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President's *perspective*

In the early 1900s, a young Baptist man named P. C. Nelson was struck by an automobile in Detroit, Michigan. Through that unfortunate incident Brother Nelson experienced the healing power of God and subsequently the Pentecostal experience. He would later distinguish himself as a brilliant scholar, evangelist, and leader in higher education, establishing Southwestern Bible School in Enid, Oklahoma in 1927, one of three schools that would merge and form what is now Southwestern Assemblies of God University.

From humble beginnings of 43 students in its first year to 2,023 students this fall, the history of this great institution is filled with miracles. In 2003, SAGU released the history book "For the Whole World." It featured countless stories of God's provision. One of the most memorable occurred in 1932. During the Great Depression, the University found itself without sufficient resources to feed students. Students were instructed to spend the night in prayer. The next morning, a train transporting an assortment of cargo, which happened to include food, derailed while passing through Enid, Oklahoma. To the surprise of school leadership, a considerable amount of beef and other foods were offered to the school.

In 1982, the University was again financially struggling, but the Lord helped SAGU achieve solvency under the leadership of Dr. Delmer Guynes. Dr. Guynes and his dear late wife Eleanor were honored at Homecoming this year with the unveiling of a new tribute wall in Guynes Hall. There is no doubt in my mind that the willingness of the Guynes to leave the mission field, and their commitment to intercessory prayer, were major factors in the turnaround of the University.

Our own students can share endless testimonies of God's provision. Recipients of God's 11th Hour Angel Fund, Maurice Jones and Tyler Martin, can share how God provided for their needs through Kristine Rikli, who felt led to provide for needy students. Glorie Ndongola (p. 19) shares how the Lord provided for him financially countless times when it appeared he would be unable to return to SAGU. Yet, God always led individuals to provide for his

needs.

In each circumstance we see that God used individuals at an established time to achieve his purpose—a Baptist-turned-Pentecostal, a local official cleaning up a train wreck, a dedicated missionary turned University president, and countless donors who captured the vision for SAGU.

In 2009, the Lord birthed a vision at SAGU for a World Communication Center (WCC). At an estimated \$19 million to construct both phases, this technology intensive facility will be the largest capital project in the history of the institution. With such vision there has been uncertainty regarding where the provisions would come from. As students prepared to enroll or re-enroll during this past summer, it was apparent that current economic conditions had taken a toll on many families. A number of students' parents lost jobs. Additionally, cutbacks in federal and state grants left many students coming up short by several thousand dollars.

As He has done throughout our history, the Lord again used generous people to meet the needs of the University and deserving students by providing donations of \$50,000, \$100,000, \$200,000, \$465,000, \$2 million and \$5 million. Details of those generous gifts are provided to the right, but let me share briefly about the last two gifts.

Through a mutual friend, I received word that a family felt led to establish a scholarship fund, so I scheduled a time for them to tour the University with no knowledge of the amount being considered. As it turned out, I was unable to be present the day of the visit due to the funeral of a family member. During the grave side service, I opened perhaps the most exciting text message I've ever received from Craig Rinas, Senior Director of Development and Gift Planning. This generous family not only provided a \$2 million check for the scholarship fund, but they stunned us with a second check for \$5 million. After hearing the vision of the WCC, they felt led to help make the dream a reality.

By now, you may have noticed the intentional use of the word "led" throughout my comments. All of the gifts listed above represent individuals allowing

God to lead them. A church leadership team, a couple who believe in this University, a couple with a heart for financially impoverished students, an elderly couple's final gift to their alma mater, and a financially blessed family—all led to invest their resources in the ministry of this wonderful school. These generous friends are helping lead us into the next era of University development.

Though we are uncertain where the remaining funds for the WCC or scholarships for deserving students will come from in the future, I have never been more confident in God's ability to provide, and for faithful men and women to hear His voice and respond with generosity. I ask you to join me as never before in praying that God will prepare the hearts of many who will help make the WCC a reality and for those who will provide scholarship funds to make it possible for wonderful young people to receive a quality education in a Spirit-filled environment. ■

July 2011

\$50,000

Freedom Fellowship International, in Waxahachie, Texas, under the leadership of Pastor John Bates, gave \$50,000 toward the World Communication Center.

September 2011

\$100,000

Gary and Sheree Sutton pledged \$100,000 toward the World Communication Center.

August 2011

\$464,986

\$464,986.88 was generously donated from the William and Irene Farwell estate.

The full amount is unrestricted, allowing SAGU to choose where the funds can best be used to sustain the University.

September 2011

\$7,000,000

SAGU received two checks totaling \$7 million from a family who prefers to remain anonymous.

\$2 million was designated for scholarships to be awarded each of the next 20 years at \$100,000 per year.

\$5 million was dedicated for the new World Communication Center to begin construction in Spring 2012.

August 2011

\$200,000

SAGU received \$200,000 from a couple who prefer to remain anonymous.

The full amount is designated for scholarships to widows, dependents of widows, disabled students, and dependents of disabled parents.

Master of ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERSHIP

It is Monday morning, and it has already begun. Your assistant informs you that the Board is waiting for you in the conference room. They have come to discuss the church's finances . . . again. Yet another round of the same questions. "How can we encourage more people to tithe? How

can we cut expenses? How can we recruit more congregants?" It's the age-old issue of the Church – especially yours. You have exhausted every resource trying to think of a solution and finally succumbed to the belief that it's an issue you just can't fix. But, can you?

SAGU's new Master of Organizational Leadership may help you. The program aims to strengthen church leadership in the United States. It offers an ordered, integrated and developmentally appropriate method for training and re-equipping leaders. Working professionals will learn how to make difficult decisions while maintaining integrity. It will teach you how to analyze complex environments and better articulate vision to your organization. It will also help you identify and correct dysfunctional relationships, systems or programs to enhance organizational performance.

Atlanta Falcons Senior Vice President and CFO Greg Beadles says, "The MOL would have helped me early in my career to handle negotiations with a different perspective. I know now that negotiations cannot be a one-sided affair that I must 'win.' Getting to common ground with a business partner and building from there is key."

The MOL is provided in a cohort model. A group of students meet in person at SAGU once per semester as they work to complete the MOL

together.

The cohort-based model allows you to draw from your work and life experience to bridge the gap between your education and real life. Challenges from various viewpoints will teach you new ways to streamline and revitalize your organization. The model also allows for guest speakers that are experienced professionals in their field to share their experience and knowledge. Pastor Scott Wilson shares, "SAGU has the best practicing professionals, leaders and professors to challenge your status quo."

Beadles shares, "Being able to hear from

Courses

Research Component (3 Hours)

- Research and Portfolio Development

Professional Component (30 Hours)

- Energizing People for Performance
- Foundations of Leadership: History, Theory, Application and Development
- Leadership in Management
- Spiritual Formation
- Leading High-Impact Teams
- Biblical Servant Leadership
- Motivation, Teams, Coaching and Mentoring
- Reinventing Leadership: A Breakthrough Approach
- Strategic Thinking, Planning, and Organizational Change
- Organizational Communication, Conflict Resolution and Negotiation

Practicum Component (3 Hours)

- Leadership Practicum



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“The open forum that occurs during the cohort challenges my personal assumptions on leadership.”

Jennifer McAfee, MOL Student

ethical decision-making, motivational speaking, strategic planning and problem solving. “This degree will help you break the glass ceiling that hinders your ingenuity and creativity,” says Wilson. “It will take you to a whole new level of leadership that you never thought possible.”

The MOL degree will teach you how to integrate Christian ethics and business strategy through servant leadership. After graduating, you will know how to use your unique personality, gifts and assets to positively impact the Church or marketplace or create a dynamic plan to manage personal and professional growth.

“We must understand that our work, regardless of what God has put our hands to do, is noble and good and part of his overall plan for redeeming creation,” says Beadles. “When you do, it will change your approach to work and leadership on a daily basis.” ■

and interact with leaders who are currently out in the marketplace or in ministry fighting the good fight is invaluable. I continue to seek these types of opportunities in my life. This program does much of the work for you by aggregating leaders with different platforms to whom students can gain access.”

You will become a valuable person in any professional environment by increasing your knowledge and skills. You will enhance your innovation,

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Doug Clay

- General Treasurer of the Assemblies of God

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- Assistant Superintendent of the Indiana District of the Assemblies of God
- Lead Pastor of First AG, Fort Wayne, Indiana

Bryan Jarrett

- Executive Presbyterian of the General Council of the Assemblies of God
- Lead Pastor of North Place Church, Sachse, Texas

Dino Rizzo

- Author
- Lead Pastor of Healing Place Church, Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Scott Wilson

- Author
- Lead Pastor of The Oaks Fellowship, Red Oak, Texas

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Cafeteria remodel completed

SAGU completed the Sheaffer Full Life Center (FLC) Cafeteria remodel Friday, August 12. The University's cafeteria renovations include new cabinets, equipment, flooring, lighting, enlarged serving areas and enlarged dining areas. Remodeling began May 2, 2011, to update the facility and accommodate increased student population. "This project was so comprehensive. It was imperative that we started construction the week after the students left for the summer," stated SAGU Vice President for Business and Finance Jay Trewern.

The cafeteria is a critical part of the on-campus experience as it impacts students' daily lives. "Our cafeteria has served the students well over the past 10 years. However, we needed to update



the concept to ensure freshness of the food and speed of service," stated Vice President for Student Services Terry Phipps.

The 10,000-square-foot Sheaffer FLC cafeteria was first opened in 2001 featuring a "food court" design that offered several selections during each meal. Tipton Associates architects have redesigned the area to accommodate Aramark Food Services' new "Real Food on Campus" menu that launched Fall 2011. The new menu offers students healthier, fresher options.

SAGU Food service Director Scott Regan shares, "We will prepare 85-90% of all food in the front of the house by exhibition cooking. It will better meet the needs of our students, faculty and staff by having an end product they are able to see being made start to finish." ■

SAGU helps Bethany students

SAGU is helping displaced Bethany University (BU) students continue their education in a like-minded university setting. Bethany University, located in Scotts Valley, California, closed its doors June 13, after efforts to find buyers/donors were unsuccessful.

SAGU has taken a number of steps to help Bethany University students transfer into a degree program at SAGU. They are waiving the application fee, offering a sizable Bethany-specific tuition grant for the first two years, and providing a rebate on the dorm deposit from students' first semester at the University (for residential students).

Vice President of Enrollment and Retention Eddie Davis explains, "We were sad to see a sister school close its doors. But, we are privileged to help Bethany students smoothly transition into another accredited university that shares Bethany's values."

The University is offering grants to undergraduate as well as graduate students. Grants are also available for on-campus as well as distance education students.

Assistant Dean for Admissions Bryan Brooks added, "We wanted to offer a solution for Bethany students and applicants as soon as possible. Our hope is that they will join the SAGU family this fall so that they don't lose any time toward the completion of their degrees."

Twenty-seven former Bethany University students enrolled at SAGU this fall. ■



SAGU reaches third consecutive fall enrollment over 2,000 students

This year, SAGU achieved its third consecutive fall enrollment above 2,000 students with a total of 2,023. On-campus undergraduate enrollment reached a 5-year

high, increasing 13 percent since 2007.

The number of students living on campus has increased 22 percent in the past five years. “We are very pleased with our dorm enrollment this fall,” says Eddie Davis, Vice President of Enrollment and Retention. “Over one half of our dorm students are living in our newest dorms, Bridges and Teeter Halls.”

On-campus graduate enrollment increased 12 percent, making Fall 2011 a record fall enrollment for the Harrison School of Graduate Studies. “We are excited about the growth of our

graduate program. Sixteen percent of our student body is now comprised of graduate students. The increasing enrollment is a testament to the quality of our academic programs,” says Dean Robert Harden. Graduate students make up 30 percent of SAGU’s School of Distance Education, which celebrates another year serving more than 700 students.

Davis believes that enrollment growth is a result of new degrees and will continue to increase as the University adds new programs. “We’ve seen significant growth in the business, counseling/psychology, biblical studies and history majors,” shares Assistant Dean for Admissions Bryan Brooks. ■



Alumna appears on “Food Network Challenge”

Alumna Wendy Weixel Collinsworth appeared on the Food Network Channel’s “Food Network Challenge” on Sunday, November 13, 2011. The Food Network Challenge was themed “A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving Cakes.” During the episode, cake designers made Charlie Brown inspired cakes to celebrate the season.

Collinsworth was inspired to start a website for her business, Haute Cakes and Cookies, after treating friends and family members to her cakes. She created the website and began earning a supplemental income while her husband Todd Collinsworth (SAGU alumnus ‘97-’98) worked as the Student Pastor for LifeChurch.tv’s Fort Worth campus.

Haute Cakes and Cookies was established in 2008 in the Dallas/Fort Worth area. Collinsworth has over 25 years of pastry art expertise, beginning as an apprentice to her mother who was a pastry chef and culinary arts instructor.

Collinsworth heard about the Food Network Challenge auditions through a friend and fellow cake artist who competed on the show four times. She submitted photos of her cakes to Master Sugar Artist Kerry Vincent’s fan page and was contacted by a Food Network producer soon after. After a three-month audition process, she was selected to compete on the show.

Collinsworth charges SAGU students to “never put God in a box – to never put a limit on what God can do. When God gives you big dreams, don’t try to make them small and insignificant.”

Collinsworth graduated from SAGU in 1996 with her bachelor’s degree in Pastoral Counseling with a minor in Business. She was highly involved in on-campus activities, including Campus Days and the Remnant Players. Wendy was crowned Ms. Southwestern her senior year at SAGU. ■





The Harvesters quartet ministers in India

This summer, May 17-25, the Harvesters traveled to Mercy Hospital in Calcutta, India, and various churches in the Indian state of Ranchi ministering through song.

At Mercy Hospital, the Harvesters stopped in each room to sing, visit and pray with the patients. It took five hours to minister to every patient on each of the six floors of the building. McKnight says, "I was especially moved to sing for those receiving chemotherapy treatments."

Mercy Hospital was founded in 1977 by Mark Buntain and his wife Huldah. The Buntains began their missionary work in India in 1954. After 35 years of service, Mark died unexpectedly in 1989. Now, more than fifty years later, Huldah

continues to serve the people of Calcutta. The building contains 173 beds and serves approximately 100,000 patients a year.

The singing group's highlight from the trip was having the opportunity to meet and sing for Huldah Buntain. McKnight says, "One of the most significant events for me was the wonderful opportunity to interview Huldah Buntain and to thank her for her many years of dedicated service to the ministry."

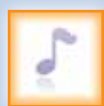
One of Mercy Hospital's chaplains, David Luke, also serves as pastor in the city of Ranchi. The Harvesters boarded a nine-hour train ride to sing at Luke's church. They performed acapella by lamp light for the congregation because the city did not have electricity.

The following Sunday, the Harvesters traveled to three churches. Members worked with a translator to explain the meaning behind the songs they sang. Many of the congregants were familiar with the

melodies of the hymns from having sung them in Hindi. In addition to singing, the Harvesters shared their testimonies and the message of the Gospel.

The Harvesters is a ministry of SAGU's Office of Advancement. Their primary role is to raise support for the SAGU Foundation. Members include Vice President of Advancement Irby McKnight, bass; Josiah Hartmann, lead vocalist; Dustin Jett, tenor; Jonathan Rumfield, baritone.

The Harvesters travel most weekends to perform at churches and other events. Tuesday, October 4, they sang at the National RV Mission America Placement Service (MAPS) Convention in Carlinville, Illinois, for roughly 1,400 RV MAPS workers. They also performed in a service at Shepherds Valley Cowboy Church in Cleburne, Texas, on October 30, and sang the National Anthem at SAGU's Homecoming on October 22. ■



Song samples and albums available at www.sagu.edu/harvesters

History Society visits Vicksburg

The SAGU History Society visited Vicksburg, Mississippi, September 23-24. Twelve students and faculty visited the city's National Military Park which commemorates the Civil War battle and surrender of Vicksburg. The 16-mile tour includes over 1,370 monuments, the

restored USS Cairo Union gunboat and National Cemetery. The group also visited the downtown Old Court House Museum and the Biedenharn Coca-Cola® Museum. ■

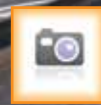


Photo gallery available at www.sagu.edu/vicksburg-gallery

Social Studies hosts Biblical Archaeology Seminar

SAGU hosted a Biblical Archaeology Seminar, October 11-13, 2011. The seminar was free and open to the public.

On Tuesday, October 11, guest lecturer Eric Welch presented “The Philistine City of Gath, Home of Goliath,” “The Age of Internationalism: The Late Bronze Age in the Eastern Mediterranean,” and “X Never, Ever Marks the Spot: Doing Archaeology in the Land of the Bible.”

On Wednesday, October 12, guest lecturer Christopher Gornold-Smith presented “Biblical Archaeology: Jerusalem and the Gospel of John” and “World Religions.” Welch also presented “The Age of Internationalism: The Late Bronze Age in the Eastern Mediterranean,” and Gornold-Smith presented “Paul in Corinth

and Ephesus: What Can We Learn from Archaeology?”

On Thursday, October 13, Welch and Gornold-Smith concluded the seminar with their presentation of “Jerusalem through the Centuries.”

All sessions were well-attended, with nearly 200 students and guests attending the morning sessions. History Professor Gary McElhany said that the commons of the Barnes Student Center was nearly full.

The topic of the seminar coincides with an Ancient Studies program that was added in 2009. According to McElhany, “The Ancient Studies program is a great fit for pastors and historians who want to learn about biblical history and archaeology.” ■



SAGU releases new worship album

On November 3, SAGU released a live worship recording from Spring 2011 Campus Days Late Night Worship. The new project features original music written and performed by students.

The album is available for \$9.99 from www.sagu.edu/worship2011.

SMA challenges student body to 30-day prayer



The Southwestern Missions Association (SMA) launched the Live-Dead Challenge on Friday, September 23. The 30-day challenge was a call for the SAGU student body to tithe a tenth of their day to God in prayer. In addition to the Live-Dead Challenge, SMA incorporated 24-hour, on-campus prayer throughout the challenge.

aside a tenth of their day, 2.5 hours, for prayer. SMA provided students with the Live-Dead journal, a daily devotional about missions and unreached people.

Student responses were positive. SAGU sophomore Christina Perez said, “It has been a challenge to put aside time every day. Through Live-Dead, I have seen the power

of journaling and reflecting on what I have written. It is amazing to see the unity that Live-Dead has created among the student body.” Aaron Bodey said, “This is the first time I have committed time daily to God without any other distractions.”

SAGU Director of Missions Chad Germany introduced the Live-Dead Challenge to the SMA officers during the summer. After prayerful consideration, SMA decided to present the challenge to the student body. SMA hopes that the spirit of prayer will continue long after the official challenge has ended.

During the day (6 a.m. – midnight), prayer was held in the Jeter Prayer Room; from midnight – 6 a.m., prayer was held in the dormitories. Each dormitory was assigned one night of the week, where students committed to praying during specified shifts. Friday nights were all-night prayer, held in the Jeter Prayer Room. ■

Student launches awareness event in DFW

SAGU student and social work major Desiree Richards partnered with Hope Springs Safe House to initiate an awareness event about human trafficking and sexual exploitation in the DFW community. The event was held Saturday, August 13, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the DeSoto Starbucks located at Highway I-35 and Pleasant Run Road.

“I became aware of the commonality of human trafficking and sexual exploitation about two years ago,” shared Richards. “I soon realized that I had a calling on my life to work with victims of these crimes.” Since last January, Richards has attended eight educational seminars and workshops about domestic trafficking.

The event had a raffle as well as live performances by Justin Hodges, Oscar Ortiz and Rocky and Julie Presley. Hope Springs Safe House and Richards hope to partner with other Starbucks locations in the DFW area in the future. The event

was not only intended to build awareness, but also to give locals an opportunity to volunteer and try to raise financial support



for Hope Springs Safe House.

Richards, a DeSoto Starbucks barista, was allowed the opportunity to host the event at her store. “It is a powerful tool for me to share my passion at my workplace, and in turn, be able to educate customers and Starbucks partners about a tragic crime that is happening in our local community,” said Richards.

The event was hosted by Hope Springs Safe House, a residential rehabilitation home for victims of sexual exploitation. Hope Springs works with the local police departments and federal law enforcement agencies to educate the community. Hope Springs is in the process of securing a home and land to house eight to ten women, 17 years or older.

For more information about Hope Springs Safe House, please call 214-802-3232. ■

Alumna receives Milken Educator Award

SAGU Alumna Andrea Morales McKenna was presented with a Milken Educator Award on October 7, 2011. McKenna is the only Arkansas teacher this

year and the first Hispanic in her state to receive the award.

J.O. Kelly Middle School ESL teacher Andrea Morales McKenna was surprised at a Friday morning school assembly disguised as a Young Adolescent Month celebration, where Arkansas Governor Mike Beebe presented her with the Milken Educator Award. Neither students nor faculty members were aware that McKenna would receive the award. She will travel to Washington D.C. with other Milken award winners for an annual celebration.

The Milken Family Foundation has presented over 2,500 teachers, principals and

specialists with the Educator Award. It is given to only 40 teachers and administrators per year. Recipients are awarded \$25,000.

The award is decided upon by a committee from each state department with strict criteria. After reviewing nominations, the Milken Family Foundation makes final selections. According to mff.org, “The Milken Educator Awards have been instrumental in communicating to parents and policy makers the proven fact that the quality of the teacher in the classroom is the most important school-based factor in determining student achievement.”

McKenna graduated from SAGU in 2000 with a bachelor’s degree in Secondary Education. ■



SMA hosts 5k run for Senegal school



Photo gallery available at
www.sagu.edu/5k-gallery

SAGU Student Missions Association (SMA) partnered with alumna Amy to host a 5k run/walk on October 29, 2011. Nearly 500 people attended. Another race was held in Belton, TX, on the same day. All proceeds will go toward the building of

a school for the Tukolor people in Matam, Senegal.

“Once I return to Africa in June, I will be partnering with the national church in Senegal to build a team of Senegalese believers for each church plant,” Amy shared. “Each team will consist of a pastor, school director and two teachers.

We will add teachers as the school grows each year. The school will operate as a community center for the town as well as a meeting place for the church plant.”

Although Senegal has improved education over the years, the illiteracy

rate is still high. Sixty percent of the Senegalese over the age of 15 are illiterate (NationMaster). “Even though many of the schools are private, the Senegalese make great sacrifices to see that their children receive an education. School attendance in urban areas is much higher than that of rural areas like Matam, many times because of the lack of resources. The school will be meeting a huge educational need in the town,” stated Amy.

The Matam Project is SMA’s fall giving project. Along with hosting the 5K, SMA will be selling t-shirts and collecting donations during SAGU’s daily chapel time. SMA’s goal is to raise \$22,000 by the end of the semester. So far, SMA has raised \$6,000 from the 5k alone. Amy plans to make this an annual event. ■

SAGU Theatre partners with local school for “The Boys Next Door”

SAGU Theatre performed “The Boys Next Door” on October 27-30, and will perform “Over the River and through the Woods,” December 1-4.

“The first time I read ‘The Boys Next Door,’ I was hooked,” shared Theatre Instructor and Director Ursula Gutierrez. “I wanted to share the play with everyone around me. I also knew that this play would be an opportunity for our student actors to challenge themselves.”

The play is about the lives of four mentally handicapped men who live in a home in New England. Norman, who works in a doughnut shop and is unable to resist the lure of the sweet pastries, takes great pride in the huge bundle of keys that dangles from his waist; Lucien P. Smith has the mind of a five-year-old but imagines that he is able to read and comprehend the

weighty books he lugs about; Arnold, the ringleader of the group, is a hyperactive, compulsive chatterer, who suffers from deep-seated insecurities and a persecution complex; while Barry, a brilliant schizophrenic who is devastated by the unfeeling rejection of his brutal father, fantasizes that he is a golf pro. Mingled with scenes from the daily lives of these four, where “little things” sometimes become momentous (and often very funny), are moments of great poignancy. SAGU’s treatment of the play intends to challenge the audience with the question, “How do I treat those who are different than I?”

To prepare for the sensitivity of the



Photo gallery available at
www.sagu.edu/bnd-gallery

play, SAGU student actors partnered with the Green Oaks School, a Christian school in Arlington for students with Down syndrome and similar developmental delays. Gutierrez contacted their assistant principal Leigh Weedman and arranged an opportunity for SAGU students to visit with and work with the Green Oaks students. Students from the Green Oaks school were also given the opportunity to attend school at SAGU for a day to experience campus life. ■

Royal Family KIDS CAMP South Dallas

Alexandria is only 6 years old. She has never been able to live a normal childhood, rarely smiles and doesn't play with other children her age. She has responsibilities. After being in 16 homes in the past year, her four younger siblings now look to her as a mother.

According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families, a report of child abuse is made every 10 seconds. Fifty-nine percent of abused and neglected children are more likely to be arrested as juveniles, 28 percent more likely to be arrested as adults, and 30 percent more likely to commit a violent crime. Even worse, five children die daily from abuse and neglect. It is estimated that between 50 to 60 percent of child fatalities due to maltreatment are never recorded.

Justin is only eight. He is reluctant to engage in group activities and doesn't speak much. He is very polite and well-behaved. No one suspects that one of his family members used to lock him in a closet and force him to drink chemicals.

Michelle is 10 and full of energy. She loves playing with the other children and is seemingly fearless. But, every time she sees a man, she hides. A well-intended birthday gift floods her memory with recollections of the abuse she suffered from her father.

These are the stories of real children. But, these children are being given hope for a better future because of one week at Royal

Family Kids Camp.

This summer, SAGU Professor Darren Daugherty pioneered a new chapter of Royal Family Kids Camp. Connections with Child Protective Services and local foster care agencies enabled the camp to serve 38 children, ages six to 12, from the South Dallas area. Children attending the camp have experienced a wide range of abuse

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**According to the U.S.
Department of Health
and Human Services
Administration for
Children and Families,
a report of child abuse is
made every 10 seconds.**
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and neglect (emotional, psychological or physical abuse, witness to family violence, or victimization through human trafficking).

The camp's purpose is to create life-changing moments for abused children. It introduces and/or reinforces a healthy family model to the children. Besides counselors, the volunteer staff includes camp "grandmas," "grandpas," "aunts"

and "uncles."

The camp leadership pays careful attention to protecting the children's identities (All names have been changed to protect campers' identities). Most often, volunteers do not know the child's background until shortly before meeting him or her, but sometimes they don't know at all. In the safe atmosphere created at camp, many children feel free to confide in an adult for the first time in their lives.

At the beginning of the week, the children received a "Rock Star" welcome from volunteers who cheered and waved signs as children stepped off the bus onto the SAGU campus. The children enjoyed crafts, games, swimming, fishing, chapel times, a Fourth of July carnival, a Texas Rangers baseball game, a talent show night and a surprise birthday party. On one day of the week the girls even received manicures and pedicures.

This is the first camp organized by the cooperative effort of a university (SAGU) and a church (Trinity Church of Cedar Hill, TX). Thirty-four SAGU students volunteered as counselors, in addition to another five SAGU staff members and two faculty. Camp staff included 34 Trinity Church members and SAGU staff members.

Of the \$30,000 given toward the camp



this year, SAGU's Student Missions Association (SMA) raised \$17,500, and Trinity Church raised \$10,000. Other services and gifts were donated by individuals and local businesses, such as It's a Girl Thang and The Texas Rangers. Birthday gifts were donated by more than 25 individuals and SAGU's Registrar and School of Distance Education.

SAGU staff member George Taylor, "Uncle G," shares some of his interactions with a couple of the campers. "One little boy asked me, 'All these people are here, and they don't get paid? They must really love us,'" he shared.

As Taylor shared how another child admitted to being a victim of family abuse, his eyes welled up with tears. "This all hits close to home for me." Taylor shares a similar story with the camper. He was only six when he was put into foster care after CPS uncovered that he was being severely abused and neglected.

He was adopted, along with 5 of his other siblings, at age 12. "I wish that I had the opportunity to go to a camp like this. I am blessed to have been adopted when I was. My adoptive mother is one of the most godly women I know; she lead me to Jesus, and she helped me heal. Some of these children may never get that opportunity."

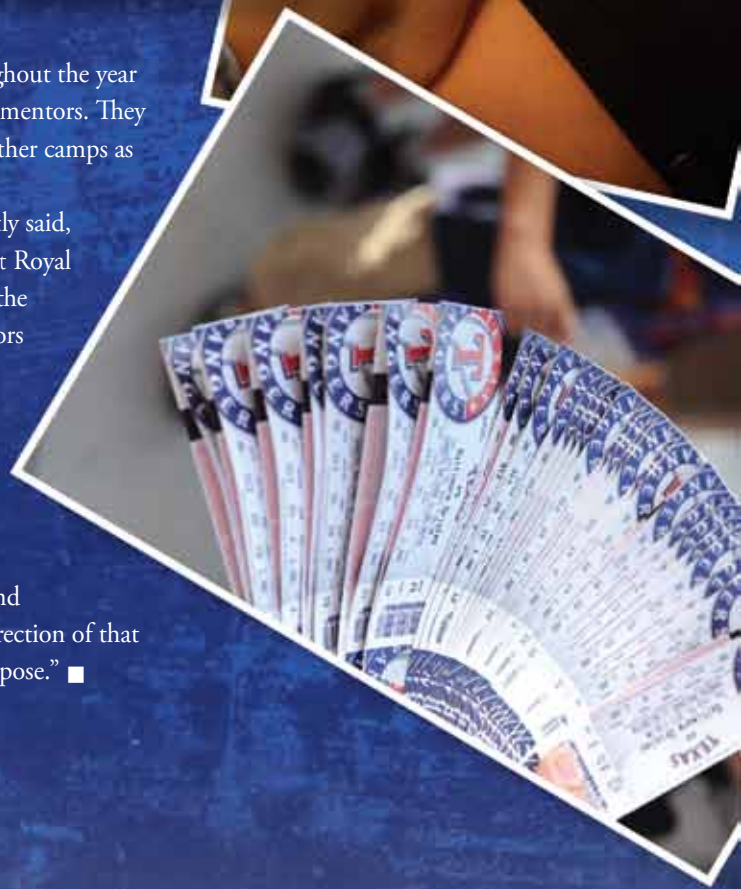
Taylor added, "One child said, 'I have had lots of birthdays but never a birthday party. I never want to leave this place.' I am so glad that these kids have the opportunity to be a part of the Royal Family Kids Camp. It not only touches the lives of the children, but it touches the hearts of the volunteers."

"The hardest part about the camp is when the children leave," shared Daugherty. "You wonder where they are going. What will they do? Will someone love them as much as we do? But you know that you've given them loving memories that will last a lifetime." Each

child receives a photo album at the end of camp to preserve their memories from the week.

Counselor Daniela shared about her last day at camp when her child received a baby doll for her birthday gift. "She was so thrilled! She turned to me and said, 'You know what I am going to name her? Her name is Daniela, so I can always have you with me.' I am sure that she didn't see my tears at that moment as I was so touched by her action."

Another counselor shared how her camper could not remember her name all week. She said, "I just accepted that maybe she'd remember it years down the road when she could read. But as she turned to say goodbye, she hugged me and said, 'I'm going to miss you, Kayla.'" Tears streamed down Kayla's face. "This ten-year-old girl changed my life forever in just five days. It was amazing enough



that she was able to receive love all week, but the fact that she was able to show love in return shows how much God can redeem. He took a broken-spirited, broken-hearted little girl, and transformed her to the brave and loving girl He intended her to be.”

Daugherty, his wife Wendy (SAGU adjunct faculty) and their three children have fostered 13 children over the past seven years. Daugherty’s resumé includes master’s degrees in Elementary Education and Biblical Studies and a doctorate in Education and Family Development.

Next year, Daugherty hopes the camp will have enough volunteers and funding to invite more children. Long-term goals include the addition of Royal Family Kids Clubs, a monthly ministry which will

connect with campers throughout the year and pair them with personal mentors. They would also like to establish other camps as off-shoots from this one.

One counselor poignantly said, “I know without a doubt that Royal Family Kids Camp changed the lives of the campers, counselors and staff forever. There are hurting people all over the world that feel as though they are prisoners to their past choices, abuse and negative circumstances. It just takes one act of love and compassion to change the direction of that person’s life from pain to purpose.” ■



For more information about Royal Family Kids Camp of South Dallas or to contribute financially to the 2012 camp:
www.southdallas.rfkc.org

For more information about starting a camp in your area:
www.royalfamilykids.org

Faculty Achievements

1 Tom Ferguson

- Elected vice president of Lewisville School Board, Summer 2011
- Granted patent #7,817,789 on 10/19/2010 Mass Call Event
A mass call event occurs when a program like "American Idol" or "Dancing with the Stars" has people all over the nation call or text in to vote. These types of contests are common throughout the world, but due to variations in telecommunications systems, some countries are not as well equipped to deal with them. This patent provides a software solution that will keep a mass call event from affecting normal traffic while still allowing the contest voting to take place.
- Inventors: Ferguson, Thomas Lynn (Carrollton, TX), O'Toole, Maureen Rose (Plano, TX)

2 Jeff Logue

- Recently published new book titled, "Porn in the Pew," which explores the relationship between pornography, sexual addiction and parenting issues. The book explains how pornography effects the brain and how, without Christ, pornography can destroy individuals, marriages and families. Dr. Logue hopes the book becomes a ministry resource to parents, pastors and students.

3 Gary McElhany

- Served on the faculty of the Mississippi District School of Ministry teaching Assemblies of God history, missions and governance, drawing on his earlier research on the Mississippi District and Gulf Region: "Fire in the Pines: A History of the Assemblies of God in Mississippi, 1900-1936" and "The South Aflame: A History of the Assemblies of God in the Gulf Region, 1901-1940."

4 Gary Royer

- Traveled to Yang Xi'an, China, in July, where he lectured for a week to 58 junior high and high school teachers on "The Seven Laws of Teaching."



5 Garland Owensby

- Was camp evangelist during the summer for Rocky Mountain District, Kansas District, South Texas District and Oregon District youth camps.
- Judged short sermons at National Fine Arts in Phoenix, AZ.

6 Jeff Magruder

- Featured on WFAA during the last game of the NBA play-offs due to a "team church" promotion.
- Interviewed by Dr. LaShandra Beckwith about contentment on her radio program "Living Happy" carried by LA Talk Radio. Wrote the afterword for Dr. Beckwith's recently published "When I'm Happy with Me."
- Adjudicated, along with several SAGU faculty, at National Fine Arts.
- Taught a master class on preaching.

7 Bruce Rosdahl

- Published an article in the 2011 Heritage Magazine entitled "Whatever the Cost: The Formative Years of H. C. Ball, Pioneer of Hispanic Pentecostalism."
- Traveled with a Mission TEN team to El Salvador working with King's Castle Ministries.

8 George Taylor

- Recently accepted into the Ph.D. program of Renewal Studies with an emphasis in Church History at Regent University in Virginia Beach, VA.

9 Rob and Teresa Blakney

- Both received Master of Divinity degrees in spring of 2011.

10 Donnie Bostwick

- Guest speaker for the National Association of Basketball Coaches at the Final Four in Houston this past summer.
- Spoke at the following Coaching Clinics: Metro Basketball Clinic in Waxahachie, the Dallas Area Clinic at the A.W. Brown-Fellowship Leadership Academy, and the East Texas Coach Clinic.

11 Tyrone Block

- Spoke at SAGU's history seminar during the spring semester, "Music that Got Us through WWII."
- Promoted to Staff Sergeant in the 106th Army Band.

12 Bruce Stayments

- Officiated a memorial service for the Texas Department of Public Safety on September 15, 2011. The service was held at the memorial site just off I-35 in Waxahachie, TX, where the trooper died (car accident) while on duty.

PATHAK MINISTERS TO FUTURE INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS



“How can someone actually know God? And who is Jesus?” questions Dao-Ming, an international student from China. She doubted that there was a God, but she desperately hopes that He exists.

“Wasn’t Jesus the son of a prostitute? Isn’t Christianity a Western religion?” asks Jaabir. Jaabir does not understand the Christianity he is presented with in the United States. It is very different from the Christianity he was told about in India.

Alumna Mandy Pathak faces these questions on a daily basis as she interacts with students who have never heard the Gospel of Jesus Christ or who have significant misconceptions about Christianity. Pathak is the International Student Ministry Director for Chi Alpha at Southern Methodist University (SMU).

Pathak joined the SMU Chi Alpha staff in 2005. As the International Student Ministry Director, she ministers to students temporarily residing in the U.S. to earn an education who, after graduating, will return to their home countries. “Our Bible studies literally have to start from square one: who is God, who is Jesus, and what does God want with me?” Pathak says. “We recently took

almost 100 students to a camping retreat, and for many of the students, it was their first encounter with the Gospel.” Several of the students she interacts with are from closed countries that missionaries might not be able to reach. Pathak says, “International student ministry is incredibly strategic. God has stepped in and made a way for Himself to be known in nations that have closed their doors to the Gospel by bringing their unreached to our own backyard.”

SMU international students are often the children of prominent government officials or other leaders. Pathak says, “We are ministering to the brightest and best of other nations. Many of them will be the ones in the seats of power someday—the future leaders of the world.” Pathak has ministered to a scholar from the Supreme Court of China, a student whose father is an Iranian Imam, a student who is friends with the Gandhi family, a student whose mother is on the Supreme Court of Iran, a judge from Uganda, and the children of powerful Turkish shipping magnates.

Pathak evangelizes primarily through relationships. She organizes activities to meet students’ physical, emotional and spiritual

needs. “We want the students to know that we really love them and want to serve them. We have found that international students’ time in the U.S. is a very open season for them. This is the first time in their lives that they are out of their cultural context and able to freely explore.”

Pathak encountered a Middle-Eastern student, Rashid, who was hesitant to show his interest in Christianity. “Could you get me an English Bible so I can practice my English? I’m interested in Jesus, but I was never allowed to have a Bible in my country.”

Mandy and Shomik Pathak’s marriage has provided many opportunities for their ministering to international students. Mandy met Shomik while volunteering at an international student ministry in Dallas during her senior year at SAGU. Shomik was a new international student from Mumbai, India.

The Pathaks have been married for four years now. Mandy says, “It’s amazing how our marriage is such a perfect compliment to the ministry God has us in. Since India is one of the largest senders of students to the U.S., we encounter the Indian culture a lot. Students can relate to my husband and his story.”

Former SAGU missions instructors Paul York and Christopher Gornold-Smith influenced Pathak. She says, “York took missions outside of the box and showed me the creativity of God in bringing all nations to Himself. Smith provided me with a wonderful example of how to balance Pentecostalism with reason, education and critical thinking.” York also encouraged Pathak to volunteer at Chi Alpha.

In 2003, Pathak graduated from SAGU with a Bachelor of Science in Cross-Cultural Ministry and an Associate of Arts in Bible. She continued her education at AGTS in Springfield, MO, where she earned a master’s degree in Theological Studies. She is an official missionary with the Assemblies of God. ■

All names have been changed to protect the students.

For more information about Mandy or for her US missionary support info, email mandypathak@gmail.com

to God be the *Glorie*

Glorie was born in the midst of civil unrest in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). The country, then known as Zaire, was ruled by President Mobutu (Sese Seko), a tyrannical dictator whose totalitarian regime was characterized by violence and corruption. Glorie's father, Jean Pierre (J.P.), was an unwilling participant in Mobutu's regime. He worked in the government's foreign relations and became the director of water distillation for the country. After a falling out with Mobutu, J.P. and the Ndongala family were forced into hiding. Before they were able to flee the country, J.P. was arrested twice, and Glorie's mother was brutally beaten.

Eventually, a businessman paid J.P. to move to the U.S. to pursue an engineering career. J.P.'s family followed him to the United States a year later. Upon arrival, the rest of the family applied for citizenship, and within a few years Glorie's two youngest siblings were born.

Although Glorie's mother, Beatrice, was hopeful about the new life they had started, Glorie's father eventually abandoned the family, denying them when he received citizenship. It has been difficult for Beatrice and her children to obtain citizenship since then. Glorie has not seen or heard from his father since he was 14 years old.

Glorie did not always desire God's will for his life. Beatrice taught him Christian principles, but Glorie rejected God. The summer before his junior year of high school, Glorie gave his heart to the Lord at a youth camp when he was overwhelmed by the presence of God.

Glorie was introduced to SAGU by his youth pastor Joel Sosa, a SAGU alumnus, who brought his youth group to Campus Days in 2006. Glorie says, "I knew I was supposed to be here as soon as I set foot on the campus." He immediately began applying for scholarships, but had only received \$3,000 by the end of his senior year. His mother was reluctant to let him go with little financial backing, but Glorie was certain SAGU was where he was supposed to be. With only \$3,000 in his pocket, Sosa gave him a one-way ticket to Texas.

College has been financially difficult for Glorie since he arrived in Fall 2007. He shares how God has miraculously provided for him each year. "Since I arrived at SAGU, I have experienced one financial blessing after another," says Glorie.

"I wanted to be angry at God, but He is so good. The best place to give God praise is when you are in the pit." Following his mother's example, continual prayer has been his foundation and reason for God's provision in his life. "According to Hebrews 5:7, prayer is not an option; it is a have to, a need, a must."

By his second year, he owed \$26,000 and was told for the second time that he would have to leave. Within the week, Glorie received \$6,000 from God's 11th Hour Angel Fund. After his Financial Aid was approved, he still lacked \$6,555.

Packed and ready to leave, Glorie thought he needed to pray one last time. Walking to the Jeter Prayer Room, he ran into an acquaintance, Jared, who asked how he was doing. After sharing his story, Jared pulled his checkbook from his pocket and wrote a check for the full amount.

Glorie recently received a \$2,500 scholarship from the 2011 Dr. Pepper Million Dollar Tuition Giveaway Promotion and Contest. On January 6, 2012, he will compete for a \$100,000 prize on live TV during the Cotton Bowl's half-time show at Cowboys Stadium in Arlington, TX.

Glorie will graduate with a bachelor's degree in Church Ministries and associate degrees in Psychology and Bible in the fall of 2012. Glorie and fiancée Katie Winkowitsch will marry May 12, 2012. They will move to New York to work with street ministries while preparing a team to return to the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

In the Congo, Glorie and Katie plan to partner with local churches to build orphanages. The orphanages will be based on a family model and be self-sustaining through farming. The school started at the orphanage will eventually be open to the community. They also hope to start sports ministries for the surrounding communities. ■



Athletic Highlights

Rice performance wins acclaim

Football quarterback, Jason Rice (Katy, TX / Katy Faith West High School), was named the Offensive Player of the Week in the Central States Football League for his effort in a win over Austin College.

His performance nominated him as one of the top players in the nation by the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA).

Rice was chosen the National Player of the Week by the National Christian College Athletic Association. Six others made the list as nominees for the national award.



The 6-foot-2, 205-pound quarterback completed 18 of 26 passes for 238 yards and a pair of touchdowns. His touchdown throws covered 50 and 31 yards to junior wide out Micah Burditt (Midland, TX / Midland Lee High School). Rice threw no interceptions.

Rice also ran 15 times for 63 yards. He completed his first 13 throws. ■



Athletics profile: Joe Ballah

SAGU sophomore Joe Ballah was recruited by Aaron DeLoach last year to play on SAGU's men's soccer team. Prior to SAGU, Ballah played on DeLoach's club soccer team in Charlotte, North Carolina, for two years. Ballah (#7) is playing as a forward during the Fall 2011 season.

Ballah's family, originally from Liberia, Africa, was staying in a refugee camp in Guinea, when Ballah's aunt entered them into a drawing for the chance to move to the United States. His family was selected for an interview and was chosen to receive a one-way ticket to the United States. In 2005, when Ballah was fifteen years old, the family was relocated to Trenton, New Jersey. But, because of gang and street violence, Ballah's mother decided to send Ballah and his brother to live with family friends in Charlotte. During high school he was invited to play for DeLoach's club soccer team by a classmate.

Ballah values the spiritual and academic

success he has had at SAGU. To him, SAGU is a safe, healthy atmosphere for learning and is a place where he can continue to build a firm spiritual foundation. Ballah says, "Faculty members and the friendly, spiritual atmosphere have helped me become a more positive, godly person."

DeLoach and SAGU Counselor Madeline Treviño have ministered to Ballah and supported him during his time at the University. Ballah says, "Coach DeLoach was like a dad to me. He was a role model of what a Christian man should be. He believes in me and always told me that I could do anything I put my mind to." Of Treviño he says, "She has always been there when I needed someone to talk to. She gives me good advice that I don't get other places."

Ballah intends to enroll in medical school, become a doctor, and return to Liberia to build a hospital. He would eventually like to be involved with medical missions across Africa. ■

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Espinoza earns Libero of the Week

Volleyball player Laura Espinoza was named as the Libero of the Week (September 26 - October 2) by the Red River Athletic Conference (RRAC).

Espinoza has played defense since the start of the Fall 2011 season. The Libero, designated by a contrasting jersey color, is a back row defense specialist. The Libero is not subject to the rules of rotation and remains in the game at all times. The position's primary responsibility is ball control through digging and passing. Espinoza's abilities in ball control have earned her high praise among her teammates.

The Lady Lion's game versus the University of St. Thomas on October 1 was Espinoza's highlight performance with 24 digs. It was the ninth time this season she surpassed 20 digs. Her 4.9 per game average is second in the league. Her average is the highest for the SAGU volleyball team since 2006.

During the week, Espinoza made a total of 31 digs and received the ball 40 times, making only a single error. Thus far, Espinoza has reached double figures in digs in 16 of the team's 19 matches, with a career-high of 35 in a five-set game against Austin College. ■



Athletics plans new ministry opportunities

SAGU Director of Sports Medicine Jaroy Carpenter will lead student athletes in various outreach ministries locally and abroad during the fall semester. Student athletes will participate in outreach ministries after sporting events and during extra-curricular opportunities, at public and private schools, youth groups and Sunday morning services.

SAGU athletes have participated in many off-campus ministries within the past year. One of the areas of focus has been Game Day Challenge: interactive games and activities with character education and a positive message. The challenge addresses the choices, changes, pressures, relationships and responsibilities of junior high and high school students. The program was recently presented to the Assemblies of God National Youth Department and Youth Alive for possible replication.

"They want to package our school outreach for Youth Alive directors and youth pastors across America to take to their schools and communities," Carpenter explained.



Approximately 80 students have participated in six mission trips to Monterrey, Mexico. The teams have also participated in domestic missions to other cities in Texas, Arizona and Louisiana. Carpenter states that the number of participants exceeds 100 SAGU athletes working in athletic clinics and community outreaches. Last winter, 65 SAGU students and student athletes worked as group leaders for the Greater Dallas Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) Junior High "Weekend of Champions." It was the largest group of students from one college in the history of the national FCA that has ever led an event.

Carpenter has served as the Director of Sports Medicine for seven years and the Director of Athletes Outreach for four years. SAGU has partnered with his personal ministry, Solid Rock Resources.

Under Carpenter's leadership, eight additional ministry events are scheduled through the fall semester. More services and events will be added as the semester progresses. ■



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“We are all extremely thankful for the many donors who have been so generous,” she added.

The opening program in SAGU’s chapel featured the SAGU jazz ensemble and a performance by Steinway Artist Don Irwin at the piano.

Inspired by a visit at age 14 to Willie

Nelson’s recording studio, Mr. Irwin studied at University of Texas at Austin, The University of Tulsa and University of Illinois before becoming a recording studio musician and recording artist with 21 CDs to his credit. He has toured Europe, was a guest performer at the Cannes Music Festival, has made television appearances and produced and appeared in two music videos for the South African government. In 1998, Steinway invited Irwin to join its international roster of registered Steinway Artists. Mr. Irwin is the son of two SAGU graduates; his parents met at the school. His appearance was a fitting tribute.

An invitation-only luncheon followed his performance at 11:00 a.m. Ron Losby, president of Steinway & Sons – Americas, flew to Waxahachie from New York to offer personal congratulations to SAGU on becoming an All-Steinway School. ■

Class Notes

1970s

Daniel L. Mitchell (1974) is a licensed Assemblies of God minister and an independent scholar of both sociology and history. His academic book review was published online in the 2011 African Studies Quarterly, University of Florida. The book reviewed was "Mistaking Africa: Curiosities and Inventions of the American Mind" by Curtis Keim.

2000s

1 Joshua (2004) & Raquel Newsom were married in 2004. In 2007, their son Eli was born. In 2009, their daughter Eve was born. Joshua and Raquel are expecting again, and the baby will be due in March of 2012. The family is working in China on their second year tour.

2 Michelle (Burk) Vincent (2005) stepped down from her 6 year position as an Early Childhood Pastor to step into the role of stay-at-home mom to her new daughter, Jubilee Aurora Vincent. Born in June, Jubilee was premature (weighing 3 lbs. 2 oz.), but she has since doubled her weight and is doing well. Michelle continues to serve alongside her husband, Philip Vincent, who is part of the pastoral staff at Westover Hills Assembly of God in San Antonio, TX.

Jeremy Crenshaw (2005) is currently a Ph.D. student in biblical studies at Regent University while his wife Brittany is in ORU's nursing program. One of Jeremy's projects is a festschrift in Johannine literature in honor of his mentor from AGTS, Ben Aker. The festschrift includes articles from several members of the

SAGU faculty and will be published through Pickwick at the end of 2012 or the beginning of 2013. Jeremy and Brittany have three children – two girls and a four month old boy. The family currently attends a local church while they take advantage of opportunities to preach and teach.

Celebrations

3 Chris and Elaine Baca (2011) married August 7, 2010. They are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Lyla Jane, born August 9, 2011. Chris will graduate in December 2012 with his bachelor's in Theological Studies. Elaine graduated in May 2011 with a bachelor's degree in Church Ministries. Chris currently works as a Clerk in SAGU's Accounts Receivable.

4 Caleb Barnett (2010) and Abby Goldsmith married March 11, 2011 in their home state of Arkansas. Caleb graduated with his bachelor's in Church Ministries and is pursuing his master's in Organizational Leadership at SAGU. Abby is pursuing her bachelor's in Criminal Justice and plans to graduate fall of 2012. Caleb works as the Administrative Assistant to SAGU's Vice President for Advancement. Abby is the Office Coordinator for SAGU's Career Services.

5 Tom (2008) and Christen (Fulton) Damante (2008) celebrated the birth of their little girl Braylie Kate on September 19, 2011. Christen and Tom are Spiritual Development Pastors in Mesa, AZ.

Kenneth Perry Jr. (2011) married **Majken Boykin (2011)** on August 13, 2011. They do not have any children,

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but do have the privilege of rearing a fine dachshund (weenie dog) named Toby. They are currently in the process of moving to Franklin, LA, where they will serve as music pastors.

6 Audrey Reyes and Landon Perry (2011) are engaged to be married on June 24, 2012. Audrey will receive her bachelor's in World Ministries at SAGU in the spring of 2012. Landon graduated with his bachelor's in Church Ministries with a focus in Broadcast and Media; he now works in SAGU's Marketing and Public Relations Department as the Video Marketing Specialist.

Shannon Hicks (2009) married Victor Price on September 3, 2011. Victor and Shannon met at Abundant Life Assembly of God in Grand Prairie, TX. Victor received his bachelor's degree in Business Management from the University of Texas at Arlington, and Shannon received a bachelor's degree in Church Music from SAGU. They now live in Dallas, TX.





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In Memoriam

7 Dr. Virgil Marion Nicholson (1950), age 91, of Springfield, MO, passed away Monday, July 18, 2011, in Cox Walnut Lawn. He was born May 31, 1920, in Hill City, KS, to Joseph and Rita (Shepherd) Nicholson. He was a member of Central Assembly of God Church.

8 Charles Rodolico (1957), of Denton, TX, passed away on October 9, 2010. He was a first generation American, born in Manhattan, NY, on August 29, 1929, to Italian immigrants Giuseppe and Domenica (Serravilla) Rodolico. While stationed in the air force in Cheyenne, WY,

he met Leora E. Hobbs, and they were married on May 26, 1951. They moved to Texas in 1953 to attend Bible school and raise a family. Charles was a founding member of Christian Counselors of Texas and served as treasurer from 1984-1994. Throughout his life, Charles was a faithful and dedicated servant of the Lord, pastoring many small congregations in Texas.

9 Paula Marie Flower (1962), age 73, of Springfield, MO, went to be with the Lord on Friday, August 26, 2011, at Maranatha Lodge in Springfield. She was a retired Assemblies of God missionary to Africa, where she served for 40 years.

Paula was born on July 26, 1938, in Eagle Grove, IA.

William Wesley Click III (1980) of Rogersville passed away Friday, August 26, 2011, at age 51, due to a medical condition. He was born on May 21, 1960, in Lea County, NM. He was united in marriage on June 30, 1989, to Susan N. Loveland.

Reverend Waymon Preston Claiborne (1987), went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, August 10, 2011. Rev. Claiborne was born on December 19, 1948 in Jacksonville, TX. He married Dianna Lavon Daniel on March 1, 1969. He received his first pastorate at First Assembly



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of God in Cayuga, TX. His ministry included First Assembly of God in Milford, TX, and Glad Tidings Assembly of God in Palestine, TX. He has been the Pastor of Pierce's Chapel Assembly of God Church since January 2001. Reverend Claiborne was co-founder and co-executive director of the Almond Tree Community Resource and Training Center in Jacksonville. He was trained in Disaster Relief with the American Red Cross. He was an active member of Tyler Farmer's Market and Founder of Farm Fresh Produce, Inc. in Jacksonville, TX.

10 Jessica Rochelle Coleman was called home to be with the Lord on July 17, 2011. Jessica was born on September 14, 1978, to Danny Wayne Williams and Connie Elaine 'Hollis' Williams. At an early age, Jessica was called to be a missionary. She attended the School of Ministry in Peru for 3 months. Jessica met Justin Coleman (1994), an aspiring evangelist from Albuquerque, NM, in 1999. The two were married on May 20, 2000. After living in Snyder for 5 years, God called them to Canadian where they most recently pastored. While there, they had two boys named Justin Levi and Jess Cotton.

Reverend Virgil W. Illum went into the presence of the Lord in his home in Divide, CO, on July 15, 2011. Born in Astoria, OR on July 12, 1950, to Ernest and Lucille Illum, Virgil has been a minister in the Assemblies of God for the past 39 years. A loving husband and father, he leaves behind Kathy Illum, his wife of 37 years, and their son and daughter-in-law, Brenton and Molly Illum of Springfield, MO. For the past 10 years, Virgil has served with pleasure and distinction as the Secretary-Treasurer of the Rocky Mountain District Council of the Assemblies of God in Colorado Springs, CO. Virgil lived a life of great passion for God, his family, his work and for the mountains of Colorado.

Pastor Dwayne Edwin Manes, age 62, of Dickinson, TX, passed away Tuesday, July 12, 2011. He was born May 31, 1949, at Russellville to Edwin and Pauline Tucker Manes. He was a 1968 graduate of Dardanelle High School and had been in ministry for more than 40 years. He was senior pastor at Faith Family Fellowship Church in Alvin, TX. ■



Delmer and Eleanor Guynes memorialized in Guynes lobby

October 21, SAGU honored Delmer and Eleanor Guynes with a new memorial display in Guynes Hall. The display shares the memories, ministry and life stories of the Guynes.

During Friday's chapel, SAGU President Kermit Bridges, with the approval of the Executive Committee of the Board of Regents, bestowed Dr. Guynes with the title of President Emeritus in honor of his exemplary service as the University's President for more than 10 years.

Dr. Guynes received a standing ovation from students and alumni as he approached the podium. He shared how surprised he was to receive such an honor and thanked President Bridges and the Board. Dr. Guynes shared, "It is the most wonderful identity, and I cherish it." His new role will focus on intercessory prayer and missions as well as pastoral care for the campus family.

"Even though my wife was not able to join me this morning, I know that she would be well-pleased as am I," said Dr. Guynes. "The beautiful display in Guynes Hall tells a wonderful story that I am so happy and thankful to have been a part of."

President Bridges shared, "Dr. Guynes is revered on the SAGU campus for his role in a spiritual renewal years ago that we are seeing residual effects of to this day. He also increased our academic program offerings and established our Harrison School of Graduate Studies. We are honored to have such tremendous leadership on campus, and look forward to seeing him serve as President Emeritus."

During their ministry, Dr. and Mrs. Guynes dedicated 21 years to SAGU. Under Dr. Guynes' leadership, SAGU rebounded from a period of low enrollment and financial difficulty and achieved a record enrollment of 1,672 students. Dr. and Mrs. Guynes also played a significant role in re-establishing the University's intercessory prayer and missions emphasis.

Before Eleanor's passing in 2011, the Guyneses were married 62 years. Aside from their achievements for the Kingdom in missions and Christian higher education, their family continues their legacy. Of their four children and 13 grandchildren, four are missionaries and seven serve in full-time ministry. ■

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