

Lifeline

Keeping the Sunset family connected

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Victory!

\$13,070,894



To God Be the Glory!
Great Things He Hath Done



The Final Funding Campaign?

“So Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many.” Hebrews 9:28

One of the great themes of the Book of Hebrews is the superiority of the “once for all” sacrifice of Christ over the “repeatedly required” sacrifices of the Law. As the well known hymn says, *“He Paid it All.”* His gift was so complete that no payment for our sins beyond Calvary would ever be needed. His was the last and final “sacrificial campaign”!

I suppose that many could wish that other things in life could be as “once for all” as the sacrifice of Christ. Imagine one meal so adequate that it would satisfy you for the rest of your life; one shower so cleansing that you would never need to bathe again; one lesson so complete that you would never need more study; one paycheck so big that you would never need more money. Truth is, beyond an Omnipotent God and a Perfect Savior, very little in life is “one time for all time.”

Recently, I was asked, “Now that you have met and surpassed your campaign financial goal, will you need to raise more funds in the future?” My answer was and is, “yes, because our fund raising campaign was not as perfect as the sacrifice of Christ.” **This was not the fund raising campaign to end all fund raising.** We are very grateful that God was able to use the efforts of many to accomplish amazing ministry results. It has helped us to get to a better place in our ministry, but certainly not to the final place. **It was a beginning more than an end.**

Our “Let’s Go Make Disciples” campaign was intended to enable us to accomplish four great goals. Our first goal

was to raise the annual finances needed to fund our current world-wide ministries for the three years of the campaign. Each year, campaign or not, we must raise almost \$3 million. Our second goal was to add enough to our relatively small endowment fund to generate from 7% to 10% of our annual financial need. Our third goal was to provide modest increases in salaries and benefits for our very dedicated but underpaid faculty and ministry staff. Our fourth goal was to have some funds to say “yes” to some exciting new ministry opportunities. (We will be able to do more in this regard as more of our “pledges receivable” are fulfilled.) **To some extent we have been able to meet each of our goals over the past three years, and God has used the effort to produce “soul results”**

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Yes, we still need to raise funds, and we still need your financial partnership. **The funding campaign that ended in April does not provide for most of the continuing ministry needs for this year, nor for the years to come.** We are depending on the grace of God and the generosity of our faithful partners for that supply. Since our campaign was not “once and for all,” we trust that the generosity of faithful partners will continue. There are still more preachers to train, more churches to plant and more souls to save.

LET’S GO MAKE MORE DISCIPLES.

- Truitt Adair, Executive Director

SUNSET SUNDAY

11.02.08

One special Sunday is coming.
Mark your calendar for November 2nd!

On that day, churches of Christ across America are invited to join with Sunset to focus on world evangelism.

It will be a day to join together and give to reaching the lost, both locally and globally.

Set aside this day and plan for a special contribution as we continue to fulfill the Great Commission to send out evangelists and missionaries across our nation and around the world.

Together, we can make a difference!
That's the Sunset difference!

www.sibi.cc/SunsetSunday08
Contact Truitt Adair or Bob Jackson for more information.

Let's Go... Make More Disciples

YES count on me/us to help train more preachers, send more missionaries, plant more churches, and save more souls.

YES, I/we will help. Enclosed is my gift in the amount of \$ _____ to make more disciples.

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

YES, I/we will help by fulfilling my/our campaign pledge. Enclosed is :

\$ _____ as partial fulfillment

\$ _____ my full pledge amount

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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VICTORY!

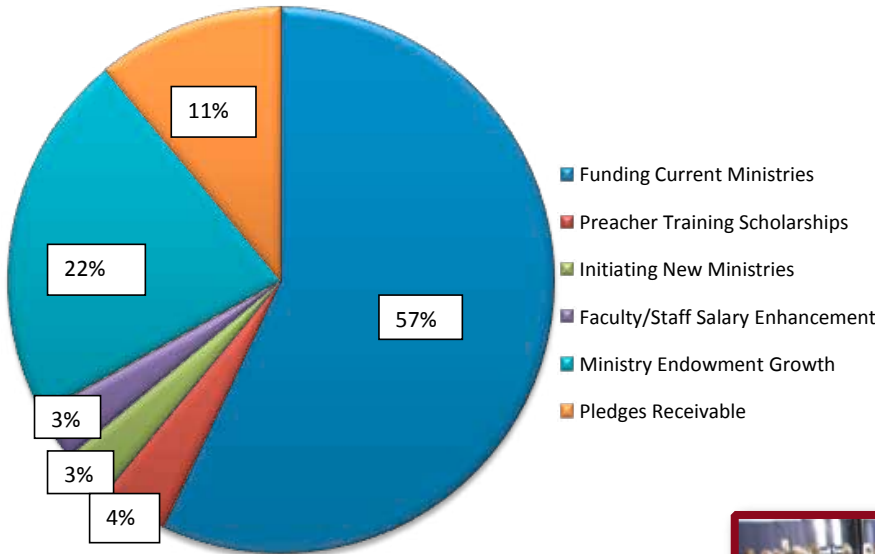
There's something about the word **VICTORY** that thrills the heart. It carries with it the idea of something big that has been successfully finished. A great victory was celebrated on April 18, 2008, with nearly 500 friends gathered in Lubbock to celebrate the successful completion of the "Let's Go... Make Disciples" capital campaign. At the celebration it was announced that the \$12 million goal had been exceeded by over \$1 million. We are very excited to announce that \$13,070,894 was raised in cash and pledges. Over 85% of these funds have already been received during this three-year effort.

The campaign not only funded our regular ministry budget for three years, but it has allowed us to expand our ministry training throughout the world and to grow our endowment income to about 7% of our annual need. The new vision was not about buildings, and it was not just about money. It was and is all about reaching lost souls with the precious Gospel of Christ.



Board President, Bob Crockett and Truitt Adair unveil the total pledged amount at the Victory Celebration, April 18th, 2008

USE OF CAMPAIGN FUNDS



Please note that "New Ministries" include new international branch schools, distance learning locations, new church plants, missions, and the translation center. Many outstanding pledges are being fulfilled over the next 12 to 36 months. Once received, pledges will be used to fund new and existing ministry programs, student scholarships, and to increase the ministry endowment. All funds were allocated according to the donor's wishes.

As a result of the campaign, over 20,700 people have been baptized into Christ worldwide, 26 long-term American missionaries have been trained and sent to the mission field, 148 young apprentice missionaries (AIM students) have been trained and sent out, 280 new congregations have been established,

1,193 American and foreign ministers have been trained, and 76 new ministry training programs have been established.

We want to especially thank each donor for your very important part in making the campaign a success. Each gift, whether given by an individual, a congregation or a foundation has helped to make more disciples. Our generous donors have made it possible to celebrate a victory. For all of these blessings and answers to many prayers we give all glory, honor, and praise to God! *"To God be the glory great things He has done..."*

Bob Jackson
Director of Development





AIM

In early August of 2007, sixty young men and women arrived in Lubbock, Texas, to become part of the 2007 AIM class and continue its long, rich heritage. The nearly even split of men and women came from 20 states and the foreign nation of Brazil. Over the next eight months, their classroom preparation included over 600 hours of intensive, Biblical instruction from men such as Charles Speer, Ed Wharton, and Ray Young. They were also taught practical hands-on training for small groups, one-on-one Bible study, public speaking and spiritual disciplines. Additionally, the students received instruction in the areas of team building and team dynamics to aid in healthy mission field experiences.



2007 AIM Class at Teotihuacan outside Mexico City

An important aspect of an AIM student's training is the AIM staff. These "assistants" are former AIM students who have successfully completed their AIM mission field assignment and have returned to serve as mentors, coaches and helpers in the intensive, training process. These assistants receive no pay, yet they commit to countless hours of mentoring, meetings, service projects, prayer, and study and in the process develop deep, lasting friendships. When asked why they choose to serve in such a powerful yet time consuming manner, one replied, "It's simply a way to give back to how God has blessed my life through the AIM program. Also, it's an honor to actually help train faithful men who can in turn, train faithful men to see the 2 Timothy 2:2 principles lived out in willing disciples."



Amy Jo Smith praying over Mexico City

About the middle of April, students completed the Lubbock portion of their two-year experience. From late May through early June, AIM teams arrived on their respective mission fields. Students will remain on their respective fields for a minimum of fourteen months before returning to Lubbock to graduate. Out of this 2007 AIM class, nine mission teams will be sent to five foreign nations: New Zealand, Scotland, Albania, South Africa and Mexico. In Mexico, four teams will be working and serving in the cities of Leon, Guadalajara, Cuernavaca, and Mexico City (Tlalpan). AIM students are trained to be missionary apprentices, thus their objective is to learn from seasoned missionaries as they strive to share Jesus with everyone. Most AIMers will learn new languages, experience new cultures and grow in faith as they work alongside missionaries around the world.

Pat Sheaffer,
AIM Assistant Director



Brittany Beckloff with a new friend from Lima, Peru

SENIOR AIM

This past school year was filled with lots of adventure in Senior AIM:

- First term: **The Authority of Jesus** with 14 students.
- Second term: **The Church in Acts** with 11 students
- Third term: **How We Got to Where We Are** with 16 students
- Fourth term: **The Sermon on the Mount** with 11 students

During the summer of 2007, a seven-person team of Senior AIM traveled to teach and assist in Sopot, Poland, and in Kosice, Slovakia. A different group of seven participated in RoundUp at York College, in Nebraska, during May. Senior AIM had a booth at the Red River Family Encampment in New Mexico in June. Don and Rilda Perry taught English using the Bible in Kosice, Slovakia, during the spring of 2008.

This fall Senior AIM will offer **Conflict Resolution for Christians** and **The Gospel of John** in the October-December term via a narrative reading approach. Come and join us in the Adventure – Senior Adventures in Ministry.



Stuart Jones,
Chairman of Senior Adventures in Ministry



HOMECOMING 2008

LIVING THE LEGACY



Gary and Sue Ball, '68, their daughter, Sherry, and B. Powell entertained the Homecoming crowd Thursday night.

It was so exciting to see so many graduates return to Lubbock for our annual SIBI/WFR Homecoming! What a wonderful time of fellowship, joy and reunion for all who attended the festivities! Those of us at Sunset were so grateful for those who attended and for our speakers who challenged and inspired us with their words.

The festivities began on Thursday, April 17th, with an hour and a half of entertainment from Gary and Sue Ball and Paul Laman, all graduates of the Sunset class of 1968. Gary and Sue operate the Ball Ranch in Abilene, Texas, where they perform regularly (for more information check out their website at www.theballranch.com). We were treated to Western music, comedic banter, and a ventriloquist act that was enjoyed by everyone.



Truitt Adair, '68, accepting the Golden Eagle Award for Distinguished Alumnus

After the time of entertainment, those attending separated into different receptions for a special time of fellowship. There were reunion receptions for the different anniversary classes as well as receptions for other groups being honored and recognized. The two 1968 classes gathered to celebrate their 40th anniversary as Sunset graduates, and the classes from 1978, 1988 and 1998 also were honored to mark this special occasion.

On Friday, April 18th, Sunset hosted a special homecoming lectureship for its students, graduates, faculty and staff. Truman Scott delivered a stirring history of the life of Cline Paden and told many stories and anecdotes chronicled in the biography of Cline, entitled *The Grey Eagle*, which was recently published at Sunset. We were all challenged by Truman to "live the legacy" and continue to follow the vision that Cline planted in our hearts. Dayton Keesee then challenged us to continue to have a heart for the Word of God. He focused on Cline's love for the Word and then encouraged us all to have this as a central part of our hearts as well. Royce Sartain followed with a call for us to have a heart for the Lord's Church. It was edifying to hear this brother speak of his love for the local church and of God's love for the Body of Christ. Ted Kell challenged those in attendance to have a heart for local evangelism. Ted exhorted and encouraged each of us to rededicate ourselves to a love for the lost and a desire to see them converted to

Christ. Finally, Tex Williams encouraged those in the assembly to have a heart for world missions. Sitting in the flag room at Sunset surrounded by an impressive array of preachers and church leaders, it was hard to not be motivated to take the gospel to every corner of this world. All lectures can be heard on our website at www.sibi.cc/audio.

Homecoming came to a close on Saturday, April 19th, with a word of encouragement from Truitt Adair and a look toward the future of Sunset. God has truly blessed the efforts of Sunset. We praised God for these blessings and then looked to the future and the blessings still to come. The future looks bright and everyone left feeling renewed and encouraged.

The greatest benefits of homecoming came through the small moments of interaction, the times of fellowship, and the memories that were shared. Prayers were offered for those strugg-



'78 Grads

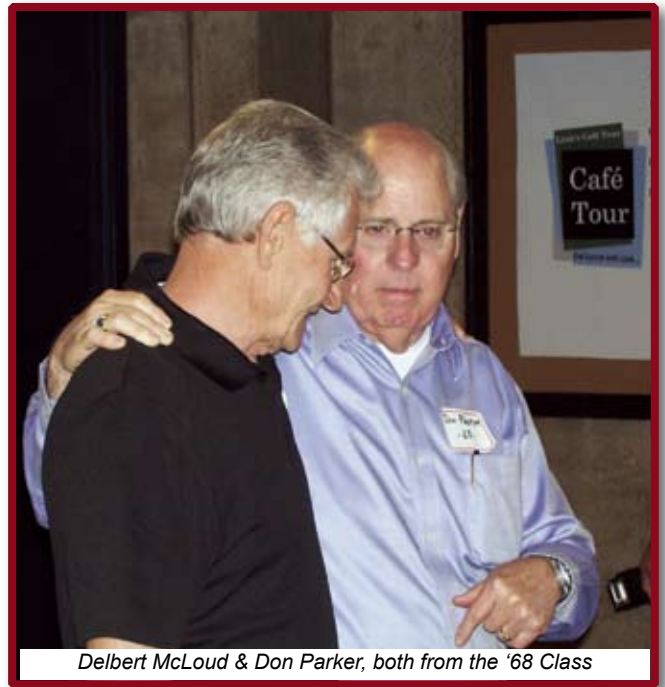
Carl Harris, Patrick Gallagher, Walter Shepard, Paul Sparks, Ralph Hart, and Tom Barton

gling, encouragement was given, and friendships were renewed. Homecoming '08 was a great blessing to all who attended and plans are already underway for Homecoming '09, April 1-4, 2009. You should be receiving more information soon. Begin making plans to attend and contacting your fellow classmates.

You can see pictures and comments regarding homecoming on our website (www.sibi.cc/gallery/Homecoming2008). If you are a Sunset graduate and want to stay connected to Sunset and your fellow classmates, please go to our alumni site (alumni.sibi.cc).



Ed Wharton discussing things with Wayne Hatcher, '77



Delbert McLoud & Don Parker, both from the '68 Class

**MAKE PLANS
TO RETURN FOR
HOMECOMING
2009
APRIL 1-4,
2009**



*Truman & Ferne Scott with graduates from the class of '98
left to right, Pam Evans, Britton Pruitt, Stan & Margaret Paradowski, & Scott Foster*

LIFELINE ONLINE

Activities at Sunset go on year-round, yet we are only able to publish *Lifeline* two to three times per year. We regret not being able to communicate more information to you through *Lifeline*, but the time and expense associated with a publication that reaches over 20,000 subscribers is high. Postage rates continue to rise as does the cost for printed materials. We have been richly blessed by your contributions over the years, and we want to be good stewards of those gifts.

In an effort to provide more information more frequently, we are starting *Lifeline Online*. *Lifeline Online* will not only allow us to deliver the same content to you digitally, but it will allow us to provide you more timely updates. We believe that by doing this we can increase our communication with our community as well as be better stewards of the money with which we have been entrusted. We estimate that if 25% of our current recipients of *Lifeline* received it digitally, we could potentially save another \$5,000 per year.

We have email addresses for some of you, but many of you have changed email providers or gotten new email addresses since you started receiving this publication. To register your email address with us and receive *Lifeline Online*, please go to sunsetonline.org/lists and sign-up. You can sign up to receive regular updates or just receive the full *Lifeline* editions in a digital form. We promise never to share your email address with any outside agency or mail you information that you do not want to receive. If you have any questions, contact jrader@sibi.cc or 806-788-3224.

Jeff Rader,
Webmaster

77th Class of Sunset Graduates



On May 24th, 2008, the 77th Class of Sunset International Bible Institute graduated. Thirty-two men and women graduated from our residential programs including the Biblical and Ministry Studies, Deaf Studies, and Women's Studies. Many of the men and women will minister in local congregations in Texas, Arizona, California, Missouri, Michigan, Virginia, Montana, Washington, Connecticut and Kentucky. Others plan to go to Thailand, Romania, Canada, Ukraine, Philippines and Cambodia. Three will remain at Sunset for Advanced Missions training. Additionally, eight graduated from the Advanced Missions program and are finalizing plans to serve around the world in Massachusetts, Ecuador, and Ukraine. Nine students completed their course work through distance learning. There are also over **450 recent graduates** from our international schools, not listed here. Dr. J.J. Turner ('66) challenged the graduates to be *Sold on Being Bold*. The message can be downloaded from our website (www.sibi.cc/audio).

Joining more than four thousand other graduates of various disciplines at Sunset, these men and women go forth well-equipped for the great task of preaching and teaching the *whole gospel to the whole world, wholly to please God*.

BIBLICAL AND MINISTRY STUDIES



Lon Baker
Harding University



Larry Bates
Kileen, TX



Brad Beckett
Advanced Missions
Thailand



James Berry
Advanced Missions



Ryan Bunge
Sibi, Romania



Conor Fox
Fulton, MO



Brian King
Fredericksburg, VA



Tim King
Edmonton, KY



Ozzy McDaniel
Kaufman, TX



Jeremy Myers
Great Falls, MT



David Nelson
Ukraine



Matthew Palmer
Woodinville, WA



Charlie Sabado
Tacloban City, Philippines



Robby Stephens
AIM Assistant



Todd Trusty
Littlefield, TX



Evan Weiss
Plainview, TX



Dennis Welch
Phnom Penh, Cambodia



Raelynn Willis
Flagstaff, AZ



Woody Woods
Lansing, MI

DEAF BIBLICAL AND MINISTRY STUDIES



Alexander Abenchuchan
Gallaudet University
Fairfax, VA



Brian Baell
Scottsdale, AZ



Tina Carter
Modesto, CA

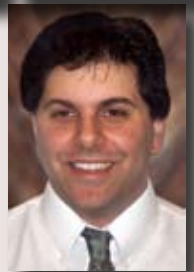


Jerome Dupuis
Flagler College
St. Augustine, FL

DEAF BIBLICAL STUDIES



Alexandra Gulka
Milton, Canada



Ron Saracino
Trumbull, CT

WOMEN'S BASIC BIBLICAL STUDIES



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Jacksonville, FL



Susan Darnell
Lubbock, TX



Kristie Palmer
Woodinville, WA



Sharon Welch
Phnom Penh, Cambodia



Siriporn Beckett
Advanced Missions
Thailand



Jenifer McDaniel
Kaufman, TX



Christina Sabado
Tacloban, Philippines

PRISCILLA

ADVANCED MISSIONS



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Fall River, MA



Edward and Jacqueline Dottle
Ecuador



Rob Hindman & Mike McDougale
Ukraine



Steve and Jewel Melton
AIM Assistants



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David Hankins



Howard Bouldin



Jonathan Orr



Machael Vaden

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BASIC BIBLICAL STUDIES



Eric Lorick



James Lyle



Joseph Priestler



Thao Vang

Joshua Taliaferro not pictured

DEPARTURES

Sunday Ekanem ('73) died Friday, May 9, 2008, after a brief illness. Sunday was a gospel preacher and Dean of the CAO Essian Bible School of Nigeria, one of Sunset's International Branch Schools. He was a beloved graduate and a great man of faith. His impact on his nation and the continent of Africa will be felt many years from now as the preachers that he devoted his life to spread the gospel.



Roy G. McLaurin ('89) died in a farm equipment accident on February 2, 2008, at the age of 74 in Victoria, TX. Roy was a preacher at the Central Church of Christ in Victoria for 19 years. He was extremely involved with the nursing homes of Victoria and surrounding areas. Roy would take the residents out to eat, shopping, sight-seeing, and fishing. Roy spent much of his time delivering supplies to storm devastated states and served on mission trips to Mexico, Jamaica, and Poland. "His life was full," Nancy (his daughter) said, "he died working, just like he lived." In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Central Church of Christ. Please designate to one or more of these causes: Benevolence Fund, Christians Against Substance Abuse, Mission of Hope, or World Missions.



Larry and Ruby Hambrick ('73/74) – A fatal car crash claimed the lives of Larry and Ruby on Saturday, February 16, 2008, in north Lubbock. Their car was hit head-on by a driver who apparently went to sleep, crossed the median and hit the Hambricks' car. Funeral services were held February 26th at the Parkway Drive Church of Christ in Lubbock. The Hambricks lived in Lubbock at the time of their death.



Curtis Harrison ('72) died in his home on Saturday, June 16, 2008. Students who attended Sunset before 2002 have probably heard Curtis say, "When are you coming to school? How many kids do you have, and do you need a place to live?" Curtis could out walk any of us (even on crutches), and he could out talk any of us as he would tell amazing stories at the drop of a hat. On his motorized cart Curtis was especially dangerous as you tried to pass him in the hallway.



Curtis and LaMoine went to Papua, New Guinea, in 1972 with their family to serve as missionaries. They continued their work there until 1978 when Curtis was paralyzed following a spinal cord tumor. After surgery and a year of intensive physical therapy, he returned to Papua, New Guinea, in 1979 to continue his work for another six years. They returned in 1985, and Curtis began his work at Sunset.

Curtis served for 17 years as the student coordinator while working at Sunset. He helped students find housing, get their kids enrolled in school, and anything else that was needed to help them settle into life in Lubbock. He tracked alumni for years and helped keep the school in contact with them.

You can't say "Curtis" without automatically saying "Curtis and LaMoine." LaMoine has been the utmost example of a godly wife and mother for almost 51 years. We have seen their struggle, but we have seen their faith even more. We have seen their tears of sorrow, but we have seen their tears of joy when students graduate and begin their work in the Kingdom.

Letters, cards, and phone calls are encouraged and will be appreciated. LaMoine continues to work in the office at Sunset. Their address is 4201 41st St, Lubbock, TX 79413.

Jules Jones died March 11, 2008. Jules was Dean of Philippines International Bible Institute - Batangas. He was an outstanding evangelist, superb Christian leader, and a man cherished by his spiritual family. He sacrificed much to work with Sunset, and his servant leadership will be missed.



Bradford Hull Morris ('79) died on March 27, 2008, from complications of Multiple Sclerosis. He graduated from Sunset in January, 1979, Graduate Studies in 1980 and the India Studies in 1981. The family sent this note: "It is with mixed emotions, sadness and thankfulness, that we share the passing of Bradford. We are sad as we miss his smile, his sense of humor, his spiritual mentoring, and his knowledge of God's Word. We are extremely thankful that he has reached his heart filled goal, Victory in Jesus!" Ray was a member of the Park Row Church of Christ in Arlington, TX. The family asked for memorials to be sent to SIBI or the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.



Lewis M. Ritchey ('75) went to be with the Lord on Tuesday, January 29, 2008, at the age of 91 due to emphysema. Lewis had a heart attack in July of 2007 and grew weaker as the months went by. Lewis and Lola were great friends of Sunset, believing in and supporting the school for many years following graduation. He was totally dedicated to his Lord and to Lola. Saturday before his death, he told the Hospice nurses that he was ready to go to heaven, wanted them to go with him, and asked if they knew the Lord. He is survived by Lola of Lubbock; daughter Betty of Hereford; son Bob of Ft. Worth; 5 grandchildren, 7 great grandchildren, and one great great grandson. Ray, their oldest son, preceded Lewis in death in 2000. Memorials may be sent to Sunset to help continue the work of the school. If you would like to send a card, Lola's address is: 5504 29th Dr., Lubbock, TX 79407.



Roy Simmons ('72) – Roy died on Sunday, March 2nd. Roy and his wife Bridget were driving home from Oregon where they had been visiting Bridget's dad. While staying in a Wyoming hotel on Saturday evening, Roy suffered a heart attack and died on Sunday morning. Roy and Bridget lived in Amarillo, TX.



If you know of other brothers and sisters that have departed to glory, please let us know at alumi.sibi.cc/Departures.

Memorial & Honor Gifts

January 1 - April 30, 2008

In Honor of

Jones, Ray and Libby
Paden, Gerald

In Memory of

Bartlett, Frank
Bonner, Maxine
Carson, Carolyn
Carter, Ralph
Coffman, Louise
Daniel, Wyvonne
Eastman, Marvin
Escue, Peggy Evans
Fish, Hughes

Flynn, Billy
Fowler, Mack
Green, Franklin
Hankins, Kenneth
Hindsley, Sr., Don
Hirst, JoAnn

Holt, David

Hornak, Robert
Huffman, Bill
Humphries, Marion
Kilpatrick, Cecil & Evelyn
Lincoln, Abe
Malson, Helen Grace
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Mr. & Mrs. William Alexander
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Given by

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Charles & Wanda Horton
Tom & Ruthie Johnson
Troy & Marilyn Randolph
Larry Lyde
Bob Brandon
Logan Cowart
David & Judy Bridges
Louise George
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In Memory of

Mann, Irene (cont'd)

McClaurin, Roy Gilbert
Paden, Cline
Patterson, Lynn

Plew, Billy
Ritchey, Lewis

Rogers, Bill
Smith, Judith
Spears, Susie
Stinson, Don
Vincent, Clayton
Welch, Louis
Wilcox, Naomi
Wooten, Ed
Zant, Juanita

Given by

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Gene & Berta Cornelius
Bob & Jan Crockett
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Curtis & LaMoine Harrison
Gayla Hodge
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Robert & Ann Singleton
Margaret Stone
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Millie Verett
Don & Phyllis Williams
Bob & Frances Womach
Gene & Modine Lundgren
Benson, Homer & Norma Benson
Dee & Sandy Ellis
Logan Cowart
Truit & Kay Adair
Mrs. Lorraine Welch
Ed & Margaret Poulter
Ed & Margaret Poulter
Dale Zant family

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[] In Memory of _____

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This gift is from (Name): _____

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Cline R. Paden Bible and Ministry Resource Center

SUNSET EXTERNAL STUDIES MOVES INTO NEW FACILITIES

God is so good! After being in existence for more than 34 years and moving into several locations, the External Studies Division of the Sunset International Bible Institute finally has its own building! Through the forethought of Cline Paden, founder and first Director of Sunset International Bible Institute, and the generosity of our present Executive Director and other concerned people, we were able to purchase the building previously owned and occupied by Ted and Dot Stewart's BibleMart.com bookstore. For years the Stewarts served the school through their bookstore by making textbooks, Bibles and other study materials available to students of Sunset and the brotherhood. Because of health and other factors, they closed the store and retired. They wanted Sunset to have the building, and we are blessed to be able to purchase it, fulfilling their wishes and ours. Truitt Adair, Executive Director, has graciously allowed the Sunset External Studies Division to occupy the building. In April we moved our entire inventory and staff into our new building. In honor of Cline Paden, the building has been designated the **Cline R. Paden Bible and Ministry Resource Center**.



Our intention and desire is to provide Bible study materials to all who want and need good, quality books and educational materials for both individual and group studies. Videos, DVD's, study guides, and many other books written by our instructors are available in our new facility. In addition to supplying materials for our residential students, we also supply materials used in our Satellite and Branch schools scattered throughout the U.S. and around the world.

These new facilities will enable us to display our books and materials in a more attractive way. We believe that God will be glorified and honored by this enlarged ministry of supplying good Biblical materials to our brotherhood. Realizing that in many locations there is no place to purchase good biblical materials, we want to invite everyone to call on us to supply your needs. We are as close as your phone, or email, or you may access us on our web page: www.extensionschool.com.

Phone: 1-800-687-2121 or 1-806-788-3280, email: extschool@sibi.cc.

Virgil Yocham

Dean, External Studies

Alumni Updates

Trying to keep up with all of our alumni is an almost impossible task. In past issues of Lifeline, we have provided a portion of updates that we receive throughout the year. With the large amount of newsletters that come through email and blogs, Sunset has started a website to publish these updates at alumni.sibi.cc. There you can find updates and articles from alumni all over the world. We receive updates from our alumni daily and from their individual websites. There are ministry updates, pictures, newsletters, family updates, ministry issues and so much more. Read reports of new missionaries still raising support and of seasoned missionaries that giving glory to God. Some of our faculty also contribute with articles and updates on their travels.

Our goal is to connect our alumni back together to help encourage each other and provide a renewed sense of community between old friends. If you have updates, you are encouraged to contribute. Upon registering at the site, you are given the ability to create pages of your own, upload pictures, and comment on articles of others. You may also direct supporters and others to articles that you publish on our site.

It has been said recently that one third of preachers in our fellowship have received training at Sunset. We want to continue offering support and encouragement to this significant portion of preachers in the brotherhood. Contact me with any questions, jrader@sibi.cc or 806-788-3224.

Jeff Rader
Webmaster



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The Correspondent

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Studying from a Distance

David and Amber Hankins have been happily married for one year. They live and worship in Damon, TX, located southwest of Houston. Since August of 2007, David has served as the interim minister for the congregation in Damon. David participated in graduation this May with the Sunset Residential graduates to receive his Bible and Ministry Certificate through Sunset External Studies. The following is an interview with David.

What made you decide to take classes via External Studies?

I went to Harding one semester. It cost \$8,000 and was far from home and family. I had just met Amber, and it was far from her too. The deacons of the Damon congregation wanted to begin a branch of Sunset External Studies and asked if I would like to be a part. Since I had my own contracting business, I could still work full time and attend the Satellite School classes. I could "work" after "work." Amber was glad to be close to family and friends. She is a substitute teacher and loves her work. It was the right thing for us to do at the time.

How have the classes benefitted you?

They have really increased my faith in God and in His Word. In some of our Wednesday evening classes, the videos have been used where Amber and others have been able to learn from them. I served summer internships at Seven Oaks in Sugarland and the Sweenie Church of Christ. I was able to use the material I learned from the classes in those places. I also have been a camp counselor at the Peach Valley Youth Camp for four years. The information that I learned was helpful in that area as well.

What was most beneficial from this type of study (external) versus coming to Sunset in Lubbock for two years? Would you recommend this External Studies to others?

It is a trade-off. We were newlyweds. We could stay home and close to our family and church family while adjusting to married life. It costs less. I had an excellent administrator who held me accountable for completing the lessons. You have to be really self-motivated and self-disciplined. On the down side, I missed the real classroom experience of being able to ask questions of the teachers, interact with students, and face the challenges that only coming to Sunset in Lubbock has. There are difficulties on both sides. I think it has to be an individual choice whether to attend Sunset or take the courses by extension. It was our choice to use the External Studies.

How do you plan to use your study knowledge?

I want to preach full time in a small congregation. Amber and I are both excited about the prospects. We have sent out resumes. I have served in both youth and pulpit ministries but feel that the pulpit is what I would enjoy most. We want to work with a congregation that will be close to the Word of God as well as to each other. We love working with people who have hearts for the Lord.

How has it felt to be at Sunset this final week of school?

It has been like a dream! What an encouragement it has been to be at Sunset this week to finish the requirements for my certificate, to meet the teachers personally, and to see their depth of love for the Lord. It has been great. When the Level One students came in to sing and pray with the Level Two students, it was so uplifting and encouraging. I felt like I belonged even though I had not been a part of the actual class.

I wanted to change my life. I was going nowhere. I made a promise to God, like Cline did. If He would help me out of the mess I was in, then I would give preaching my all! It took great discipline and hard work. It took Amber and those who held me accountable to finish the job I began. It was a challenge, but a blessing. I worked hard to accomplish my goal, and it means a lot. Thank you, Sunset and to everyone that makes this opportunity possible!



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OUR AMAZING GOD

It is most amazing how God is blessing the evangelistic ministries of Sunset. For instance, we have now begun 376 Satellite Schools with the 377th opening in Ocean Springs, MS. The administrator is Quadrick Brumfield, the minister. Quadrick said that he, along with Bill Denton of Grenada and Russ Crosswhite of Fulton in Northern Mississippi, can now convert the entire state! With God and these three men and their students, don't be at all surprised when this happens.

These kinds of blessings seem to be regular occurrences in External Studies as well as the other ministries. God continues to amaze! We wanted you to read how one of our administrators felt his school had impacted his congregation and their community.

Bill Powers
Satellite School Coordinator

North Mississippi Bible Institute - A Ministry of the Southside Church of Christ, Grenada, Mississippi

By Bill Denton

The North Mississippi Bible Institute (NMBI) is approaching one year of operation. Our first class had approximately twenty students, and though a few dropped out because of work and personal conflicts, we have about fifteen who are faithfully studying God's word. That includes one credit student who is furthering his ability to preach and teach in a congregational setting.

From the start we wanted NMBI to be open to the public, and we wanted to reach beyond our immediate community. We have had students from six different churches and four different towns. We have been particularly pleased that our students are about half from the white community and half from the black community. The city of Grenada is striving to make improvements in racial harmony, and we see our school as a positive example demonstrating how that can happen with Christians exemplifying peaceful relations and unity.

We hoped that we would attract students from outside of the churches of Christ, and we have done that successfully. We currently have three students who are members of the Missionary Baptist Church. They are eager students, open to God's word, and thoroughly enjoy learning passages they have never studied before.

Of course our own members who attend are excited about studying on a different level than just a Sunday or Wednesday Bible class. We just completed a study of *The Sacrificial System*. One of the ladies in our class attended another Bible study where someone read a passage having to do with one of the Old Testament sacrifices. Our student was able to share with the others what the sacrifice was about and why it was offered, and she provided some insight they would have missed had she not been in our school.

We believe a Sunset Satellite School is a long-term project. It is an investment in people. Whether those people are Sunday school teachers, preachers, elders, or just want to experience personal growth, such a school will educate, inform, and equip those people to serve in ways they could not do otherwise. Three of our students are preachers that are already sharing with their congregations some of the things they have learned in NMBI classes. Several students teach Bible classes. They are all learning on a deeper level, and I am confident that will translate into better taught Sunday school classes. A few just want to learn for personal gain. What they learn will produce a stronger faith.

My personal view is that teaching in a Sunset Satellite School enables me to achieve greater things in my own ministry. I am equipping others in ways I could not do otherwise. It provides me a way to use my own knowledge and experience in conjunction with the recorded lessons from Sunset to create a useful educational experience for our students. We believe NMBI is providing a way for us to reach into our community, strengthen our brethren (even those who are not a part of Southside), and build a solid reputation in our community as a Bible believing, Bible teaching church. God's word is being proclaimed, and it will be successful. I am convinced we will see the greatest benefits in years to come and in generations to follow, because we did something now.



Satellite School administrators receiving training at Sunset's annual workshop

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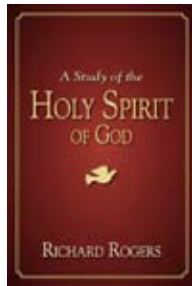
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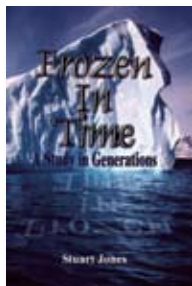
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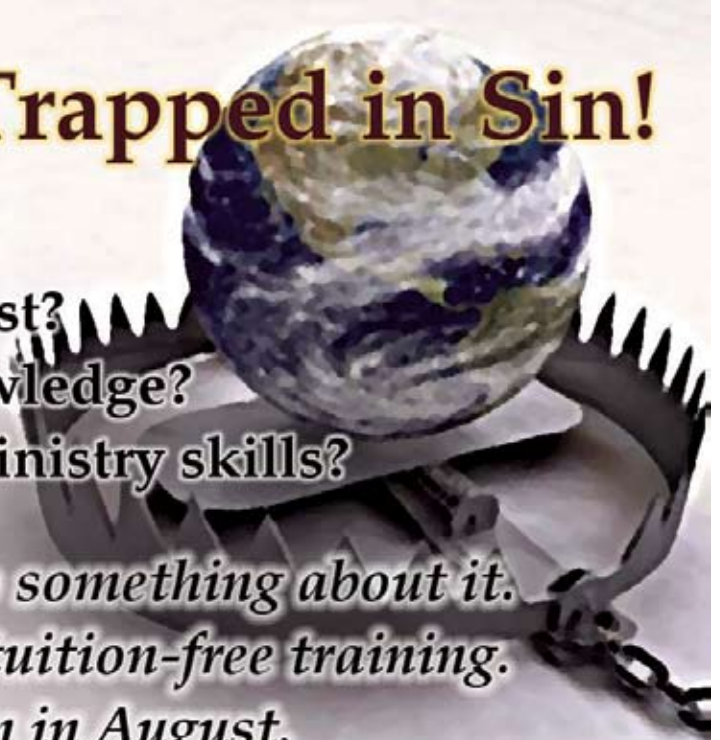
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