

Building with Grace

-Tim Burow

The Lifeline periodical exists to keep the scattered SIBI family connected. From the youngest person (like Ozzie Weatherly on the cover) to the oldest graduate of the 1960s, we share a connection that is more than just a school. We are a family, united by shared training, that seeks to extend the kingdom of Christ upon this earth.

"According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I laid a foundation, and another is building on it. But each man must be careful how he builds on it." (1 Corinthians 3:10 NASB)

Looking into this edition of Lifeline, you will see the names of many of our family who went home to their rich reward, prepared by their Lord and Savior. Recently we said a temporary goodbye to a longtime faculty member, Gray Eagle recipients, and a host of alumni ministry partners. And yet, we do not stop or give up; we continue to build the Kingdom because of the

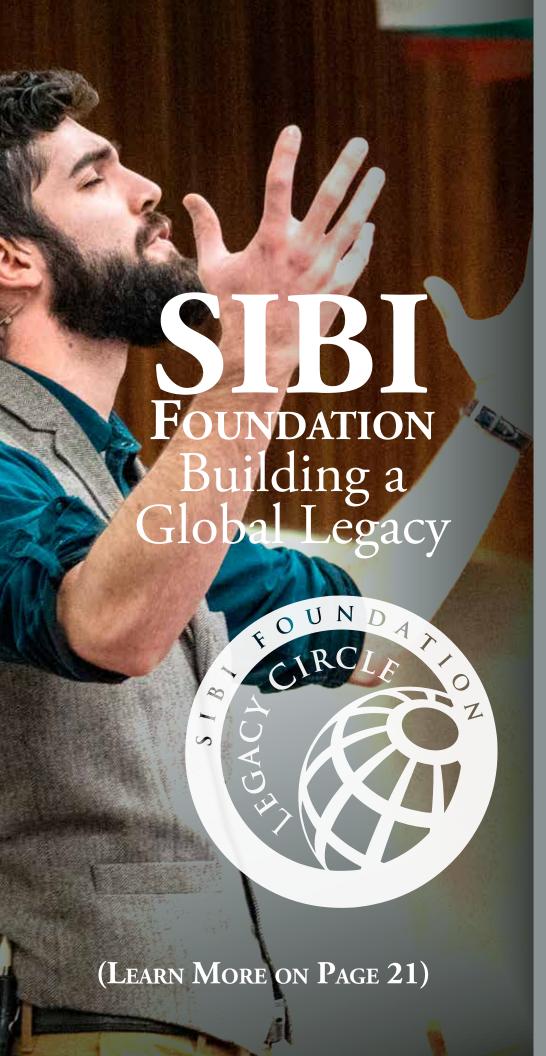
grace given at every stage of this construction. It is God who gives us the opportunity to know Him and enter into a relationship with Him. He is the one who has worked in the lives of those who have gone before and have laid their bricks so well and for so long. We do well to take notice of their faith and their preparations for eternity.

We labor on for the millions who have not yet heard the saving message of Jesus Christ. We, as a family sent around the world, continue to build by sending AIMers to Lubbock to study and then to go out and serve as apprentice missionaries. We continue to build by filling every chair that has been emptied at SIBI because another class has graduated to pursue their labors in Christ's vineyard. Who? Who will take their place? As we further build through international opportunities, who will go to teach and who will take the lead in sending forth the gospel?

This is a family of the gifted (graced). Our gifts can be quite diverse, but when all our gifts are used for their intended purpose and in harmony with one another, we can change the eternal fate of a lost and dying world. We must remain connected so that this can be accomplished. May this edition of the Lifeline serve you in doing just that!

We at SIBI in Lubbock send you our greetings. We express our love for you in Christ and want you to know that we pray for you often.

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Tim Burow hands Ozzie Weatherly a certificate at Senior Chapel. Ozzie is the son of Doug and Mistie Weatherly.

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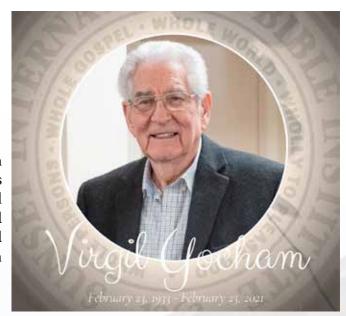
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"But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; they shall walk, and not faint." Isaiah 40:31

Virgil Almous Yocham of Lubbock passed away on his 88th birthday, February 23, 2021. When Virgil was young, his family moved to Buckeye, Arizona, where he grew up. Virgil was a servant. He entered the ministry in 1972 and helped to establish the extension school of Sunset. He also served as a minister for various churches in need. His heart was in preaching and teaching the Gospel in any way he could.



The following excerpt was delivered by Chris Swinford at the 2018 Vision Workshop banquet when he presented the Gray Eagle Award to Virgil. Tears of happiness, embarrassment, and humility streamed down his face as he accepted this award.

"The Cline R. Paden Gray Eagle Award is an award that is presented to an outstanding alumnus at our Sunset Vision Workshop. It is named for the founder of Sunset International Bible Institute and is meant to honor his memory by honoring those special members of our alumni who carry his spirit within them and serve the Lord's Kingdom in an extraordinary way. The recipient of the Gray Eagle award promotes and exemplifies the values of the school, preaches and teaches the Word of God capably, serves the Lord's Kingdom with distinction, and has dedicated his or her life to seeking and saving that which is lost. The 2018 recipient of the Cline R. Paden Gray Eagle Award moved, with his wife, from Phoenix in 1972 to attend Sunset School of Preaching. In 1973, while halfway through his studies, he was asked to manage the classroom recordings that were being stored on reel-to-reel tapes.



After his graduation in 1974, he became the first director of the extension school here at Sunset. The goal was simple: to take the teachings from the classrooms here at Sunset and make them available to brethren everywhere. For over four decades, this dedicated servant gave the world a window into the Sunset classroom and allowed untold thousands the opportunity to access and use quality Bible teaching materials whether it be in a satellite school, on their home computer, or in print.

This humble man would point to others around him as the ones doing much of the work, and it is true; but it was all done through his shepherding and care. Not long ago, a transition was made. This humble, Christian servant took a step back but continues to work and serve as God gives him the strength. Our Gray Eagle Award winner (Virgil Yocham) loves his family and has been a voice for God in their ears."

A couple of days after Virgil's passing, I thought of something I wanted to tell him. I was halfway to his office when



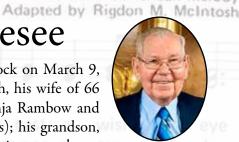
I remembered he wouldn't be there. But I went anyway and sat in the chair across from his desk as I had done many times and told him what I wanted to tell him. I could still hear his soft, deep voice saying, "Good morning, Linda. How are you?" I could see him at his computer, hear him humming, and see the jar of pecans still on his desk. It brought that sense of peace that comes because I knew Virgil was happy and whole at last; he was where he wanted to be—with his Father. I have known Virgil for 47 years. He has been my friend, my mentor, my partner in fun "crime," but most of all my brother in Christ. I miss him and will continue to do so for a long time.

Linda Wagner

484 — On Jordan's Stormy Banks

Delbert Dayton Keesee

Graveside services and burial were conducted in Lubbock on March 9, 2021. Dayton was 92 years old and is survived by Ruth, his wife of 66 years; his three children, Dita Holifield (Hawaii), Tonja Rambow and her husband Dave (Florida), and Darren Keesee (Texas); his grandson, Christopher Hyslop (Washington D.C.); and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.



Traditional American melody

Those who knew Dayton or had him as an instructor at Sunset School of Preaching knew Dayton liked words that started with the same letter. He said, "God gave us five digits on each hand, and I sought to become a five 'P' Man...<u>Priest, Preacher, Pastor, Poet, Publisher.</u> I was just that: Priest, 1941-2020, 79 years; Preacher, 1950-2020, 70 years; Pastor, 2004-2017, 13 years; Poet, 1948-2020, 72 years; Publisher, 1967-2017, 50 years."

In class, you almost hated to have to take one of his tests—how many "s" or "t" words would there be, and would they have to be in a poem or just written out page after page? Everyone loved Dayton—except when it came to memory work. Dayton tried to memorize the entire Bible, and in his 92 years, Ruth said he "almost made it." Dayton expected his students to be able to recite word for word any memory

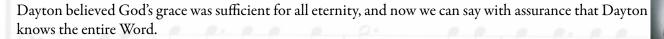


work that was listed for his class. Dayton's heart was set around God's Word day and night. He believed 2 Timothy 2:1-2 applied to him and those he taught: "You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others."



Dayton will be missed by those in Oklahoma and those at Sunset who knew him and continually prayed for him and Ruth. One thing that will be missed is his smile. Even after sickness took its toll, Dayton smiled. He believed that God would keep His promise of a home in heaven, and Dayton was happy "internally for eternity." He wrote a poem in 2009 entitled *Caring and Sharing*.

"As we walked together on life's stage,
Time and distance has written another page;
But relationships formed in that yesterday,
Linger in the heart and will forever stay.
In life's darkest hours, God is our light;
By the eye of faith may His glow be bright."





This headstone says a lot about Dayton and Ruth. There is a Bible on the left, "In God's loving care" printed in the center, and another Bible on the right that says "Book of Life." Dayton and Ruth lived by this Holy Book of Life. They raised their family to live in His loving care, and Dayton always wanted to know, "Oh who will come and go with me, I am bound for the Promised Land." May God bless Ruth and his family.

Linda Wagner



William A. Yasko

Bill Yasko grew up in a broken home in the Appalachian Mountains. His father left when he was six, and his mother was mentally disabled. Fortunately, his grandad was there to care for and raise the three young boys. His grandad contracted tuberculosis and died in this young man's



arms when Bill was 18. Not long after, Bill married his high school sweetheart, Dot. After a couple of years in which he worked as an apprentice toolmaker, they

had a daughter. She was born with a heart defect. It caused what they called *blue baby syndrome*. Her heart was underdeveloped and could not pump enough blood for her body. Today it is easily cured, but in 1956, it was a death sentence. The doctor said it would be better for her to live in a warm climate, so this young family headed to south Florida. They didn't know anyone; they didn't have a job; they just had a daughter who needed a warmer environment.

At about this same time, Dot's father studied the Gospel with Bill, and he was converted to Christ. When they arrived in Florida, they found a congregation and went to worship. A church member there saw some potential and offered him a job in a new company. This opportunity began a relationship that lasted over 50 years. Their daughter did not die as expected. She lived. A little later, a son was added to this Christian family. Bill studied his Bible, taught classes, and began preaching around that area. With Dot, he taught many Bible studies and baptized many souls, and they saw many enter the Kingdom. A preacher and graduate of Sunset encouraged him to go to preaching school. The Yaskos moved to Lubbock to study at Sunset in the spring of 1972. The Sunset congregation hired Bill to work with Richard Rogers with a focus on growing the Sunset congregation.





Bill taught many Sunset students and Sunset members how to teach the Gospel of Christ to the lost. His evangelism techniques continue to influence what is taught in Evangelism 1 by Chris Swinford, whom Bill mentored both in person and through his materials. Bill and Dot never stopped teaching the Gospel, preaching in different places, and ministering to people. They raised their son to follow in their footsteps. Dot studied counseling so they could serve those around them in a new way. For the past 20 years, the Yaskos have worked for Sunset by raising funds, recruiting students, and telling the story of Sunset in Texas and the southeastern United States. SIBI has been blessed to witness their work for the school.

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Chris Swinford read the plaque as Tim Burow presented the Gray Eagle Award: "Brother Bill, because of what you meant to our founder, Cline Paden... because of the miles you have traveled and hours you have spent telling others about Sunset and encouraging them to preach the Word...because of your significant efforts spreading the Gospel in Lubbock, in Texas, and across the country...because of your dedication to preaching the Word of God in pulpits and ministering to the spiritual needs of so many...because you raised a family, loved by Sunset, who have served and ministered with the same heart that they have seen in you...and finally because we see in you the heart of Sunset's Gray Eagle, Cline R. Paden, the leadership of Sunset International Bible Institute is honored to present to Bill Yasko the Cline R. Paden Gray Eagle Alumni Award for 2020."





The following is adapted from a sermon by Darrel Solonka, a 2021 graduate of SIBI. It was an assignment for **The Sacrificial System** class taught by Paul Dowell. It is an example of the quality of teaching at SIBI and of the work from our students.

To what are you dedicated? We know people who dedicate their lives to their jobs, spending their entire lives trying to get to the top of the corporate ladder. We also know people who dedicate their lives to physical excellence. They spend their lives in the gym, and when they are not in the gym, they are preparing meals or talking about going to the gym. If we turn on the news, we see people who dedicate their lives to politics and sharing their political views. We can devote our time and efforts to all kinds of things. Think about this for a moment: to what are you dedicated?

Today as we look at the burnt offering from Leviticus, we will see God's dedication, Jesus' dedication, and our dedication in response to God's grace. When we read through Leviticus in our studies or as part of a reading through the Bible in a year plan, we can rush through it without taking time to see God. As we read through scripture, we want to ask, "What does the text tell us about God?" There are a few things I want to bring to your attention or to have you look for as we study the book of Leviticus: God's holiness, God's grace, and God's dwelling with His people (this speaks to His presence, His desire for relationship).

God is holy. His holiness is His essence. We may all be familiar with a passage of God's word that says, "Be holy, because I am holy." This thought is repeated throughout the book of Leviticus and in 1 Peter. A few verses where you can find this idea for your reference are Leviticus 11:44-45, 19:1-2, 20:7-8. God is holy and calls His people to be holy. We could say this is the central theme of Leviticus. Be holy—how can we be holy when we all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23)? Can we make ourselves holy? No. It is by God's grace that we can be made holy. One of the scriptures that reference God saying, "Be holy, because I am holy" is Leviticus 20:7-8. The complete text says, "Consecrate yourselves and be holy, because I am the LORD your God. Keep my

decrees and follow them. I am the LORD, who makes you holy." From this scripture, we can see that God is holy, and He requires His people to be holy; but we can also observe that He is the one who made the Israelites holy, and he makes us holy today. Verse 8 says, "I am the LORD, who makes you holy." It is only God who makes man holy. Why does God want to make man holy? Verse 7 explains, "because I am...your God." God desires men to be holy so they can be in a relationship with Him. God is completely holy; anything unholy or unclean cannot be in His presence. Holy is the idea of being set apart. God's holiness is what separates Him from all other beings. He is distinct and set apart from everything else. It is essential to understand that when God calls His people to be holy, this is impossible apart from Him. Therefore, He made Himself available to the Israelites, and He is available to us today.

In the book of Exodus, the cries of the Israelites in Egypt reached the Lord. Egyptians oppressed the people, and God showed His grace by raising up Moses to lead the people out of Egypt. As they traveled, God's presence led them by guiding them as a pillar of cloud during the day and as a pillar of fire at night. Neither God's cloud nor the pillar of fire left its place in front of the people (Exodus 13:21-22). God did not leave their presence.

After traveling to Mount Sinai, Moses went up and spoke to God. God told Moses to tell the people that the Lord brought them out of Egypt to be a holy nation, His treasured possession (Exodus 19:1-6). God said that to be His treasured possession, they were to obey Him fully and keep His covenant. Moses went down from the mountain and told the people what the Lord had said. The Israelites agreed to the terms saying, "we will do everything the Lord has said" (Exodus 19:8). The Lord then told Moses to tell the people to consecrate themselves. Consecration is the same idea as setting yourselves apart for the Lord. They were to do this because the Lord would come down on Mount Sinai in the sight of all the people. Several days later, the Lord arrived on Mount Sinai in a thick cloud of smoke. The Lord was now dwelling where His people could see Him. He was so close, yet the Israelites could not go up to Him.

Only Moses was able to approach the Lord's presence. The Lord commanded that they make an altar to sacrifice burnt offerings and fellowship offerings.

The Lord was in the people's presence where they could see Him in the form of smoke and fire. In Exodus 25, the Lord commanded Moses to build a tabernacle so the Lord might dwell among His people. The things the Lord had been doing were to this end—that He and His people might dwell together. The Lord gave Moses specific instructions on every aspect of the tabernacle. He was to set apart all things for the Lord. Once they completed the tabernacle, the Lord would dwell among the people (Exodus 40:34-38). Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle. Moses could not enter the tent of meeting because the cloud had settled on it, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle. In all the travels of the Israelites, whenever the cloud lifted from above the tabernacle, they would set out; but if the cloud did not lift, they did not set out until the day it lifted. So a symbol of the Lord was over

the tabernacle day and night. These were in the sight of all the Israelites during all their travels.

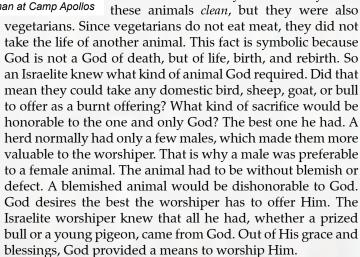
The Lord who had freed them from captivity was so close, yet in their sinful state, they could not be in fellowship with Him. To be in His presence, the people needed to be holy as He is holy. In their sinful state, they were not able to dwell with God. Through His grace, God provided them a means to be holy and be in a relationship with Him: it was through sacrifice and offering. Leviticus gives specific instructions on offerings and sacrifices by which the Israelites

could come into contact with God's grace so He could make them holy. He would make them His treasured possession. As we look at the burnt offering, we must recognize that it was a foreshadowing of Jesus, the sacrifice and offering that makes us holy. He makes us God's possession. As we will see through this lesson, God provides the means to be holy. Our response to God's grace is a life devoted to Him. This is our offering to Him because we have received the gift of God's grace through Jesus Christ.

As stated, the sacrifices and offerings in Leviticus were a foreshadowing of the work of Jesus. This idea is significant when considering the burnt offerings the Israelites offered before Jesus came in the flesh. We will see two major points from the process of the burnt offering—the blood and the burning of the meat. The blood was for atonement for sin, while the burning of the meat signified a life dedicated to God. Before making the offering, the worshiper needed to sincerely desire to dedicate or rededicate himself to the Lord. The burnt offering was a voluntary offering to the Lord and would be an appropriate response to the grace and forgiveness the worshiper had received. The offering could be offered anytime, by anyone, because the fire never went out. God initially lit the fire on the altar of burnt offering (Leviticus 9:23-24). As with the covenant between Abraham and God, the Lord initiates the covenant and relationship with mankind. This sacrifice is an invitation to accept God's grace. God lit the fire, but it was part of the priest's job to keep the fire burning (Leviticus 6:12-13). If we understand that the burnt offering was to signify one's complete dedication to God, we recognize that the fire is never to go out. Not only did the priest keep wood on the fire, but he also offered a sacrifice every morning and evening. These served as a reminder for Israel that they were to be holy. Around the camp, the Israelites could see the smoke of the burnt offering going up and joining the smoke cloud of God over the tabernacle.

The offering was a very personal commitment to the Lord that the Israelite understood before making the sacrifice. God's requirement for an animal emphasized this commitment. The animal had to be domesticated and not a wild animal that the worshiper found. A domestic animal was an animal the worshiper would have spent time feeding and caring for and to which he would be personally attached. God did not allow the worshiper to offer just any domestic animal. The Lord set out specifications. The offering was worship to God. He is the one who determines how He

wants to be worshiped and with what He wants to be worshiped. The Israelites didn't decide, and neither do we. We are to worship God the way He commands. God allowed for the animal to be from one of the following groups of animals: herd (cattle), flock (sheep or goat), or fowl (bird). God provided different groups of animals to enable anyone, regardless of his or her financial situation, to worship Him. Both the rich and the poor had access to God. The cattle, sheep, goats, and birds were all *clean* animals as defined in Leviticus 11 and Deuteronomy 14. Not only were



Once the worshiper had selected his choice animal, he would go to the tabernacle where the priest inspected the animal before offering it as a sacrifice. As the worshiper waited patiently, he was hopeful that the animal would be an acceptable offering to the Lord. The Israelite knew what would happen once the animal was accepted: he would have to take the animal's life. He knew that he was the one who deserved to die, but the Lord in His mercy and grace had provided a substitute, a stand-in, for the sinful Israelite.

The Israelite laid his hand on the head of the innocent animal, symbolically transferring his sin to this innocent animal. The substitute would pay the price for the sin of the



Darrel mentoring a young man at Camp Apollos

worshiper. The sin could not go unpunished; a righteous God would not allow it. Praise God that He provided this substitute to take on the punishment for the sinner. The Israelite had to slay his sacrifice to understand the gravity of his sin. He was responsible for the death of the animal. It was his sin that caused death. The consequence of sin is always death. The priest would take the blood of the animal and sprinkle it on the altar. The priest applied the blood to the altar before the offering burned as a sweet aroma to God. The sin of the worshiper had to be atoned for before the fire consumed the meat as smoke to the Lord, where the smoke from the worshiper's offering would join the smoke of the Lord. The blood atoned for the sins of the worshiper so he could be in fellowship with the holy God (Leviticus 17:10-11).

After the sin had been removed, the separation from God was removed. The priest skinned the animal and divided the meat into pieces. The cutting of the meat into pieces reminded the worshiper of the Lord's covenant with Abraham, where Abraham cut the animals in half and the Lord passed between them. The dividing of the animal by the worshiper was symbolic of a renewed covenant with the Lord. If the covenant was not in place or renewed, there was no relationship. A relationship was the goal of God and the worshiper.

The sacrifice was placed on the altar and burned up to the Lord. The smoke from the sacrifice joined the smoke of the Lord, and the worshiper dwelt with the Lord. The fire completely consumed the meat (Leviticus 1:9), which symbolized the life of the worshiper. In response to all the Lord had done, the worshiper offered his whole life to the Lord. The burnt offering and all it represented was a sweet aroma pleasing to the Lord. We may ask what it looks like to live a life completely dedicated to the Lord. Jesus is the answer. The burnt offering was a foreshadowing of Jesus' sacrifice.

Jesus is our burnt offering. He is our substitute lamb, taking on our sins, making atonement for us so we can be holy as He is holy, and allowing us to be in a relationship with the Lord.

The lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. John 1:29 We are redeemed with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish. 1 Peter 1:18-19

Jesus was tempted in every way yet did not sin. Hebrews 4:15

The sacrificial system was only a foreshadowing of Jesus. At that time He had not yet come in the flesh, as Hebrews 10 tells us. The Hebrew writer goes on to say in verse four that "it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins." Praise God for the Lamb who takes away the sins of all who submit to Him.

As our burnt offering, Jesus not only makes atonement so we can approach God, but He also sets us an example with His life, which was dedicated to the Father. Jesus devoted His entire life on earth to bringing glory to the Father and doing His will. It was a continuously burning sacrifice. We see this early in His childhood when He was at the temple. When His parents came to look for Jesus, He said, "I must be about my Father's business" (Luke 2:49). We see this level of dedication throughout His ministry. In John 5:30, Jesus said, "I seek not to please myself but Him who sent me." In John 8:29, He said, "I always do what pleases Him.". In John 6:38-40, Jesus

said the reason He came from heaven was to do what pleases God. He went on to say that God's will is "that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in Him shall have eternal life." Jesus' life was completely selfless. Until His death on the cross, He dedicated himself to doing God's will to save man so that man can be in a relationship with God and be holy as He is holy. By the grace of God we are saved (Ephesians 2:8-9). Even now, Christ continues to do the Father's will as He makes intercession for us (Hebrews 7:25).

What is our response to the grace shown to us? It is to follow Jesus' example; it is to offer our bodies as living sacrifices that are holy and pleasing to God (Romans 12:1-2). This sacrifice is our worship; this is our burnt offering. We should live a life dedicated to following God's will. We cannot earn salvation by doing anything good. The result of the grace God has given us should be that we live our lives for Him. It should be an outpouring of what Jesus has already done for us. In 1 Peter 1:13-23, Peter quotes the Old Testament passage that we started with: "Be holy because I am holy." In this section, Peter gives us insight into what a dedicated, holy life looks like. He says to be alert and sober and to not conform to evil desires. Live out your time as foreigners here, recognizing that this world is not our home. Since we are citizens of heaven, the world should see us as different, foreigners and aliens who reflect God's glory. Peter goes on to say, put your faith, and hope in God. Obey the truth. Be sincere in your love for one another. To add to what Peter has said on this matter, Paul tells the Ephesians to walk as Jesus did, in the way of love.

I want to challenge you to go to the altar and offer your burnt offering. Rededicate yourself fully to the Lord. Offer yourself to His will, to His service for all He has done for you. Live a life worthy of the calling.

Darrel Solonka, 2021 Graduate from SIBI





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These young men and women began AIM in August 2018, completed nine months of training in Lubbock, and then completed their field time. Most of them had major disruptions to their ministry time when the pandemic curtailed most of their activities. Some even had to leave their field and complete their ministry time in Lubbock, but they persevered and graduated from AIM in March 2021.

dventures in Missions continuing as young men and women serve in the Kingdom. All of our AIMers from the class of 2023 have arrived except for the five who are going to João Pessoa, Brazil. Please keep them in your prayers. They have all of their paperwork submitted and are now just waiting. They will be joining the other 44 AIMers spread across our nine AIM fields: Albuquerque, New Mexico; Apaxco, Mexico; Arlington, Texas; João Pessoa, Brazil; Lubbock, Texas; Mexico City, Mexico; Phoenix, Arizona; Wasilla, Alaska; and Wichita Falls, Texas.

The new AIM class will arrive in just a few weeks. This class will have between 30 and 35 students. Presently they are from 15 states, Ecuador, Mexico, and South Africa. All of our foreign students are accepted, but they are still waiting on their visa appointments. *Please keep this in your prayers*. Our student from South Africa is already in the States as a dependent under his father, but switching his present visa to a student visa is awkwardly complicated.

As the pandemic has less impact than previously, we have been able to add more international fields. The plan for this next class is to add Baguio City, Philippines; La Serena, Chile; Leicester, England; and Tauranga, New Zealand. Lord willing, this next AIM class will go to twelve different mission points.

The AIM administration recently evaluated where AIM has been, where it is, and where we would like it to go. AIM is always going to be in the process of improving. One area of emphasis is creating more opportunities to get hands-on experience while students are studying in Lubbock. The second is developing a closer and more consistent connection with our alumni. Both of these areas will bless this ministry as well as others. Just recently, AIM opened up an AIM Alumni page on Facebook. This connection with alumni is only the beginning. There have been close to 400 alumni added to this page and almost 90 alumni awaiting acceptance. This page is exclusively for AIM alumni and those who have worked full-time with

AIM. If you request to join the page, it is much easier to verify alumni if you can include your class year and field.

We are excited about beginning class in August. This year will look more like a standard year than the last. One of the most important things that will return to the schedule is Area Churches, local congregations that host small groups of AIMers on Sundays. The class that was in Lubbock last year felt the effects of not being able to have Area Churches. Area Churches provide so many opportunities for hands-on training before the AIMers go to the field.

AIM is so grateful to God for all the ways people and congregations partner with us. This ministry would not be possible without you. Thank you so much for all you do. Thank you for all the ways you contribute to raising workers for the harvest.

Cory Burns, Director of Adventures in Missions



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Tith great joy and excitement, SIBI celebrated the graduation of the 90th class on May 15, 2021. Graduates from our residential studies, graduate school, and external studies were all honored. SIBI also took the opportunity to honor any of the 2020 graduates who returned since graduation had to be canceled last year.

The weekend was a refreshing return to the traditions that SIBI enjoys each year. The festivities included a special time of recognition for the ladies who graduated and the wives who supported their husbands through their studies. At Senior Chapel, Tim Burow continued the tradition of the president honoring the children of the students. The Senior Banquet was a meaningful time which the students and faculty could share special memories. The graduates also received the SIBI pin or pendant that identifies all alumni of the school. At graduation, Donnie Martin ('11), pulpit minister for the Montwood Church of Christ in El Paso, Texas, brought a timely message from his experiences over the past decade since his graduation. Two Edward C. Wharton Kerux Awards were given. The 2020 Kerux Award went to Darrin Bible, and the 2021 Kerux Award went to Doug Weatherly.

Most of the graduates have moved away from Lubbock and are settling in either at an extended internship or at their first job at churches across the country. Continue to lift up the graduates and their families in prayer as they serve the body of Christ.

Jeff Rader







Top: The 2021 graduates pass by the faculty as they leave. Bottom left: Donnie Martin ('11) addresses the graduates.

Bottom center: Darrin Bible, 2020 Kerux Award recipient, with Ed Wharton. Bottom right: Doug Weatherly, 2021 Kerux Award recipient, with Ed Wharton.

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DEPARTURES

Dr. Ervin Bennett ('74), age 91, of Anchorage, Alaska, was born on March 21, 1930, and passed from this life on April 9, 2021. Ervin was born in Joseph, Oregon, one of 10 children.

Kim Black (Van Zant) (AIM '81) died June 1, 2021, in Mulvane, Kansas.

Bob J. Brandon ('70), of College Station, Texas, went to be with his Lord on October 20, 2020. Bob enjoyed every job he ever had and gave each one his total devotion. However, his last job as a school bus driver was very special to him. "134 Bob"



loved his job, the people he worked with, and every one of the kids who stepped foot on his bus.

Mickey Chambliss, Sr. ('01) passed away on March 29, 2021, at the age of 81. He was a high school instructor for 29 years, teaching industrial arts, adult continuing education, and driver's education, retiring in 1995. After teaching Bible



classes most of his life, Mickey followed his passion and went to Sunset International Bible Institute to become a minister. He continued his education, completing master's and doctorate programs in theology. He was a minister for over 20 years, with the last eight years in Crane, Texas, where he also substituted at the high school.

Jim Condon ('73) passed away suddenly on January 18, 2021, in Raleigh, North Carolina. Jim was born in Middle Village, New York, on August 4, 1942. He spent his late teen years traveling the world with the United States Navy, and when he



returned to New York, he married Susan McGunnigle. Over the next several decades, the couple made an impact of eternal significance in the Kingdom of God. Jim attended Sunset School of Preaching and graduated in 1972. After completing his studies, he returned to New York to lead churches and ultimately planted the East End Church of Christ in East Hampton. Jim served and planted churches in New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Tennessee, England, Florida, and Georgia. He was also involved in missionary work in Eastern Europe and Russia during the '90s, immediately following the fall of the Iron Curtain.

Victor Contreras ('79) saw his Lord and Savior on January 14, 2021. In 1977, the Lord put on his heart to enter ministry, which saw him attend Sunset School of Preaching. He spent the next several years preaching the word of God. Following his retirement, he and Lupe began a life of ministry by fostering children in their home for 15 years.



Dorothea Czeczotka passed away early in 2021. She and her husband Murray worked with Eastern European Mission during the fall of the Iron Curtain and oversaw the printing and distribution of thousands of Bibles. Dorothea was loved by all and spread goodness across Europe as they traveled far and wide.

Bill Driscoll ('75) passed away peacefully on March 18, 2021. Despite a 17-month journey of living with an incurable Glioblastoma Multiforme stage 4 brain tumor, Bill got to have a quality of life right up to the very end.



Sandra Lynn Ellis ('72), the wife of Dee Ellis, fell asleep and unexpectedly woke up at heaven's gate on September 29, 2020. She rode out her last days looking forward to this trip, going on daily adventures and walks to the vegetable garden with her beloved Dee.



Armando Gonzalez (MBS '17), 60, passed away early Thursday morning, April 15, 2021, in Minneola, Kansas. He was born in Lordsburg, New Mexico. He attended York College and later Abilene Christian University and Sunset



International Bible Institute, receiving his master's degree in Biblical studies. A resident of Meade, Kansas, since 2015, he was currently the minister of the Church of Christ.

Force Lee Grove ('74), lifelong minister of the Gospel, departed to be with Christ on Sunday, March 7, 2021, at the age of 70, in his home surrounded by family. After receiving his bachelor's degree, he attended Sunset School of Preaching and later received his master's degree and



doctorate from Abilene Christian University.

Julia Ann McPherson (AIM '76), 72, of Abilene, Texas, passed away on Wednesday, April 21, 2021. A memorial service was held at Baker Heights Church of Christ.



Justin C. Morrison ('15), 32, of Harrisonville, Pennsylvania, passed away December 24, 2020. He was the husband of Brittany L. (Buterbaugh) Morrison, whom he married on October 24, 2020.



Charles Nance ('75) died on January 3, 2021, in Port Orchard, Washington.

Abel Ortiz, Jr. ('66), 90, passed away Wednesday, May 27, 2020, in Houston. Abel preached the word of God faithfully for decades and led many souls to Christ.



Charles Parrish ('81) died on October 22, 2020, in Goodlettsville, Tennessee. Charles attended Harding University where he met the love of his life, Nancy Gail Parrish. They married in August 1974 and moved to Chattanooga, Tennessee. He attended Sunset School of Preaching and then moved to Cottage Grove, Minnesota, where he helped establish and build Woodbury Church of Christ. To be closer to family, he moved to Tennessee in 1988, where he was a preacher at Goodlettsville Church of Christ. When he retired from preaching, he worked at DuPont for over 15 years where he made many beloved friends.

Loveta Sartain, the wife of Royce Sartain ('71), was called to her eternal resting place on April 14, 2021. She and Royce lived in Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania.



Jennings Segraves ('71) passed away on October 4, 2020, after a long struggle with dementia. Jennings graduated from Sunset School of Preaching in 1971. He spent 30 years in ministry in Wyoming and Arkansas. He also spent time in Czechoslovakia and India teaching Bible studies from the book of John. He continued to work in ministry and taught the scriptures to inmates who worked in the foodservice with him.

Dr. Norman "Wayne" Shanor ('87), 72, heard the call of our Father and returned to his heavenly home on November 18, 2020, after a valiant battle with cardiac disease and a brief fight with pancreatic cancer. He was cared for at home, surrounded by his loving family. He attended



pancreatic cancer. He was cared for at home, surrounded by his loving family. He attended multiple colleges and universities. He became a minister after graduating from Sunset School of Preaching. Being a minister became his life's most important work. He obtained a Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Studies, a Master of Arts in Biblical Counseling, and a Doctor of Ministry in Christian Education.

Melody Anne Smith ('68), of Lubbock, passed away peacefully in her sleep on Thursday, October 1, 2020. Melody was born on March 1, 1943, in Wichita, Kansas. Melody married Bill Smith on May 10, 1960, at the young age of 17.



Smith on May 10, 1960, at the young age of 17. She was a devoted wife, and one of her greatest joys was becoming a mother to Jeff, Kris, and Jon. She always longed for a baby girl to complete the family and was thrilled to adopt Tebogo (Tebby) Melody Smith from Botswana, Africa. Melody selflessly followed and supported her husband as he preached and ministered in Montana, Kansas, Botswana, New Mexico, Wyoming, Colorado, Slovakia, and Texas.

Dr. Steve Williams ('78) was born on April 9, 1949, and passed peacefully from this life on November 10, 2020. He went to Sunset School of Preaching where he graduated with a degree in ministry in 1978. He also had a Doctorate in Family and



Clinical Counseling. He ministered at several churches in Mississippi before coming to minister at Atlanta Street Church of Christ in Columbia, North Carolina, in 1999, where he was the minister until his death.

Janet Wilson (Sr. AIM '98), of Grand Court in Lubbock, Texas, went to her heavenly reward in March of 2021.

Milton D. Wilson ('67), 77, of Austin, Texas, died on December 31, 2020. With encouragement and support from his wife Sue, Milton left his job and home in 1965 and moved to attend Sunset School of Preaching. That decision launched him into a



life of mission work that crossed two continents and impacted thousands of people. He was a missionary in South Africa from 1969 to 1974 and a pulpit minister and Bible teacher all his life.

Dorothy "Dottie" Jo Young ('68), of Pittsfield, Massachusetts, passed away on November 27, 2020, at her home surrounded by her loving family. Dottie married Charles "Chuck" Young on September 24, 1956. She and Chuck enjoyed



doing mission work in Australia for over seven years. She worked as an office manager for 20 years at the Audubon Society and was a mentor in the community both spiritually and educationally.

A Special International Memorial

The impact of the coronavirus pandemic has been felt around the world and especially in India. A special friend of SIBI, Munivenkappa Vijayakumar (Vijay), died on May 20, 2021, shortly after being diagnosed with COVID-19. For decades, Sunset has had a relationship with the Bangalore Church of Christ, where Vijay was one of the primary leaders. He had been working over the past few years

translating the SIBI curriculum into Telugu. He had a vision for the material to be distributed on an upcoming Solar Mission. A message from the church reports that he went to the hospital with a slight fever on May 19 and died the next day. Please remember this brother's family and the church in Bangalore specifically.



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If you are reading this Lifeline, we consider you part of the SIBI family. Please help us keep current with your information. We would love to be able to contact you via phone or e-mail, especially if we happen to be in your area. Also, if you receive multiple copies of Lifeline to the same address, please update us on which address should be changed. You can contact Janet Brumfield at 806-788-3248, janetb@sibi.cc, or use the link or the QR code below.

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Filling Pulpits in Africa

it is estimated that the current Lnumber of congregations of the Lord's body in the United States is approximately 11,900. That would be an average of 238 per state if divided equally. In comparison, Nigeria's land area is slightly larger than twice the size of California. If we were to use the same ratio per state, then Nigeria should be home to approximately 476 congregations. In reality, Nigeria may have as many as 4,000 congregations. It is difficult to obtain an accurate count because many congregations are located in remote areas and are out of contact and new congregations are constantly being planted.

While that fact is a reason for us to praise God, a disturbing reality is that over 1,000 of the existing congregations in Nigeria do not have a preacher with enough training to equip God's people for maturity. It is also estimated that of those ministers who have sufficient training, 50% to 70% will abandon their ministry because they cannot provide

for their families. The reality is that most local Nigerian congregations do not have the resources to support a preacher and his family. Some ministers will migrate to large cities or other nations to seek secular employment. And sadly, some may join denominational groups that offer to provide financial support. In either case, their gifts and years of training are lost.

There is an urgent need to train and mentor servants who are equipped to provide for both the spiritual needs of God's family and the physical needs of their families. The situation in Nigeria is not unique. Currently, the International Studies department of SIBI is training spokesmen in over 40 nations. These schools provide excellent ministry training, and some have developed unique and varied forms of vocational training to help preachers support themselves. What if it were possible to create a network of the best of both the ministry training and the vocational preparation?

Sunset International Bible Institute has set a goal to train 1,000 new preachers annually in Africa. We will utilize what each campus does best to form a cooperative network of comprehensive training. The result will be that all the graduates will enter ministry confident in their ability to proclaim the message of salvation and their ability to sustain themselves.

If you would like to know more about this ambitious mission, please contact us at Sunset International Bible Institute.

Doug Reeves, Dean of International Studies



Graduates at Ghana Bible College

CAMP APOLLOS & PRISCILLA

amp Apollos began in June 2019 out of a desire to plant seeds in young men to be preachers of the Gospel. That first year was a success. Matt Glawe built a team consisting of SIBI students and faculty to mentor the campers in the basics of preaching throughout the week. The team was excited to build on that first year and anticipated 2020 to be even better. In addition to this, Cynthia Evans, the wife of one of the elders at Sunset Church of Christ, dreamed of and planned a camp for young women who desire to serve God and was excited to begin in 2020.

But these plans would have to wait as the pandemic in 2020 prevented both of the camps from happening.

Soit was with great joy and anticipation that both Camp Apollos and Camp Priscilla welcomed eighteen young men and women to the Sunset campus for a week of training and growing. Camp Apollos spent each day learning the basics of writing and presenting a lesson from the Bible. They also learned from godly men about ministry and service in the kingdom of God. The ladies in Camp Priscilla were instructed and inspired by different women in ministry, including

Hope Goode, a missionary in Estonia, who encouraged the campers via Zoom. They spent time visiting widows and finding the many different ways women are active in the work of the body of Christ. Both groups finished the week presenting lessons to their families.

Look for the camps to take place again next year. The tentative dates are the Tuesday-Friday after Memorial Day, May 31-June 3, 2022.

Jeff Rader

Left: A camper giving his lesson at the closing event; Center: A group from Camp Priscilla visiting a widow; Right: Jon Adams ('16) helping a camper



Rising to the Challenge

ne of the challenges facing our society is a leadership crisis. Barna Research Institute identifies that 82% of young adults strongly or somewhat agree there is a leadership crisis in our community. Barna's president concluded, "They want the Church to be a laboratory of leadership, not just a place for spirituality." Are our churches living up to the challenge?

The challenge facing church leaders is a monumental task. Whether it be helping leaders solidify their vision for growth, moving the church to have a biblical eldership, or developing the next generation of leaders, the church, in many cases, is not up for the task. SIBI knows that the strength of churches is directly related to the strength of the leadership. Strong leaders mean strong churches; strong churches are growing churches. Growing churches reach lost souls for the Lord. SIBI is committed to spreading the Gospel to the lost of this world; therefore, it is our priority to build up church leaders.

SALT (Sunset Academy of Leadership Training) exists to develop godly leaders to counteract this leadership crisis.



Over the past few months, our team has conducted numerous vision planning workshops. These workshops occur in three stages. The *first stage* allows the congregation to see more clearly where they are and "who" they need to be. *Stage two* is strategic planning. As the leadership works together to develop the church's vision, our SALT team returns to help the same congregation make a strategic plan and set goals. Strategic plans and goals are key elements to get the church moving

toward being a healthier body and living out the vision. Finally, *stage three* helps leaders develop a culture of leadership that can be self-sustaining.

Our team speaks at brotherhood events and churches, encouraging churches to be active in leadership development, congregational spiritual growth, and evangelism. SIBI conducts seminars that deal with leadership, interpersonal relationships, conflict resolution, building healthy marriages, becoming emotionally healthy Christians, and parenting. If we can serve your congregation in any way, please contact Bob Turner, bturner@ sunset.bible, or Zane Perkins, zane@sunset. bible. SIBI will also be partnering with the Mannford Church of Christ as they conduct an elder workshop, Beside Still Waters, on September 11, 2021. Attend the event either in person or at virtual partner churches (visit www.mannfordchurchofchrist. com/elder-workshop for more information).

Zane Perkins, Director of Advancement Relations (more info at salt.sunset.bible)

Leaving a Lasting Legacy

The SIBI Foundation is a separate but related 501c3 charity whose sole mission is to ensure the future of ministry training and world evangelism at Sunset International Bible Institute. Generous donors leave a legacy for the future through cash donations, bequests, charitable trusts, gift annuities, and many other estate planning options that may provide significant tax savings to them or their estates. The SIBI Foundation makes an annual distribution to the ministry of Sunset International Bible Institute from endowment earnings. As the invested principal of the Foundation grows, the amount distributed to SIBI increases.

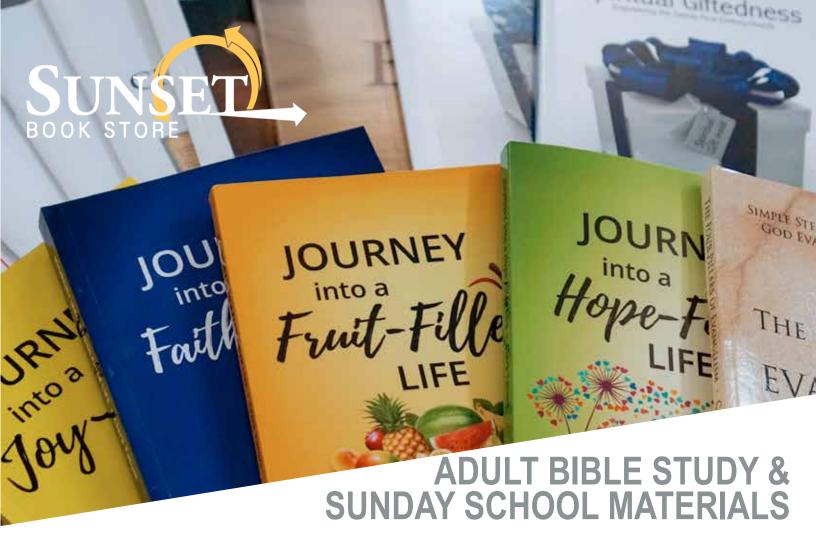
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- on the appreciated value, and the donors can receive a tax deduction based on the current value of the security.
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- Establish a Charitable Trust or Gift Annuity. With income on many investments at historic lows, a Charitable Trust or Gift Annuity would be a smart option for some donors. Qualified donors could receive a significant tax deduction immediately and annual income for one or two donors at very attractive interest rates.

If you are interested in *Leaving a Lasting Legacy*, we can provide helpful resources and connect you with professionals who can assist you in achieving your desired goals.

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