



# ALUMNI NEWS & NOTES

## Following the Prez



President Byron D. Klaus poses with speakers at the Urban Ministries Summit (left to right): Bishop Lemuel Thuston (M.A. 1981) of the Church of God in Christ, Kansas City; Bishop Ed Peecher, AGTS BOD member and pastor of Chicago Embassy Church, and Dr. Winston Larry, AGTS BOD member and AG U.S. Missions administrator.

President Byron D. Klaus attended the Urban Ministries Summit hosted by the AGTS Office of Continuing Education at Chicago Embassy Church in June.



Al Toledo (right) spoke at the Urban Ministries Summit. He is an AGTS student and pastor of Chicago Tabernacle Church.



President Klaus and his wife, Lois, are pictured with Monty and Cara Galloway (both M.Div. 2005), who are helping to plant Relevant Life Church in Spokane, Wash.

### Class of 1975

Eldon and Sue Brown retired after 43 years of missionary service in South Korea, Japan, Hong Kong, Belgium, Thailand, Ukraine and the U.S.

### Class of 1977

Howard Collver retired after 46 years of pastoring, professional counseling and Teen Challenge ministry. He now teaches and counsels at First AG, Grand Rapids, Mich.



Dennis Jameson was appointed provost

of Trinity Western University, Vancouver, B.C., in January 2007.

### Class of 1978



Joe Wilmoth receives the Excellence in Teaching New Faculty Award for the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

Joe Wilmoth is assistant professor of human development and family studies at Mississippi State University.

### Class of 1979

Beth Leembruggen-Kallberg is a lecturer at Free University, Amsterdam, and a

research associate at Boston University.



Beth Leembruggen-Kallberg

Ronnie Newberry is the pastor of First United Methodist Church in Ozark, Ark.

Johnny Yeoh is pastor of Herald AG in Singapore and teaches at Asia Theological Centre for Evangelism and Missions.

### Class of 1980

Richard Adams is senior pastor at Bethany AG in Agawam, Mass.

Victor Hoffer, EMT, received the 2007

2008 Alumnus of the Year:  
David P. Crosby Jr.



Dr. David P. Crosby Jr. (M.Div. 1997, D.Min. 2007) is the founding pastor of Pocono Community Church, Mt. Pocono, Pa. In 2002 David and a core group of 75 adults started the church.

Today more than 1200 people attend the culturally relevant, biblically driven services each weekend. Pocono Community Church is committed to leading people into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ by celebrating God's presence, demonstrating God's love, communicating God's Word, incorporating God's family and educating God's people.

David is married to Rebekah, whose family served as missionaries in the Philippines. David and Rebekah have three children: Kathryn, David III and Henry.

Community Service Medal from the Oregon Department of Human Services, Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Systems.

George and Muriel Thomassen teach at Azusa Theological Seminary in Amsterdam.

Class of 1981



Steve Bird

Steve Bird completed his assignment as a special assistant to the Navy chief of chaplains and returned to his position as a clinical chaplain at Lanesboro

Correctional Institution in Polkton, N.C.

Class of 1982

Patrick Gallagher is the academic dean at Zion Bible College in Barrington, R.I.

Allen "Joe" Jones Jr. died in January. He and his wife, Nadine, were AG missionaries for 26 years.

Class of 1983

Larry Barber retired from the Army as a chaplain (COL) in August 2007. Larry is enrolled in the D.Min. program at AGTS.

Class of 1984

Cheryl (Goodman) and Bill Gray published *Extreme Passion*, which shares stories of their

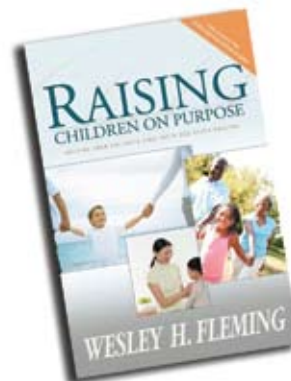
ministry in inner-city Mobile, Ala.

Class of 1987



Paul Bortolazzo published *The Coming of the Son of Man: After the Tribulation of Those Days*, highlighting events from the book of Revelation.

Class of 1988



## Alumni Inducted into Sigma Chi Pi Honor Society

Three AGTS alumni were inducted into the AG Alliance for Higher Education's Sigma Chi Pi Honor Society in 2008. Inductees met scholastic, character and leadership qualifications and graduated at least 10 years ago.

### Dr. Drexel T. Brunson

(M.A. 1977) is senior pastor of Ocala First Assembly in Florida.



### Dr. Carol A. Taylor

(M.A. 1978) is the provost and vice president for academic affairs at Vanguard University in Costa Mesa, Calif.



### Dr. Cheryl A. Taylor

(M.A. 1991, D.Min. 2003) is director of the Doctor of Ministry Program at AGTS. Cheryl also serves as vice president for academics at Asia Theological Centre for Evangelism and Missions in Singapore.



Wesley Fleming authored *Raising Children on Purpose: Helping Your Kids Find Their Calling*. Wesley and his wife are pastors at Eastside Vineyard Church in Dewitt, N.Y.



Kwon Pyo and family

Kwon Pyo is an Army chaplain stationed at Ft. Bragg, N.C.

### Class of 1989

Donald Kammer is a military chaplain assigned to the 101st Combat Aviation Brigade in Afghanistan.

### Class of 1990

Don Butera has been approved as a missionary to Indonesia.

### Class of 1991

Phil and Kim Rojak, former missionaries to Vanuatu, are now serving in Papua New Guinea.

Doug Sampley is the pastor at Marshfield AG in Marshfield, Mo.

Chaplain (MAJ) Lane Stockeland was deployed in November 2007 to serving Camp Victory Chapel, in Baghdad, Iraq.

### Class of 1992

Wallace Nelson is the regional prison chaplain over central Texas, supervising chaplains in 23 units.

### Class of 1993

Randy Erwin, Air Force chaplain, completed his D.Min. at Fuller

Theological Seminary in June 2007.

### Class of 1994

Michael Flees, with his wife, Jo Ellen, pastors Cresco AG in Cresco, Iowa.



Keith Shelby

Keith Shelby, family and education minister at Southern Hills Church, Salem, Ind., ministered to AIDS orphans in Zimbabwe in July 2007.

### Class of 1996

Melody Palm started Still Waters Counseling, a Christian counseling center in Springfield,

## Alumni representatives join AGTS in celebrating the 35th anniversary of commencement



Mo., in January 2008. She is the director of the counseling program at AGTS.

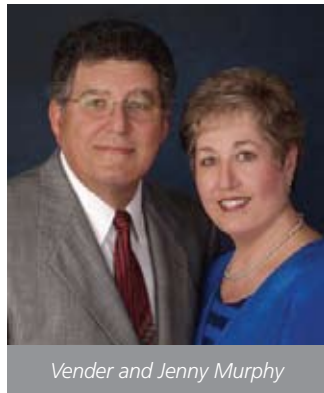
### Class of 1997

Chaplain (MAJ) Brad Baumann serves as the executive officer for the Army chaplain staff in Heidelberg, Germany.

Pat Berkrum ministers to prisoners at Crossroads Correctional Center in Shelby, Mont. Pat and her husband, Elmer, received the Volunteers of the Year award in October 2007.

Richard Brown is an active-duty Army chaplain stationed with the 168th Multifunctional Medical Battalion in Camp Walker, Korea.

Bill Guigear and his wife, Shelly, copastor Our Father's House AG in Clare, Mich.



Vender and Jenny Murphy

Jenny and Vender Murphy are missionaries serving as coordinators of AGWM's Prayer Task Force.

### Class of 1999

Rachel (Surjaatmadja) Wahjudi is married to Chandra and lives in Jakarta, Indonesia. Rachel helps her church in music ministry.

### Class of 2000

David Epps is a bishop in the International Communion of the Charismatic Episcopal Church, serving Georgia and Tennessee.



David Godzwa delivers aid to flood victims, November 2007

David and Kelly Godzwa are missionaries to Mexico.

### Class of 2001

Robert Rose, AG missionary to Rome, is director of the International Bible Institute of Italy.

Alumni representatives participated in the 2008 commencement ceremony by laying hands on the graduates during the prayer of commissioning.

Left to right, starting with top row:

- John T. Maempa ('75)
- Jimmy L. Powers ('74)
- Roger C. Thomassen ('02)
- Paul B. York ('94)
- Ronald Q. Tuttle ('88)
- David W. Willemsen ('89)
- Leo J. Theriot ('90)
- Calvin A. Pincombe ('83)
- Scott McChrystal ('84)
- James G. Meredith ('95)
- Randy R. Rich ('87)
- David P. Crosby ('97)
- Miriam L. Testasecca ('98)
- Raymond L. Gannon ('82)
- Jay ('95) and Cheryl ('91) Taylor
- Dale J. Fagerland ('92)
- Warren ('85) and Annette ('96) Newberry
- David ('81) and Maria ('06) Bundrick
- Jennifer D. Gale ('99)
- Jay W. Kindred ('00)
- Gary R. Allen ('01)
- Jonathan W. Glover ('80)
- Jeff ('03) and Jessica ('99) Dorn
- Melissa J. Hartin ('04)
- Alaine T. Buchanan ('05)
- Ronald G. Morein ('06)

Not pictured:

- Jim L. Bennett ('79)
- Alvera ('77) and William ('78) Farrand
- Mary K. Glunt ('93)
- Justin P. Kochs ('07)
- James R. Link ('96)
- Willard D. Teague Jr. ('86)
- Russell Turney ('76)



## Alumni Make Year-End Gifts

Thanks to the following alumni who made year-end gifts for scholarships in 2007:

- Kathryn Adamson
- Valerie Arguello
- Scott and Tammy Bailey
- Dan Ball
- Heather-Gail Belfon
- Stephen Bird
- Edward Boehling
- William Borovsky
- Ilene Bosscher
- Mark Boucher
- Lon Calloway
- William Campbell
- Bob Cook
- Larry Dilley
- Faye Doman
- J. Stephen Earle
- Mark Elliott
- Kenneth Ernst
- Janetta Fairbanks
- Robert Ferguson
- Edwin Falk
- Patrick Gallagher
- Scott Gallivan
- Larry Graham
- John Hahn
- Fannie Mae Hall
- Larry Hartman
- E. Matthew Herman
- Jill Holm
- David Hornbuckle
- Harris Jansen
- Darlene Johnson
- Emory Johnson
- Craig Keener
- Alvin Keown
- Myung Kim
- Charles Kollar
- W. David Lee
- Dwight Miranda
- Mary Moss
- Terrance Nelson
- James Osborn
- Michael Owen
- Kwon Pyo
- Richard Quinn
- DeLonn Rance
- Peter Regan
- Eusebia Rios
- Richard Schoonover
- Katherine Sobey
- Stephen J. Sowell
- Gerald Spain
- Mark Stewart
- Reginald Stone
- Carol Taylor
- Gregory Wheeler
- Harold White
- Olric Wilkins

Joe Sazyc is director of the Intercessory Mission Pastors' Alliance for County Transformation, a group of pastors united to pray for the Ann Arbor, Mich., area.

### Class of 2002

Ralph Adcock pastors First AG in Buffalo, Okla., and teaches graduate level leadership studies for Global University.

Lee Vandendriessche published *Preaching 101: A Practical Guide to Sermon Preparation* in 2006. Lee works at Arizona State University. His wife, Hanna, is a therapist at Phoenix Interfaith Counseling.

### Class of 2003

Daniel Davis is lead pastor at Kentwood Family

Church, Covington, Wash.



Gabe Lett published *Let's Get Together*, which explores community in the church.



Benjamin Daniel Luke

Frank and Sandy Luke welcomed Benjamin Daniel in November 2007.

Sean Moore is an Army chaplain deployed to Afghanistan with the

173d Airborne Brigade Combat Team.

Michael and Cheryl (Adcock) Ramey welcomed son, Aaron, in May 2007. Michael is a chaplain at the Federal Correctional Institution in Glenville, W.Va.

### Class of 2004



Heather-Gail Belfon and family

Heather-Gail and Kelvin Belfon welcomed Ethan Kendall in December 2007. They serve as associate pastors at Living Water Fellowship in Kissimmee, Fla.

Matt Biller is a marriage and family therapist at

## Jason Bowman to lead church revitalization effort



Winning at Home in Holland, Mich.



Bob Cook

Bob Cook was appointed executive vice president of The Alliance for AG Higher Education in April.

Bill Kirsch is director of Africa's Hope, providing resources to 80 AG Bible schools and 130 extension programs across Africa.

Cliff Neuman returned from Iraq in April. He is an Army chaplain serving at Ft. Riley, Kan.

Kevin Pearl, an elementary school teacher in Central Florida, leads a ministry to the homeless and incarcerated called Reach for the Top.

Alison Rutland was honored in April with the Alison P. Rutland Butterfly Garden at Southeastern University in Lakeland, Fla.

### Class of 2005

Alaine Buchanan teaches at Evangel University, Springfield, Mo. Her husband, Stephan (class of 2006), is an Army chaplain in Afghanistan.

Eric Cochrane is a chaplain serving with the Marine Wing Support Squadron 371 in Yuma, Ariz. His wife, Raylene, is a Navy chaplain serving in Phoenix, Ariz.

Gary Duke is a counselor in Goodman, Mo. He and his wife, Gina, pastor Immanuel AG in Noel, Mo.

Sam Farina is an executive assistant to Trinity Bible College president Rev. Jack Strom.

Terry Hughes married Carl Hosch in May.

Kerry Marsh is a counselor at Evangel University in Springfield, Mo.

Denzil Miller published the textbook *Acts: The Spirit of God in Mission*.

Phil Rasmussen is vice president of campus ministries at Northwest University in Kirkland, Wash.

Jason Bowman (M.A. 2004) and his wife, Ashley, have undertaken a revitalization project at New Life Community Church in Chesterfield, Mo., near St. Louis.

"We know the dream in our hearts is larger than we can accomplish alone," said Bowman. They will be leading a team which includes Michael McDonald (M.Div. 2008), Josh Longanecker (M.A. 2008) and Jon Potter (M.A. 2008), among others. "We see a church with immediate and attainable potential to have global impact and city-wide influence," said Bowman.

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You can access the alumni directory, alumni news, special-event notices and exclusive alumni benefits at [www.agts.edu/alumni](http://www.agts.edu/alumni).

Jane Ross teaches American Sign Language and deaf culture at Central Bible College in Springfield, Mo.

Sarah Tarpley is a reserve chaplain for the 917 Wing at Barksdale AFB, La.



Josiah Loyd Younkin

Jarrid and Kendra Younkin welcomed Josiah Loyd in April.

## Class of 2006

Deborah Calhoun is the training mentor for the Child Welfare Training Grant initiative at Forest Institute in Springfield, Mo.

Eric Kyler is the supervisory chaplain at the Federal Correctional Institution in Cumberland, Md.

Lois Olena had two poems published in *Blood to Remember: American Poets on the Holocaust*. Lois is the D.Min. project coordinator at AGTS.



Christina and John Schones

Christina (Chenault) Schones married John in July 2007. They are involved in church planting and revitalization in Michigan.

## Class of 2007



Donnie Capps and family

Donnie Capps is a federal prison chaplain at Federal Correctional Institute in Otisville, N.Y. Donnie and wife Jennifer welcomed Noah in November 2007.



Kris and Russ Michaels

Russ and Kris Michaels planted Connect Church in Bozeman, Mont., in February.

Lee Reese pastors Mount Carmel Road Assembly in McDonough, Ga.