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Assemblies of God Theological Seminary  September 2014

Keeping You Connected

Join Us for the 2014 Day of Renewal

The AGTS community has set this day aside to seek God. On this occasion, we are fasting from work and classes, purposefully setting our hearts, minds and bodies on a path to seek Him during three unique, no-frill services, which will each include worship, preaching and prayer with Rev. Jennifer Gale, vice president for student life at the University of Valley Forge.

You are invited to three different services in the AGTS Chapel!

- 9:30 a.m.
- 1:30 p.m.
- 6:30 p.m.



Please join us September 23 in person or [via live stream!](#)

Connect with AGTS President Byron D. Klaus

Dr. Klaus will be at the following events:

- Ministry with the Assemblies of God Ethiopia: Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, Oct. 16-25
- Board meeting Forum for Theological Education: Atlanta, Ga., Oct. 27-28



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AGTS News

Evangel University Inauguration/Homecoming October 9-11



As an embedded seminary within Evangel University, the AGTS community and alumni are invited to participate in the EU Inauguration/Homecoming Celebration October 9-11. While we realize that many AGTS alumni have no prior connection to EU, this is a wonderful opportunity for us to support Dr. Carol Taylor (also an AGTS alum, 1978) at her inauguration as president of Evangel University and to connect with President Byron Klaus and the AGTS faculty who will be participating. EU wholeheartedly welcomes you to enjoy the festivities.

Highlights will include:

- **Concert on the Lawn:** Thursday, Oct. 9, at 8 p.m., featuring the EU Jazz Orchestra and Heartsong!
- **The Inauguration:** Friday, Oct. 10, at 10 a.m. An historic moment in the history of EU!
- **County Fair-Friday:** Oct.10, at 3:30-6:30 p.m. which will delight all ages. Enjoy great food, fun, and music!
- **EU 5K Run/Walk:** Saturday, Oct. 11, at 9 a.m. to benefit feedONE, part of Convoy of Hope
- **EU Football Game:** Oct. 11, at 6 p.m., JFK Stadium

For complete information visit: <http://homecoming.evangel.edu/>

AGTS Alumni Phonathon



Thank you for participating in the 12th Annual Alumni Phonathon! We appreciate your support of AGTS. If you haven't sent in your commitment, or you would still like to give, it's not too late! Mail in your donation or [donate online](#).

Fall 2014 *Encounter* Journal



See the Unseen Needs

The Fall 2014 *Encounter* Journal is available online now! Volume 11's theme is *The Lost, the Hurting and the Marginalized*.

This collection of insightful papers and audio lectures includes Barbara L. Gilliam's powerful article, "[A Response to Substance Abuse: Equipping Church Leaders](#)." Here's a taste:

"What do Charles Dickens, Ernest Hemingway, Edgar Allan Poe, Yoko Ono, Ulysses S. Grant, Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky, Ava Gardner, Sigmund Freud, Winston Churchill, Melissa Gilbert, Howard Hughes and Philip Seymour Hoffman have in common? Each one admittedly struggled with

alcoholism or drug addiction.

"The list could extend for pages on public figures who lived in recovery or battled the problem until death. The list of people represents a variety of talents, cultural roots, education, and socio-economic status. For this diverse group, substance abuse became the great equalizer ..."

Read the rest of Barbara's article and the journal here:

<http://www.agts.edu/encounter/current.html>

A Cold Bucket of Promise



On Aug. 19, 2014, President Klaus was doused with a bucket of ice water along with Evangel University President Carol Taylor ('78) and the rest of the EU administration as President Taylor answered the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge. [Click the image to see the video.](#)

AGTS Graduate Jim D. Rion ('13) featured in the *Pentecostal Evangel*

Colorblind Worship

"Three out of every four congregants at Westover Hills Assembly of God in San Antonio are Hispanic. Every week they listen to the preaching of a white middle-aged lead pastor.

"As a kid on the playground in New Mexico, I heard Spanish, Navajo and English spoken," says Pastor Jim D. Rion. "Multiculturalism wasn't something I adjusted to; it's how I grew up. To me, diversity is normal."

Read the rest of the story: <http://bit.ly/1t7KwZR>

Faculty Publications



The Finnish edition of Drs. **Deborah Gill** ('79, '78) and **Barbara Cavaness Parks** ('75) book, *God's Women Then and Now* (Aikamedia Press), sold out in its first four months of publication.

The Spanish version of Dr. **James Hernando**'s book, *They Came to Jesus*, was published in August by Servicio Literatura Christiana. The Spanish title is *Vinieron a Jesus*.



Drs. **James Hernando** and **Doug A. Oss** are two of 26 contributors for the newly released anthology, *Strangers to Fire: When Tradition Trumps Scripture* (Woodstock, Ga.: The Foundation for Pentecostal Scholarship, 2014) Dr. Hernando wrote the chapter entitled "Continuationism," while Dr. Oss wrote "On the Cessation of Miraculous Gifts."

Faculty News

Deborah Gill ('78,79)

- *2014-2015*: Is on sabbatical leave this year conducting library and experiential research on the topic, *Spiritual Adventuring: Going Deeper in the Presence and Power of God*. This month she has a private desk and flat at Tyndale House, Cambridge in the UK, where she begins research on the foundational chapter of her work, "A Biblical theology of spirituality." Email GehrisD@Evangel.edu if you would like to read her blog.



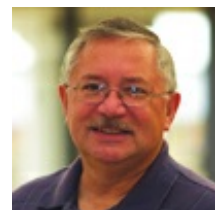
Mark Hausfeld ('94)

- *October 3-4*: Speaking for Mission's Convention at Bethlehem Church in Richmond Hill, N.Y.
- *October 14*: Teaching on Spiritual Warfare for AGWM Missionary Candidates
- *October 18-19*: Speaking for Mission's Convention at Glad Tidings AG Omaha, Nebraska
- *October 26-27*: Speaking for Mission's Convention at Crossroads Church Freeport, Ill.



James Hernando ('78)

- *October 19-25*: Traveling to Nicaragua with a team from Kings Chapel Assemblies of God and Crawfordsville, Ind. One part of the team is doing benevolence work through Engage Ministries (Ken and Kendra Dout), and Dr. Hernando will be working with missionary Tony Morales, teaching a



seminar for pastors on basic principles of biblical interpretation in two locations: Matagalpa and Managua.

Paul Lewis ('98)

- *October 9-11*: Attending the Christian Business Faculty Association Conference in Nashville, Tenn.

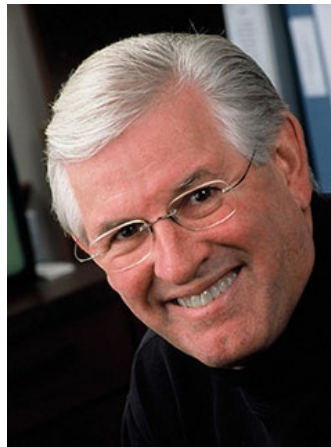


Charles Self

- *October 9*: Preaching at New Hope International Assemblies of God in Sunnyvale, Calif.



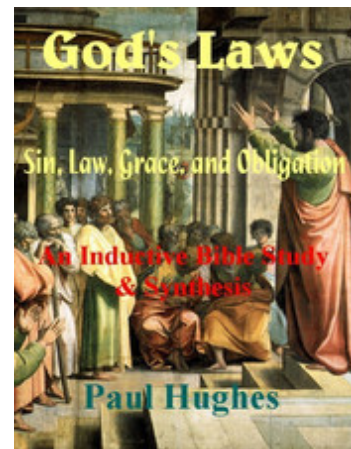
Alumni News



Irving Whitt ('83) passed away in May 2014. An ordained minister with the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada, Irving served as a missionary, educator and pastor.

[Read more about Irving Whitt.](#)

Paul Hughes ('86) wrote *God's Laws: Sin, Law, Grace, and Obligation*. In his book, Hughes sorts through all of Paul's statements relative to sin, law, conduct, behavior, liberty and grace; categorizes them by subject and intent; and synthesizes them into a coherent and unified theology. The result is a personal realization that is practical and transformative. *God's Laws* is available online in [Kindle](#) and [paperback](#) editions.



John Wirtz ('89) serves as an assistant professor in the college of media at University of Illinois at Urbana.



Army Chaplain Lou DeTufo ('94/'95) participated in the Wounded Warrior Amputee Softball Team event at Fort Riley, Kan. He served as the coach of the 11D and Fort Riley All-Stars. "It was truly a remarkable day to be on the field with these young men and women who bounced back from losing a limb during their Military Service," DeTufo shares. "They are strong, resilient, incredible athletes who overcome challenges daily, and serve to inspire us all."



Dwight Miranda ('02) and his wife, Lizania, recently traveled to Nepal and India.

Hedy Hung ('03) obtained a Doctor of Philosophy in Divinity degree (Hebrew Bible) from the University of Aberdeen in July 2014.

Evans Jeka ('11) has been senior pastor for Likuni Gracious Center, an Assemblies of God church in Lilongwe, the capital city of Malawi since December 2011. He was elected to be section presbyter for the Likuni Section in September 2012. He has also been tent making with the Evangelical Association of Malawi (EAM). As a national advocacy coordinator he writes advocacy programs and trains community leaders and faith leaders in how they can press policy makers to implement laws that can improve people's living standards.



Upcoming Events

Day of Renewal

September 23, Seymour Chapel at AGTS

[Watch it live!](#)

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Evangel University Homecoming Events

October 9-11

Inauguration of Dr. Carol Taylor

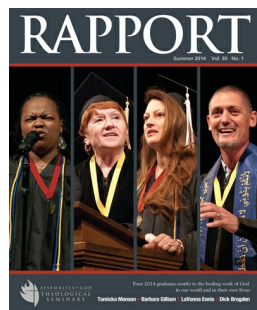
October 10, 10 a.m.

Fall Study Week

October 20-24

EU Football

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