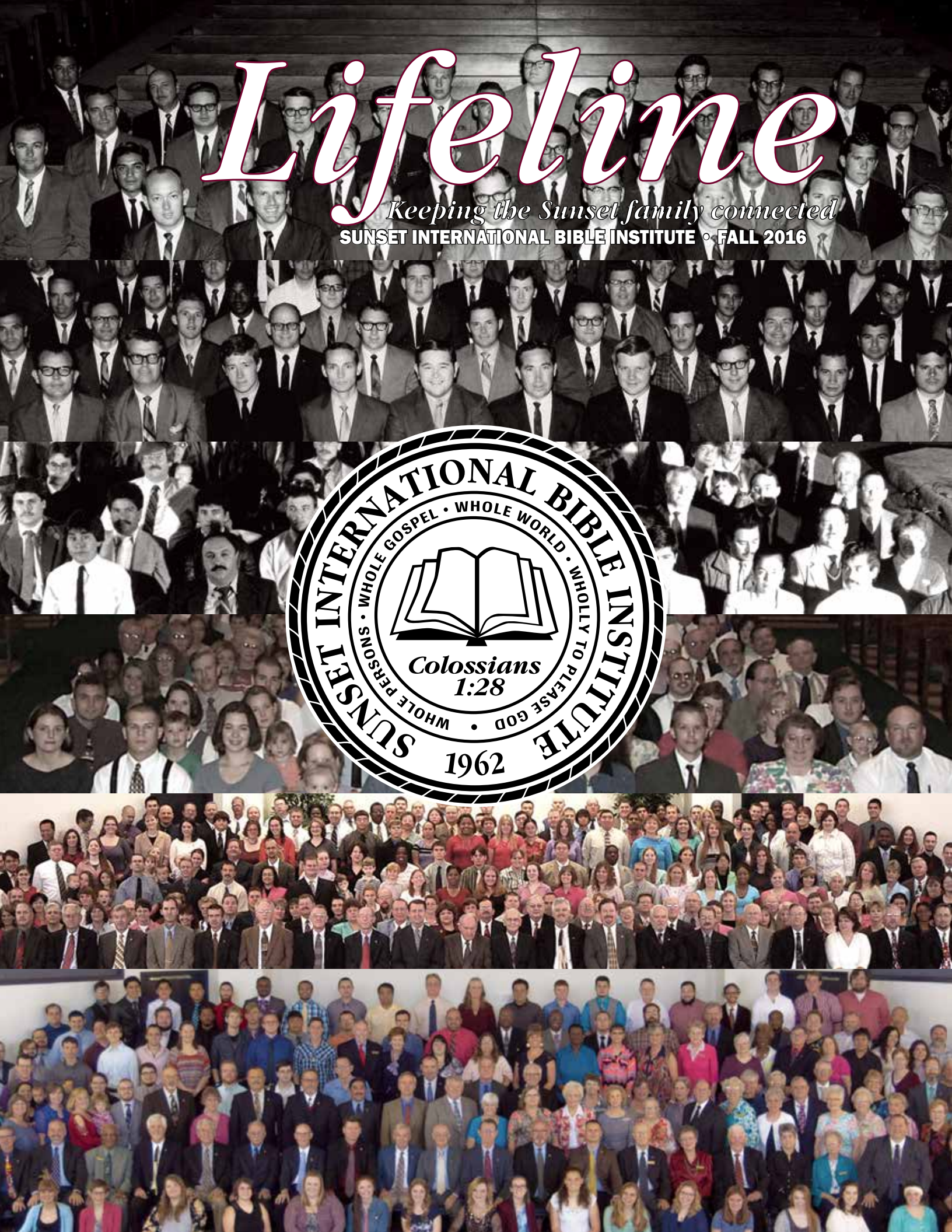
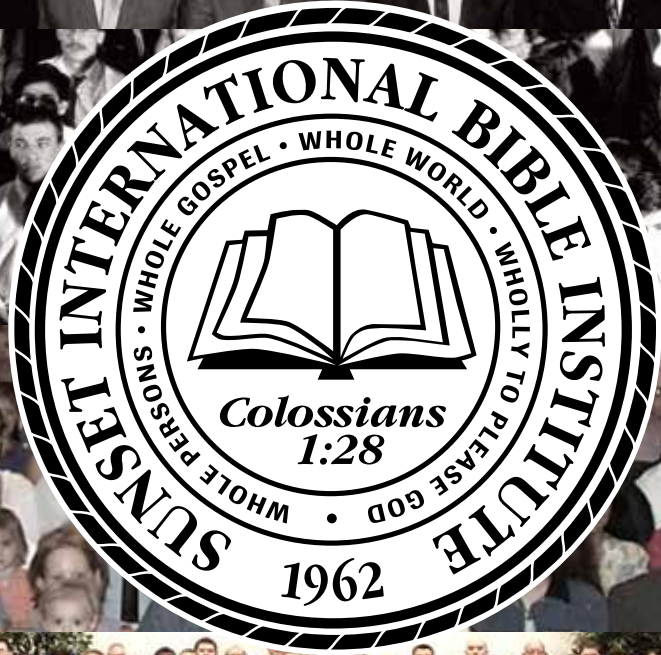


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THERE IS NO SUCCESS WITHOUT SUCCESSION

“The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.” II Timothy 2:2

All leadership is temporary and transitional. Like it or not, all leaders will, sooner or later, yield their place of leadership to others. Moses passed the *leadership baton* to Joshua. David passed the baton to Solomon. The Apostle Paul passed the baton to Timothy. A smooth succession of leadership in any organization, including churches and para-church groups, could be the difference between those organizations thriving and growing or diminishing and dying in the next generation. It was 23 years ago when Cline Paden passed the baton to me. In this publication you will read about leadership transitions, including the succession plan for the presidency of Sunset International Bible Institute, only the second in the 54 year existence of SIBI. Successful leadership transitions do not just *happen*, they are the result of applying several important principles.

Successful transitions must be timely.

“For everything there is a season; and a time for every matter under heaven.” (Ecclesiastes 3:1) Some leaders in churches and other Christian organizations have clung to their position well past their leadership effectiveness. This often leads to conflict, hurt feelings and negative impact on both the leader and the organization. In describing the “seven seasons of a man’s life,” J. Dewitt Talmage labels the 70th decade of a leaders’ life as “Finishing Touches.” He says, “If the leader can resist the temptation to live in the past, he may gracefully pass the baton of his experience to others.” At almost 72 years of age, it is time for me to begin the process of passing the baton to a younger leader. Sunset needs someone who can lead this ministry for the next 20 to 25 years.

Successful transitions require intentional planning.

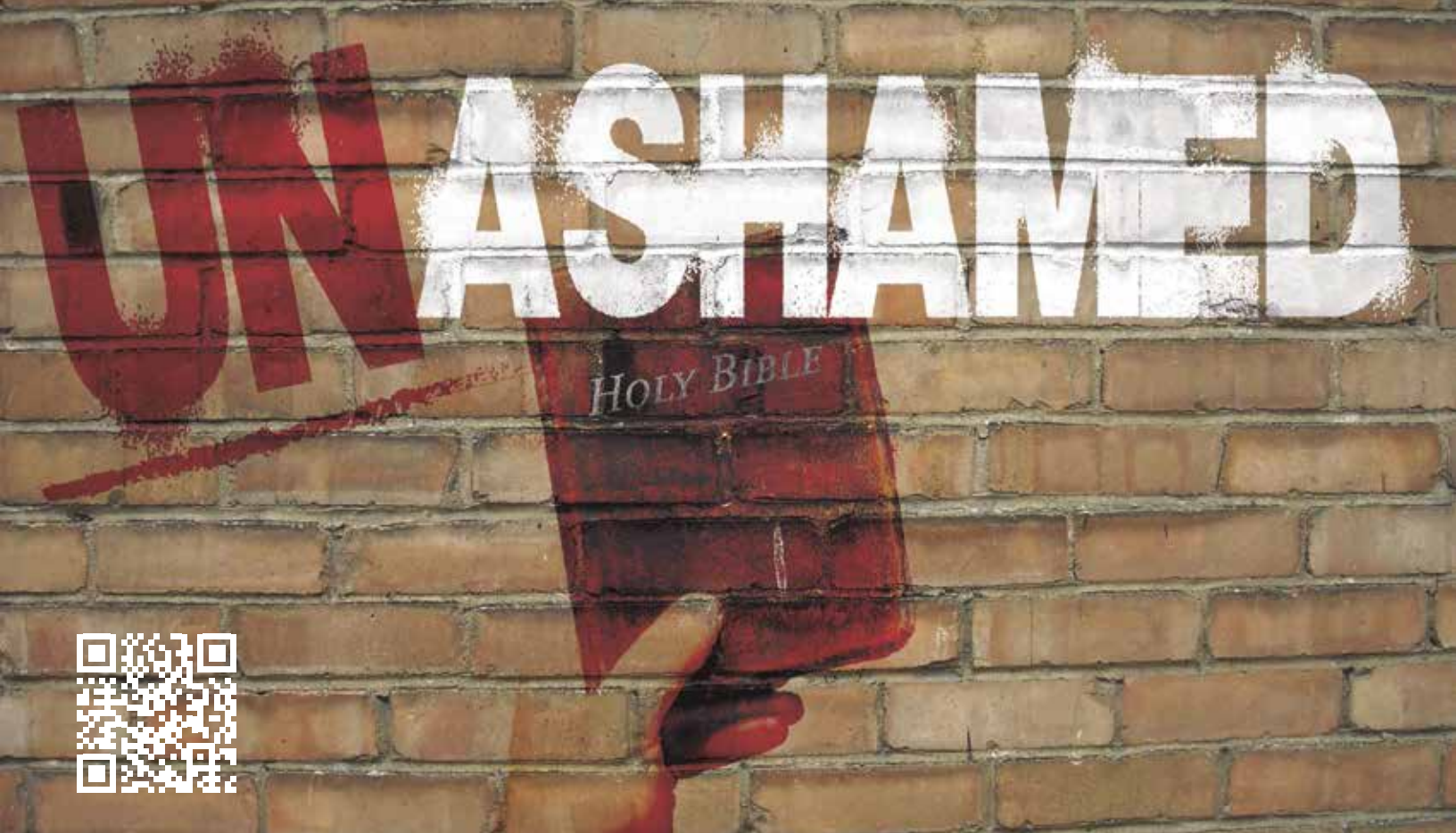
Smart spiritual leaders don’t wait for a crisis to begin planning for succession. Paul did not wait until he was given a death sentence to plan for ministry succession. He had been training Timothy, Titus and a growing group of leaders for years. In an article on leadership change, Steve

Nardizzie said, “The most important thing non profits can do to insure a successful change in leadership is to have a succession plan in place.” Several years ago, Bob Crockett, SIBI Board Chairman, and I began to discuss a succession plan for SIBI. The idea was placed before the board of directors (comprised of the Sunset Church of Christ elders) months ago and after much prayer and opportunity for discussion and input, the plan that you will read about in this publication was approved.

Successful transitions must be value based.

Succession involves change. Future growth and health in any organization will involve changing methodologies to increase effectiveness with newer generations. However, some things must not change. Biblical values must remain constant through the changing generations of leadership. In Judges 2:7-10, we learn that Israel remained faithful as long as Joshua and the elders he appointed were alive, but when they passed from the scene, another generation grew up that did not know the Lord. The next verse says “and the people of Israel did what was evil in the sight of the Lord.” Moses passed the Lord’s values to Joshua and Joshua passed those values to the elders. Apparently the breakdown happened because the elders that succeeded Joshua did not pass the knowledge of the Lord and His values to the generation that followed them. I cannot answer for all of the succeeding generations of our ministry, but you can be assured that the next leader of SIBI will share the values that we hold dear, values that have guided this ministry for 54 years.

God has done amazing things through the ministry of Sunset International Bible Institute from 1962 until now. The best days of SIBI are not in the past but in the future. Pray for a successful transition over the next two years.



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PRESIDENTIAL TRANSITION

The board of directors of Sunset International Bible Institute, at the beginning the school's fifty-fifth year of operation, is hereby announcing that Truitt Adair, president of the Institute for the past twenty-three years, will be changing roles. At his request, he will be relinquishing the institute's chief executive officer position at the beginning of the 2018 academic year, at which time he will begin serving in a new role as chancellor.

"Truitt has been a visionary leader for Sunset, having led the institute through an incredible period of growth over the past two decades," stated Bob Crockett, chairman of the board of directors. "The timing of this leadership transition is his idea, and it gives us opportunity to engage a steady and thoughtful search process over the next two years."

"This is something that I have contemplated for a couple of years," stated Truitt. "I love Sunset, and I am not planning to go anywhere. At this time of stability and healthy ministry, I want to help the next president enjoy the same supportive mentoring that I received when founding president Cline Paden passed the baton of leadership to me in 1993."

According to officials, Truitt will continue in his role as president until the appointment of his replacement. At that time, he will assume duties as chancellor, serving actively on the leadership team, mentoring the new president, and participating in other capacities as needed.

A transition committee has been appointed by the board of directors, chaired by Dr. Gary Walker. Others serving include Bob Crockett, Lowell Johnson, Monty Pettyjohn, Virgil Yocham, Brad Pruitt, Ben Myers, and Mark Samsill. Though not serving as an official member, Truitt will serve as an advisor and consultant with the committee. The transition committee will facilitate the search process and will welcome written recommendations from friends of SIBI who can help them identify qualified potential candidates. Recommendations for potential candidates along with the *Profile of the President* and *Job Description* can be made at the Sunset website, <http://www.sibi.cc/presidentialsearch>.

Truitt and Cline discussing the first transition



Truitt was officially appointed in 1993

Sunset International Bible Institute (originally known as Sunset School of Preaching) is dedicated to educating and preparing preachers, missionaries, and Bible-centered church leaders for Churches of Christ throughout the world. It is estimated that one in four preachers and missionaries in Churches of Christ today received their training at Sunset. Sunset has equipped over 3,300 men for ministry and mission work from its main campus in Lubbock, Texas; developed bachelors' and masters' degree tracks; established 72+ international branches to equip indigenous preachers on five continents; launched Adventures in Missions (AIM), a missions apprenticeship that has equipped over 2,000 young men and women for short-term mission work; initiated Senior AIM, training retirees for missions and service; created Satellite Schools in 137 congregations across the United States, offering biblical training for their members via distance learning; and established the SIBI Foundation, a growing legacy endowment fund. Sunset International Bible Institute has a total head count this fall of approximately 200 students enrolled in its residential program in Lubbock.

Profile of a President for Sunset International Bible Institute

Profile of Doctrinal Values

He must be a "man of the Book," one committed to believing, teaching and preaching the inspired scriptures. While allowing for individual study and applications, his faith and understanding of fundamentals must be compatible with the commitments of the board of directors, administration and faculty of SIBI. A doctrinal questionnaire may be completed to determine compatibility on biblical doctrines that are deemed as fundamental to the core values of SIBI.

Profile of Character Qualities

He must be a man of impeccable honesty, morality and integrity. He must be confident and "comfortable in his own skin" but humble in how he presents

himself to others. He must have control of his passions, including anger, jealousy, and temptation. He should be self-motivated and disciplined in his life and responses to problems. He should exhibit maturity, stability and a steady hand in dealing with decisions and with people.

Profile of Educational Qualifications

In addition to Bible training at SIBI it would be expected that a minimum of a liberal arts bachelor's degree would be required. While not as essential, in today's educational environment, it would be helpful to have graduate studies and advanced degrees.

Profile of Leadership Gifts and Skills

He should be a compelling public speaker who can motivate others from the Word of God regarding the needs and ministries of SIBI. He must be visionary in regard to the future, positioning SIBI for the next generation by understanding the times and seeing the "bumps in the road" and the next big needs before we get there. He must be a team player who knows how to function collaboratively with others while leading his team through trust and confidence. He must be a good listener who is willing to consider other's needs, ideas and perspectives. He must be a good fundraiser who can convince others both publicly and personally of the value of investing in the ministries of SIBI, while inspiring trust in his leadership and direction. He must have a "get it done" application to wisely and decisively address and solve problems before they fester and escalate. Competence and leadership giftedness must be combined with good people skills which build trust from both donors and colleagues.

Profile of Ministry Experience

Experience as a gospel preacher in a local congregation is vital for one who will lead a school



Truitt with Bob and Jan Crockett launching the Capital Campaign in 2005

to train other preachers. Mission field experience is important for one who will head up a school that is international in name and nature. Evangelism and disciple building is important for a school whose purpose is to equip others to save the lost and fulfill the great commission. Ministry experience in counseling and dealing with people problems will be helpful in dealing with problem solving for students, faculty, supporters and partner congregations.

Profile of Family Values

Being happily and scripturally married for years, perhaps decades, to a wife who is supportive and encouraging of a ministry devoted to training preachers and missionaries is essential. It is important that the wife support the necessity for her husband to be gone on many weekends and occasionally for longer periods to mission fields and local congregations for seminars, gospel meetings and fundraising. It would be good if she could accompany him on some of those assignments, as time and schedules allow. The wife will serve as an example of a godly wife and mother who partners with and supports her husband's ministry. Having raised children in the Lord will demonstrate some important leadership qualities needed in leading others.

Recently married individuals and one with children still at home may not be ideal for the level of travel required for this leadership role.

Profile of SIBI Involvement (While helpful, this may not be essential).

Being an alumnus of SIBI would be important to understand and model who we are and what we stand for. Serving in multiple roles in our organization may help to give the big-picture view and scope of this ministry. Having served in a leadership role in some area of the organization might also demonstrate the gifts and people skills essential to the role. Selecting the next president from within the SIBI family certainly lessens the learning curve if one is truly qualified in the other areas. While recommended, it is not necessarily essential that we select from within, if others are more qualified and embody the presidential profile more completely.

TRANSITIONAL HISTORY:

- Cline Paden served as the director/president of Sunset School of Preaching for 31 years, 1962-1993.
- The Paden/Adair transition was four years, 1989-1993 (first three years were a silent phase).
- In August of 1993, Paden was 74 years old and Adair was 48 years old.
- Adair became assistant director on the school's 30th anniversary in 1992 and served one year in that role, before becoming the school's second director/president in 1993.

PROPOSED TRANSITION SCHEDULE:

- 2017 - Complete selection process and announce choice for next president.
- 2018 - Appoint new president at beginning of school – Adair completes 25 years as president and will be 74 years old in December of that year.

Extending Sunset

In every healthy ministry, there is always someone behind the scenes who works hard to ensure that the longevity and integrity of the ministry continues for multiple generations. It takes a special ability to make changes that fit with the culture of the times without changing the ongoing mission and ministry. It also takes great humility and character to observe the leadership of an organization and flourish without calling special attention to one's own needs. For four decades, Virgil Yocham has worked with the Extension School of Sunset International Bible Institute. He has worked tirelessly to ensure that the teachings from the classrooms were carried as wide and as far as possible to help spread the Kingdom of God around the world.

In February of 1972 Virgil Yocham came from Arizona to study at Sunset School of Preaching from. Halfway through his studies he was asked to help with the reel-to-reel recordings that the school was doing at the time. Still in his last year in the school, Virgil became the assistant director for this new ministry. Upon graduation in 1974, Virgil took over as director of the Extension School. The main idea and dream of the Extension School was to go outside the classroom walls at Sunset and bring the classes into the homes and churches all over wherever English was spoken.

Until 1991 the Extension School was located in a little building about a mile from the Sunset Church of Christ. They took the reel-to-reel recordings and mass produced them on cassette tapes. Later they created an outline as a study guide so that individuals or congregations could take Sunset courses without coming to Lubbock. At first these congregations were called learning centers. Later they became known as Satellite Schools.

By 1988 Sunset began recording courses on video. Each lesson was about 24 minutes, in hopes that they could be used on television. There were a few classes that did make it on air, but it was hard to find the right market and support to air the lessons. Despite this setback, Virgil and his team continued producing videos, and congregations began using videos along with the study guides for Bible classes. Throughout the years, Virgil has developed 32 study guides for the audio courses and 43 study guides for the video courses. Once all of the video courses were complete, the idea of a full Satellite School was born. Tests and assignments were created to help complete the training for each course. Over the years, many churches have taken advantage of the opportunity to use the complete set of video courses as a training tool in their congregation. The Extension School began to offer certificates for completion of all the courses they offered. The Satellite Schools have brought many preachers and missionaries to Lubbock after they first got their feet wet in the deep Bible teaching that Sunset offers.

In the late 1990's, Sunset began establishing international schools around the world. Most of these schools began using the courses from the Extension School. At first they were on VHS tapes and then DVD's. Today all of the 70+ international schools are given a hard drive with all of



Around the World



the videos and study guides as a resource for them to establish Biblical training within their own culture and using their own language.

As technology began to change so did the form in which the Extension School began to deliver its material. Within a few years after the year 2000, the Extension School grew to a complete bookstore, including the publication of Sunset's own books as Sunset Institute Press. They also began to take these video courses and transcribe and convert them into book form. The books being written and published were in English, so during this time the Extension School began translating many of the most popular books into different languages. Books have been translated into Spanish, French, Russian, Arabic, Chinese, and Khmer. As technology has advanced, the possibilities for using these courses and developing more courses continues to rise. Within the last decade, Sunset has developed an online studies program at sunsetonline.org. They are extending their reach using the very materials that they have been using for Satellite Schools to reach more people so that more people have the opportunity to study God's Word. This past May, two of the Extension School graduates were from the online program.

Probably the use of all of the material from the Extension School with the most impact has come in the last four years. Virgil and the Extension School have worked with the rest of the school to reach people in places of the world that do not have electricity or the means in which to buy these materials. All of the 40 main courses have been placed onto our solar players that have been taken throughout Africa and now into Latin America and will continue to be taken throughout the world.

Of course Virgil has never worked alone nor has he ever taken credit for any of these accomplishments on his own. Each decade Virgil has surrounded himself with capable hardworking individuals who have helped take these impossible dreams and make them into a reality. Part of every good leader is the ability to surround himself with the people he needs to accomplish goals. Virgil has always valued his teams and treated them with the respect that their hard work has deserved.

This fall, Virgil steps aside as the dean of the Extension School and hands the mantle of responsibility to Ron Kretz. Virgil will continue working with the Sunset Institute Press to ensure that the brotherhood continues to have material from sound teachers who continue to provide practical, biblical instruction for the world. Sunset will always remember the young

man who accepted the call to take the classroom to the world. Cline Paden would never have been able to dream of what this man from Arizona would be able to do to help Sunset reach the world for Christ.



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DEPARTURES

Cecil Bunch ('69) of Clovis, New Mexico, passed away January 13, 2016, at the age of 92. Cecil was born in Lindsay, Oklahoma, and served in the United States Navy Seabees in 1945. He married Jo Jester on November 4, 1946, and worked as a salesman for many years. Later, Cecil decided to become a minister and started his ministry career in Tuttle, Oklahoma. He was also a minister in Dennison and Honey Grove, Texas. While at Armstrong Church of Christ, the elders sponsored Cecil to attend Sunset School of Preaching where he completed the program in 1969. He went on to serve the churches at Crockett, Bovina, and Sherman, Texas, and 21st Street Church of Christ in Clovis where Cecil served as a minister and elder for 36 years.



David Donaldson ('01), of the Satolah Community, Clayton, Georgia, died Thursday, August 27, 2015, in Highlands, North Carolina, at the age of 81. He was born in Jefferson County, Alabama, March 29, 1934, to the late Samuel R. Donaldson and Mildred Hudson Donaldson. He retired as a printer with the Government Printing Office.

Pedro (Pete) Garcia ('65), of Shreveport, Louisiana, surrounded by his loving family, went home to be with his Savior on Tuesday, August 16, 2016, at the age of 87. Pete was born October 19, 1928, in Rhineland, Texas. Pete was a graduate of the first class in 1965 of the Sunset School of Preaching. He went on to begin congregations among the Hispanic diaspora, first to Idalou and Brownfield, Texas, then on to Saginaw, Michigan. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Ana, whose faithfulness brought him to Christ in the first place. He lived his last years after retirement from General Motors with an easy smile worshipping at Southern Hills Church of Christ in Shreveport.

Leonard Gray, a former White's Ferry Road instructor, 92, was born May 3, 1923, and passed from this life on January 30, 2016. He served as a pilot in the United States Army Air Corps. Mr. Gray was a preacher of the Gospel of Jesus Christ for more than 65 years, and also a missionary, author, and educator of ministers internationally. He is preceded in death by his sweetheart of 72 years, Marguerite Gray.



Rondell Mullins (WFR '75), of Midlothian, Texas, died August 27, 2015, at his home, at the age of 80. He was born May 13, 1935, in Mountain Home, Oklahoma. Ronnie was a proud U.S. Army veteran. He earned his bachelor's of science from Southeastern Oklahoma State University and his master's degree from North Texas State University. He was an educator for 43 years, having served 28 of those years in Red Oak Independent School District. He was a member of Cedar Hill Church of Christ and served faithfully in Children's Bible Hour for 35 years.



Richard "Bruce" Sells ('77), of Fort Dodge, Iowa, died January 9, 2016, at the age of 71. Richard Bruce Sells was born March 16, 1944, and attended Sunset School of Preaching, graduating in 1976. Bruce preached around Fort Dodge but mainly served in the Westside Church of Christ. He will always be remembered for his quick wit and his vast knowledge on any subject. His family was very important to him. Bruce was a member of Westside Church of Christ and enjoyed bowling. He enjoyed watching sports, especially the Hawkeyes and the Chicago Bears and Cubs.



Ed Scott ('76), died September 12, 2015, in Grants, New Mexico, at the age of 72. After graduating from Sunset, Ed and his wife Carolyn were missionaries to Botswana.

Dr. Virgil Trout, former preacher of the Sunset Church of Christ, 89, went home to be with his Lord and Savior on Tuesday, August 16, 2016, in Ardmore, Oklahoma. Dr. Trout was born on July 29, 1927, in Pooleville, Oklahoma. Dr. Trout received two doctorate degrees: a Doctor of Laws Degree from Pepperdine University and a Doctor of Divinity Degree from Oklahoma Christian College. He was widely regarded as one of the top speakers of the 20th Century, speaking across the globe in Europe, Asia, Africa, the Caribbean, Canada, and in 44 different states. During his career, he had delivered speeches at over a third of the major universities in the United States, including Harvard and MIT. Dr. Trout was first and foremost a minister of the Word of God. He delivered sermons from the pulpit of many churches across the country and throughout the world. His calling in life was to "go into all the world and preach the Gospel to all creation" (Mark 16:15), which he did with incredible faithfulness and dedication through many different avenues, including press, radio, and television. Dr. Trout baptized countless souls into the Church, including his own parents. Dr. Trout had been serving most recently as full-time minister at the Ringling Church of Christ since 2001, as well as being the community minister for the Church of Christ on Merrick Drive in Ardmore. He was a living example of faithfulness and study of God's word, having missed only seven Sunday services in the last 63 years of preaching.



Katheryn Whitley ('88) passed away on Friday, March 4, 2016, at the age of 83. She was born Nov. 10, 1932, in Brady Township, Oklahoma. Katheryn graduated from Eldorado High School in 1950 and attended Sunset School of Preaching in 1984. In October 1949, she married Billy Whitley in Las Cruces, New Mexico. The couple moved from Balmorhea, Texas, to Lubbock in 1984. She enjoyed sewing and was a member of Sunset Church of Christ.

New Face and a New Position

Matt Glawe fills several roles at SIBI. He graduated in January of this year and immediately began working with evangelism and admissions. While Matt was earning his bachelor of biblical studies degree, his wife Sarah audited the women's program. Matt, Sarah, and their two children, Wyatt (7), and Kaylee (5), quickly fell in love with Lubbock and the people at Sunset and were glad for the opportunity to stay and work with Sunset.

Matt was originally brought on board to assist with evangelism training outside of the classroom. He is responsible for coordinating our domestic evangelistic campaigns, but his role has quickly grown into other areas. Matt works side by side with Speedy Hart in our admissions department and is working with Tim Brumfield, our international student coordinator, to help enroll international students. Matt is also instrumental in helping get our students involved with ministries within the Sunset Church of Christ.

Sunset currently devotes one week in March to evangelistic campaigns. Each student is required to work with one of the numerous campaign opportunities offered during that week, or at other times throughout the year. Matt is always seeking congregations within a comfortable driving distance of Lubbock that are willing to house, feed, and work with several students. If the congregation is interested, he will conduct a seminar in conjunction with a campaign. Matt would love to bring a group of students to your congregation that would share the saving message of Jesus in your community. His primary goal with evangelism training is to better equip students for soul winning before they leave.

Matt also frequently travels across the United States seeking qualified and gifted students who will devote their lives to preaching and teaching. His travel takes him to numerous lectureships and seminars as well as individual congregations. One of Matt's goals with admissions is to create more of what he calls "seed beds," or congregations that will shoulder tap their young people and help prepare and encourage them to enter ministry. Sunset's best recruiters have always been alumni who work within a congregation to find qualified students, prepare them and support them through the entire ministry training process. He is calling on you right now to start preparing the young people in your congregation for ministry.



When students begin to arrive in July and August, Matt and Speedy are eager to meet them and help them get settled into life in Lubbock. Matt is the first person students see when orientation begins. He spends Sunday afternoon helping them become familiar with the Sunset Church of Christ so they can find a place to belong while they are here. After that, he makes himself available to help students get settled into the demanding groove of student life.

Matt and his family love Sunset and are thrilled to be a part of the ministry of "training whole persons to preach the whole gospel to the whole world wholly to please God."

Online School Gets a New Dean

Sunset is excited to announce that Tommy Bailey has been brought on board to take over as dean of the online degree program. Tommy is taking over from Ron Kretz, who is transitioning to dean of External Studies, assuming the role from Virgil Yocham.

Tommy comes to the Lubbock campus after preaching with the Spur, Texas, congregation for the past six years. Prior to that he preached eight years for a small church near Enola, Arkansas.

While preaching at Spur, Tommy signed up for the online degree program and began his classes in October of 2013. He lit the online program on fire, completing all forty online classes quickly while preaching full time. Studying at the pace of a resident student, Tommy exhibited a remarkable discipline that allowed him to complete his studies in an exemplary manner.

Born and raised in Arkansas, Tommy was brought up in a devoted Christian home where he developed a strong sense of service, duty and commitment to the Lord. Tommy served in the United States Marine Corps, retiring after 20 years as a Captain. While in the military, Tommy learned the challenges and great rewards in leadership, developing a strong sense of honor, courage and commitment. After hanging up his uniform he went into full time ministry.

Tommy and his wife, Peggy, have raised three beautiful girls. The oldest is in the Air Force, the middle girl lives in Tampa, Florida, and their youngest lives in Matador, Texas, with her husband and their three grandsons, and another on the way.

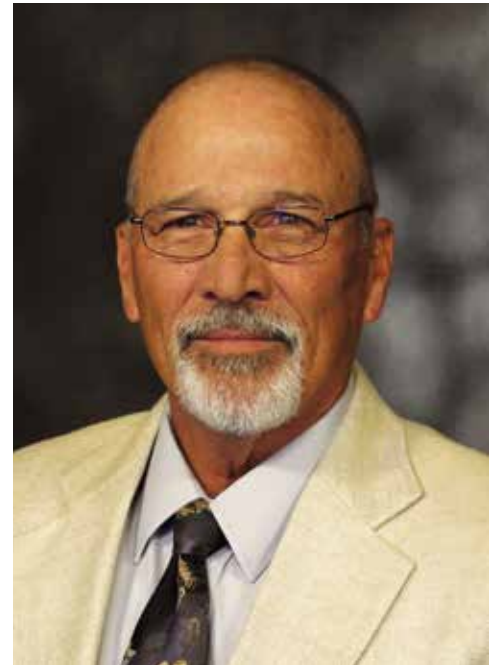
His ministry at Sunset is to lead, direct and further develop the online bachelor's degree program for the future. With his experience in local ministry and bringing with him the vast amount of knowledge he learned while serving in the Marine Corps, he is uniquely qualified to assume the leadership of this very important ministry for equipping churches.

The online bachelor's degree program Tommy is leading is designed to make it easy for students to begin and study for a bachelor's degree. Once students go to the site, they register for an account, apply for acceptance into the degree program, and can then begin classes immediately.

- All courses are self-paced.
- Credit courses only cost \$135.00 (\$45.00 per credit hour).
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- Earn a 120 hour degree for a complete bachelor of biblical studies degree (book costs not included).

For congregations who are looking to train up young men in their own communities as future ministers and evangelistic leaders, sponsoring one or more of them as an online student is an excellent investment for the future of the Lord's church. For international students, and those stateside with special circumstance, there are also scholarship funds available. If a student has a computer with internet access, he or she can enroll today at www.sunsetonline.org and begin their studies.

As Tommy begins his ministry here at Sunset, he is looking to raise the support he needs. If you or your congregation would like to partner with Tommy to enable him to continue this ministry, contact Sunset.



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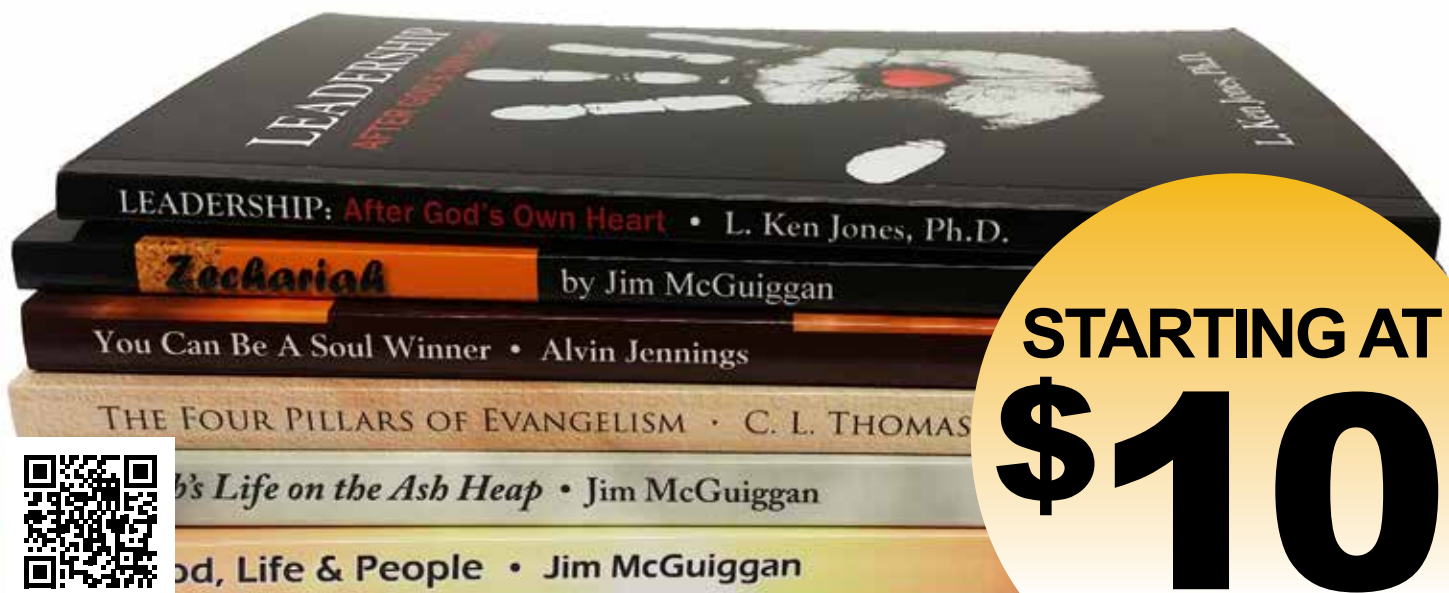
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