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Season of Thankfulness and Celebration



As we look forward to Thanksgiving and Christmas, our hearts turn to thoughts of thankfulness for God's abundant provision and celebration of the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

We are especially thankful for you and pray your holiday season is blessed!

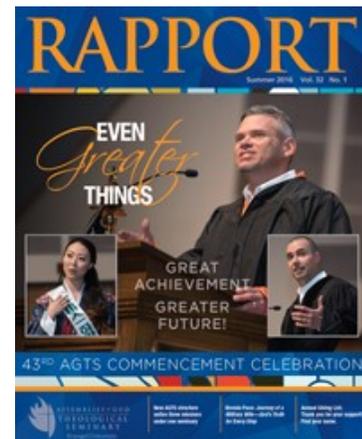
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The 2016 Special Edition of *Rapport* magazine is ready for online viewing

Highlights include:

- 43rd AGTS Commencement Celebration: Even Greater Things -- 2016 graduates share stories of God's transforming work in their lives.
- New AGTS structure unites three missions under one seminary
- Thank you! Annual Giving List



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- The Struggle Is Real: Fear -- A timely message Dr. Hausfeld spoke at Greenhouse Church, Gainesville, Fla.
- Islam in America: The Local Church's Response -- A seminar hosted by Dr. Hausfeld and Pastor **Mike Burnette** ('08)
- *November 19*: Speaking at Truth Conference on the topic of Islam, America, and the Church, Peoria, Ill.

AGTS News

Reverend Dan Betzer honored

Rev. Dan Betzer was honored in a ceremony marking his installation as an AGTS Pillar of the Faith. Rev. Betzer is senior pastor of First Assembly of God in Fort Myers, Fla. Much of his life has been spent in broadcasting as a radio and television host. He is known to thousands of children through his *Dan and Louie* recordings and to countless others through his work with *Revival Time* and his *By Line* broadcasts. He has ministered in 62 nations and served as a district and national executive with the Assemblies of God.



Pillars of the Faith honor men and women who have dedicated their lives to serving Jesus Christ and have followed the call of God in ministry, missions and the training of ministers. The Dan Betzer Endowed Scholarship will provide funds for students with an interest in Missions. [Donate online.](#)

Evangel University 2016 Homecoming: AGTS Highlights



The Evangel Alumni Association honored Dorothea Lotter, the longest serving employee in the history of the Assemblies of God Theological Seminary. The Trees of Honor ceremony was held during the Homecoming Celebration Luncheon.

In 1972, Lotter was hired as the first full-time staff employee by what was then the Assemblies of God Graduate School. She served 43 years and retired in December of 2015.

Lotter graduated from Evangel in 2003 and her husband, Ken, attended in the 1960s before being drafted. They have three sons and four grandchildren.

Trees of Honor have been planted in acknowledgement of the legacy of service each of the recipients has provided to the university. [Read more.](#)



Major John (J.P.) Smith ('05) was honored at Evangel University's Homecoming Celebration as AGTS Alumnus of the Year. Smith is a seasoned combat veteran, an author, holds a PhD and is an ordained minister. In addition, he has been a U.S. Army Chaplain for more than ten years.

During his 22-year military career, Chaplain Smith has earned multiple highly-esteemed medals, has served three combat tours in the Middle East and has been instrumental in helping support teams meet and build relationships.

Chaplain Smith credits AGTS with giving him the type of opportunities that helped shape his career. While pursuing his degree, he served as one of the primary mentors to chaplain candidates. Chaplain Smith's wife, Veronica, worked on staff in the AGTS development office from 2003-2006. They have three children ages 6 to 16. [Read more.](#)

Fall Seminary Week



Fall Seminary Week (October 24-28) gave AGTS the opportunity to connect with our undergraduate community and emphasize our master's and doctoral/PhD programs. The week began with the AGTS Student Leadership Council

passing out hot chocolate to all students and an AGTS student-led chapel with the theme, "Nothing is Impossible." Throughout the week, AGTS students shared their stories in undergraduate church ministries classes. President Hausfeld concluded the week by speaking in Spence Chapel. Fall Seminary Week was the perfect occasion to serve our entire campus community and shine a light on AGTS.

Day of Renewal



AGTS student John Bates led the seminary Day of Renewal services dedicated to worship, prayer and God's Word. Bates is the lead pastor at Freedom Fellowship International, Waxahachie, Texas. [Watch the services.](#)

AGTS Alumni Phonathon

Thank you for participating in the 14th 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](#).



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#EUIC15 Rewind
Homecoming 2015 was a huge success. Due in no small part to the participation and enthusiasm of our alumni/alumnae. From kick-off to the lights from the golden football game, our alumni families brought energy and passion to our homecoming events.



Refer a student

Do you know someone interested in attending AGTS? Use this [online form](#) or connect with [Christina Ketchem](#), AGTS Enrollment Representative.

Faculty News

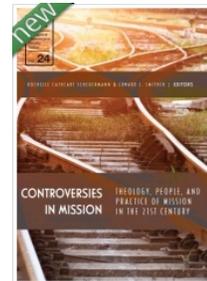
Roger Cotton ('78)

- *November 18-21:* Attending the annual meetings of the Society of Biblical Literature and the Institute for Biblical Research, San Antonio, Texas.



Joint AGTS Alumni and Faculty Effort

- AGTS alumni and faculty, Ben Aker, Jim Bennett, Mark Hausfeld, Jim Hernando, and Wave Nunnally, co-authored the chapter entitled, "The Necessity for Retaining Father-Son Terminology in Scripture Translations for Muslims," for *Controversies in Missions: Theology, Peoples, and Practice of Mission in the 21st Century*. (Published by Evangelical Missiological Society/William Carey Library, 2016).



DeLonn Rance ('83)

- *November 14-19*: Participating in the Pentecostal European Missions Congress, Frankfurt, Germany
- DeLonn and Valerie Rance will itinerate throughout the month of November, with ministry in Northern California.



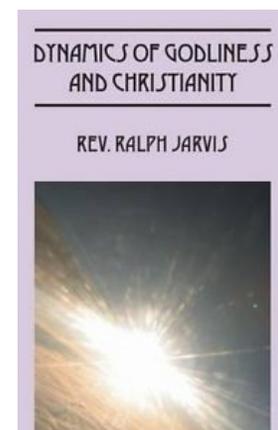
Alumni News

Damaris Carlson ('08) became the connections pastor at City View Church, San Diego, Calif. in December 2015. She and her husband **Kristian** ('09) are thrilled she can serve the church with a focus on City View's women's ministry and as worship leader of the new Spanish congregation. Kristian Carlson is the command chaplain on the USS Bunker Hill. He is scheduled to deploy again with the USS Theodore Roosevelt Strike Group in fall 2017.

Major **Jill Holm** ('95) has been appointed deputy wing chaplain of the Minnesota Civil Air Patrol.

Ralph Jarvis ('04) published, *Dynamics of Godliness and Christianity*, on April 22, 2016, by Outskirts Press. This book details the lives of King David and Jesus and explains the indispensable divine tenets and how one can experience the living God.

Available on [Amazon](#).



Upcoming Events

Thanksgiving Holiday

November 24-25 (AGTS building closed)

Fall Semester Ends

December 9

Christmas Holiday

December 26-January 2 (AGTS building closed)

New Student Orientation/Classes Begin

January 9

Barry Meguiar: Revival Outside the Walls

January 31-February 1

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