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Keeping You Connected

The Kern Family Foundation awards \$550,000
grant to AGTS



The Kern Family Foundation in Waukesha, Wisc. recently awarded a grant of \$550,000 to AGTS to support a new initiative creating an alternative model for the development of pastoral leaders-an A.A. to M.Div. pastoral degree program that can be completed in as little as five years.

[More information.](#)

Connect with AGTS President Byron D. Klaus



Feb. 26-March 2: Ministry at Gateway Church,
Southlake, Texas with AGTS alum and past faculty
member, John Spurling ('87)

March 3-4: Fund for Theological Education board meeting in Atlanta, Ga.
March 23: Speaking at missions convention Life 360 Springfield, Mo. with
Pastor Tom Cederblom

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Below: Dr. Klaus with Dr. Mike Beals at his inauguration as president of Vanguard University, Costa Mesa, Calif., February 7. President Klaus taught Beals when he was on the faculty at Vanguard.



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AGTS News

AGTS unveils new hybrid degree---Master of Pastoral Leadership

This spring AGTS will unveil an in-service, hybrid degree that allows people in full-time ministry to pursue a master's degree without having to relocate. The new Master of Pastoral Leadership will incorporate online and face-to-face learning experiences. It will require just six visits to the Springfield campus over the course of two years.

"I'm excited about starting this program because I see a plateau in my leadership skills. I know there's more," said Greg Preston (right), executive pastor at Eastside Community Church, Gahanna, Ohio. "I believe this will challenge me to go to a new level spiritually, academically and personally."



For more information about the MPL degree see the [press release](#) and/or contact Randy Walls at 1-800-467-AGTS or rwalls@agts.edu.

Annual AGTS Golf Tournament

- May 1 at 8:30 a.m. at Millwood Golf and Racquet Club in Ozark, Missouri
- All proceeds go to student scholarships.
- Special pricing for AGTS 2014 graduates, alumni, and students.
- For details, contact Bryan Chambers in the Development Office or 417-268-1020.
- Register at www.agts.edu/golf.
- See pictures from last year!



Watch Del Tarr's moving message "Sow in Tears"



Do you miss hearing Del Tarr's African stories? Well, here is your chance to get a good rich dose. Watch Dr. Tarr, AGTS president from 1990 to 1999, as he speaks during the Horton Lectureship Series at Evangel University.

2014 Annual Meeting of the Society for Pentecostal Studies

The annual meeting of the Society for Pentecostal Studies will be held at Evangel University, March 6-8, 2014 in Springfield, Mo. This year's theme is: "Hermeneutics and the Spirit: Identities, Communities, and the Making of Meaning." Opening plenary session begins at 7 p.m. on March 6 and is open to the public. Registration is required for all other SPS sessions. More information.

A number of AGTS faculty and administrators are participating:

- Lois Olena, Executive Director
- Chairing sessions: Byron Klaus, Roger Cotton
- Interviewees: Deborah Gill, Stephen Lim
- To be honored: Benny C. Aker, AGTS Professor Emeritus of New Testament Exegesis

Presenting papers:

- David Bundrick: "Surprising Bed Fellows: The Hermeneutics of Faith and Science Integration"
- Roger Cotton: "Reading Leviticus Consistently: A Hermeneutic for Applying Both Clean/Unclean and Homosexual Behavior Prohibitions Today"
- Deborah Gill: "On Pentecostal Spirituality: The Quest for a Deeper Formation"

- Mark Hausfeld: "The Persona and Work of the Holy Spirit in the Process of Contextualization Using the Missional Helix"
- James Hernando: "Pentecostal Hermeneutics and the Normativity of the Apostolic New Testament Community"
- Paul Lewis: "Hermeneutics and the Church of the East in First Millennium Missiological Context of Central/East Asia: Lessons for the Contemporary Globalized Church"
- Stephen Lim: "Connecting Personal and Spiritual Growth: The Neglected Link in Discipleship"
- Johan Mostert: "Outcomes-based Research on Spirit-filled Discipleship: Progress Report (Year II)"
- DeLonn Rance: "Fundamental Missiological Dedarations: A Review of 'Misiones en Conjunto de las Asambleas de Dios de Iberoamérica' Identity"
- Valerie Rance: "Biblical Personalities and Trauma: Towards Theology of Wellbeing"

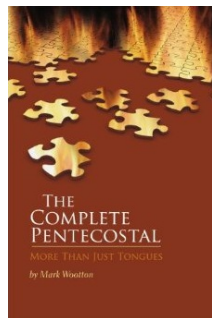
Refer a Student

Do you know someone interested in attending AGTS? Use this [web form](#) or connect with [Dr. Mario Guerreiro](#), AGTS director of Enrollment Management.



Books and Publications

Mark Wootton (D.Min. '03), professor of Pentecostal leadership at Evangel University, has been invited to feature his book, *The Complete Pentecostal*, in Life Publishers' journal for European pastors.



Life Publishers is a Christian multi-platform publisher that provides evangelical literature in more than 30 languages.

They will release one chapter of *The Complete Pentecostal* in each issue of their quarterly journal. The first issue was published in January 2014.

"The publishers of the journal already have translated this book into Thai and Burmese for distribution," Wootton said. "It is an honor to have it released now in Eastern Europe."



The book **Deborah Gill** (left, '78/'79) coauthored with Dr. **Barbara Cavaness Parks** (right, '75), *God's Women Then and Now*, has now been published in a fourth language (Finnish) by Aikamedia Oy, 2014. It was originally published in the English language by Grace and Truth, 2004, with a revised edition in 2009.



Johan Mostert wrote a chapter, "Ministry of Mercy and Justice," in the book entitled, *Pentecostal Mission and Global Christianity*, edited by Wonsuk Ma, Veli-Matti Karkkainen, and Kwabena Asamoah-Gyadu, published by Regnum Edinburgh Centenary Series, Volume XX, and is now in print.

Faculty News

Deborah Gill ('78,'79)

- *March 26:* Will speak on "Don't Go Empty Handed," the final message in her series, "A Revelation of Worship," at Maranatha Village Chapel, Springfield, Mo.
- *March 27-28:* Will attend, as a member, the AG Multi-Ethnic Task Force meeting at the AG National Office



Mark Hausfeld ('83)

- *March 2:* Will speak at two Sunday morning services at Trinity Assembly of God, Lutherville, Md.
- *March 16:* Will speak at the Mission's Banquet at the Restoration Church in St. Peters, Mo.



DeLonn Rance ('83)

- *March 10-13:* Will preach at the Latin American Educator's Summit, San Salvador, El Salvador
- *March 24-18:* Will attend committee meetings for Latin America's AG Executive Leadership, Guayaquil, Ecuador
- *March 30-April 4:* Will direct and participate in the "Together in Missions" AG Missions Consultation, Santiago, Chile



Charlie Self

- *March 27- April 16:* Will teach two classes, "Apologetics" and "Church History" at Asia Theological Center for Evangelism and Mission, Singapore



Alumni News



Paul ('77/'94) and Barbara (Cavaness, '75) Parks are missionary educators working with Global Initiative: Reaching Muslim Peoples. Paul traveled to Cameroon, Central Africa, for his first teaching trip of 2014. He flew to the capital and then took a 14-hour train trip to the north, where the population is 80% Muslim. He spoke at Northern Full Gospel Bible Institute and was the first white person to teach at the school.

Phyllis Cashman ('98) passed away in January. Phyllis was a homemaker and had lived in Branson West, Mo. since 1989, having come from West Long Branch, N.J. She was married to Jim Cashman and was a member of the United Methodist Church of Kimberling City, Mo.



Kirk Jones ('12) spoke recently in chapel at AGTS and is Missionary-in-Residence at Evangel University. The Jones family have served as missionaries to Panama's children for over 20 years. Kirk, Yvonne, and Gracie return to Panama this summer.

Elga Comellas ('97) and friends from the Florida multicultural district visited AGTS in January. Elga is the Christian education director at the district office in Orlando, Fla.



Upcoming Events

Society for Pentecostal Studies

The 2014 SPS Annual Meeting, hosted by Evangel University, will be held in Springfield, MO, March 6-8, 2014.

AGTS Passion Week Chapel Services

Alumni are invited to join us for these special services in the AGTS Chapel.

- Monday, April 14, 10 a.m.
- Tuesday, April 15, 6 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 16, 2 p.m.
- Thursday, April 17, 11 a.m.

Graduation Events

May 1: AGTS Golf Tournament, 8:30 a.m., Millwood Golf and Racquet Club in Ozark, Missouri

AGTS Graduation Banquet, 7 p.m., Tower Club (tickets required)
May 2, 12:30-3:15 p.m., AGTS (Reception: 1:45-2:15 p.m.):
AGTS Doctor of Ministry Symposium
AGTS Intercultural Doctoral Studies Investiture
May 3: AGTS Graduation, 10 a.m., Central Assembly of God



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