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Klaus

Read the latest Prez Release: "Dark Shadows and a Glimpse of the Future"

Several under-reported events of late clearly indicate a reality we all are facing--the unbridled power wielded by government and other influential social organizations. Those erstwhile champions of tolerance are quickly revealing the limitations on their understanding of this vaunted icon of contemporary culture. Pastors in Houston have had their sermons subpoenaed by the city attorneys for evaluation around sexual identity issues as well as opposition to the openly lesbian mayor, Annise Parker. While this stunning display of power abuse has been temporarily blunted by thousands of pastors bombarding the mayor's office with their sermons, I don't think we have seen the last of this kind of display of brute force against Christians in Houston or elsewhere. [Read the rest.](#)

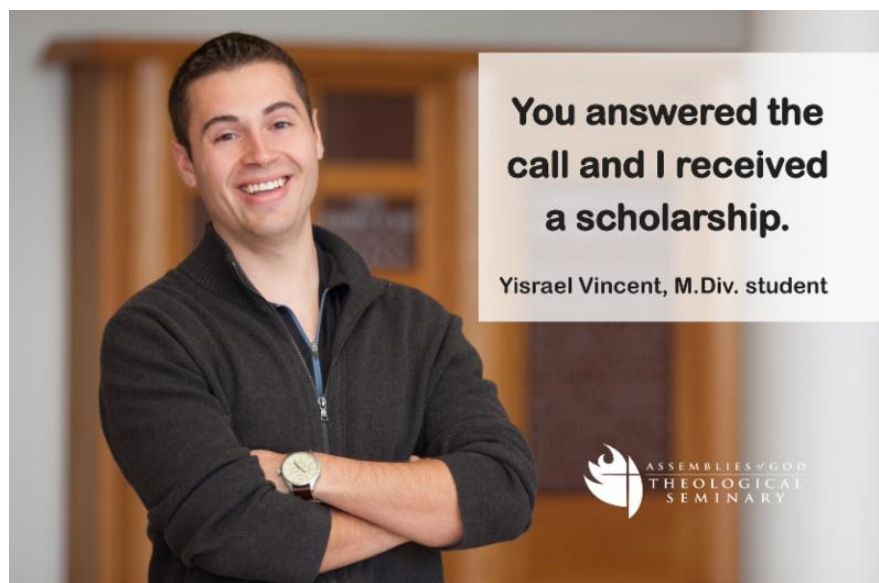
Dr. Klaus will be at the following events:

- *November 30*: Preaching at Grace AG, New Whiteland, Ind.
- *December 15*: Speaking at the Springfield Pentecostal Catholic Dialogue on the topic of Pentecostals and Catholics in Latin America, Springfield, Mo.



AGTS News

AGTS Alumni Phonathon



Thank you AGTS Alumni for your support of the 2014 Alumni Phonathon. Together, alumni contributed or pledged over \$20,000 for student scholarships! Our goal is to raise \$25,000 by December 31 to help provide scholarship funds for AGTS students.

There's still time to give! You can make a difference in the life of a student by mailing your gift today or donating online. [**Donate today!**](#)



Dr. Billie C. Davis honored

Dr. Billie Davis will be honored in a ceremony marking her installation as an AGTS Pillar of the Faith. Dr. Davis is an educator, missionary, author and passionate advocate of Sunday School and education. She served as professor of behavioral sciences and department chair at Evangel University from 1981 to 1982. Her work and writings advanced the cause of Christian education in Latin America and the United States.

Pillars of the Faith honors men and women who have dedicated their lives to serve Jesus Christ and have followed the call of God in ministry, missions and the training of ministers. The **Billie Davis Endowed Scholarship** will provide funds for students with an interest in Christian Education. [**Donate online.**](#)



Evangel Veterans Center to help ease transition from military service to classrooms

Veterans have a new space on campus to put their feet up. Nestled within the Assemblies of God Theological Seminary, the Vern Clark Veterans Center officially opened its doors summer 2014. The center was made possible by a generous challenge donation by Jack Weimer, which was matched by the AGTS Student Advisory Council. [Read more about the Veterans Center and the Veterans Day activities at EU.](#)



In honor of Veterans Day, student veterans of AGTS hosted a community Veterans Day Run. Service members and civilians from the Springfield area participated to recognize those who have worn our nation's uniform.

Summer Institute for Islamic Studies to celebrate fifth year of preparing students for ministering in Muslim contexts



The Center for Islamic Studies at the Assemblies of God Theological Seminary will offer its fifth Summer Institute for Islamic Studies June 29 through July 10, 2015. Started in 2011 by the AGTS and the Assemblies of God Global Initiative, the Summer Institute for Islamic Studies (SIIS) was formed with the vision of equipping believers with the skills and knowledge to effectively relate and minister to Muslims. [Read more.](#)

Registration for the 2015 Summer Institute for Islamic Studies will open the first week of March. [Find out more.](#)

Advanced ministry training for busy pastors

The Master of Pastoral Leadership is an in-service, hybrid degree that allows people in full-time ministry to complete a master's degree in as little as two years, without having to relocate.



This professional degree provides advanced training for men and women who have been in vocational ministry for at least five years and want to enhance their ministry leadership skills.

The MPL incorporates online and face-to-face learning experiences. It only requires six visits to the Springfield campus over the course of two years.

[Explore your options.](#)

Contact [Randy Walls](#) for more information.



Refer a student

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

Faculty News

James Hernando ('78)

- *December 15:* Leading devotions at the Springfield Pentecostal-Catholic Dialogue, Springfield, Mo.



DeLonn Rance ('83)

- *November 17-23:* Attending the Pentecostal European Mission's annual meeting and the Pentecostal World Fellowship's Mission Commission meeting, Warsaw, Poland



Alumni News



Sunday Aigbe ('83) wrote *A Template for Life: The Beauty and Expectations of John 3:16*, published by West Bow Press/Zondervan/Thomas Nelson. The book explores the depth and scope of how much God loves us.

Sunday's book, *Theory of Social Involvement: A Case Study in the Anthropology of Religion, State and Society* published by University Press of America is now available in softcover.

AnnaLee Conti ('90) has published her third book, *A Star to Steer By*, the second in her Alaskan Waters series of historical Christian novels. Tales of big money to be earned lure Norman Pedersen, a Norwegian fisherman, to immigrate to Alaska in 1920 to make his fortune. He plans to return for the love of his life, who promises to wait for him even if it takes years. But Norman becomes entrapped in a "prison" of his own making. More information about *A Star to Steer By*, published by Ambassador International, is available online at www.AnnaLeeConti.com.



Matt Hernando ('03) wrote *Faces Like Devils: The Bald Knobber Vigilantes in the Ozarks* published by University of Missouri Press. In his book, Hernando sifts through the folklore and myth surrounding the Bald Knobbers to produce an authentic history of the rise and fall of Missouri's most notorious vigilante group.

Matt is an Instructor of History and Government at Ozark Technical Community College, Hollister, Missouri. He has contributed articles and book reviews to such publications as the *North Louisiana Historical Association*

Journal, *The White River Valley Historical Quarterly*, and the online journal *Civil War Book Review*.

Blaine and Heather Lee (both '05) have served as children's pastors for eight years for UpsideDown Kids at Northwest AG in Mount Prospect, Ill. They have a 3-year-old (Ellie) and a 15-month-old (Noah). Heather is on staff at the church and Blaine works as an access analyst.



Douglas Loftis ('92) went home to be with the Lord on Oct. 22, 2014 after a courageous battle with cancer. He served as a youth pastor in Hobart, Ind., and Caribou, Maine. In Caribou, he became interim pastor before moving to Kingston, N.Y. and becoming a senior pastor. Since January 2009, he was the senior Pastor at Cornerstone AG in East Windham, Maine. Over the years, Douglas was an on-call chaplain at Maine Medical Center and a volunteer fire chaplain in Lomontville, N.Y.

Lindsay Sorbo ('13) and her husband, Rob, welcomed their new baby girl, Evangeline "Lena" Grace, born on October 14, 2014.



Southwestern Assemblies of God University (SAGU) named **Dave Willemsen** ('89) as Vice President of Business and Finance. Dave served in the Business Office at AGTS as the Chief Financial Officer, holding that position for 19 years. He also served as a project manager in the consolidation of three Springfield schools owned and operated by the AG: AGTS, Central Bible College and Evangel University. During its initial year, he served as VP for Business and Finance of the consolidated university.

Johnny Yeoh ('79) passed away on September 16. He ministered for over 40 years, serving as the assistant general superintendent of the Assemblies of God of Malaysia and the principal of the Bible College of Malaysia. He taught in several Bible colleges in Malaysia and Singapore.



Upcoming Events

Thanksgiving Break

November 27-28 (Building closed)

Final Exam Week

December 8-12

Fall Semester Ends

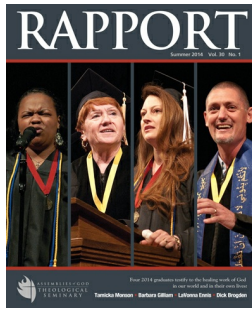
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Christmas Break

December 24-26 (Building closed Dec. 24-Jan. 2)

New Student Orientation, Spring Semester Begins

January 5



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