

Lifeline

A large group of African children and adults, some in school uniforms, standing outdoors in a rural setting. The children are of various ages, some looking directly at the camera, others looking slightly away. The adults are interspersed among the children. The background shows green foliage and a clear sky.

Keeping the Sunset family connected

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GOOD NEWS
ABOUTS

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The Good News of God's Blessings How God is Using and Blessing Our Partners in Ministry

"It is more blessed to give than to receive." Acts 20:35

"Give and it will be given to you..." Luke 6:38

"Not that I am looking for a gift but I am looking for what may be credited to your account." Phil.4:17

"Their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity." IICor.8:4

As a good friend and donor shared with me his intention to make a rather large year-end gift, he revealed a story of God's blessing. Several years ago he and his wife made a very generous and sacrificial financial commitment to support the Sunset ministry. Being "a results-oriented businessman," he wanted their donation to translate to people helped, souls saved, and churches planted. It has been thrilling for me to meet with this fine couple each year and report about the fruit of their financial partnership. I knew of the great good being accomplished in our world-wide ministries as a result of their giving, but I was not aware of how God was also blessing their lives and business. He told me that from the time of their first financial gift, some four years ago, until now, their business and personal income have tripled. "There is a blessing in giving," he said, "and I want to do it again."

Make no mistake about it, the blessing of giving is more about the heart than the amount of the gift. In fact, sometimes the greatest blessing is for those who have little but still give cheerfully. The following note accompanied a recent modest donation from a sweet sister in Christ: "I'm enclosing a small donation, though I wish I could send much, much more. As a widow on a small pension, which I am thankful for, it makes me use the blessing carefully. I want to make sure most of it goes to God, and I know Sunset is doing that." Like the widow of Mark 12, she may have given "more than all the rest."

Not all giving is done in one's lifetime. A thoughtful

Christian couple set up a charitable trust with half of their estate dedicated to mission work through the Sunset ministry. They are millionaires but you would never know it. They live simply and modestly. They want the good works which they love to continue long after they depart this life. Like the Psalmist, they know "that wise men die; the foolish and the senseless alike perish and leave their wealth to others" (Psalm 49:10). Their good planning helped them avoid the frustration and heartache expressed by Solomon in Ecclesiastes 2:18-19: "I hated all the things I had toiled for under the sun, because I must leave them to the one who comes after me, and who knows whether he will be a wise man or a fool. Yet he will have control over all the work into which I have poured my effort and skill under the sun." There is a blessing in knowing that one's estate will support the values held dear in life for many generations to come.

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Last year was a difficult financial year for many families, businesses, and ministries. The Sunset ministry did not escape some of the financial challenges. Yet God has showered us with rich blessings. In spite of some challenges, 2009 may well have been the finest ministry year for us to date. This issue will chronicle some of those blessings. I hope you will be encouraged as we are by what God has done and is doing through the lives of so many.

Sunset Vision Workshop

January 20-23, 2010

What a Fellowship!

The Greek word “*koinonia*” is often translated “*fellowship*” but can also mean “*communion, partnership, participation, sharing.*” We will explore the impact of these concepts on the values, mission, and growth of the Lord’s Church.

- Forty practical classes on leadership, church growth, missions, preaching
- Satellite School Administrator Training Seminar
- Legacy Singing Group Concert
- AIM Camp Adventure Weekend
- Saturday Brunch
- Alumni and Friends Luncheon
- Flag Presentation
- Missionary Opportunities Presented
- Women’s Program
- Workshop Banquet
- Brotherhood Ministry Displays
- Alumni Homecoming Celebration
- Discount for online registration sibi.cc/workshop - \$40

Schedule

The first keynote will be Wednesday, Jan. 20th, at 7:00PM in the Sunset Auditorium. Classes and keynotes will fill Thursday and Friday with the final keynote ending at 11:30am on Saturday, Jan. 23rd.

sibi.cc/workshop

Speakers Include:



Gary Bradley



Floyd Kaiser



Everett Hysten



Kerry Williams



Chris Swinford



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Some of them are video conference schools that meet daily with remotely located teachers. Two of these schools, SIBINW in Washington and SIBINE in Massachusetts, continue to grow and produce graduates along with the Residential Studies Division in Lubbock. Our Spanish speaking video conference network continues to grow and add additional locations in Central and South America, as well as in the United States.

Some schools use External Studies materials. Our Satellite Schools take students through the classes by watching DVDs and meeting together weekly to keep up with assignments. All across the country, congregations are equipping their members to preach the Word through these classes. There are many of the schools that utilize different parts of the Sunset curriculum to help them as we all train and equip God's people for service in the Kingdom.

It's a little bleak out there. There is economic instability, political uncertainty, cultural immorality, doctrinal insecurity, congregational vulnerability and lack of viability, and mission futility. It seems that the bad news just keeps coming. We expect bad news in the world, but it seems we get bad news even in places where we expect to hear good news. In the midst of all that is going wrong in the world, there are many reasons to be excited. In this article we want to celebrate ten reasons for rejoicing in God's Kingdom today.

1 • More Preacher Training Opportunities Than Ever Before

In the United States, some schools of preaching are closing their doors and some are cutting back on programs, but Sunset is adding satellite schools, video conference schools, and Spanish-speaking schools from coast to coast across the United States. Sunset is also continually adding to its online courses, enabling people to study anywhere there is an Internet connection. The External Studies Division ships DVD classes and study materials all over the United States and all around the world. Sunset currently has 65 international

2 • Even More Ministry Training Opportunities in the Future

With the power of God and the partners He provides for us, Sunset plans on establishing more and more ministry training schools around the globe. Plans are being made for schools in Gambia, Israel, California, and others. It is our goal to have an established and effective ministry training school in every nation of the world.

Why So Many Schools in So Many Nations?

"And he said to them, 'Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation.'" - Mark 16:15

ministry training schools spread across 40 countries of the world.

Some of these schools are just like Sunset in Lubbock. The school in Singapore has full time students with resident and visiting faculty who teach.

3 • Growing Number of Students Studying God's Word

When you have this many schools around the world, the number of students studying is astounding. Many times numbers like these seem to be



(above) Ron Bontrager teaching in Lubbock and by video conference to Massachusetts and Washington
(left) Opening Chapel in the Flag Room at Sunset

unreal. We have tried to take special care to count only students that we know about, without over estimating.

- There are congregations using Sunset materials in their Bible classes across the United States.
- There are approximately 200 students studying at Sunset in Lubbock who will fill pulpits, minister in the Kingdom, and serve on the mission field.
- Almost 90 of the students in the residential program at Sunset in Lubbock will go to the mission field in 2010 (61 students in AIM and 27 in Missions).
- There are students in the Masters Program, Deaf Ministry, SAIM, and other areas as well.
- This means that there are more than 30,000 total Sunset students studying Sunset curriculum.

Why So Many Students?

“And what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.” - 2 Timothy 2:2

- There are more than 2,650 Bible students studying full-time in our international schools spread across the world.
- There are more than 20,000 part-time Bible students studying through external programs through our international schools.
- There are over 2,500 registered to study online in both Spanish and English.
- There are more than 7,000 Bible students utilizing external studies materials.

4 • Growing Number of Sunset Graduates Completing Studies

It is especially hopeful to note that these Bible students are not only taking classes, they are graduating from Sunset. That means that men and women have been equipped to not only know more about the Bible, but they are taught the message of the Gospel and how to proclaim that to the world.

- 2,963 have graduated from Sunset in Lubbock.
- 1,213 have graduated from AIM after having served on the mission field.

Students at the Instituto de Preparacion de Obreros, Jinotega, Nicaragua, one of Sunset's most active international schools



ONLINE DEGREES

SunsetOnline.org continues to grow and be a source of learning for many around the world. Over three years, more than 2,500 users have registered for classes online. Beginning January 2010, SunsetOnline will also begin offering **online degrees** to these users. Students from around the world will now be able to earn a Bachelor of Biblical Studies degree by taking classes online. All courses that have been taken for credit already will be applied toward the student's transcript. We continue to refine our courses and help make them as beneficial as possible to the students. For the past year, SunsetOnline.org has also been utilized to help facilitate the classes in the Graduate Program. Each student that is working toward the Master of Biblical Studies degree uses the website to retrieve syllabi, communicate with the instructor, and submit his assignments.

Currently there are also five courses available for free in Spanish at <http://www.sunsetonline.org/es>. Over 200 students have registered to access these courses. Biblical Institutes Network's instructors including, Kirk McAfee, Jorge Piñeda, Armando Alaniz, and Kevin Montgomery teach in Spanish. The program is led by Steve Austin from the Texas Gulf Coast Bible Institute and is administered by Pedro del Pozo from Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Find out more about all of our online classes at sunsetonline.org

-Jeff Rader, Webmaster

•3,650 have graduated from Sunset's international ministry training schools.

5 • Pulpits are Filled with Trained and Equipped Preachers

There is an increasing need for trained preachers to fill pulpits in the United States. Sunset in Lubbock has graduated almost 3,000 graduates to fill this need, and there are more pulpits in Churches of Christ filled by Sunset graduates than any other ministry training school or Christian college or university. There are more than 4,000 students and graduates from Sunset international schools filling Spanish speaking pulpits in the United States, Central and South America. One Sunset international school, the Ukrainian Bible Institute in Donetsk, Ukraine, has over 93% of its graduates still faithfully filling pulpits. That is truly a reason to rejoice and be hopeful about the future of the gospel in this world.

6 • Healthy Congregations Planted Around the World!

There have been more than 265 congregations planted through the efforts of our Sunset international ministry training schools in 2009 alone, almost 600 in 3 years. These congregations meet all across the

globe in all kinds of settings. Church planting has become part of the Sunset international schools' curriculum and most schools plant congregations as part of an annual school project or campaign. At the school in Zambia, students are taught farming techniques that allow them to go to a village and educate the people on how they can feed themselves and produce a cash

Why Is It Important That These Bible Students Graduate?
"Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman, who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the Word of Truth."
2 Tim. 2:15

crop. After these villages experience the love of Christ from these students, they are welcomed to establish a church and listen to the word of God.

7 • Lost People are Hearing the Gospel and Being Converted to Christ All Over the World!

Through church planting efforts and evangelistic campaigns, thousands are saved through our schools each year. It would be impossible to keep track of the numbers, but an immeasurable

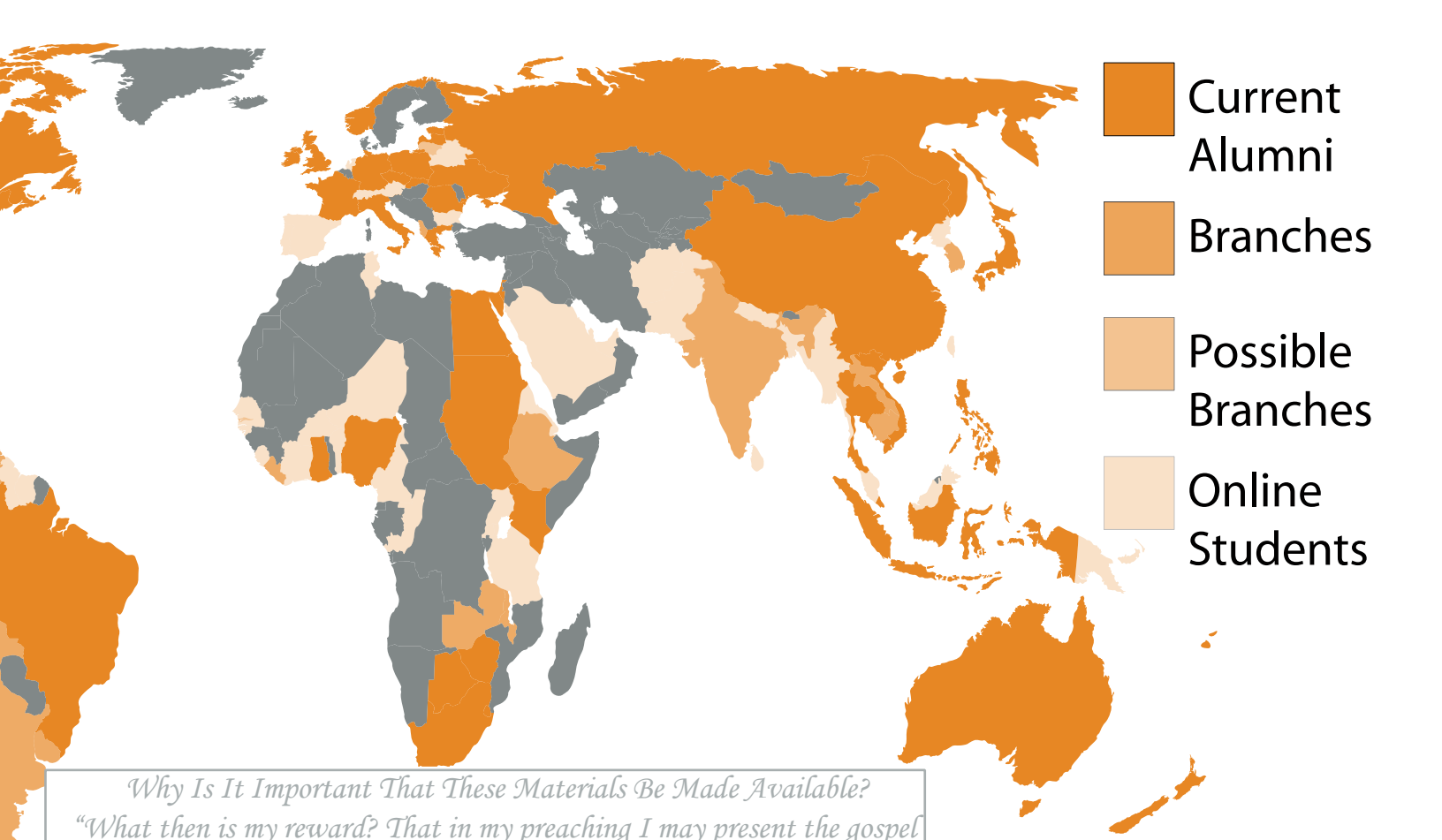
number of lost people are being saved through Sunset schools, students, faculty, and graduates. God is truly doing amazing things throughout the world, and we should all rejoice.

8 • More Quality Books Being Printed in Different Languages!

Sunset's translation department is actively translating and printing books in Arabic, Khmer, Mandarin Chinese, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, and other world languages. Our intention is that every student, graduate, and congregation have access to the Sunset library in English or their own language. Many students have no or limited bible study resources in their own languages. They are hungry for the word of God and to be able to study it completely.

Students in the Philippines distributing relief supplies to the village of Bortolan that was badly flooded in a recent typhoon.





*Why Is It Important That These Materials Be Made Available?
 "What then is my reward? That in my preaching I may present the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my right in the gospel."
 - 1 Cor. 9:18*

9 • Free Materials on the Radio, Online, in Print and on DVD in Foreign Languages

Our foreign language materials are provided free of charge to our schools, instructors, students, and graduates. Several of the international schools have radio shows, printing presses, and are developing Internet resources to distribute good teaching materials to as many people as possible at no cost.

10 • Foreign Mission Efforts are Becoming Self-Supporting and Autonomous!

In a growing number of schools, vocational training is being offered to students and graduates and their families. The model of the mission church that is forever dependent on an American church for its funding and livelihood is rapidly changing. The Apollos Institute and other leadership initiatives are being used to develop local leaders, to

encourage good stewardship, and to equip and empower local elderships.

God has been blessing our efforts. In a time when it seems like all that we hear is bad news, its important to remember all that God is doing in this world. Sunset finds itself in an exciting place in God's kingdom. So, go and tell the Sunset story to those needing some good news. Just remember that God gives the increase and God gets the glory. We are merely one tool in His hands.

- Chris Swinford, Vice President for Institute Advancement

LITTLE CHURCH GIVES BIG!

For many, October 25, 2009 was like any other Sunday, but for the congregation Leon Sur in Guanajuato, Mexico, it was Missions Sunday. This was the fifth annual Missions Sunday for the congregation. For the previous two months the congregation collected funds for the special offering. That morning \$6,829.50 pesos (\$525 dollars) were collected to be sent to a mission effort in India. This is around a 65% increase from the past year and more than 70% increase of the prior years. All of this from a congregation of around 80 members and during a year of economic crisis. It's exciting to see the church sacrifice and give so much to see the gospel spread throughout the world!!

-Shawn Gary, Missionary to Leon, Mexico



Sunset School of Missions

We are excited to introduce you to the 2009 graduating class of the Sunset International Bible Institute School of Missions. These students have completed their biblical education, graduating with a Bachelor of Biblical Studies or an equivalent degree. They have also completed the six months of intensive training in biblical mission methods and team building at our School of Missions. They are going to Scotland; Cuernavaca, Mexico; Mexico City, Mexico; Brazil; Kharkov, Ukraine; and Costa Rica.

Jeff and Kristina Sims were both teachers around Longview, Texas, before coming to Sunset. Both have done short term mission work in Mexico, Japan, and China. The Sims are now a part of the Mexico team moving to Cuernavaca or Aguascalientes.



Mission work is no stranger to the Reyes family. Ricardo, Monica, and their children have worked in Washington, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Texas, and Romania and are now part of the Mexico team to Cuernavaca or Aguascalientes.

Patrick and Brandon'a Garcia arrived in Lubbock from the big city of Dallas. Patrick worked as a software engineer for Raytheon and Brandon'a was an art teacher. They have worked in congregations in Mexico, England, France, Germany, Estonia, and now are part of the Mexico team bound for Cuernavaca or Aguascalientes.



Two families will be going to Brazil to work at planting and building churches. Brian and Melissa King and Nicholas and Amy Fowler will be working together to preach the Gospel. Melissa (daughter of Tim and Janet Brumfield) grew up in Salvador, Brazil, and is an AIM graduate. The Fowlers are both graduates of Freed-Hardman University. Their desire is to train capable leaders to preach and teach in Brazil.

Brandon and Katie Price will be joining another Sunset School of Missions team that is already in Kharkov, Ukraine. The Prices are returning to Ukraine where they spent time earlier working in another city. It is Brandon and Katie's dream to create disciples in Kharkov who will be eager and able to carry on the work long after they are gone.



The Rochas came to Sunset from Pueblo, CO. Jamie and Lalo worked at the Casa de la Esperanza Children's Home. After graduation from the School of Missions, the Rochas will work in Mexico City. Their goal is to strengthen existing congregations and to plant self supported new congregations.



Luis, Myra, and Ashley Melendez arrived in Lubbock in the fall of 2007 from Amarillo. After graduating from the Sunset School of Missions, the Melendez family plan to relocate to Costa Rica. Their hope is to build strong missionary churches.



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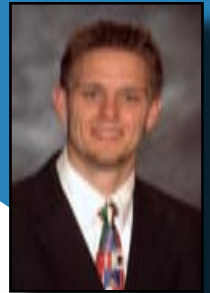
Robin and Chrissy Vick met at Harding University and found a shared passion for the mission field, which led them to Sunset for training in the Word and forming a mission team to return to Scotland. Robin was born and raised on the mission field in Stirling, Scotland, while Chrissy, from North Carolina, spent two years doing mission work in Peterhead, Scotland. Both also have former mission experience in the Pacific Northwest, Italy, New Zealand and Mexico and have worked with churches in Jacksonville, North Carolina, and Hale Center, Texas.

Darrell and Shayla and their four children, Lacy, Murphy, Harrison and Mallory Kate, came to Sunset from Sweetwater, Texas. Darrell and his family were members of 4th and Elm Street Church of Christ where Darrell served as a deacon. They began to develop a passion for mission work in 2001 when they became involved in a work in Tallinn, Estonia. The Chappell family has also been involved in Mission work in Sabinas, Mexico for more than five years.



Jeremy and Jenny Aaron are from Wichita Falls, Texas, where Jeremy worked at a home improvement store and Jenny was a physical therapy technician. After graduating from the School of Missions, they will be working toward moving to Scotland to begin a new work.

Ryan Bunge is from Houston, Texas, where he has served in outreach ministry after graduating from Sunset in 2008. He has served in missions in Romania before joining the Scotland team, and has also engaged in evangelistic efforts in Japan during his time in the military.



Jennifer Johnson, from Lake Dallas, Texas, graduated from Harding University in the fall of 2009. She spent her last two summers at Harding interning with Billy Strachan in Peterhead, Scotland. It was there that she realized what it means to be a disciple of Christ and the lost became her mission.

Pamela McAdams grew up in a Christian home, learning the importance of telling the world of the love of Christ. After high school Pamela attended the Adventures in Missions Program from Sunset and served as an apprentice missionary in Strasbourg, France for three years. Pamela returned to the States to attend Sunset where she met the Scotland team.



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DEPARTURES

B.W. Briggs, Jr., '74, passed away on November 2, 2009, in Richardson, Texas. B.W. was born on October 29, 1949 in Lubbock, Texas, to Billy Worth and Dorothy Grace (McCown) Briggs. He graduated from Sunset School of Preaching and Lubbock Christian University. B.W. was a retired minister and a member of the West Allen church of Christ in Allen, Texas. He is survived by his sons, Billy Briggs and wife Katie of Allen, Texas, David Briggs, also of Allen, and Shawn Briggs and wife Jordan of McKinney, Texas; grandchildren, Brendan Briggs and Alexandra Briggs; sister, Gwen Boleyn of Amherst, Texas; and numerous other loving relatives and friends



Ronald Ingram, '99, died January 1, 2009, at a Dallas, Texas, hospital. He was born January 4, 1942, in Altus, Oklahoma, to Clarence Ingram and Gertrude Sauter Ingram. He married Lillie Bentley in October 1963 in Stillwater. Ron graduated from Sunset International Bible Institute in 1999. He had also served in the United States Navy. Ron worked as the prison minister for Southwest Church of Christ in Ada, Oklahoma, for almost ten years. His wife, Lillie joined him in death on September 7, 2009.



Everett P. Neill, '73, went to be with the Lord on Friday, September 4, 2009, after battling esophageal cancer at University of New Mexico Hospital in Albuquerque. He is survived by his wife, Lois Neill of Lubbock; son and daughter-in-law, Alan and Cyndy Neill of Auckland, New Zealand; daughter and son-in-law, Jo Ann and Stevie Mick of Zelienople, Pennsylvania; son and daughter-in-law, Theodore and Linda Neill of Harmony, Pennsylvania; brothers, Lewis and Ralph of Vermont; and nine grandchildren. Everett was preceded in death by his son, Ross; and his sister, Myrtle Smedy.

"The Sunset School of Preaching did not 'just happen' - even though its scanty records might leave that impression. It came about by much prayer, agonizing thought, and carefully laid plans that were constantly altered, expanded, and enlarged." Cline Paden wrote this statement in regard to the Llano Estacado Esquelo Biblia, later named the Latin-American Bible School, and later the Sunset School of Preaching.



Glenn Reagan was one of the founding men in 1962 who met with Cline, discussed plans, prayed for God's blessings, and agonized over the establishment of the school. Glenn lived and farmed between Abernathy and Hale Center. He was a Sunset board member and strong supporter of the school, serving on the finance committee that assisted in raising

funds for Cline Paden and the school. Glenn was a lifelong Hale County resident before moving to Big Spring, TX, in 2006. He served in the United States Army during WWII in North Africa, Sicily and Italy. Glenn was not only strong physically but strong spiritually. He taught in the Lord's Kingdom and was a member of the Abernathy Church of Christ where he served as an elder for many years.

Michael J. Roberts, '98 ex, passed away Friday, July 31, 2009, at Wuesthoff Medical Center, Melbourne, Florida. He was forty years old. Mike was born in Minnesota on January 4, 1969. At age three, he moved to Florida. Mike was a graduate of Satellite Beach High School, Brevard Community College, and Northern Alabama University where he majored in journalism. He pursued a career in missionary work in Guyana, South America. A great lover of the outdoors and animal life, he created a wild life export business and lead fishing tours in the Amazon River basin. In 2007, he returned to the United States so that his son, Jonathan, could be educated here and continued his export-import business. Mike is survived by his son, Jonathan Roberts of Melbourne, his parents, David and Toni Roberts of Melbourne, and his sister Ellen Carleton, of Duluth, Georgia.

Jack Bryan Shelley, '06, went home to be with his Lord September 14, 2009. Although Bryan's life included management in the semi-conductor and defense manufacturing fields, his true gifts were revealed in his passion for ministry. After graduating with a degree in Administrative Management from North Texas State University, he later completed a Bachelor in Biblical Studies from Sunset International Bible Institute and a Master of Divinity from Theological University of America. Since 2005, Bryan has served in temporary preaching positions in numerous west Texas churches and full time preaching positions at the Church of Christ in Wolforth, Texas, and the past two years as pulpit preacher at Sunset Avenue Church of Christ in Madera, California. Bryan was a member of the Madera Ministerial Association and was a popular speaker throughout central California. Teaming with wife, Debby, they served twice as missionaries in Brazil and traveled to Singapore in 2007. His beloved online devotional, "Seeking God's Heart" was read daily by thousands in several countries. Bryan will be dearly missed for his leadership, his quick wit, and his devotion to his precious family. Most of all, Bryan will be treasured for sharing God's holy word and for leading countless lives to a new life in Jesus Christ. He is survived by his wife, Debby Singleton Shelley, daughter Jennifer, and son Brook, both of Austin, TX, daughter Stephanie Godsey, son-in-law Kyle and granddaughter Hailey, of Madera, and son Hunter of Madera. He is preceded in death by his father, B. Jack Shelley. Bryan is also survived by his, mother, Mary H. Shelley, his brothers, Steve and Don, and his sister, Susan Kimbrell, all in Texas.





GUIDE TO PLANNING YOUR GIFTS

There are a variety of ways to plan for your family and loved ones with a will or a living trust. The “Ways to Give” booklet will answer many questions in your estate planning. Please call 806/788-3259 for your free copy.



WHAT TYPE OF GIFT CAN I GIVE?

Just as gifts can be made to Sunset for many purposes, your gifts may take many different forms. The form of gift you decide to make depends on your specific tax, income, or estate-planning needs. Generally, though, there are two primary gift forms, Outright Gifts and Deferred Gifts.



WHAT ARE OUTRIGHT GIFTS?

Gifts of cash or long-term assets such as appreciated securities, real estate, or personal property are considered Outright Gifts. There are many benefits of Outright Gifts including income tax savings, leveraged gift costs, and elimination of capital gains tax.



WHAT ARE DEFERRED GIFTS?

These are gifts that will benefit Sunset at a future date. Deferred Gifts, like Outright Gifts, take many forms. Some of these forms, such as bequests and retirement plan arrangements, are revocable at any time. Others, such as gift annuities and unitrusts are permanent once established.



WHAT DO I WANT MY GIFT TO ACCOMPLISH?

Gifts to Sunset can be given to a number of areas of need, depending on where you want to create the most impact. Yearly donations that are immediately expendable are given through the **Annual Fund**. **Endowments** allow gifts to be made in perpetuity to Sunset. **Named Gifts** may be restricted or unrestricted and may take any of the forms described in the “Ways to Give” booklet.

SUNSET GRADUATE SCHOOL NOW ENROLLING

This spring will mark the completion of the first year of graduate studies at Sunset International Bible Institute. Twenty-one students are pursuing their Master of Biblical Studies degrees. Most of these students are actively working in ministry roles around the country while furthering their education. The Sunset Graduate Studies program is designed to help ministers earn a Master’s Degree without having to take more than a week at a time out of their busy schedules. Much of the work is done while the student works in his own ministry. Many of the classes and their assignments are completed by the student online at SunsetOnline.org. At under \$2,000, Sunset’s Master of Biblical Studies degree could be one of the best values in education you will find.

Students with Bachelor of Biblical Studies degrees from Sunset or an equivalent degree from another institution are welcomed to apply for acceptance into the program. Registration for the upcoming Intensive Week of study ends **February, 26, 2010**. Apply online and find out more at <http://www.sibi.cc/masters>.

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Sunset Satellite School Administrators' Training Seminar

For the past ten years, a large group of people have arrived in Lubbock, Texas, every year for a very special workshop and seminar. The Sunset Vision Workshop and Satellite Administrators' Training Seminar have been a very significant event in the lives of many people and many churches. Faith and commitment have been rekindled and strengthened, and excitement has been stirred for the cause of Christ.

This year's Satellite School Administrators' Training Seminar will be especially valuable to all Satellite School personnel. Recently, Sunset was authorized to issue a Bachelor of Biblical Studies by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. As a result, some things need to be discussed in relation to our Satellite Schools. We are strongly encouraging each Satellite School to send representatives from their schools to this year's workshop and seminar.

Speakers and their topics for this seminar are listed below.

- **Truitt Adair, President of Sunset International Bible Institute**, *A New Day for Satellite Schools: New Goals for Satellite School Students* - Truitt will discuss the future possibilities of Satellite Schools and the students taking the courses for credit towards a Bachelor of Biblical Studies degree.
- **Jerry Pruitt, Assistant Dean of Sunset External Studies**, *Every Day Concerns for Satellite Schools: Methods and Means of Satellite School Organization and Operation* - What are the nuts and bolts of beginning and organizing a fruitful Satellite School?
- **Russ Crosswhite, Satellite School Administrator and Gospel Preacher**, *Energizing the Church Through Satellite Schools: What the Satellite School Has Done for the Fulton Church of Christ* - Russ will discuss the pros and cons of a Satellite School and how it affects the church, the community, and the preacher.
- **Richard Cravy, Communications and Technology**, *Learning Aids, Both Old and New: How to Build and Maintain Good Libraries* - Libraries, computer programs, and advertising are some of the things Richard will be covering in this session.
- **Virgil Yocham, Dean of External Studies**, *Certification- How, Why, and When: The New Emphasis on Being a Certified Satellite School* - What does certification have to do with earning a Bachelor of Biblical Studies degree?

-Virgil Yocham, Dean of External Studies



Bill Powers awarding a student his certification at last year's seminar.

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A Good News Story from a Satellite School Student

I had never heard of the Churches of Christ. I was not a Christian when I came to EBI (Erie Bible Institute), but I was seeking God. I prayed for direction. Not knowing where to go, I went to the Yellow Pages and found a lot of division and confusion. The headings read Apostolic, Baptist, Southern Baptist, Evangelical, Full Gospel, Gospel, and Church of Christ. I didn't trust the doctrine of men, but I did want to study the Word of God. The first week I attended a worship service at the Church of Christ which just happened to be the first week of the EBI semester. It was through study at EBI, the love of the people I met, and the support of the church that I learned the truth and became a baptized believer and follower of Jesus Christ.

At EBI we attended class in a building belonging to the church. As a non-believer, I wasn't worried that I would be asked to place membership or take on a responsibility that I didn't want or for which I wasn't ready. I was there to study the Word of God. The teachers were focused on the Word and had a scheduled agenda which we followed. If you have a tendency to procrastinate, the schedule helps you to keep studying the Word and to make it a priority. I was able to take classes due to the flexibility of money, time, and auditing. The teachers were experienced Bible scholars, missionaries, preachers, and historians. Video lectures by Richard Rogers about Old Testament history and by Ted Stewart about Bible archeology helped me to understand the culture and context of the scriptures. EBI is located within a 30 minute drive from my work and home, so I didn't have to move out of state. I felt relaxed and enjoyed the fellowship because the groups were small.

We at the Erie Church of Christ are blessed with a number of wonderful, devoted, and educated Bible teachers, but EBI allows for a much more in-depth study of the Word of God. I have attended church since I was a child but never learned much about the scripture. Thanks to God and the Erie Bible Institute, I have become a part of the Lord's church. It is not a matter of semantics. I have an eternal family now!

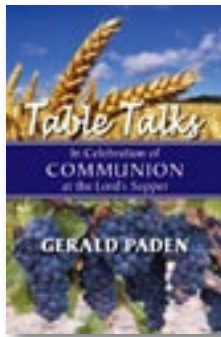
- Jen, a student at Erie Bible Institute, Pennsylvania

New Releases from Extension School!

Table Talks by Gerald Paden

God ordained the celebration of communion service on the first day of every week. He did not want his people to lose touch with what happened at the "place of the skull." This book is a collection of 52 communion talks that are designed to increase our understanding and appreciation of the sacrifice Jesus made for our salvation.

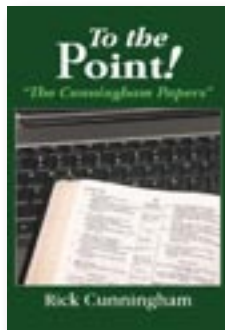
Paperback, 160 pages. \$11.99



To The Point! by Rick Cunningham

"The Cunningham Papers" is a collection of insightful, stimulating, and informative bulletin articles written by Rick Cunningham of the 14th & Main congregation in Big Spring, Texas.

Paperback, 140 pages. \$8.99

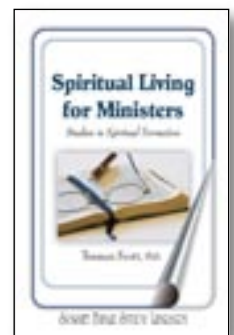


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- Truitt Adair, President

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At the close of Sunset's Missions Graduation, the school surrounded these missionaries soon to be on the field with prayers and love. Many are still raising support, but some will be arriving on the field in the next three to six months. Please support each of those who are taking the Gospel into the world.

“But how are they to call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching?” - Rom. 10:14