets of the Holy City, he felt a very special presence that changed his life forever.

Cornerstone hosted the first "Night to Honor Israel" in 1981. The event is a salute to the nation of Israel and the Jewish people of the world. Its purpose is to promote esteem and understanding between Christians and Jews and to emphasize commonalities. In 2006, Cornerstone held its 25th annual "Night to Honor Israel." The church was packed with over 5,000 people.

U.S. Senator Sam Brownback commented, "Your tireless service and stalwart dedication is an example to all. You have been instrumental in the U.S. support for Israel. Your voice for Israel has been the clarion call that many have responded to."

Through the Exodus II program, John Hagee Ministries has raised over \$30 million for humanitarian causes in Israel and America. These causes include education, helping orphans, the gathering of exiles from around the world and much more.

Hagee was also instrumental in founding Christians United For Israel (CUFI). This organization provides a national association through which every pro-Israel church, para-church organization, ministry or individual in America can speak and act with one voice in support of Israel in matters related to biblical issues.

In the 1980's, Pastor Hagee began to dream about providing a Christian education for children. In 1993, a campus was purchased

to bring that dream to fruition with Cornerstone Christian School. CCS educates over 700 students from kindergarten to 12th grade in a Christcentered curriculum and environment.

Hagee is also an accomplished author. His works include New York Times bestsellers "Beginning of the End" and "Day of Deception" as well as best-sellers "Final Dawn Over Jerusalem"



and "Jerusalem Countdown."

John & Diana Hagee have five children. "[Diana] means the world to me," Hagee remarked. "I cannot imagine myself functioning at this level and at this intensity without her support. The love I feel for my wife, my children and my grandchildren is simply all-consuming.'

President Kermit Bridges commented, "John Hagee's impact on the church of Jesus Christ in the 21st century is huge. The campus family is proud of the fact he is an alumnus of this institution. We have been blessed by his willingness to invest time and energy speaking into the lives of our students."

A proud alumnus of SAGU, Hagee has a great love and joy for the university. Last year, Hagee conducted a seminar on campus concerning the end times. He is also the recipient of the 2010 PC Nelson Award, awarded during Homecoming. 🔳

My First Night at SAGU

By John Hagee, Cornerstone Church, San Antonio, TX



y first night at Southwestern was spent in the Women's Dormitory! That simple statement made to an audience of ten thousand will cause them to sit up straight, quickly slide to the edge of their pew and listen intently for the hint of scandal.

I was four years of age sleeping in a room with my mother and father, who were pastors of First Assembly of God in Channelview, Texas. At that time in the history of the Assemblies of God, the Texas General Council was having its June Council at Southwestern. That first night at Southwestern began like any other night in my home. Dad read the Word of God, we had an extended season of prayer and we went to bed. Lights out! No talking!

In the middle of the night, there came a thunderous banging on our door. All three of us sat up instantly, Dad turned on the light as the masculine voice in the hallway shouted, "Wake up! Wake up! Our boys have landed at Normandy Beach. The invasion of Europe has begun. Report to the gym for prayer for our boys and America!"

As a child, I always looked for my mother's response in any crisis. If she was upset, it was a big problem. Mother's face was already covered with tears. She had four brothers in the service who she had practically raised since her father, Charles Albert Swick, had died



when she was nine.

We were dressed in record time. Mom and Dad had me by each hand bouncing down the metal stairs of the dorm. When we cleared the front porch the race across the open field to the gymnasium was on. I touched the ground about every three feet as I heard my mother's sobbing prayers long before we got into the gym.

When my Dad swung open the gymnasium doors, I saw a scene that is burned into my memory for eternity. There were hundreds of Pentecostal prayer warriors that covered the gym floor and were scattered throughout the gym in the bleachers. The thunder and intensity of their prayers reverberated throughout the building with a passion and power human speech cannot describe.

"In the middle of the night, there came a thunderous banging on our door." All three of us sat up instantly, Dad turned on the light as the masculine voice in the hallway shouted; "Wake up! Our boys have landed at Normandy..."

Why? Because this was a war for America's survival! If we lost this war, and there was a very real chance we could, we would be goose-stepping and speaking German in the near future.

When my uncles left home for this war, there was no coming home in one year for rest and recuperation. The military personnel of WWII signed up "for the duration of the war plus six months." Many were gone for more than four years and came home to children three years of age they had never seen.

The prayer meeting lasted through the night and until noon the next day when news came that our boys had finally broken through on Omaha Beach. The intensity and duration of that prayer meeting is a moment in time I shall never forget.

Little did I know that in that very gym fourteen years later I would graduate from Southwestern High School and begin my ministerial training at what was then known as Southwestern Bible Institute.

In the autumn of my life, in the theater of my mind, I come back to the sacred memory of Southwestern and the cherished memories I have of that sacred ground and the dedicated people who have made it a gospel lighthouse to the nations of the world.

Faculty Noxes



- Greek and New Testament professor **Dr. Rob Starner**'s book "Kingdom of Power, Power of Kingdom: Opposing World Views of Mark and Chariton" is being published.
- **Lee Northup** has been working with the North Texas Assemblies of God District's Target 1000 Healthy Churches initiative. She will soon be certified to assess churches. Lee has worked in the area of assimilation for the past 25 years. Beyond decades of experience, Lee has been trained in Church Life's assimilation strategy.
- Wipf and Stock Publishers released **Dr. John Wyckoff**'s book "Pneuma and Logos: The Role of the Spirit in Biblical Hermeneutics." This book discusses issues related to "The Doctrine of the Illumination of Scripture." It discusses the role of the Holy Spirit in the understanding of Scripture. The book is available on the publisher's website at www.wipfandstock.com and through Amazon.
- 4 Rev. John E. Palmer received his Assemblies of God ministerial credentials in September.
- **5 Dr. Gary D. McElhany**, Ph.D., has been named to the MERLOT history editorial board. MERLOT is a leading edge collection of peer reviewed higher education, online learning materials and faculty development support services. Its strategic goal is to improve the effectiveness of teaching and learning.
- **Dr. Julie McElhany**, adjunct instructor at SAGU and Coordinator of Instructional Design at Texas A&M University-Commerce, co-authored an article titled "Bridging the Divide: Reconciling Administrator and Faculty Concerns Regarding Online Learning." The article was published in The Quarterly Review of Distance Education. The Quarterly Review of Distance Education is a rigorously referred journal publishing articles, research briefs, reviews, and editorials dealing with the theories, research, and practices of distance education.
- **Z** Svetlana Papazov recently had an article published in Enrichment Journal. The article is titled "The Place of Women in the Graeco/Roman World."

- May 9-23, 2010, the SAGU Faculty Jazz Combo, directed by **T. Joel Griffin**, toured Thailand & Malaysia. The tour was the first for the group, who received standing ovations for their performances. The SAGU Faculty Jazz Combo consists of Joel Griffin (director/saxophone), Tyrone Block (trombone), Joel Thomas (piano faculty at Michigan State University) and SAGU student Nathan Ziehm.
- Jeff Magruder's article "You Might Need a Preaching Calendar If."
 The article has also been picked up by an on-line preaching magazine devoted to preaching in the orthodox traditions called "Preachers College." A previous version of the article ran in Enrichment Magazine. Dr. Magruder also participated in podcasts for the "Explore the Call" website. This interactive website helps students identify, explore and nurture the call of God. The site also offers resources and coaching to help students participate in the short sermon category of Fine Arts Festival, which Magruder adjudicated this summer.
- Dr. Clancy Hayes was the keynote speaker for the Open Bible National Christian Education Conference in Trinidad (July 2010), the North Region of the Gulf Latin Christian education conference (August 2010), and for a Christian education conference in Queens, New York (September 2010).
- Adjunct professor **David Pointer** and his wife Sue are part of a team that ministers to the residents of Champions Cove, a 55+ apartment complex located in Duncanville. In April, the team began providing weekly Sunday services for those residents who are no longer able to attend services outside the complex due to health issues.
- Music professor **Tyrone Block** was recently named as Honor Graduate at the Armed Forces School of Music Advanced Leadership Class. He also received the Distinguished Leadership Award and was awarded the C1 rating by scoring the highest recorded score on the audition process of the course.
- SAGU music professors **Dr. Amanda Lee** (piano) and **Tyrone Block** (trombone), members of Brass Keys Duo, recently completed their first Southeast Asian performance tour to Thailand and



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Malaysia. The tour took place May 11 - 21, 2010. It was part of an effort to reach out to the communities in these countries and raise funds for non-profit Christian organizations.

Dr. Amanda Lee also conducted a two-hour piano master class at UCSI University in June. She taught a master class at Clavier Music Center in Ipoh as well. Dr. Lee had the opportunity to speak and share her personal testimony before presenting a 45-minute concert program consisting of all-time favorite hymn arrangements.

14 Dr. Gary Royer, SAGU Missions Faculty, went on a 3-week missions trip to India this summer. While in India, Royer taught a synopsis of the SAGU course "Understanding the Spirit World" in several settings. Royer also spent a day with the SAGU student missions team helping a church plant.

Adjunct Professor Daniel D. Schreck received his LCAC (License for Addiction Counseling) on August 2, 2010 and is currently facilitating Substance Abuse Groups and Individual Counseling Sessions at the Northeastern Center in Kendallville, IN.

Del Guynes New Communication Arts Chair



Rev. Del Guynes was named the interim chair for the Communication Arts department. Guynes joined the SAGU faculty in 2004 as Director of Chapel Music and Traveling Ministry Teams. Previously, Del was the Minister of Music at Aurora First Assembly of God in Aurora, Colorado, for 18 years.

"I am excited about what is happening in the Communication Arts Department, which is one of the fastest growing academic areas at SAGU," Guynes commented. "The faculty team—Dr. Danny Alexander, Rob Price and Dr. Skip Redd—have done a great job at accommodating the rapid growth of the department over the past several years with its relatively small group of faculty."

Coming to the position with more than 20 years of experience in the communication industry, Guynes

holds a bachelor's degree in Broadcast Journalism and a Master of Science in Telecommunications. He has worked for a number of media companies while a bivocational ordained AG minister. Early in his career, he was involved for a brief time in freelance television writing and directing for churches.

Upon finishing his graduate degree, Guynes joined Jones International, a large media conglomerate. During Guynes' seventeen years at Jones, he led business development efforts for the cable television branch in competitive telecommunications, high-speed Internet cable modem service and the nation's first launch of telephone service by a cable television operator. Guynes eventually became the Staff Integration Officer at Jones, working for the CEO to integrate the business development efforts of several subsidiaries. He has also been an Information Technology executive at Charter Communications, the third largest cable-distributed video, Internet access and telephone service provider in the

According to Guynes, "What I most look forward to is seeing the dreams and callings of students take shape, and enabling them to get traction in a very practical way. Over time, it will be exciting to see what God does after graduation with the Communication Arts students."

Professor Owensby Releases Stand-up Comedy Recording

Youth and Student Ministries Professor Dr. Garland Owensby recently released a recording of his clean stand-up comedy routine. Though he has always incorporated humor in his teaching and preaching, Owensby started doing standup comedy in 2005 for a SAGU Senior banquet. He has performed in various venues since then. The CD is titled "GO Time" as a play on his initials.

"It has been a pleasure to be able to perform stand-up and bring some joy to people's lives all over the country," Owensby commented. "To know that the experience can be enjoyed at home as well is exciting." Owensby performed to over 4,000 students in churches and camps this past summer. The recording is available on iTunes, Amazon MP3, EMusic, Founders Bookstore in Waxahachie, or directly from his web site (www.GarlandOwensby.com).

Additionally, Owensby had the privilege of speaking at five youth camps this summer. Owensby ministered in New Mexico, Southern Idaho, North Texas, and Louisiana.

"One District Youth Director once said that camp is the most important youth event of the year," said Owensby. "It is an honor each time I am able to stand in front of students and communicate the truth of Scripture." Multiple salvations, healings, Spirit baptisms and callings into vocational ministry were reported through the camps.



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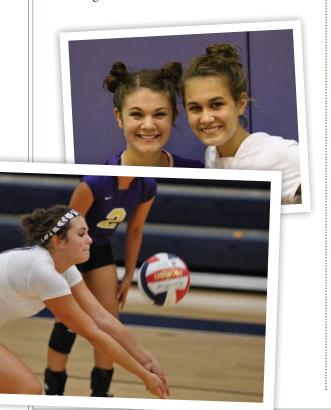
SAGU Volleyball Wins Become Family Effort

The Southwestern Assemblies of God University women's volleyball team has enjoyed a sweet season of success, winning twenty or more games in each of the past five years. One obvious trait of the Lady Lions is their sense of community, usually describing one another as sisters.

A year ago the squad posted a 28-12 record while sisters Rachel and Tina Brown were members of the team. This fall, they have welcomed another pair of siblings to the Purple Pride.

Senior libero Jordan and freshman defensive specialist Brittany Briggs are from Maypearl, Texas. This is likely their first and last chance to be teammates on the hard-court. While Jordan is a tri-captain and rarely leaves the floor, Britt is battling to earn more playing time. Still, they crave each other's friendship, support and camaraderie. They're even sporting what they refer to as matching Princess Leah side-twirls as a show of solidarity.

A Q&A with the sisters is available online at www.sagu.edu/athletics.





Volleyball Players Win Awards

The Red River Athletic Conference announced on Sunday, Sept. 26, that Southwestern Assemblies of God University's Caitlyn Hudson was its Player of the Week as well as the RRAC Hitter of the Week in a vote of the league's volleyball coaches.

Also named was SAGU's Taylor Calverley as the Setter of the Week. In total, Hudson committed only three hitting errors in 56 attacks, of which 30 were whacked for points. The double selection as Hitter of the Week and the RRAC's overall Player of the Week is especially sweet and not often accomplished.

Calverley bagged 82 assists in eight games, often teaming-up with Hudson and others for spikes. Her 53 assists against St. Thomas were a personal record. She had 16 digs in that match as well as six kills vs. the UST Celts. In dispatching Tillotson, she made 29 assists.

Senior Brittani Toole has been named the Red River Athletic Conference Hitter of the Week twice this season. The Middle Hitter averaged 4.17 kills per individual game as she totaled 25 spikes for points and the Lady Lions went 6-0 against Dallas Christian College and Bacone College. In 41 attempted kills, she made only two errors, which was a sizzling .561 hitting percentage. Her present hitting pct. of .251 is second in the RRAC.





SAGU Broadcasts Football Games Live

This semester, SAGU Athletics began broadcasting their games live via web. SAGU is the only institution in the Central States Football League to produce their games this season.

"We are very excited about bringing these games as a service to family, friends and fans of the university," stated Dr. Kermit Bridges, SAGU President. "It reflects very well of the quality and growth we're experiencing."

According to SAGU Athletic Director Dr. Jerry Boone, "We are glad to be able to provide this service to Lion fans across the country. Parents of our athletes that may not be fortunate to be able to see their sons and daughters play in person have been especially receptive. We believe that this project will grow and put us at the forefront in NAIA circles in broadcasting games."

Clay Scarborough and Mark "Link" Warde provide the games' play-by-play football commentary for the broadcasts. Cameron Ward, a SAGU studentathlete, continues as the public address announcer for the games.

John Cookman, Director of Media Services, serves as the producer of the show. Students also play key roles in its production. For example, Landon Perry serves as director and Tim Roberts as one of several cameramen. Danielle Chambers and Krystle Sonmore head up a team of student sideline reporters, journalists and researchers.

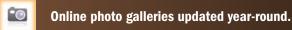
"It is an exciting time to be a part of the Media Services department," Perry said. "As a Communication Arts student at SAGU, I have many opportunities to get up-to-date and relevant on-the-job training through video shoots, chapel broadcasts and, now, sports broadcasts."

The stream is available for web and iPhone/iPad streaming and on select Android devices. For fans who miss the live broadcast, each is provided in archives for a limited time.

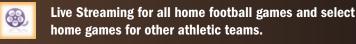


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Mission TEN (To Every Nation), introduced last year, is an initiative to pray for every nation, proclaim the gospel in every nation, and send workers to every nation. The vision is to send teams to every nation by 2020. This summer, students ministered in 15 countries.

Kenya

The Kenya team taught CRE (Christian religion education) for three weeks. They also helped build a house and school in an uneducated Muslim community. The group participated in a Swahili church service. God spoke through Cade Leuschner that He wanted to heal a lady who had been in sex slavery. A woman came up in tears and the team prayed over her. The woman still had fresh cuts on her neck where the knife had been. These men killed her father, kidnapped her and were about to rape her, but inexplicably let her go. According to Chelsea Jones, "The trip was heartbreaking, incredible, amazing, humbling, inspiring and I definitely want to go back!"

Peru

The Peru team led over 165 people to the Lord by way of drama, dance, and street ministry. They also worked with a church plant in the city of San Juan De Lurigancho. They helped connect converts to the local church. "Of the many stories I could tell," said Benjamin Liu, "my most encouraging personal story is how God allowed me the opportunity to teach at a cell group meeting. I taught on the name of Jesus and during a prayer time that followed, a woman who had been experiencing restricting back pains was instantly healed!"

South Africa

The team in South Africa was involved in many projects. The boys worked at an orphanage in Jericho while the girls were at an AIDS Hospice. They also went to an advanced AIDS hospice to pray and talk with the patients. The team also led soccer camps with "To Who ministries."

Bangladesh

The team in Bangladesh helped Home of Hope, run by Larry and Sharon Smith. They were able to teach English, multimedia, music and life skills. Team members had the chance to pour out their hearts and love to the children during hall devotions. The team also ministered at a youth conference, where 25 young people gave their hearts to the Lord. Joshua Ko said, "It was an unforgettable experience. God is doing great things here in Bangladesh through this ministry."

Ghana

In Ghana, SAGU students brought the Word of God to many Muslim children. The team handed out 3,700 copies of the Book of Hope.

North India

The team in North India held a youth event, where God moved in the hearts of young people who had never heard the gospel. They also hosted salvation and healing services. Each night, they had people returning for more of God's Word and new people searching for truth. "It's so amazing the people here are so ready to hear and receive the Word of God; they just need someone to come and share," commented one student.

Rwanda

The Rwanda team ministered by teaching English, hosting a soccer camp and painting a Life Center for women living with HIV. The team's driver, who spoke no English, accepted Christ through their individual testimonies and genuineness. "The Rwanda trip was an experience that both stretched us as a team, and taught us the importance of bringing the love of Christ all over the world."

Northern Asia

Students taught English in Northern Asia. One boy asked what the word "Christ" meant, offering an opportunity for Tranci Hernandez to explain to the whole class. According to Tranci, "They were so interested to hear about a God that would take away their shame and give peace and hope. They had heard His name and they were so eager to know about a God who forgives and a love stronger than death."

Mexico

The team in Mexico saw almost 30 people give their lives to Christ. During an outside service to the homeless, students told testimonies and performed dramas. Kristi Teel prayed with an elderly woman who was crying out to God in repentance. "I saw her face practically transform before my eyes as she filled with hope," Kristi recalls. "My heart was touched as I realized that this woman spent her whole life without Christ...she finally is free and has a relationship with Christ!"

France

The France team helped a local church plant. They passed out flyers and ministered through Convoy of Hope, a youth outreach and children's services. According to Rodney Williams, "Every single person on our trip broke from their comfort zones and grew in a way that was unexpected."

Sweden

SAGU's traveling ministry group "Dramatic Pause" ministered in Sweden through drama. They were involved in street ministry and ministered in schools and churches. They participated in the Jesus Manifestation with thousands of believers. "People on the street would tell us that we came at the perfect time in their life because they needed encouragement to move forward," said Ashlyn Anderson. During one of their dramas in Stockholm, a woman from Parliament found needed inspiration to know what to say to Parliament that day. "It was amazing to see God change hardened hearts right in front of us," said Brent Gwin. "The Swedish people as a whole were very open to the Gospel message and many seeds were planted in lives all across the Stockholm area."

South India

In South India, the SAGU team taught English in a Christian school. The students have some knowledge of Christ, but still serve other gods. On one bus ride, they sang songs about being a Christian and how to love and serve the Lord. "It encouraged me that they have such a great potential to come to Christ," said Rochelle Luebke. "They are so close. They have all the tools they need to accept Him and we sowed seeds that were planted in their hearts."

Costa Rica

The team in Costa Rica was involved in youth services, Kids Crusade, Indian Reservation ministry and construction. They also helped a school clean and improve part of their playground. "God showed me that he has given me many gifts," said Jason Brown, "and I was pleased with what God did there. It wasn't what I did, but what God did through me. It was a crazy trip, but God really moved. The people of Costa Rica are hungry for God and they are very receptive. We learned to love on them and build relationships and that is the key to ministering."

Southeast Asia

In Southeast Asia, students were involved in coffee shop evangelism and also helped at an orphanage. There was one girl named



Garza. "These are the people who we were able by God's leading to minister to, and these are the people we will keep praying



Dr. Larry Goodrich, Dean 2010 Distinguished Faculty Award Winner

Larry Goodrich was a teen runaway. He ran away from home and God. "My goal became to destroy as many Christians as possible and bring them to my ideas of atheism, or, at least, anti-theism," Goodrich said. Fortunately, God intervened and turned his life around. Dr. Goodrich became an educator, administrator, and contender of the faith. He is an ordained minister and currently serves as the Dean of SAGU's College of Arts and Professions.

Goodrich was born and raised in Michigan, between Grand Rapids and Kalamazoo. When Larry was two years old, his father converted to Christ and became a pastor in the Church of the Nazarene/Pilgrim Holiness. Larry was called into ministry at age ten. When he was twelve, however, his father left the ministry and became severely alcoholic and very abusive. (Goodrich was able much later to lead his father and mother back to the Lord.)

Larry ran away from the troubles of his home life. For the next five years, he turned against God and tried to spread his atheism as much as possible. In the providence of God, a girl named Kathleen Lowman transferred to his high school his Senior year. Kathleen continually invited Larry to church. "It infuriated

me," Goodrich recalled. "I just couldn't stand her witness for Christ." To "shut her up," Goodrich finally agreed to go to a District youth rally (known then as CA rallies). On February 12, 1966, on Abraham Lincoln's birthday, Larry was "emancipated" and set free in Christ.

Larry and Kathleen got married when they were nineteen years old and have been together for over 43 years. According to Goodrich, "My greatest joy is that Kathleen and I have raised three children who love Jesus and are always involved in the work of the ministry."

In 1972, Goodrich completed his pre-law/political science degree from Western Michigan University. He then came to

Southwestern to earn a degree in Church Ministries / Christian Education. Upon graduation, Goodrich joined the pastoral staff of Christian Center in Fort Worth, Texas. He was the first teacher, then superintendent, of Liberty Christian Academy. Five years later, he went to Grand Rapids Baptist Theological Seminary to finish a Master's degree in Religious Education and a Specialist in School Administration.

The Goodriches, now a family of five, moved to Rockford, Illinois, when Larry became the principal, and later

superintendent, of Christian Life Center School. Under his leadership, the school grew to over 1,000 students. They then accepted the call of God to join North Central Bible College, now NCU, to become the Chairperson of the Departments of Education and Christian Education for two 5-year periods. While in Minneapolis, Goodrich earned a doctorate degree in Educational Policy and Administration from the University of Minnesota.

In the summer of 1997, Goodrich received an invitation from SAGU to begin a Women's Basketball program. After coaching for two years, Goodrich joined the Education Department.

Teaching and preparing others to teach are Dr. Goodrich's gifting. His teaching strengths are in Educational Administration, New Testament Studies, Church History, Christian Education, and Comparative Religion and Cult Awareness Studies. "I love every course I teach because I love the teaching/learning process," Goodrich commented. "The thrill of teaching is worth every minute of every hour spent learning to teach students how to learn and grow in Christ."

Goodrich became interested in cults when he was about eleven.

While two Jehovah Witnesses came up their driveway, Larry's mother closed the window drapes and told her eight children to be quiet. "I 'learned' that day Christians were to be 'afraid' and not talk to those with heretical doctrine," said Goodrich, "but I later decided we should learn apologetics to defend the faith. I also became a polemicist who earnestly contends for the faith."

"I always find it fascinating to think about new and creative ways to share the Gospel of the Lord Jesus with a world that is desperately searching for truth, hope and love," Goodrich said.

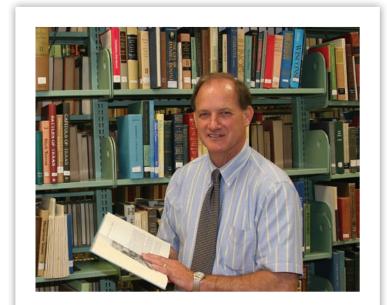
> "We possess what the world needs and my prayer is always that we would demonstrate the joy of the Lord to be our strength as we labor together and make Jesus famous."

When the academic divisions of the university realigned into two colleges in 2004, Goodrich became the Dean of the College of Arts and Professions. "My mind is still trying to grasp the concept of being a Dean," Goodrich remarked. "I believe the Lord had prepared me for this task for many years by allowing me to be in vastly different vocations, and by having taught in at least four different University departments."

Goodrich continues to teach as well. "My favorite part of being an educator is to pray for and teach these marvelous students, who are learning and preparing for the 'harvest-field,' in whatever vocation they choose." He

added, "I also hope my students get into their very spirits the thrill of being a Kingdom-worker. One who knows how to pray and how to extend the Gospel in any of the many, varied areas of ministry."

Goodrich concluded, "I am just totally convinced that everyone is to be a 'minister,' whether in vocational ministry or 'market-place' ministry, that I cherish the opportunity of sharing the joy of integrating the Word of God in whatever subject I am teaching."



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Class notes

1940s

Jude (1946-49) and Marie (Fortenberry, 1945-48) Strickland reside in Amarillo, Texas. Mr. Strickland pastored in three states during most of his active years as an Assemblies of God minister. He now lives in the V. A. nursing home in Amarillo. Mrs. Strickland works as an elementary teacher for the public school and the state school for delinquent youth. The Stricklands have four adult children and five grandchildren.

James Otts (1946-48) is a retired state legislator and a consultant for governmental affairs. He and his wife Mary Lou (Thayer, 1946-47) have two adult children and four grandchildren.

1950s

Robert "Bob" Messer (1951-55) has worked for Exxon Mobil, a dairy farm and a dirt farm. He is currently a retired cattle rancher. During his career he has been vice president of three Texas corporations. He and his wife **Ann (Graham, 1953-54)** have two adult children, four grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

Rev. Donald Petty (1954-55) pastors in southern New Mexico after retiring from his U.S. Missions assignment at Mescalero Apache Reservation for fifteen years. Donald and his wife **Wenona (1947-48)** celebrated their 50th Anniversary on June 25th.

1960s

Dr. Mary Logan (1965-67) is a professor at Global University. She facilitated graduate courses in London and Cape Town in 2009 and will travel to Cape Town again in November and to Cuba in December.

She also conducted a faculty development conference in Alexandria, Egypt in 2009.

Delores "Dee" McNeill (Miller, 1961-65) graduated Southwestern High School in 1962, was salutatorian and class vice president, and graduated with a B.A. in 1965 as valedictorian, class officer and leader of student organizations. She is married to Larry McNeill (1961-64). Larry was President of Southwestern Missions Advocates and Vice President of Foreign Language Club.

1980s

Wynelle Cowdery (Burns, 1978-82) is a motivational speaker, mentor, and trainer for youth leadership. For over 35 years she has been a missionary to youth in Latin America & the Caribbean. She has appeared on TBN and Enlace (Spanish Christian TV). She received an award for the "Most Outstanding Woman of the Year" in 1988 for her ministry to youth. She has a daughter, Angelica, who is 18. Wynelle's husband Paul is an event consultant & planner from London, England. He was the European Crusade Director for Benny Hinn, Morris Cerullo and others.

Wynelle is the host of her own television program, Breaking Barriers, for young people in both Spanish and English. Her husband is the executive producer for that program. The program is found on their own Internet TV Station, BreakingBarriers.

<u>1990s</u>

1 Joe and Misty Huelsebusch (1995-99) are appointed missionaries with the Assemblies of God. They are finishing their itineration to be part of the very first missions effort to reach the Tatar people of Ukraine. Their ministry motto, created by their six year old daughter Emilia, is "Doesn't everybody deserve to hear about Jesus at least once?"

2 Bradford Reaves (1996-99) was accepted into the Maryland State Police K-9 unit and is currently working Maryland's highways with his K9 partner "Bear." Reaves worked for eight years in Charleston, South Carolina, as a K9 Officer and Master Police Dog Trainer before accepting a position with the Maryland State Police in 2008 after his wife accepted a job near Washington D.C. Andrea, who worked in the Career Placement Office while Bradford attended Southwestern, is currently a Senior Systems Engineer for a government contractor. The Reaves reside in Myersville, Maryland.

David Watts (1996-2000) and his wife Angela are Dorm Pastors of Savell Hall at SAGU. David and Angela have 10 years of ministry experience. Most recently David served as the lead Pastor of the Anahuac Assembly of God in Anahuac, Texas. Angela earned a Master of Library Sciences from the University of North Texas and serves as a Librarian in the Dallas Independent School District.

3 Ryan (98-2001) and LaShera McElhany (97-2000) live in Waxahachie, TX. Ryan has been Marketing Director for SAGU for the last 7 years following the completion of his MBA from Texas A&M-Commerce. LaShera earned her M.Ed. from Dallas Baptist University and nears completion of her Ph.D. in Education from Texas Woman's University. They have two children, Addie (3) and Emmie (1).

2000s

4 Stephy McCauley (2003-08) is the Assistant Development Director for the Highlands School, where she is in charge of











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Erminia Canto (2006) pastors in Belize. She is also involved in primary, junior high and high school counseling, teaching special needs, coaching and is on the Belize sports ethics team. She has pastored the Worship Center in Belize for 2 years. She graduates from Destiny Christian University on December 12, 2010, with a B.A. in Theology.

Celebrations

5 Jessica Noel Arzola (03-07) and James Thomas Grissom (SAGU staff) celebrated their wedding on January 1, 2010, at

Castle Douglas in Rockwall, Texas. Jessica completed her B.S. in Marketing and Management from SAGU. She recently received her MBA from DBU. James is working on his master's thesis in European History at UTA. James has worked in the SAGU IT office for five years. After ten years in the bookstore industry, Jessica now works in the SAGU Marketing department. The couple resides in Rockett, Texas.

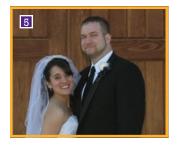
Daniel and Karina **Enriquez** (1994-99) celebrated their 10-year anniversary as pastors of Abundant Life Assembly of God in Nogales, Arizona, in September of 2010.

6 Jason (1996-2001) and Melissa McCoy (1997-2001) welcomed their third child

this summer. Penelope Jolie was born June 4, 2010. She weighed 7 lbs. 7 oz. and was 20 inches long. Jason is the Children's Pastor at Newspring Family Church (Jenks, OK) and Children's Pastor at a new church plant, Reality Church (Glenpool, OK).

In Memoriam

7 L. Glen Ahlf (1937) passed into eternity on September 5, 2010, at the age of 95 in Port Charlotte, Florida. He was born November 29, 1914, in Wichita, Kansas. Ahlf graduated from Southwestern Bible College in Enid, Oklahoma, and later



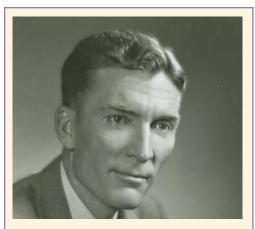








Class notes



Dr. Kande Kendrick

Dr. Klaude Kendrick (1938) passed away Saturday, August 28, 2010, at the age of 93. He was at his home in Fayetteville, Arkansas. Dr. Kendrick had a long and distinguished career in Assemblies of God higher education. Klaude Kendrick was born June 5, 1917, in Arizona near the Mexican border. After high school, he attended Southwestern in Enid, OK, under Dr. P.C. Nelson. He later earned a Ph.D. in History at the University of Texas. He returned to Southwestern and served as teacher, dean of men, business manager, and vice president. In 1955 he was instrumental in the founding of Evangel University, serving as its first president until 1958 and as Academic Dean for another two years. In 1960, he returned to Southwestern as its president, serving until 1964. From 1964-1977 he taught history at Texas Wesleyan University and was Dean at Vanguard University from 1977-1979. In the early 1980s, he again answered the call of his alma mater and served on Southwestern's faculty teaching history. Dr. Kendrick served as president of the Far East Advanced School of Theology in the Philippines from 1984-86. In retirement, he and his wife, Mable, lived in Arkansas, and faithfully attended Homecoming at Southwestern each year except for the last two years due to poor health. Dr. Kendrick was loved and highly revered by former students and colleagues, who affectionately referred to him by his initials, KK.

In Memoriam (continued)

graduated from Evangel University with a Bachelor of Arts. In 1940, he was ordained as a minister with the Kansas District Council of the Assemblies of God. On June 2, 1940, Ahlf married Ann Howard in Pratt, Kansas. They pastored Kansas churches in Corwin, Medicine Lodge, Humboldt, Garden City, Chanute, and Pratt. Ahlf was also a chaplain at Maranatha, in Springfield, Missouri, and a recruiter for Evangel College. He taught at Ash Grove (Missouri) High School from 1969 to 1976. Note: If you would like to give in memory of Glen Ahlf, you can give to the scholarship in his honor (the Glen and Ann Ahlf Scholarship) through the Southwestern Foundation.

8 Raymond H. Hudson, 91, went to be with the Lord March 30, 2010. He served the General Council as General Treasurer from 1973-88. Hudson began his fulltime ministry in 1936 and pastored several churches in Texas and New Mexico before being elected superintendent of the New Mexico District, a position he held for 13 years. He came to the national office in 1969 to head the church's Stewardship Department and later was named Church Loan Officer. He set up the Church Builders Plan, which provided low-cost debt retirement loans to churches. Hudson was elected General Treasurer in 1973. In this office, he led the Division of the Treasury and its various departments. He retired from this office in 1988 and he and his wife, Marie, moved back to New Mexico.

Joyce Groff (1949) passed away July 22, 2010, at the age of 79. She was born December 4, 1930, in Borger, Texas. She was the wife of Rev. Allen Groff for more than 60 years. She was a life-long homemaker and hostess to a global community as the wife of a minister.

William Moorman (1952) went to be with Christ May 5, 2010. He is survived by his wife Yvonne.

David S. Flower (1965) of Eldridge, Iowa, passed away Friday, July 9, 2010, at the age of 70. Flower was born June 25, 1940, in Eagle Grove, Iowa. He was united in marriage to Ann Schweertman on July 5, 1963. He was a lifetime minister and retired from Sivyer Steel after 23 years.

Othel Larry Thomas (1966) passed away Sunday, August 15, 2010, at the age of 65. Thomas was born September 11, 1944, in Fort Worth, Texas. He graduated from Aledo High School and Southwestern Assemblies of God College. He was pastor of Southlake Church of the Assemblies of God and presbyter of the North Fort Worth Section. Survivors are his wife, Shirley Thomas, their two sons and their wives.

Dennis Wayne Whaley (1973) passed into the presence of the Lord on August 22, 2010, at the age of 58, surrounded by family and friends. He was born in Houston, Texas, on July 21, 1952. Ordained in 1982, Whaley served in pastoral ministry for 26 years. For the past nine years, he was Evangel's Director of University Relations. He is survived by his wife of 36 years, Kristeena, and their daughter and her husband, also by a brother and a sister.

On May 27, 2010, **John Corpany** (2008) was killed in an auto accident in Waxahachie. He left his loving wife **Jaime** (Francone, 2004), sons Ian (4), Gabriel (18 months), and their third child Ashlyn, who was born on August 25, 2010. Corpany was working on his master's degree in psychology.

Patricia Louise Culbreth passed on to Heaven September 10, 2010, in her home in Springfield, Missouri, at age 61. Culbreth was born August 18, 1949, in Woodward, Oklahoma. On June 30, 1966, Patti and Ronald "Ronny" Dean Durham were united in marriage in Waynesville, Missouri, and to this union three children were born. He preceded her in death. On May 12, 2007, Pattie Durham and Cecil Culbreth were united in marriage in Springfield, Missouri. She was a woman of God and a member of Evangel Temple Christian Center in Springfield. She worked as Coordinator of His Story Ministries. She was also the National Coordinator for Women's Prayer Force. Culbreth is survived by her husband, Cecil Culbreth; three children and their spouses; three stepchildren and their spouses; and a sister and her husband.

Dr. J. Paul Savell



Dr. J. Paul Savell (1951) passed away July 1, 2010, at his home in Conroe, Texas, after a lengthy battle with cancer. He was 81 years old. Dr. Savell served as SAGU's president 1985-1990 and was instrumental in the expansion of SAGU's curriculum as well as the school attaining regional accreditation and establishing the Southwestern Foundation. Dr. Savell was preceded in death by his wife Mary.

He was born October 2, 1928, in Lockhart, Alabama, and grew up in South Texas near Houston. His father, J. O. Savell served as the superintendent of the Texas District, president of Southwestern, and Assistant General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God.

J. Paul Savell received a B.S. in Theology from Southwestern Assemblies of God College, a B.S. in Education from University of Houston, a Master's in Education and Administration from University of Houston, and a Doctorate in Education and Administration from Texas A&M at Commerce.

An ordained minister of the Assemblies of God, Dr. Savell served in a number of ministerial positions from 1950 to 1974. During this period he began his career as an educator with the Houston (Texas) Independent School District, where he served as an instructor and administrator.

Southwestern called Dr. Savell to the position of Dean of the Junior College and Registrar in 1973. In 1979 he was appointed to the position of Academic Dean for the entire college. Following the resignation of Dr. Delmer Guynes, the Board of Regents selected Dr. Savell as Southwestern's eleventh president. He took office on June 1, 1985.

Dr. Savell was a professional educator with a gentle manner and a heart for students and for God. He made several impressive educational accomplishments at Southwestern during his administration. Most significant was the attainment of regional accreditation for the entire four-year curriculum at Southwestern. This came about in

connection with the merging of the Bible College and the Junior College into one four-year institution. With the new accreditation in place, the curriculum expanded with new bachelor's programs including business and education.

Another important achievement of Dr. Savell's administration was the establishment of the Southwestern Foundation in 1986. The purpose of the foundation was to build and manage the school's endowment funds, stabilizing the school's finances. Dr. Savell resigned the presidency in the fall of 1990 after seventeen years in administration at Southwestern.

After his resignation, he kept close ties with the school, serving as an adjunct faculty member and as a member of the Southwestern Foundation's Board of Directors. In 2004, Dr. Savell received the P. C. Nelson Distinguished Alumnus Award for achieving prominence in his field of service and for his outstanding loyalty and service to Southwestern. In 2009, he received a special award from the South Texas District of the Assemblies of God for fifty years of service in the ministry. Note: In lieu of usual remembrances, contributions may be made to Southwestern Assemblies of God University, All Steinway Music School Project, 1200 Sycamore, Waxahachie, TX, 75165.

Dr. Daviet T. Sheaffer



Dr. Daniel T. Sheaffer was greeted in Heaven Thursday, September 2, 2010, at the age of 80. He was born November 29, 1929, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Dr. Sheaffer held degrees from Oklahoma City Southwestern College, Oklahoma City University, East Central State University, Tulsa University, and Luther Rice Seminary. Dr. Sheaffer's preaching ministry began at the age of 17. He married Bonnie Rose Benson in 1950, and together they pursued a very successful nationwide evangelistic ministry. Later they pastored several churches in Oklahoma. Dr. Sheaffer left behind his loving wife of 60 years, Bonnie, and their two children as well as his brother and sister.

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