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DEAR ALUMNUS,

Thank you to the many alumni and friends who joined us for our 2018 Homecoming Weekend festivities! Over the exciting weekend in September, the Alumni Department had the opportunity to honor Dr. Daniel ('72) and Rosalie Anderson; Pastor Caleb ('05,'07) and Amie ('05) Bowman; Pastor Ronald ('76) and Christine Self who were chosen for this award based on their contribution to their current ministries and their demonstration of Christian integrity. More about their ministries for the Lord can be found on pages 4–9 of this magazine.

You also might recall reading about the devastating flooding that occurred in Ankeny in July damaging much of campus. We are exceedingly thankful for the hundreds of volunteers who have helped clean up and repair campus in the past several months in preparation to welcome students back on campus. Unfortunately, none of the damage was covered by insurance. Originally, it was estimated that this loss would approach \$150,000. The final tally was closer to \$250,000, but God showed his awesome power and faithfulness to us and supplied every dollar we needed through the sacrificial giving of Faith's friends and alumni. We are so thankful for your support.

We hope you enjoy this publication as we seek to inform and connect Eagle Nation!



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STUDENT HIGHLIGHT

Paul Ward

Paul Ward is a freshman from the Democratic Republic of Congo. He was born in the capital city of Kinshasa, a large city with a population of approximately 10 million people.

His journey to Faith is an interwoven story of tragedy and God's love and triumphant redemption.

Paul never knew his natural parents, losing both of them as a toddler. After he and his siblings were accused of killing them by the local government in the Congo, he and his two older sisters and one younger brother were sent to an orphanage where his life would take more tragic twists and turns.

Life in the orphanage was abusive, and terrible enough that children regularly tried to escape. Some made it out. Others did not, like Paul's oldest sister who was killed while trying to escape.

"At the age of five or six, I decided to try to escape from the evil orphanage where they beat us regularly and often made us go to bed hungry," said Paul. "God helped me escape, and I lived in the huge open-air market for four days. I honestly didn't like living on the street, but at least I was not beaten by the cruel nun that owned the center."

While living on the streets, Paul met a young teenage boy who introduced him to a new orphanage where there was plenty of food, no more abuse, and a place where Paul would be adopted by his eventual parents, Lee and Becky Ward.

"One year later, two of us boys were adopted by Lee and Becky Ward, a missionary couple," said Paul. "I got a new name and became part of a real family that loved me. But God did something even greater for me than my physical adoption. He adopted me, saving me from a life destined for Hell. He has a name that is more powerful than any name on earth and above the earth. I became a son of God by asking Christ to forgive my sins, and I got a new name which is written in the Lamb's Book of Life."

After his move to the United States, Paul first heard about Faith Baptist Bible College while attending Camp Utibaca in Ephraim, Utah, and then later at the Wilds of New England. Faith arranged for him to attend Scholarship Weekend in the spring of 2018, and God made it clear to him that Faith is where He wanted him.

Paul sees his life as God's, and not his own. He believes everyone should want to understand Scripture to understand who God is. He plans to study at Faith for at least two years.

FAITHFUL SERVANTS

Dr. Daniel and Rosalie Anderson

Dr. Daniel Anderson ('72) and his wife, Rosalie (Welker), have faithfully served college students for 40 years at Appalachian Bible College in Mount Hope, West Virginia.

Dr. Anderson is originally from Iowa. He completed a three-year diploma at Appalachian Bible College in West Virginia, where he and Rosalie first met, and transferred to Faith Baptist Bible College to complete his Bachelor of Arts degree. Even though he was only on campus for one year, Dr. Anderson has fond memories of his time at Faith.

"I felt immediately accepted as a transfer student," said Dr. Anderson. "The general compatibility of the two colleges made for an easy adjustment. I felt blessed to have prior acquaintance with Dr. Nettleton, the president, as well as Dr. Patten, which made my time at Faith special."

Following his transfer to Faith and his graduation in 1972, he moved to Indiana, where he completed his Master of Divinity from Grace Theological Seminary. He and Rosalie were married after his first year at Grace.

The Andersons moved to Texas for a brief time so that he could complete his Master of Sacred Theology and Doctor of Theology degrees. Dr. Anderson joined the staff of Appalachian Bible College in 1978, where he served as Registrar, Instructor in Bible and History, Dean of Students, and Assistant to the President, before becoming President of the college in 1983, where he and Rosalie have served ever since.

The Andersons have five children (three daughters and two sons), as well as 18 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. All of their children are graduates of Appalachian Bible College.

Being the president of a Bible college is a challenging, yet rewarding, task—a responsibility that Dr. Anderson does not take lightly.

"The joys and challenges of ministry as President of Appalachian are too many to adequately address," said Dr. Anderson. "The obvious joy is the privilege to serve the Lord. It is a joy to prepare Biblical slaves to advance the Gospel and build the Church around the world. It is a joy to experience the blessing of the body of Christ through our precious ABC family of staff, students, alumni, and constituents. It is a joy to sense God's provision for our ministry."

Dr. Anderson notes that the biggest challenges are to be a good steward of his time and his life, and to reach students in a world filled with secular lures. "My faith has been stretched and rewarded over and over. I have observed God's use of the least likely to accomplish the most unlikely."

In 2014, God showed Dr. Anderson one of those least likely opportunities when the West Virginia Commissioner of Corrections asked Appalachian Bible College to begin a Bible college within the state's prison system. The Mount

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Olive Bible College was established, which Dr. Anderson says has impacted inmates' lives "to the extent of changing the entire climate of the prison."

Dr. Anderson's impact at Appalachian Bible College is immeasurable. During his tenure, the campus has seen significant increases in enrollment, major campus construction and renovation projects, and the development of a long-term strategic plan. As he enters the twilight of his faithful career serving college students at ABC, he wants to finish strong.

"Every year is filled with opportunities and challenges," said Dr. Anderson. "We have some creative and exciting progress and plans under discussion which I am not able to share at this time but look forward to accomplishing in the coming years. I do hope to complete the writing of a sequel to my book on *Biblical Slave Leadership: A Stewardship from Above to Lead from Below*. I am committed to guiding our ministry team to serve beyond me. I want to finish my life fervently loving and serving the Lord . . . Because Life is for Service."

DR. DANIEL AND ROSALIE ANDERSON



FAITHFUL SERVANTS

Pastor Caleb and Amie Bowman

Pastor Caleb Bowman ('05, '07) and his wife, Amie (Pratt '05), have remained faithful to the same flock at Calvary Baptist Church in Derby, Kansas, for 11 years as the church's youth directors. Lord willing, Pastor Bowman will be there for at least 11 more as he has recently been called to become the church's next senior pastor, continuing their ministry to the Wichita suburb of 22,000 people.

Pastor Bowman's long tenure at the same location defeats the odds in today's rigors of pastoral ministry. Most of the statistical data on pastors estimates the average time of ministry in one location to be less than ten years. He will step into the shoes of Pastor Kent Holcomb, who announced his retirement effective in the fall of 2019. Pastor Holcomb has been the senior pastor at Calvary Baptist for over 40 years.

The Bowmans both graduated from Faith Baptist Bible College in 2005. They have known each other since grade school and dated from seventh grade all the way through college. They were married on May 21, 2005, and now have three children: Maria (5), Jude (3), and Calvin (1).

During Pastor Bowman's time at Faith, he gained valuable experience through his ministry at Nevada Baptist Church under Pastor James Reynolds, where he served as a youth leader.

"The classes at Faith are great, but the expectation to use what you were learning by ministering in a local church every week really takes your education to another level," said Pastor Bowman.

Following his graduation in 2005, Caleb sought advice from several pastors about the necessity of seminary training.

"Every pastor I asked who had attended seminary right after college said it was one of their best decisions," said Pastor Bowman. "Every pastor I asked who had not attended seminary right after college said they regretted it and wished they had. So I decided to go to seminary. To choose Faith Baptist Theological Seminary was a no-brainer to me. The college was so great and the Bible and theology teaching so solid, I figured I might as well stick with the best!"

The Bowmans were called to Calvary Baptist in Derby right out of seminary and have been there ever since—Caleb as Youth Pastor, and Amie as the leader of Sunday preschool ministries and a small group leader for middle school girls.

"I've been the youth pastor of Calvary Baptist Church since May of 2007," said Pastor Bowman. "My main focus of ministry is with the sixth through twelfth grade students. Over the years, I've had the opportunity to become involved in more administrative roles throughout the church as well as seeking to develop more outreach to the community and Biblical soul care within the church."

PASTOR CALEB AND AMIE BOWMAN



FAITHFUL SERVANTS

Pastor Ronald and Christine Self

If there was a Mount Rushmore of Faithful Servant Award winners, Ronald ('76) and Christine Self could easily be on it.

As missionaries to Buenos Aires, Argentina, for over 35 years, the Selfs have willingly and faithfully put themselves into the crosshairs of danger on a daily basis.

"In Argentina, every missionary must deal with the high level of crime," said Ronald. "We have been robbed 14 times, several times violently, and at gunpoint. We have learned to trust the Lord in these situations and God has used these experiences to test our faithfulness and to demonstrate His faithfulness to us. Nevertheless, it is a challenge to continue ministering without fear, while trusting God and cautiously evaluating potential dangers."

The Selfs have been married for over 41 years, and they consider that partnership a key to their longevity as missionaries on a dangerous field. They met on a Missionary Apprenticeship Program (MAP) to Peru in the summer of 1975. Christine was a student at Baptist Bible College in Pennsylvania, while Ronald was a student at Faith Baptist Bible College.

"During that same summer, we both confirmed God's leading into missionary service and began a friendship," said Ronald. "After the conclusion of the trip, we began a dating relationship and then we were married on January 22, 1977."

Ronald believes God called him into ministry when he was eight years old. As a teenager, he began searching for a college that was "doctrinally sound and had a heart for the ministry." He chose Faith Baptist Bible College because everyone he interacted with (faculty, staff, and students) showed a strong level of love for him as a person and cared more about God's will than a hard-sell approach to college recruitment.

While he was a student at Faith, Ronald participated in soccer, basketball, and softball. He was the president of the Student Missions Fellowship team, class Vice President, and a Resident Assistant. He credits his time at True Bible Baptist Church, under the ministry of Ezell Wiggins, as a key point in his life, spiritually. His service in ministry there gave him important "multi-cultural experiences," which would later prove beneficial in his ministry in Argentina.

After Ronald and Christine were married, they spoke with missionaries and explored opportunities across South America.

"At that time, Argentina was a prospective new field for our chosen agency," said Ronald. "This factor, along with the European flavor of Buenos Aires and the opportunity to develop pastoral leadership, helped us to determine God's leading to serve Him in Buenos Aires, Argentina."

The Selfs have now ministered at Missionary Baptist Church (Iglesia Bautista Misionera) for over 35 years and have established five additional churches in surrounding communities. At the beginning of each church plant, Missionary

Baptist Church sends one or two pastors, one to three deacons, and a group of 10 to 35 people from the church to a new area to begin church services.

Ronald's schedule is challenging as he assists in property acquisition, construction of church buildings, leadership training, and weekly and monthly pastor and deacons' meetings, all while serving as lead pastor for Missionary Baptist and teaching at Besson Bible College. Christine stays equally busy, teaching Christian Education classes at Besson Bible College and music classes to beginning pianists of the church plants.

The Selfs have three children: Andrew, Susan, and Mark. The ministry in Argentina continues to be a family effort as Andrew and his wife Romina and their two daughters, Emily and Megan, are planting a church in a suburb of Buenos Aires. Mark and his wife, Anahi, along with their daughter, Sophia, are currently planting a church in El Talar, another suburb of Buenos Aires. Susan lives in Tampa, which serves as a home base for the rest of the Selfs when they are on furlough. She travels to Argentina every December for the holidays.

For over 35 years, the Selfs have remained dedicated to the calling that God placed in their hearts as young, single, college students during a missions trip to Peru. "He placed a burden on my heart to go places where there were no churches at all and preach the gospel and plant churches," said Ronald.

And that's exactly what they've done. Faithfully.



*You can learn more about the Selfs
at www.theselfsinargentina.com*



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Refresh Conference 2019



January 29–February 1

Life in ministry is filled with joyous peaks, but it can also have its exhausting valleys. Refresh Conference is designed specifically to encourage ministry leaders who are currently serving in the trenches. Our theme this year is "The Fruit of the Spirit in Ministry."

Registration opens October 1!



HOMEcoming WEEK



BUILDING UPDATE



The new Office and Music Building is making amazing progress! The last campus activity students participated in before Commencement last spring was a groundbreaking ceremony. At that time, the location of the new building was just a green patch of grass. When they returned in August, things looked a lot different! The new building (which will house our Music Department, eight private practice rooms, Information Technology, and faculty office space) now has a foundation, walls, a roof, and shingles. Total project completion is anticipated sometime in December or January.



UPCOMING EVENTS

The Business Leadership Summit

October 19, 2018

Join us for an inspirational one-day conference designed to motivate and encourage Christian business leaders in the service of their organizations and within their local churches. Visit **faith.edu/events** for more information.

Enlist

October 23–24, 2018

This free event provides you an opportunity to display on campus and talk to our students about your ministry needs and opportunities. Space is limited! Please RSVP by October 15 to **admissions@faith.edu** or to **1.888.324.8448**. Maximum of two representatives per ministry.

Missions Conference

October 29–November 1, 2018

We hope you can join us for our fall Missions Conference! Our theme this year reminds us of the utmost importance of keeping our focus on the Author and Finisher of our faith as we seek to fulfill the Great Commission. We have morning and evening sessions as well as various workshops. Please see **faith.edu/events** for the schedule and list of speakers and workshops.



Scholarship Weekend

November 8–10, 2018

All high school seniors and transfer students planning to attend for the Fall of 2019 are invited to attend, along with their parents. Cost of registration is \$50. Register at faith.edu/scholarship-weekend. Contact us at **1.888.324.8448** or at admissions@faith.edu.

Festival of Carols & Open Dorms

December 7–8, 2018

The concert features a variety of sacred Christmas selections presented by the Faith Chorale, the Handbell Ensemble, and the Faith Community Orchestra. Guests can join in singing several of their favorite Christmas carols. Stay after Friday evening's performance to participate in the campus-wide Open Dorms activity!

Petra and Israel Tour

February 2–13, 2019

Join Dr. Jim Tillotson and Dr. Ernest Schmidt for a 12-day tour of the Holy Land. The tour begins in Jordan and visits historic sites like Nazareth, the Sea of Galilee, Jerusalem, and Bethlehem, just to name a few. For more information, visit faith.edu/events. Reservations must be made by October 25, 2018.



Visit faith.edu/events for more information on any of these events!



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Creation Conference

April 24–26, 2019

Join us this spring to hear two experts in the Creation versus Evolution debate, Carl Kerby and Juan Valdes. For registration costs and more details, visit **faith.edu**.

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In an effort to streamline our communications and reach the most people, we will be combining our Alumni Facebook page with our main Faith Facebook page on October 1. If you haven't 'liked' the main Facebook page **@faithbaptistbiblecollege**, please do so, and you will continue to get alumni updates and news on that page.

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