

THE YEAR OF  
**THE HOLINESS OF GOD**

The year of “The Holiness of God” has challenged the Harding University Graduate School family to see our relationships to God, the church, and each other through the lens of one of God’s most essential characteristics.

Isaiah 6:3 tells us that God is unique and separate from his creation. First Peter 1:16 gives us God’s command to his people: “Be holy, for I am holy.” This two-pronged nature of holiness—something separate from us yet something we are to become—defies easy explanation.

As we have explored God’s holiness this year, we have seen that God’s holiness is woven into the fabric of the universe, and God’s people are called to live lives that reflect God’s relationship to his creation.

As “a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people” (1 Peter 2:9), the church is called to be transformed to emulate God’s own nature. As ministers in the kingdom; graduates from Harding University Graduate School of Religion are called to leadership in this process of becoming holy, as God himself is holy.



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**May 6, 2006**

Celebrating the Year of  
*The Holiness of God*

## Program

**DR. W. B. WEST, JR. CENTER AUDITORIUM  
SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2006 • 10:00 A.M.**



Processional: "Praise the Lord" ..... J. Kempthorne/Lowell Mason  
Assembly led by Leon Sanderson  
Associate Minister, Church of Christ at White Station

Invocation ..... John F. Kennedy  
President, Student Association

Alma Mater ..... Kinder, Flatt, and Sanderson

Message from Board of Trustees ..... Dr. Harold Redd

Introduction of Speaker ..... Dr. David B. Burks  
President, Harding University

Address ..... David Chadwell  
Pulpit minister  
West-Ark Church of Christ in Fort Smith, Arkansas

Recommendation of Graduates ..... Dr. Everett W. Huffard  
Dean/Executive Director

Conferring of Degrees ..... Dr. David B. Burks

Presentation of Awards ..... Dr. Everett W. Huffard  
Dr. Steve McLeod, Registrar

Ministry of Study Award ..... John F. Kennedy

Message from Faculty ..... Dr. Mark E. Powell  
Assistant Professor of Theology

Hymn: "Be Still and Know" ..... Anonymous

Benediction ..... Fred Strasser

Recessional: "Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah" ..... William J. Kirkpatrick

## Graduates

### MASTER OF ARTS

Dean Thomas Barham	Christopher R. King
Duncan Douglas Campbell	James Corey Latta
Bruce E. Daugherty	Mark E. Mason
Leoncio G. Dominguez	Sunday Abiodun Owolabi
Dong Soo Ham	



### MASTER OF ARTS IN COUNSELING

Charles Daniel Baird	DeRonda V. Evans
Susan Abernathy Bomar	John Fredrick Kennedy
Melissa Suggs Dabbs	Roderick L. Vester
Catherine Best Davis	Marc Edward Walters
John K. Delano	



### MASTER OF DIVINITY

Nathaniel Ledford Bills	Charles Ryan Kiser
Paul Birston	Justin Michael McCreary
Hobby Eugene Chapin	Paul E. McMullen
Steve Edward Cloer	Jeremy Mark O'Clair
Matthew D. Dabbs	John P. Pitman
Craig Edwin Ford	Joseph Lancelot Watson
Luther Kent Hartman	



### DOCTOR OF MINISTRY

Robert Franklin Curry  
James Lorice Nesmith, Jr.  
Frederick Hubert Strasser