



*M.Div. graduate and  
Burnett Preaching  
Fellow Cindy Kam  
prays with friend  
Daniel Matthiesen,  
M.A. graduate  
from Norway, after  
Commencement.*

# GRADUATION 2008

AGTS celebrated its 35th graduating class at Commencement on May 3, 2008. The seminary awarded degrees to 127 graduates from 31 states and 8 countries, including 22 Doctor of Ministry (D.Min.) graduates—the largest D.Min. class to graduate from AGTS.

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In 2004 Sherry Lee (D.Min. graduate) and her husband, Wayne, cofounded Church Life Resources (CLR), a church health and transformation consultancy which has partnered with four Pentecostal denominations and more than 600 churches to bring renewal and revitalization to Spirit-filled congregations in the United States.

AGTS has formed an alliance with CLR to offer a Church Life Educational Cohort designed for local church practitioners and leaders. The first cohort began in September 2007 with 19 leaders in the Master of Arts in Christian Ministry Cohort and 14 in the Doctoral Bridge. Call Wayne and Sherry at 863.665.1161 for more information.



Grant Curtis (M.Div. graduate) is the young adults and Christian education pastor at Fossil Creek Community Church (AG) in Fort Worth, Texas. He has started a class for young adults and is developing a missional mind-set in the members of the group to reach out to the community. He and his wife, Stephanie, focus heavily on building strong friendships and are beginning to mentor the group regularly.

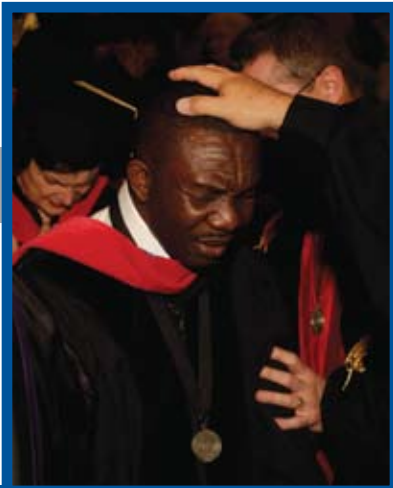
Grant is one of the first seven graduates of the Cordas C. Burnett Center for Biblical Preaching. These seven were honored at the President's Brunch on Saturday, May 3.



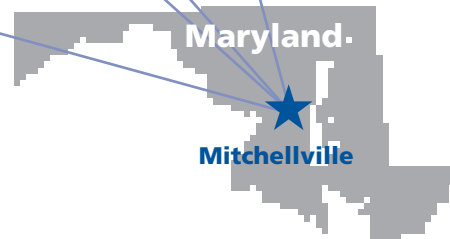
Rev. Dan Betzer, a veteran of more than 60 years in broadcast media, delivered the 2008 Commencement address. Before speaking, he was honored with the Legacy Award for his advocacy on behalf of AGTS that helped raise over \$300,000 to eliminate the school's long-term debt.

Betzer hosts *Byline*, a weekday radio and television commentary aired on more than 240 radio stations and around the world on more than 900 television stations, with a potential audience of 186 million viewers. He has served as senior pastor of First Assembly Ministries in Fort Myers, Fla., since 1987.

Hear his commencement address, "What I Wish Someone Had Told Me Before I Was Ordained," at [www.agts.edu/more/betzer](http://www.agts.edu/more/betzer).



Albert Appiah (D.Min. graduate) pastors Renewal Christian Center, Mitchellville, Md. His doctoral project centered around leadership development in his church.



Maryland

Mitchellville



Lyndsey (Swaim) Cherry (M.A. graduate) helps low-income families learn to budget through Community Partnership's Caring Communities Initiative. She also works as a marital and premarital counselor with Cindy Irwin (M.A. 2003) at Life by Design Counseling Center in Springfield, Mo.



Missouri

Springfield



Joel and Rachel Triska (M.Div. graduates) will become copastors of Life in Deep Ellum, an incarnational-model church in downtown Dallas, Texas. The church houses a concert venue, coffee shop and art gallery and hosts multiple after-school programs.



Dallas

Texas



Stephen Tourville (D.Min. graduate), with his wife, Marjie, is the superintendent of the PennDel District Council of the AG. His doctoral project is focused on training pastors in emotional intelligence and situational leadership skills.



Pennsylvania

Mechanicsburg