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## Community

**W**e don't just study together ... HST is a community in many different ways. During the past few months we've rejoiced in marriages and births, mourned at the death of loved ones, eaten meals in groups large and small, worshipped, celebrated birthdays, prayed, and cheered on the Memphis Grizzlies together. Our community stretches from next-door neighbors to great distances sometimes across the U.S. and around the world.

Community is a place where outsiders become guests and not "just" a visitor. Living more than 1,700 miles from Memphis means I am an outsider, but all those who live on campus and especially the members of the student association made me a guest during the March intensive week. Thanks for providing a potluck dinner during the intensive week and allowing all of us "outsiders" to be guests and part of the special community at HST. May the Lord bless each of you.

*Scott Laird (D.Min. student)  
Great Falls, Montana*

We were part of the HST community from fall 2010 until fall 2013. We felt deeply blessed during our time there. We were able to establish new relationships with classmates and their spouses who became friends. One particular memory is from the time when our son, Mateo, spent some days in the NICU. The HST community supported us through prayers, food and their fellowship. Their love and care showed us the heart of our heavenly father as well as their commitment to serve one another in love. We are deeply thankful for this awesome community.

*Lenin, Emperatriz and Mateo Munguia  
Tegucigalpa, Honduras*



*An informal gathering of HST students meet for lunch on a sunny, spring day.*



*Some of the female HST employees meet for lunch every week.*



*HST faculty and the Bible faculty of Harding University meet for their annual dinner at Wynne, Arkansas.*





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## DEAN'S NOTE

# Chapel

If I count the times I attended chapel as a student for five years and then on staff for another 27 years, I have been in chapel at HST more times than I have been in the library and classroom. I consider it a blessing every time I participate. Although the chapel in the Ijams Building is a small 40 feet by 24 feet room with eight rows of brown benches with white ends, it is full of memories of beautiful singing, meaningful reflections on the word, and community. The four tall, white columns in front provide the ambiance of an ancient hypostyle hall. The large pictures on the back wall honor the leadership and service of our deans: West, Hazelip, Slate and Flatt.

### COMMUNITY

The view of students routinely walking across campus from the library, apartments or classroom building to chapel points to what this time gives all of us — students, faculty and staff coming together. Our time in chapel provides a precious opportunity to pray for each other and worship together. Of course, it is also a time for the sharing of information (a.k.a. announcements). But it is more; watch students and faculty stand around talking after chapel. This unique community generates lifelong friendships.

### EXPERIENCE

Students provide most of the leadership in chapel. While some students feel intimidated speaking in front of peers and faculty, Dr. Dave

Bland raises the stakes by requiring everyone in his preaching class to speak in chapel — and be evaluated by the audience through a well-designed rubric. These presentations have been very well prepared and delivered. The experience provides a great opportunity for peer learning and encouragement.

### REFLECTING ON THE WORD

The faculty selects a theme for the year (<http://hst.edu/students/academic-catalog/>) to provide some continuity to our chapel time and special events. A banner behind the pulpit reminds us of that theme. The guest speakers, students, faculty and staff constantly lead us in reflecting on the word. For about 13 years, I have written beside the text reflected on that day the name of the speaker and date. As I leaf through my "chapel Bible," I am reminded of the value of their reflections. Much of the Old Testament and every book of the New Testament have provided spiritual guidance from chapel talks. Here are some random texts and speakers I just saw in my Bible:

- 2001 — Alan Howell (Psalms 107); Roger Wood (Romans 5:1); John Mark Hicks (Psalms 63)
- 2002 — Heath Amos (Ephesians 1:18); Josh Marcum (Leviticus 25:8-12); Lance Hawley (Matthew 5:24)
- 2003 — Ed Gray (Hosea 3); Steve Cloer (Isaiah 49:22-23); Leslie Williams (Psalms 73)
- 2004 — Jason Whaley (Prov-

erbs 5:15-19); Paul Birston (Matthew 7:1-5); Scott Laird (Matthew 14:22-29)

2005 — Bill Flatt (Isaiah 40:29-31); Tim Westbrook (Psalms 27); Matt Dabbs (Mark 8:31-33)

2006 — Nathan Bills (John 15:3-4); Sam Shewmaker (Proverbs 6:16-19); Greg McKinzie (Psalms 28:7-9)

2007 — Jim Martin (Isaiah 41:8-13); Bob Logsdon (Acts 6:1-6); Kevin Youngblood (Ezekiel 3:1-11)

2008 — Bob Turner (Exodus 16:1-3); Chris Buxton (Acts 10:9-15); Andrew Fraser (Psalms 62:1-7)

2009 — Jacob Parnell (Acts 9:20-30); Glen Bowman (2 Samuel 12); Jonathan Strasser (Proverbs 27:6)

2010 — Caleb Borchers (Acts 10:9-15); Tom Vail (Psalms 72:1-7); Thomas Snow (Proverbs 7:6-9)

2011 — Paavo Tucker (1 Samuel 6:19-21); Kevin Burr (Psalms 119); Chris Keeton (Psalms 105:1-6)

2012 — Femi Osibin (Nehemiah 13:14); Andrew Taylor (Isaiah 42:6-7); Steve Connors (Luke 14:25-30)

2013 — Lenin Munguia (Isaiah 42:16-20); Lonni Baker (Matthew 5:3); Frank Bolling (Matthew 21:12-17)

On a weekly basis, chapel reminds us of our mission to challenge leaders to deeper faith in God.

Dr. Evertt W. Huffard  
([dean@hst.edu](mailto:dean@hst.edu))



# Honoring a Legacy

**M**ore than 250 of Jack P. Lewis' family, friends and colleagues gathered on March 22nd to celebrate his 95th birthday. The Harding School of Theology Leadership Council celebrated Lewis with a dinner and program recognizing his life as a professor, minister and scholar. Guests were greeted at the Memphis Botanic Garden by a life-size poster Lewis from the 1960s and a table of Lewis' books and later challenged with a quiz asking "Do You Know Jack?"

Lewis Scholar Garrett Best acted as the evening's emcee. HST alumnus Randy Harris, Harding University President Bruce McLarty, HST Dean Evertt W. Huffard, and HST Vice President Jim Martin told of Lewis' long career as a scholar and of his humble living and generosity and spoke of how he has inspired countless students, church members and leaders. Dr. Lewis continues to serve at an incredible pace. He will speak at multiple Bible lectures this year and has produced four new books in the past few months.

As part of the evening's program, Dr. Huffard presented the Bridge Award to **Debbie White**. White's family established the Jo P. Murphey memorial scholarship in 1992 to provide support to international students who plan to return to their native country as missionaries. In addition to serving on the HST Advisory Board, White is an active member of the Park Avenue Church of Christ in Memphis.

Half of the funds raised through Lewis' birthday celebration will be added to the Lewis Scholars Endowed Scholarship Fund; the other half will go into an annual scholarship fund in honor of Dr. Lewis. Of the \$95,000 goal for the event, \$77,000 has been raised so far.

Do you want to join us in honoring Dr. Jack P. Lewis for the legacy he is leaving in teaching, preaching, encouraging and sharing? In honor of his 95th year please consider a gift in the amount of \$95, \$950 or \$9,500. Send your check to HST Advancement Office, 1000 Cherry Road, Memphis, TN 38117, or make a gift online at [hst.edu](http://hst.edu).

Larry Arick  
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Debbie White receives the Bridge Award from Dean Evertt Huffard.



Jack Lewis greets President and Mrs. Bruce McLarty.



Jack Lewis and his son greet Charles McField, who led the group in prayer.

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### Faculty Notes

Since his transition to HST in January, Dr. **Carlus Gupton** has

- Presided at the Shepherds Network in February
- Launched a new website, DISCPersonalitySource.com, which complements his existing site, LifeandLeadership.com
- Preached regularly on Sunday evenings at White Station Church of Christ in Memphis where he has also taught several Bible classes
- Preached at the Meadowbrook Church of Christ in Jackson, Mississippi, and Southwest Church of Christ in Jonesboro, Arkansas
- Spoken at a leadership retreat for the Central Church of Christ in Little Rock, Arkansas; discussed “Breathing New Life into Established Churches” with the leadership team at Elmwood Church of Christ in Lafayette, Indiana; conducted an interim consultation at Crestview Church of Christ in Waco, Texas; and consulted with the leadership team at White Station Church of Christ.
- Delivered a workshop “Overcoming Ministry Burnout” at the Clergy Health and Wellness Conference sponsored by the Regional Medical Center in Memphis.
- Continued his relationship with Johnson University, where he has taught Leading Established Churches and a graduate course, Contextual Implementation of Strategic Ministry, part of an intensive one-year resident-based graduate degree co-sponsored by Johnson and Christ Church of the Valley in Phoenix, Arizona.



# Mission Interest Group

The Mission Interest Group (MIG) meets monthly during the fall and spring semesters at HST. Drs. Evertt and Ileene Huffard are kind enough to offer their home and food to anyone who comes to these

with a diverse group of speakers. They are all at different points in their ministry, and they are all from different parts of the world: from China to Peru to Ukraine and others. All the members of the group plan to follow in

different corners of the earth, but we also know that we serve the same God. We rally around the fact that no matter where we are on the earth, our praises can rise together to God. Our efforts may be spent on different continents, but they all move in the same upward direction. For that reason someone planning to move to China can share the same cares and concerns with someone moving to Tanzania, Peru or Ukraine. We are together for a short time at HST, but we hope that we remember each other and our like desires when we go to our different fields.

*Anthony Gleghorn  
M.Div. student*

**We rally around the fact that no matter where we are on the earth, our praises can rise together to God.**

meetings. We always spend time in prayer and devotion to God. Missionaries in diverse roles speak about their experiences from the field, preparation and reintroduction to the home culture. We have been extremely blessed

their footsteps to some different part of the world or at least support others who do.

This group is a place of community for those who want to work for God in different fields. We know that we will probably end up in

## A Sampling of HST Blogs

On the HST Community page, you will find the link to those in our community who blog. Here is a sampling of what we are writing.

**FACULTY:** Dr. **Richard Oster** blogs at richardoster.com



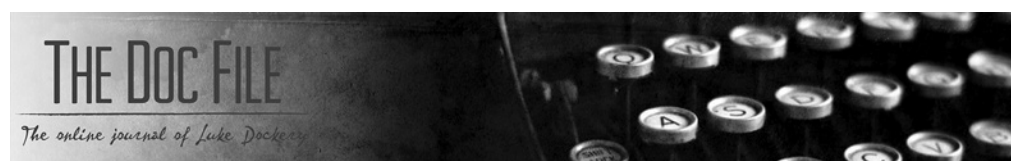
about his research on the Book of Revelation. His most recent book, *Seven Congregations in a Roman Crucible*, focuses on historical and cultural backgrounds to understanding Revelation 1-3. His blog contains articles that cover that topic but also leap the gap to make application to our time.

**STUDENTS:** **Luke Dockery**, an M.Div. student, is a frequent blogger. He writes about life, youth ministry and other things that catch his attention at “The Doc File” (lukedockery.com). Recent posts include a series on reaching your spiritual potential and observations on

a combined Bible class with parents and teens.

**ALUMNI:** Dr. **Jim Martin** earned his D.Min. at HST in 1988, so he is listed as an alumnus even though he is now an administrator at HST. His blog, “A Place for the God Hungry” (godhungry.org) is one of the most-read blogs in churches of Christ. He writes about ministry and relationships and provides a wealth of resources. For ministers and other church leaders, this is a must-read!

If you’d like to add your blog to the HST community blogs list, send a link to [mrcarter@hst.edu](mailto:mrcarter@hst.edu).



# Visiting Campus

If you are thinking about applying to HST, the best way to get to know us is to make a campus visit. Our visitors usually spend about four hours getting to know our people as well as our place.

A campus visit includes chapel, which is the best place to see a cross-section of our students, faculty and staff. Chapel is coordinated by our student association and led by students. The speaker is often a student in a preaching class, and the praying and singing flows out of a life of faith being shaped by a life of study.

Visitors will have lunch with the admissions staff and a student in the program our visitor is considering. Getting the inside story on classes, professors, campus life and how to balance life, ministry and study helps prospective students learn whether HST is the right fit. After lunch, the student will have a con-



versation with faculty in their area of interest and see what our faculty offers.

If the prospective student has never been on campus, they are always amazed when they see our library. Whether they are planning for a ministry of counseling, missions, preaching, or any of a number of other ministries, the library adds richness to their academic and spiritual pursuits.

The most common responses to our campus visit are about the sense of com-

munity. Our faculty is approachable and interested in our students. Our students are happy to share their experience with our visitors. We work, study and pray together. What could be better than that?

If you or someone you know would like to visit the HST campus, you may call the admissions office at 800-680-0809 or make an appointment on our website at [hst.edu/visit](http://hst.edu/visit).

Matt Carter  
([mrcarter@harding.edu](mailto:mrcarter@harding.edu))

## Recommended Reading ...

Stephen Prothero. *God Is Not One: The Eight Rival Religions That Run the World*. HarperOne, 2011.

Prothero is a world-class scholar in the history of religion. In this book, he questions the notion that all religions are essentially similar. That point is just one of the many insights he makes in his fast-paced, witty tour of the world's great faiths. Like Huston Smith and Karen Armstrong, Prothero helps readers to interpret not only their faith but also current events. *God Is Not One* is like CliffsNotes for the morning paper.

Bob Turner  
([rjturner@harding.edu](mailto:rjturner@harding.edu))

Bruce W. Longenecker, *The Lost Letters of Pergamum: A Story From the New Testament World*.

Longenecker, a New Testament professor at Baylor University, has written a creative and

enjoyable way to learn about the world of early Christianity. The book provides 14 sets of hypothetical letters between Luke (Paul's companion) and Antipas (the martyr from Pergamum in Revelation 2:13). The book also presents a strong challenge for 21st century Christians to remain faithful.

Craig L. Blomberg, *Jesus and the Gospels: An Introduction and Survey*, 2nd ed.

This book provides a fine overview of all four Gospels from a conservative perspective, offering a 10,000-foot survey of the entire landscape, including backgrounds for reading the Gospels, contemporary methods for studying them, an introduction to each of them. Close to half of the book is given to a survey of Jesus' ministry and teachings.

Allen Black  
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### Shepherds Events Planned

From the groundbreaking vision Drs. **Evertt Huffard**, **Eddie Randolph** and **Carlus Gupton** shared many years ago until now, **Shepherds Network** has been important to HST and to those who have attended. We conducted the most recent event on campus in February and are scheduled Aug. 1-2 for an offsite Shepherds Network hosted by Ohio Valley University for churches in West Virginia, Pennsylvania and Ohio. The next Memphis event is planned for Jan. 23-24, 2015. During the next several months, HST will conduct an extensive evaluation to re-envision Shepherds Network, and will launch the new strategic initiative at the 2015 event. If you have questions or suggestions, please contact Dr. Carlus Gupton at [cgupton@hst.edu](mailto:cgupton@hst.edu).

### HST Online

- Find up-to-date information about what's happening on campus through the HST Web page and blog: [hst.edu](http://hst.edu)
- Locate Memphis-area churches: [hst.edu/directory](http://hst.edu/directory)
- Find a ministry job: [hst.edu/ministry-jobs](http://hst.edu/ministry-jobs)
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### Faculty Notes

Dr. **Mark Powell** was selected as a participant in the ATS Roundtable Seminar for Mid-Career Faculty, held in Chicago, March 2014. Powell also presented "The Kingdom of God and Why it Matters" at Oxford Church of Christ, Oxford, Mississippi, in January 2014.



Dr. **Ed Gray** with his wife, Rhonda, conducted marriage enrichment weekends in Sulphur Springs, Texas, in January; Martinez, California, in February; and Silver Springs, Maryland, in March. Gray led the Prepare/Enrich Certification workshop at the Pepperdine Bible Lectures in April. If you are interested in being certified in the use of Prepare/Enrich, Gray will be leading this training at the Harding Bible Lectures in Searcy, Tuesday, Sept. 30. See <http://www.12conversations.com/order/prepare-enrich-registration/> for registration.



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# HST Community: Adjuncts

Adjunct professors are a valuable part of the HST community, sharing with our students their wealth of experience and training in a wide variety of subjects. We'd like to introduce two of our adjuncts: one who just finished teaching a course and one who is preparing to teach this fall.



ANNE FLOYD

- Taught 5742 Treatment Planning & Clinical Inter-

vention, a weekly course, spring 2014

- M.A. in Counseling from HST 2014
- Recently finished a therapy internship at La Paloma Treatment Center
- Previous work experience in communications
- Wife and mom with two kids under two

### CARISSA BERRYHILL

- Will be teaching 5640 Stone-Campbell Movement, a Hybrid Distance Learning course, fall 2014
- M.A. in Church History from HST 2001
- M.S. in Library Science from University of North Texas 1990
- Ph.D. in English from Florida State University 1982
- Associate Dean for Digital Initiatives, Special Collections, and University Ar-



Berryhill

chives at Abilene Christian University's Margaret and Herman Brown Library.

- Three-time recipient of the Excellence in Online Teaching Award from the WISE consortium of library schools for her Theological Librarianship course at the University of Illinois (2007, 2009 and 2012).
- Currently serves as chair of the corporation board of *Restoration Quarterly*.

## Shelby Joins Counseling Faculty

HST is pleased to announce that Kevin Shelby will join the HST counseling faculty beginning fall 2014. He is completing his Ph.D. at the University of Louisiana Monroe in marriage and family therapy. He is currently in the dissertation phase of his program. Shelby is a graduate of Harding University, obtaining his Bachelor of Arts in Bible and religion and his Master of Science in marriage and family therapy.

Shelby brings a wealth of counseling experience with individuals, couples and families along with his academic

preparation. He currently serves as the clinical director for Wraparound Services of Northeast Louisiana in Monroe, Louisiana, and is a therapist at the Christian Counseling Center at White's Ferry Road Church of Christ. Shelby has a heart and experience with underserved populations and collaborates with probation departments and provides intervention services for youth and families.

Dr. Ed Gray, director of the Master of Arts in Counseling program, says, "Kevin brings excellent leadership and supervision of marriage and family therapy. He will be



Shelby

of great assistance in training our students as we seek to serve the needs of individuals, couples and families in our communities and churches through our graduates."

# Rising Retreat Enriches Montana Ministers

Since its inception, The Rising: A Ministers Retreat has been helping encourage, engage, educate and enrich ministers across Montana and neighboring states. The retreat focuses on the often neglected spiritual health of full- and part-time ministers. In a rural area like Montana, ministers are often separated by hundreds of miles with little opportunity to spend quality time with colleagues who share their desires and frustrations.

With this in mind two current HST students, Brandon Moore (M.Div.) and Scott Laird (D.Min.), started a ministers retreat in April 2011. Building upon Laird's strong experience in ministry and Moore's strong experience in fishing, they invited all current ministers across Montana and neighboring states to a day of fishing and fellowship. The morning was spent fishing and the afternoon was spent in group discussions, case studies and Bible studies.

It was such a success that it turned into an annual event that is now a climax of the year for many ministers in Montana. As HST alumnus David Ford, a minister in Three Forks, shared recently, "The Rising has become a highlight of my annual schedule; I deeply appreciate the opportunities to experience refreshment and renewal with fellow kingdom-servants, to listen, share, pray and reflect."

In 2012, they added a formal name, The Rising: A Ministers Retreat, and a mis-



sion: "Just as trout rise to feed and find nourishment, likewise we aim to provide a retreat for ministers to rise up, feed and be nourished for the days to come."

The 2013 Rising was expanded to an overnight stay at a camp between Helena and Great Falls. Also added was a small amount of fundraising that enabled the retreat to be offered at no cost to all ministers who wished to attend. Sponsorship included local churches, and the fishing is always sponsored by Trout Magnet, a privately owned, Church-of-Christ-affiliated business.

Dr. Evertt Huffard accepted the invitation to be the primary presenter in 2013 and guided a group of 14 through material on spiritual leadership and finishing well in ministry. Plans are in the works to have a special presenter brought in every other year.

This year's retreat built upon the success of the previous years with an excellent afternoon of fishing and fellowship followed by seminars on church conflict management, problem-based learning in adult Bible classes, revisiting decision making and

the will of God, and when to stay and when to go in a ministry setting.

Though the material is rich and well put together, the most influential part of The Rising is always the unexpected. The diverse group of ministers serves as a sounding board for serious issues in personal faith journeys and ministry settings. Gage Myers, the minister in Belgrade who recently enrolled at HST, put it this way: "The spiritual discussion, encouragement, guidance from mentors, and Bible study have all deeply enriched my personal spiritual life as well as my ministry work."

Littered throughout The Rising is free time intended to give genuine reprieve from the often all-encompassing task of ministry. The camp is opened a full day before the retreat to allow an escape from cell signal and Internet connection with no specific task at hand. Retreaters enjoy the local beauty of the Rocky Mountains with trail running, mountain biking, bow shooting and, through it all, great fellowship with Christ and his servants.

Brandon Moore  
M.Div. student

## BRIEFS

### Notes

Pickwick Publications announces the release of *When the Eternal Can Be Met: The Bergsonian Theology of Time in the Works of C.S. Lewis, T.S. Eliot, and W.H. Auden*, by **Corey Latta**. Latta is an HST alumnus who earned his M.A. in 2006. According to the publisher, his book investigates the concept of "time's power to transform an individual's emotional and spiritual state" in the lives and writings of three prominent writers and converts to Christianity.

The Journal of Ancient Judaism recently published an article by **Clint Burnett** (M.Div., 2012) titled "Going Through Hell: Tartarus in Graeco-Roman Culture, Second Temple Judaism, and Philo of Alexandria." Burnett also made a presentation at the 2014 Annual Meeting of the New England and Eastern Canada Region of the Society of Biblical Literature: "IUPPI-TER VS YHWH: Messianic Numismatic Propaganda of the Second Bellum Iudaicum."

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