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Keeping You Connected

New Testament scholar Craig S. Keener ('85/'87) to be featured Horton Lectureship Series speaker at AGTS, February 3-5



The Assemblies of God Theological Seminary at Evangel University will host Dr. Craig Keener as the featured speaker for the Stanley M. Horton Pentecostal Heritage Lectureship Series. He will speak on "The Mind of the Spirit" at 2 p.m. (central) each day, February 3-5 in the Seymour Chapel at AGTS.

His final lecture will take place at 7 p.m. February 5, at Missouri State University, Carrington Hall, Room 208 and will cover the historic plausibility of New Testament miracles.

The sessions are free and open to the public.

The "Mind of the Spirit" lectures at AGTS will be streamed live each day.

All four of Keener's lectures will be video recorded and available online.

A brilliant scholar and passionate evangelist, Dr. Craig S. Keener (M.A. '85; M.Div. '87; 2006 AGTS Alumnus of the Year) is one of the most prolific New Testament scholars today. Craig has authored 17 books, four of which have won book awards in *Christianity Today*. His *IVP Bible Background Commentary: New*

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Testament (1993), now in its 2nd revised edition (2014), has sold more than half a million copies (including editions in several languages, including more than 50,000 copies in Korean). Dr. Keener is chair of biblical studies and professor of New Testament at Asbury Theological Seminary. [Read more about him.](#)

Alumni Prayerthon



On February 9-10, AGTS students, faculty and staff will be calling alumni to pray for you. Please note there will be no fundraising involved--our sole purpose in calling is to pray for and encourage you.

Connect with AGTS President Byron D. Klaus

Read the latest Prez Release: "[G.K. Chesterton, T.D. Jakes and New Year's Resolutions](#)"

The other day I read a blog of a fellow seminary president that seriously critiqued my somewhat cynical thinking. He referred to a portion of G. K. Chesterton's book entitled, *Heretics*. Chesterton notes that "vigorous organisms talk not about their processes, but about their aims." In other words, the best proof of a vital person or organization is their talk about a journey toward a destination that seems beyond the current realm of possibility. Timidity fails to accomplish much. It is so easy to get stuck in our own self-regard and self-interests that fail to take us beyond the mundane drudgery of the moment. All of us need to acknowledge and activate the deep human need to belong to something that matters and reaches beyond our current existence. [Read the rest.](#)



AGTS News

Evangel University and AGTS offer a fast track from the freshman year in college to the Master of Divinity degree in just 5 years!



High-achieving students pursuing a career in the ministry have an opportunity to shave two years from their studies through Evangel's new 5-year A.A. to Master of Divinity (M.Div.) honors program.

A Master of Divinity is the standard professional degree pursued by pastors today, and students who complete the program will benefit from beginning their full-time pastoral ministry two years sooner than they could have in the traditional 4-year B.A. and 3-year M.Div. track.
[Learn more.](#)

Discover all that God has for you by discovering the areas where you are the strongest



Looking for a tool that can effectively help you measure your New Year's resolution to follow Jesus more faithfully? [Check out the pioneering work of AGTS faculty.](#)

Take your ministry further: The Master of Pastoral Leadership.



"I'm excited about starting this program because I see a plateau in my leadership skills. I know there's more."

Greg Preston
Spring 2015
MPL participant
Executive Pastor
Eastside Community
Church, Gahanna, Ohio

An in-service hybrid degree for busy pastors that allows you to finish a master's degree in two years* without having to relocate. [Learn more.](#)

**A combination of appropriate undergraduate credits and the student's prior preaching and teaching ministry will allow participants to complete the degree in two years (36 credits). Without this advanced standing, the program requires 48 credits.*



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 and Publications

Deborah Gill ('78/'79)

- *February*: Conducting research on her sabbatical project, "Spiritual Adventuring: Journeying Deeper into the Presence and Power of God," in China.



Beth Grant ('79)

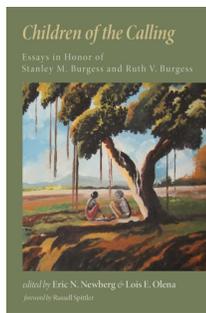
- Project Rescue, founded by professor and missionary Beth Grant ('79) and her husband David Grant ('79), reached over 32,000 women and children in 2014. [Read more.](#)



Paul Lewis ('88)

- *January 16-25*: Teaching a masters class on Pentecostal Theology at Central Bible College, Tokyo, Japan.





Lois Olena ('78)

January. Co-author and co-editor with Dr. Eric Newberg of *Children of the Calling: Essays in Honor of Stanley M. and Ruth V. Burgess*, published by Wipf and Stock (Pickwick).



Charles Self

- *February 13-16:* Speaking at a retreat for the Lord's Grace Christian Church, Mountain View, Calif.



Alumni News



Dr. Debra Brown ('07) serves as the chair of the department of behavioral sciences at the University of Valley Forge. She recently spoke at the 64th North American Association of Christians in Social Work annual convention in Annapolis, Md. [Read more.](#)



Darrin Rodgers ('98) married **Desiree Wyndham** ('11) in December. Darrin is the director of the AG's Flower Pentecostal Heritage Center, Springfield, Mo.

Donna Rudd ('11) is an AGWM missionary serving with Global School of Theology in Cape Town, South Africa. She has returned to the U.S. for itineration.

Upcoming Events

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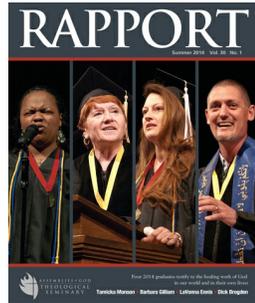
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Spring Study Week

February 23-27

Good Friday

April 3 (AGTS Building closed)



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We are currently compiling news for the next issue of *Rapport*. Send your latest news and photos to alumni@agts.edu.