

A young boy in a dark suit, white shirt, and grey tie looks intently at an older man. The man, wearing glasses, a dark suit, a light blue shirt, and a striped tie, is holding a large, open book and a white document. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

# *Lifeline*

*Keeping the Sunset family connected*  
**SUNSET INTERNATIONAL BIBLE INSTITUTE • FALL 2012**

*Embracing the Past*  
*Empowering the Future*



# EMBRACING THE PAST, EMPOWERING THE FUTURE

The Sunset ministry will have the opportunity to celebrate God's work in our collective lives in November at our "50th Anniversary Homecoming." God has used the legacy of Cline R. Paden and the heroes of faith of another generation to teach some powerful lessons. Some of the notable contributions have been:

- **a sound approach to the inspired scriptures** presents the "whole counsel of God," while balancing doctrinal distinctions, discipleship development and moral imperatives.
- **a world view that recognizes the lost state of nations and people apart from Christ**, appreciates the power of the gospel to save those who embrace an obedient faith and urges commitment to world evangelism.
- **a biblical vision of the Church**, which our Lord built, loved and died for and a love for and participation with our brotherhood of believers.
- **a flexibility that has allowed us to make changes** in methods, delivery systems and ministries to accommodate growth and to take advantage of opportunities.

Honoring our past is important, but building a worthy legacy for those who follow us is vital if we expect Sunset to continue to contribute to the Kingdom vision in the next 50 years. While embracing the values that brought us this far, we must in the next generation commit to the development of a reproductive leadership culture. This will require:

- **identifying a clear ministry direction.** We now have third-generation faculty members and leaders at Sunset. It is important that today's leaders know who we are,

where we came from and where we are going in order to develop buy-in and ownership in the next generations.

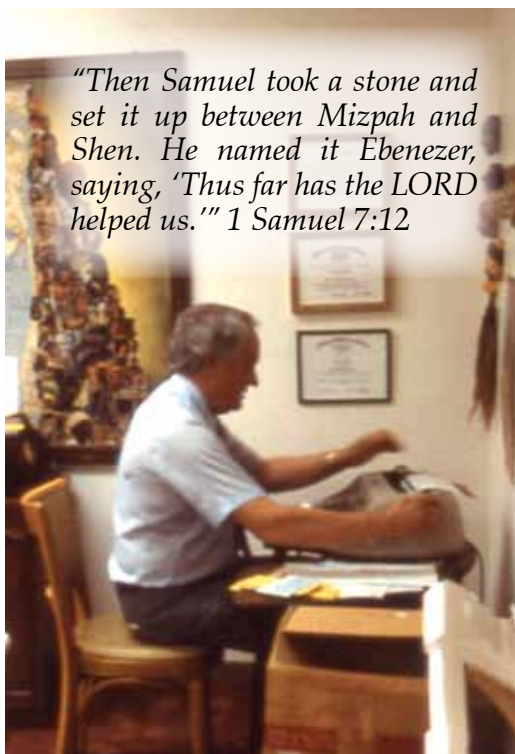
- **modeling authentic biblical leadership.** Today's leaders must be seen as those who live the vision. Out-front leaders who are *doing it* can show others how to *do it*.
- **speaking clearly and positively of our doctrinal beliefs.** Every generation must be shown how to balance doctrinal

absolutes and personal opinions in a polarized religious environment. Helping the next generation to negotiate the sometime turbulent waters of brotherhood issues and avoid unbiblical extremes is vital to our future.

- **continuing intentional and healthy transitions to younger leaders on a timely basis.** We have great examples of elder-statesman leaders like Cline Paden, Norman Gipson, Truman Scott, Doyle Gilliam, Hollis Maynard and soon, Gerald Paden who have been able to graciously *pass the mantle of leadership* with confidence to others that they have personally mentored. This is perhaps the *acid test* and final assessment of true Christ-like leadership.

The Ebenezer Stone of 1 Samuel 7:12 was not only a recognition of God's faithfulness in bringing His people "thus far," but it was also

a testimony to God's ability to provide for their future. In November, we raise our Ebenezer. We celebrate how far he has brought us by His grace and we confidently look forward to a secure future as we and the next generations remain faithful to Him.



# *Raising Our Ebenezer*

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# Six Things Sunset Can Do for Your Church

For years, Sunset International Bible Institute has been developing partnerships with churches to help support the many wonderful works we are doing around the world. Many people are unaware of the things that Sunset has developed to help local churches. Sunset understands that the strength of our ministry will only be as strong as the churches that partner with us. We hope that through these means it can be a resource for congregations throughout the brotherhood to help sustain and grow the body of Christ.

## Relevant Seminars

Sunset faculty are available to provide assistance and guidance through seminars to help grow established congregations. Seminars on evangelism can be used to help any congregation that is committed to seeing the lost in their community reached. This goes beyond a door-knocking campaign and includes empowering the congregation to help foster new contacts and encourage them to keep reaching out in their relationships. Sunset students and staff can be used to help a congregation get the needed energy to get evangelism going. These seminars have been successful at many different congregations. Chris Swinford, Vice President for Institute Advancement, has worked with a number of congregations of different sizes to equip them with the tools needed to get evangelism moving. Jerry Tallman is also working with Sunset to develop a more in-depth seminar that utilizes students in a one-week campaign followed by training for the congregation on how to work with the new contacts.

Other seminars are available to help congregations deal with conflict resolution, develop biblical education curriculum, train leaders, and evaluate overall church health. Contact the Advancement office for a complete list of seminars and training available.

## Ground Members with Biblical Knowledge Through Video and Online Courses

The External Studies division of Sunset is continually working to develop material that will equip members of all ages with the biblical knowledge needed to maintain a strong church, no matter the obstacles faced. Churches can use this material in a wide variety of ways. The complete Satellite School curriculum provides a structured classroom environment and can be used for attaining a bachelor's degree. Alternatively, individual studies can be done with books, videos, or audio courses. Online classes can be audited or taken for credit on specific books of the Bible or biblical topic. The entire Sunset curriculum is available for use by any congregation, at anytime, anywhere for the equipping of individual members for service in the body. Contact the Extension School for more information, at <http://www.extensionschool.com> or <http://www.satelliteschools.com>.

## Interactive Training for Future and Current Church Leaders

More and more churches are failing because of a lack of strong leaders and elders. To address this specific need, Sunset has developed material to help elderships grow in the knowledge needed to help adequately shepherd the flock. The Sunset School of Biblical Leadership is an interactive video classroom that meets two nights each week to help elders and future elders be prepared to meet the needs of the body. Classrooms are setup in churches around the United States that connect to a classroom in Lubbock to learn directly from Sunset teachers. This provides a way for elderships to work together to grow and learn. It also provides a direct way for individuals to prepare themselves for service in the body of Christ. Visit <http://ssbl.sibi.cc> for more information. The Sunset Extension School has also prepared a set of courses specific to the needs of elders as they serve the body of Christ. See the Correspondent on page 14 for more information.



Ed Wharton teaching in the School of Biblical Leadership

## Continuing Education Through In-Ministry Master's of Biblical Studies Classes

Jim Harris, Dean of Graduate Studies, is committed to seeing ministers grow and increase their skills as they serve in ministry. Sunset's Master of Biblical Studies program is designed to help ministers become more effective in their ministry. Churches should consider helping their ministers grow by utilizing this resource. They should also consider helping fund the education of their ministers. This helps their minister grow spiritually and also provides the congregation with a better trained and educated minister. A longer report is available on page 13 or <http://www.sibi.cc/masters>.

## Challenge Future Generations with Global Missions

Next year, Adventures in Missions will mark its 40 year anniversary of training young college-age men and women to have a heart for missions and for the lost of this world. Sunset believes a major part of the church's mission is to reach the lost of every nation. Adventures in Missions provides the next generation of leaders with a world view that will help ensure that the church will continue to reach out to the world. At a time in their life when they could be influenced by a world and a culture that tries to teach them how to serve themselves, these apprentice missionaries are equipped with the tools they need for a life of service to God. Many AIMers fall in love with serving God and continue serving as missionaries or ministers. Others are equipped with a love for the lost that empowers the congregations where they later go. AIMers learn to develop a faith that they own and are committed to living out. Wherever they go, AIMers never forget the time they spent serving God and loving the lost of the world. With statistics showing that college age students are leaving churches in large numbers, every church should help send their young people to join the adventure of a lifetime that equips them to be willing servants. Visit <http://www.aimsunset.org> or call 806-788-3244 for more information.



*AIMers, Brittney Williams, Jessie Cope, and LaNae Naceanceno, ministering to children in Sucre, Bolivia*

## Help Develop an Effective Missions Program

Mission efforts from the church are so vitally important yet so hard to accomplish. Many churches simply cannot afford to support a full-time missionary. Most missionaries depend on support from a variety of churches and individuals. Once a missionary does reach the field, what are the expectations and goals of the missionary as compared to that of those who are supporting them? Over the years, Sunset has observed and experienced these situations from both sides. Richard Rogers often challenged those at World Evangelism Forums to be either one that goes down into the well of humanity to save those who are lost or to be the ones that hold the rope for those who do. Sunset wants to help those "rope holders" to become an active and helpful part of the mission works they support. Sunset can help congregations develop excitement for missions. We can also help congregations communicate with and support the health of their missionaries by developing realistic criteria by which the missionary and the supporting churches can evaluate the missionary's work and ministry. The book of Acts lays out the picture of the mission-minded church of Antioch. Sunset wants to help your church become more like that biblical model and become more involved in the mission of God's church to reach the lost of every nation.

Sunset is committed to teaching the Word of God, reaching the Lost of the World, and also to the building up of the Body. Contact the Advancement Office today for more information on any of these ways that Sunset can help your congregation grow. Contact Chris Swinford ([gospelgoingglobal@gmail.com](mailto:gospelgoingglobal@gmail.com)), Bob Jackson ([bosanjack@aol.com](mailto:bosanjack@aol.com)), or Linda Wagner ([wagnerlf@sibi.cc](mailto:wagnerlf@sibi.cc)), or call 806-288-3214 for more information.



*Salick Ghambi, supported by the College Hill Church of Christ in Fort Worth, Texas, studying the Bible with Loveness in Mzimba, Malawi*



# PRECIOUS MEMORIES

**B**obbie met Gerald in the spring of 1946. Bobbie was in high school and Gerald was in the Navy. In December of that year, they became Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Paden. In 1953, they went to Italy as missionaries. They did evangelistic ministry in Rome and Pisa, and for the next 18 years they helped establish and stabilize congregations of the Lord's church, convert truth seekers, train preachers, and publish materials in Italian that exposed the errors of Roman Catholicism. They established the church of the Lord in a land that did not welcome them. We have many Italian brethren today because of their work.

In 1971, Gerald began teaching in the Sunset School of Preaching where he has continued to instruct residential students and mission training classes for the last 41 years. All of our mission graduates have been thoroughly trained by experienced teachers/missionaries like Gerald. Bobbie began teaching women in the mission training program in 1973. She became Dean of Women in 1976, where she served until 1996. Hundreds of women have learned to be servants and teachers because of Mrs. Bobbie. When Mrs. Bobbie says it, it is so. Mrs.

Bobbie is now Sunset's historian and archivist. If it is recorded, she has it and loves to tell you the complete story. Visit both history rooms when you are on the campus (in the church and mission buildings).

In the residential campus in Lubbock, Gerald has taught Sacrificial System, Church Growth, the book of Hebrews, Epistles of John, I Corinthians, Doctrinal Encounter, Missions Linguistics, Team Dynamics, and Growing Mission Churches. Gerald and Bobbie have made many trips abroad to teach the Gospel in Italy, Ethiopia, Singapore, Korea, Ecuador, Greece, and Indonesia. His course materials are being used in branch schools around the world, online studies, and in Satellite Schools. Gerald is a teacher in the adult classes for the Sunset church. He is known and loved across the world for his solid teaching of the Word.

Gerald has written a number of books, the latest of which is *Table Talks*, a series fifty-two talks appropriate for presentation at the Lord's Supper. He has written books on the Epistles of John, I Corinthians, and Ephesians. His study on the books on the Sacrificial System and Hebrews are a detailed study of the book of Hebrews designed to help those who read it understand that Christ is the foretold prophet of the Old Testament. Gerald is well known for his extensive knowledge of the sacrificial system in the Old Testament. His love for this subject is reflected in the minute details that are brought out of this study. His classes are used in Extension courses in printed form as well as video. Some of his books have been translated into Spanish and in other languages.



Sunset Faculty 1980



# HONOR TO WHOM HONOR IS DUE

During the 2012-2013 school year, Gerald will serve as the lead teacher for his regular School of Preaching courses, while also mentoring younger faculty members to teach those courses. Gerald's ministry as Faculty Emeritus will continue to be significant as our oldest faculty member and having the second longest faculty tenure. Below are some of Gerald Paden's significant roles in the future as he has time and energy:

1. **Faculty Mentor** - Gerald is encouraged to schedule specific time to mentor younger faculty members in Biblical study, practical teaching pointers, and spiritual development.
2. **Doctrinal Resource** - As a recognized Biblical scholar, Gerald can help both faculty and students by being available to study through difficult passages.
3. **Back-up Teacher** - Having studied and taught many of the courses in our curriculum through the years, Gerald can be available to fill in for almost any of our classes as needed.
4. **Distance Learning Faculty Resource** - Gerald will be available to grade assignments and to respond to online and Satellite School students who need personal teaching.
5. **Student Recruiting Resource** - Being well known in our Satellite Schools through his books and video courses, Gerald can accompany our recruiters for seminars and recruiting visits.
6. **Brotherhood Ambassador** - Gerald has broad contacts with congregations and individuals as an ambassador to speak on behalf of faculty support or Advancement needs.

Mrs. Bobbie recently wrote,

*"In 1995, Bob Buford wrote a book called, "Half Time." He was then about 45 years old and had been very successful in his chosen career. The theme of the book was, "What shall I do with the rest of my life that really counts?"*

*I believe many of his thoughts and suggestions would be helpful to those of us who have passed "half time" and have arrived at our "7th Inning Stretch." The game is not over. Lord willing, we have two more innings to play. This is just a time to stretch, relax a bit, take a deep breath, and get on with the game.*

*As our colleagues and contemporaries are being called Home, we have to ask God and ourselves, "Why are we still here?" "What should we be doing?" According to Mr. Buford, changing one's life is not easy, and it must be done with the recognition of God, Himself.*

*We, Gerald and Bobbie, pledge to use our "7th Inning Stretch" to:*

- *pray for Wisdom.*
- *really believe, "Ask and it shall be given you; seek and you shall find; knock and it shall be opened unto you" (Matt. 7:7).*
- *listen to the counsel of others and to seek the counsel of the wise and the experienced and not be like Rehoboam who listened only to the young.*
- *re-think our gifts. Surely we have acquired some along our journey that we have not been using. Maybe, we could volunteer for a completely new ministry.*
- *take time to think and dream about how God might use us in our last two innings.*

*At the 7th inning of a ball game, someone will stand and sing, "Take Me Out to the Ball Game." During our "7th Inning Stretch", we will also sing. Maybe it will be "Some glad morning, when this life is o're, I'll fly away" (all five verses as my daddy used to request). Or maybe we'll sing "On Jordan's stormy banks I stand..." We may not be able to reach the high notes or stand when we sing "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus", but we will be standing on the inside. Or we may just go into extra innings, if the Lord so wills. But one thing is for sure, and for certain, we are on our way to victory. Jesus won it for us. Praise Him!"*



# SUNSET INTERNATIONAL BIBLE INSTITUTE 81ST GRADUATING CLASS BACHELOR OF BIBLICAL STUDIES



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Lubbock, TX*



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# The Seats Are Filled. Help Keep Them Filled.

Sunset has accepted over 50 new students for the year. These students and families face the problem that each student faces every year and prevents many potential Gospel preachers from enrolling. **Desire is never the problem.** The problem is the finances it takes to move to and stay in Lubbock. Most potential students do not have connections across the brotherhood to raise support, and small congregations can't support an individual family completely. Many families have arrived on the faith that God will provide for them. It is overwhelming to see the great desire that many of them have to come and train in Lubbock to serve God.

## They need OUR help!

We are asking you to contribute **\$50 per month** for our **Student Scholarship Fund**. We have been making this appeal for over a year, but the need is still great.

Imagine what God can do when you invest in those willing to be trained by the in-depth Bible study that has been the hallmark of Sunset International Bible Institute for 50 years.

**YES count on me/us to help support the Student Scholarship Fund to help support a future preacher**

**YES**, I/we will help. Enclosed is my one-time gift in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

**YES**, I/we will help on a monthly basis in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month.

**You may also give online by clicking the Donate button at [www.sibi.cc/50fund](http://www.sibi.cc/50fund)**

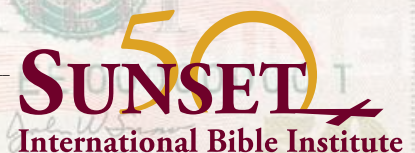
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# DEPARTURES

**Doris Bassing, wife of Charlie Bassing** ('72) was taken June 29, 2012, just two days short of their 62nd anniversary. Charlie is moving to Lake City, Arkansas.

**Emile Eugene Cardinal** ('67) - Eugene finished his race July 8, 2012. Over the past half century, Eugene served as a missionary, teacher, preacher, elder, and man of God.



**P. B. ("T") Middlebrook, III** ('73), 67, passed away on Thursday, September 6, 2012, in Lamesa, Texas. He was born on August 2, 1945, in Stamford, Texas, to Dorothy Griffith Middlebrook and Price Billingsley Middlebrook, Jr. He married Lynda Deen Jones on November 14, 1992, in Abilene. They were married for 19 years. T graduated from Anson High School in 1964. He attended Abilene Christian University from 1964-1966. He became an associate minister at Lamesa Church of Christ in 2011. T was a personal evangelist in Lubbock, Texas, Phoenix, Arizona, and Montezuma Creek, Utah. He served in the United States Army from 1966-1968 as a Medic Specialist E4. T worked as a Chief Financial Officer from 1987-2009 at a residential treatment center for teenagers. No one left the room without knowing that they were loved by T and God.

**William (Bill) Saltsman** ('65) - passed away February 29, 2012. He and Nancy lived in Abilene at the time of his death.



**Phil Smith** ('94) passed away after a short illness (Lou Gehrig's Disease - ALS) on Monday, August, 27, 2012, in Cridersville, Ohio. He was born Sept. 30, 1950, in Augusta, Georgia, to Wayne Erwin and Mildred Parham Smith. He married Lena Mae Schnaubert, who survives in Cridersville. He was a graduate of Dade County High School in Trenton, Georgia, and received a bachelor's degree from Abilene Christian University, where he minored in Bible and majored in physical education. He was a four-year letterman on the ACU Wildcat football team. He met his wife at ACU, and they have spent 40 years together serving the Lord. He began full-time ministry in 1975 at Huckabay Church of Christ, near Stephenville, Texas. He preached for the Northside Church of Christ in Rankin, Texas, from 1986 to 1995, before moving to Wapakoneta in 1995. Phil served as pulpit minister of the Church of Christ of Auglaize County, Wapakoneta, from May 1995 until his death. He served as East Coast director of Christ Ambassadors and was certified in church growth and conflict resolution through Ohio Valley University. He also counseled church members, as well as non-members, for more than 20 years. He volunteered his services and served on the boards of the American Red Cross, the American Cancer Society, Mercy Unlimited, the Crisis Center of Auglaize County, and Camp Indogan Christian Youth Camp, Angola, Indiana.

**Harry Mancel Whitlow** (SAIM '96), 86, of Amarillo, died on Sunday, September 23, 2012. Harry was born April 10, 1926, in Temple, Texas. He graduated from Abilene Christian University, where he met his beautiful wife of almost 66 years, Charlotte McLaughlin Whitlow. He was a gospel preacher and an inspiring worship leader. In the 50's, he would work with many of the known speakers of the time to lead the worship service in many gospel campaigns. People commented, "What makes Harry's preaching powerful is that you can tell he really loves the Lord." Harry and Charlotte Whitlow attended the SAIM program and he was key in starting the congregation of the Lord's church at Southwest Church of Christ in Amarillo, where he also served as an elder for many years. Harry was a great example of a godly man and the vast number of God-fearing children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren attest to a life of success and eternal reward and treasure.



**Mary Jo (Johnson) Zanowiak** (sister of Bobbie Paden) was born on March 24, 1926 to Joe E. and Dovie Johnson. She left this earth with her family near on September 12, 2012. Mary had a love for music and exhibited the gift of service throughout her 86 years. She met the love of her life, Paul, at John Tarletan College in Stephenville, Texas. Paul and Mary were married in June of 1944 in Paris, Texas, before his departure to the European Campaign of World War II. Their marriage would continue for 55 years. While separated by war, she returned to her family in Lubbock and worked until her husband's return in 1946. Mary was a supportive wife while Paul was earning his degrees at Texas Tech and a nurturing mother to Paul, Dan, and Larry. She was also a volunteer in the Meals on Wheels Program and the Goodfellows charity. Eleven years later, she and Paul returned to the Houston area and worked with the eldest son in his dental practice. Her son, Dr. Z of The Smile Store, incorporated his mother's loving smile and personal caring heart in interacting with his patients as she worked the front office. In 1987, they moved to Country Place in Pearland, Texas, where she excelled in singing with the "Country Time Singers" and playing the ukulele in the "Ragtimer's" for the last 24 years. Mary Jo was a strong supporter of Sunset for many years.





# *Sunset's Master of Biblical Studies Degree: Striving to Become a New Standard*

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Graduate School

Today it is estimated that more than half of the ministers within the Churches of Christ hold a master's degree or higher (Corwin Smidt, ed. *Pulpit and Politics*. Baylor University Press, 117). You have very likely considered continuing your education, whether your interest was in personal development, professional development, or simply from knowing that you will have achieved a lifelong goal.

We can help you achieve that dream! Here at Sunset International Bible Institute, our Graduate School offers a Master of Biblical Studies (MBS) degree, and we invite you to investigate pursuing this graduate degree with us.

The MBS degree program is a 36-hour program that involves writing a thesis. There is also a 36-hour program that does not involve a thesis. Coursework for this degree involves two trips to Lubbock to take four Intensive Week courses. The other courses are taken online where you currently live and serve. There is a small tuition fee for these courses, and this tuition is paid on a per-course basis.

There have been several changes to the program during the last few months. As of January 1, I now serve as Dean of the Graduate School. New instructors include Brad Pruitt, Rudy Wray, and Foree Grove. These good men join our current faculty of Truman Scott, Ken Wilson, Edward Myers, Kirt Martin, and myself. There are several new courses, and our current courses include:

- 501 - Introduction to Graduate Studies
- 502 - Preaching in the 21st Century
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- 504 - Contemporary Issues in Theology
- 505 - Advanced Apologetics
- 506 - Theology of Wholeness
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- 510 - Missional Message of Acts
- 511 - Theology of Ministry
- 513 - Family Ministry Concepts
- 512 - Theology of Biblical Leadership
- 514 - Family Ministry Project
- 515 - Advanced Homiletics
- 600-601 - Master's Thesis (6 hours)

One of the benefits of having a per-course tuition is that individuals who do not wish to pursue a full degree with Sunset Graduate School can take one or more specific courses that hold interest for them.

You can apply for admission to Sunset's MBS program at any time. Admission to the program requires a bachelor's degree, with a non-Bible bachelor's degree involving some leveling work through Sunset's Extension School. Most of our courses have a start date, with our next start date approaching soon. We want to encourage you to go to the website ([www.sibi.cc](http://www.sibi.cc)) and check it out. If you would like to be added to a email list which focuses on news about the Sunset Graduate School, please drop an email to [jbh1234@juno.com](mailto:jbh1234@juno.com). If you would like to email me directly with questions, please contact me at [jbh1234@juno.com](mailto:jbh1234@juno.com) or at 806-832-4776.

You can also get additional information on the MBS program at this year's homecoming. We'll have an event designed for interested people to come and ask questions. I hope to see you there!

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*Dr. Jim Harris, '78, Dean of Master's Program*



## Staff Updates in the Extension School



Transition is something that exists in all areas of life, including here at Sunset. We enter the lives of people and eventually we leave. In the work and ministries of the Lord, we work with many delightful and special people. One such person that has meant so much to our

ministry in the External Studies Division of Sunset is **DANI HAYNES**, the devoted wife of one of our instructors, Kevin Haynes. Dani has worked with us for the last five years. She has been a blessing to this ministry and to all who have had the privilege to work with her. Due to some health issues, Dani is retiring from her ministry here at the External Studies Division, but I'm sure not from all ministry.

**DONNA BROOKS** has taken Dani Haynes' place as the bookkeeper for the Extension School. Donna graduated from the women's program at SIBI this past May and brings to this ministry a devotion, passion

and expertise from both her Sunset training and her life experiences. Donna has raised a family and is a certified elementary school teacher. She served for two years in Quito, Ecuador, with Kent Marcum and the school there. She has two grown sons, eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.



**PHILIP ABUZEIDE** is doing a great job in our shipping and fulfillment department. Svetlana Ware, who previously filled this role, moved to Pennsylvania with her husband. Philip is a 2010 graduate of Sunset. He and Vicki came to school after his retirement



from the military at Fort Polk, Louisiana, at the encouragement of their local preacher, Jay Alexander—also a Sunset graduate. Philip and Vicki have three adult children and three grandchildren.

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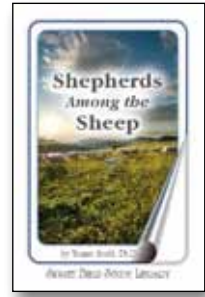
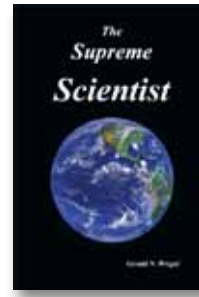
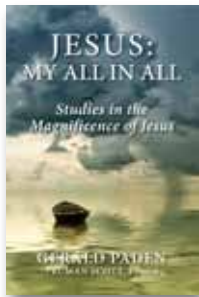
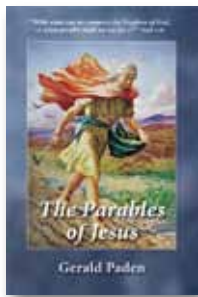


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