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A person is shown from behind, standing on a dark shore with their arms raised high in a gesture of worship or praise. They are silhouetted against a bright, golden sunset over a body of water. The sky is filled with soft, glowing clouds, and the sun is low on the horizon, creating a shimmering reflection on the water's surface.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Dr. Craig Williford



“So, what did you think of the music in today’s worship service?”

The question is asked every weekend across the nation by Christians leaving church in their cars or talking over lunch, as a way of “grading” the musicians or the songs chosen. Wouldn’t a more appropriate question be, “Was God glorified by our worship today?” Worship is about God and made possible by Him; it is intended for God as the audience and recipient, not us.

In our numerous travels, Carolyn and I have the opportunity to attend worship services throughout the United States. I am surprised by how many churches continue to design their worship services in ways that make the congregation passive spectators instead of active participants in worship. So many worship teams choose to worship on our behalf instead of teaching and leading us to worship together. Under the empowerment of the Holy Spirit (because no one can worship appropriately without the Spirit’s enablement), the goal of a worship leader is to help the congregation to actively worship together. The heavenly worship service in Revelation 5 describes a whole group worshipping in unison, not watching others worship for them.

While some church researchers are declaring the so-called “worship wars” over, I am convinced that the wars linger and may reemerge with intensity in the near future. The continued generational collisions may redirect us back to a more thorough examination of what constitutes biblical, Spirit-filled, individual and corporate worship. I am not calling for unplanned worship services that lack careful forethought. Perhaps a young friend of mine described it best: “I love going to worship services where the worship leaders have carefully thought through and designed the service in a way that eliminates distractions, calls me to actively worship, focuses upon God and clearly connects us to the theme of that day’s worship.”

In this issue, we introduce Denver Seminary’s new worship concentration and share a few reflections on how to make

worship a way of life, not just a Sunday event. We also talk about unique aspects of women as worshipers, and hear from an accomplished alumnus on how his writings teach the Church to worship God. I hope this edition can assist all of us in living a life of worship and worshipping God in a way that honors Him. To Him be the praise and glory!

A couple of other things to note: First, you may notice a new graphic look as you read this edition. We welcome Kristi Wimbish as our new graphic designer. Her work on other Seminary publications is well received, and we look forward to her creative touch.

Also, as you receive this issue, we are somewhere in the process of moving to our new campus. July 5-8 is the time of the most concentrated moving of offices, classrooms and people. The library will take the full month of July to relocate. Please continue to pray on our behalf.

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For His glory,

Craig Williford
President

CAMPUS NEWS

New Seminary Address

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D.A. CARSON LIGHTS UP SPURGEON LECTURE SERIES

Denver Seminary was pleased to welcome Dr. Donald A. Carson to campus for our annual Spurgeon Lecture Series. Carson is a research professor of New Testament at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in Deerfield, Ill., where he has served since 1978.

Carson addressed the topic, "On Being Prepared for Suffering and Evil." In this two-part lecture series, he outlined five pillars which are foundational to a proper understanding of suffering and evil: insights from the beginning of the Bible storyline; insights from the end of the Bible storyline; insights from the place of innocent suffering; insights from the mystery of providence; and insights from the centrality of the Incarnation and the Cross. Regarding this final pillar, he said, "We learn to trust the God of providence when the God of providence is not only distant, but one of us." He added that we should not measure the goodness of God by how happy we are, "but by the height of the hill outside Jerusalem." To listen to these lectures, you may access them online at www.denverseminary.edu/worship/media.php.

The Spurgeon lectureship is named in honor of Charles Haddon Spurgeon, the "great Calvinist" and the most noted preacher of the 19th century. Through a generous gift to Denver Seminary by a pastor, Spurgeon Ministries enables us to bring to campus at least one representative of the Reformed tradition who has demonstrated skill in applying theological understandings to life, ministry, evangelism and social concern to lecture and spend time with our faculty and students.

Carson received the Bachelor of Science in chemistry from McGill University, the Master of Divinity from Central Baptist Seminary in Toronto, and the Doctor of Philosophy in New Testament from the University of Cambridge. He has written or edited over 45 books including *A Call to Spiritual Reformation* (Baker, 1992) and *New Testament Commentary Survey* (5th edition; Baker, 2002). His book, *The Gagging of God: Christianity Confronts Pluralism* (Zondervan, 1996), won the 1997 Evangelical Christian Publishers Association Gold Medallion Award in the category of theology and doctrine. Carson is also an active guest lecturer in academic and church settings around the world.

145 GRADUATE AT COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES

Denver Seminary held its 2005 Commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 14 at Colorado Community Church. The class of 2005 graduated 145 graduates, including 120 master's level candidates, 15 doctoral candidates, and 10 certificates. Dr. Williford and the Board of Trustees commissioned the graduates before family, friends, faculty, staff, mentors, and fellow alumni. Dr. Williford's address, based on James 3:13-18, asked the question, "Who is Wise Among You?" Numerous awards were also conferred, including the Raymond McLaughlin preaching award to Jason Taylor. Nancy Buschart received the Excellence in Mentoring Medallion, in recognition of her outstanding and continued service as a mentor since 1998. Tae Wan (Joseph) Kim, was the student recipient of the Excellence in Mentoring Medallion. Join us in thanking God for the graduating class of 2005.



President Craig Williford and Meseret Alemu, M.A., Youth and Family Ministries

\$50,000 NEW CAMPUS CHALLENGE

You may have received a phone call or letter this spring encouraging you to make a gift toward the new campus portion of our *Equipping Leaders, Increasing the Impact* campaign. This effort was launched by a \$50,000 challenge gift from an alumnus and friend who wanted to help rally support from other alumni and friends to complete the new campus. As of June 10, 2005, 430 had responded to the \$50,000 **New Campus Challenge** and committed \$31,845 toward this project. "Soon we plan to mail letters to those we were unable to reach by phone to ask for help to complete this challenge," said Brian Fort, director of development. If you would like to give, please visit www.denverseminary.edu/giving or call Brian Fort at 800-922-3040 or 303-762-6924.

SEMINARY MOVES AS CAMPUS CONSTRUCTION COMPLETED

Please join us in giving thanks to God and celebrating the completion of our new campus—slightly ahead of schedule and on budget! We give a “hats off” to the architects, project managers, general contractors and construction workers, all of whom have worked diligently and tirelessly on this project. By the time this issue arrives in mailboxes around the country, Denver Seminary will likely be on the move. While staff and faculty will relocate to their new offices the first week of July, many students have already moved into the Seminary’s on-campus housing. Students will continue to move into the remaining apartment buildings over the course of July. Because of its size, the library will be moving over the entire month of July and plans to reopen Aug. 1, 2005.

This monumental task has been overseen by Denver Seminary’s Transition Task Force, which includes 11 people, representing our dedicated faculty, staff, and student body. “The Transition Task Force has been working for well over two years toward their goal of helping the move to go smoothly for everyone involved,” said Polly Lott, director of strategic projects and chair of the task force. “The commitment of every person on this team has resulted in many good ideas and effective plans that we would have certainly lacked without their excellent teamwork!” Please mark your calendar for our new campus dedication and ribbon cutting on Friday, Sept. 16, 2005. We look forward to giving you a tour of the new campus!



DR. SUNG WOOK CHUNG JOINS FACULTY



We are thrilled to announce that in the fall of 2005, Dr. Sung Wook Chung will join the Denver Seminary faculty as assistant professor of Christian theology, after serving as assistant professor of theology at King College for the last five years. Dr. Chung received his M.Div. from Harvard University and Ph.D. in systematic theology from Oxford University. At Oxford, he studied under the supervision of Alister E. McGrath, one of the most well-known evangelical thinkers. A native of South Korea, Chung is the author of numerous professional articles and academic books both in English and Korean. He has recently published *Admiration and Challenge: Karl Barth's Theological Relationship with John Calvin* (Peter Lang, 2002) and edited Alister E. McGrath's *Evangelical Theology: A Dynamic Engagement* (Baker, 2003). His forthcoming book, *Christ the One and Only: A Global Affirmation of the Uniqueness of Jesus Christ*, will be published by Baker in June. He is currently working on *Karl Barth and Evangelical Theology* and has recently translated Jonathan Edwards' *Religious Affections* into Korean. Dr. Chung has served on the Task Force for the Doctrine of the Trinity in the Presbyterian Church (USA). He is currently a member of several professional societies including American Academy of Religion, Evangelical Theological Society, Calvin Studies Society, and Karl Barth

Society of North America. He identifies himself as an Evangelical Reformed theologian and his current scholarly interest lies in the nature of theology. He is planning to publish a book on the nature of theology from a post-western evangelical perspective. His favorite theologians are John Calvin, Martin Luther, Jonathan Edwards, and Alister E. McGrath. Welcome Dr. Chung!

SEMINARY WINS DENVER BUSINESS JOURNAL'S 2005 GROUNDBREAKER AWARD

Denver Seminary was honored to receive a 2005 Groundbreaker Award from the Denver Business Journal. The Seminary’s new campus was recognized as one of the top ten real estate projects in the Denver area in 2005. President Craig Williford and Jack Heimbichner, vice president of finance, attended the Journal’s 6th annual Groundbreakers Awards breakfast on May 6, 2005, and Heimbichner accepted the award on the Seminary’s behalf. Approximately 175 business leaders were in attendance. The breakfast is designed to give special recognition to the key players involved in the development of the most significant projects in Colorado. The Seminary was ranked number eight among a select group of developments including a transit project, the Denver Newspaper Agency, a hotel, two shopping centers and several residential projects. “To be selected as one of the 10 most important new developments within the Metro Denver community was quite an honor,” said President Williford. “We pray that over the next 50 years we can continue to expand God’s influence through the lives of our alumni.”



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WORSHIP MATRIX

by Dr. Larry Lindquist, assistant professor of pastoral ministry and evangelism

Thirty years ago a new family in town would ask, 'Where's the best preaching?' Today they ask, 'Where's the best worship!' . . . The Church and its entire ministry, especially worship, is undergoing significant changes at an extremely rapid pace." (Robert Weber)

Worship – what an incredibly potent word. God is moved by it. People are attracted to it and changed as a result. Unfortunately, churches continue to split over it.

During the opportunities I have to preach on Sunday mornings and speak at various youth summer camps and retreats, I have increasingly noticed that the time spent in worship before I speak has grown from a "prelude" to the main event! At a recent senior high summer camp I stood in the back of the auditorium as the worship team led the students in a time of worship. The director of the camp had indicated that I'd have about 30-45 minutes beginning at 9:00 pm. At about 9:50 pm, the band was still playing and the stage was filled with students weeping, praying, and meeting God. After a short introduction, I walked to the stage and simply prayed and invited the students to continue to worship. What a wonderful time of worship we experienced for the next hour.

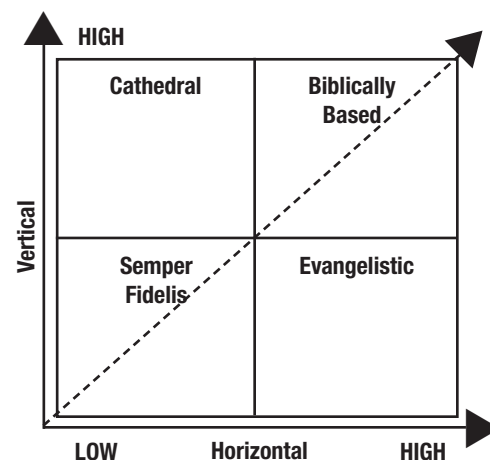
One of the future trends in worship is an odd marriage between the richness of tradition and spontaneity. Although I am impressed and refreshed by this recent worship movement, I am concerned with the lack of any common evaluative tool to ensure that the worship is something more than narcissistic, chaotic, hedonism. The rapid increase in worship-related literature has analyzed trends, culture, and the mind of Postmoderns and Millennials to better understand how we can accommodate their desire to worship. However, there is a point

when we must pause long enough to determine when we need to cease to accommodate and begin to admonish worship leaders in their worship. If our worship is to become more than a pragmatic effort to get people to attend, we must both pause and assess our worship.

In my responsibility as part of the faculty at Denver Seminary, I regularly urge my students to step back from the powerful current of culture, pragmatism, and subjective personal experience to gain a perspective that promotes balanced, biblical growth in our worship.

Too often those who lead worship simply replicate and perpetuate their personal worship experience or create a worship environment that seeks to accommodate the desires of their congregation. If that accommodation is biblically supported, run hard with it! If not, recalibrate the direction. The issue of worship carries with it emotional passion and intense personal opinion. Disappointment with worship is largely fueled by predetermined expectations.

There are two major axes driving our worship expectations—**horizontal**: the emphasis we place on those gathered to worship, and **vertical**: the emphasis we place on the One we have gathered to worship. All worship emphasizes these two axes to a greater or lesser degree.



Everything we do in our worship focuses on one axis or the other. Neither of them is wrong. However, the degree of emphasis on each will characterize the strengths and weaknesses of our worship. Each quartile of worship creates a unique environment. I have visited churches and met worship leaders from each of the four worship matrix quartiles. As you read through a brief description of each worship matrix quartile, you may find yourself and your church connected with one of them.

Semper Fidelis Worship. The Marine's motto "Always Faithful" fits this quartile. This worship is faithful and filled with what my father used to call "SS and W people" (Sunday morning, Sunday night, and Wednesday night). They are worshipers who gather simply because they're supposed to be there. If the church doors are open, they'll be in their spot (sometimes quite literally – they tend to be very territorial)! These times of worship show little concern for the comfort, convenience, or familiarity visitors feel with the music or format of the service.

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Sadly, if God didn't 'show up' to these times of worship, they wouldn't skip a beat! It's similar to a birthday party where no one notices the missing guest of honor. The party is the point. The fact that they *did* worship is far more important than if visitors showed up or if it pleased God. On the other hand, there are times when faithfulness to worship is a wonderful strength of churches in this quartile. At times we need to attend worship even when we don't feel like it. . . when it's inconvenient. Worship is not a suggestion; it is core to our relationship with God. At times worship is "meat and potatoes" more than "caviar and lobster."

Evangelistic Worship. Here is a worship environment that seeks not only to attract the unchurched, but also to bring them to a saving relationship with Christ. They have a killer praise team singing the latest music, state of the art sound/media, and a communicator who speaks the 'language' of contemporary culture. The worship is God-directed, but happens with one eye closed in reverence while the other eye watches for the response of visitors. God is the cause but people are the reason for worship. These church worship experiences will often include an invitation to "talk" after the service about their spiritual questions. Some churches (in other quartiles) would claim to be evangelistic by conducting an altar call at the end of each worship service. Unfortunately, too often, there *are* no visitors.

The danger in this quartile is that the horizontal emphasis can degenerate to a select few—the loudest voice. These worship services can often simply placate the wishes of the individual I refer to as The Big Bubba (or Bubbette). Don't kid yourself, there is at least one in every church. The person who gives the most money, has the most political weight, is the most talented, or has the longest tenure. Although these individuals exist in all four quartiles, they are most influential here.

Cathedral Worship. God is the reason and the cause for gathering to worship. Often these times of worship are focused on the ageless traditions which have proved to bring us closer to God and please Him

through the ages. I fear that mainstream evangelicalism has, for too many years, stiff-armed the rich traditions of the cathedral focus on God to our loss. Tradition is positive and powerful until it loses its purpose at which time it becomes ritual—and ritual can lead to emptiness.

In Cathedral worship, songs are sung not for the benefit or entertainment of those gathered, but for the pleasure of God. In *Exploring the Worship Spectrum*, Paul Zahl terms this "Bible-Based Verticality. . . vertical worship looks up before it looks out. It is transcendent before it is horizontal" (pg. 24). These churches place great value and invest heavily in the facility as a tribute to the beauty and majesty of God – a type of "edifice complex!" Little attention or effort is afforded to the comfort or interaction among individuals. Worship is about God. It is vertical. It is creedal. It is rich with tradition. It often echoes.

Biblically-Balanced Worship. Worship in this quartile recognizes and balances the value of both the horizontal and vertical axes. Here debate on the issue of worship style is overshadowed with concern for worship sincerity. Here the richness of tradition is not embraced without its meaning and significance. Here the unavoidable cross is both offensive and cherished. Here worship balances conviction with grace, celebration with contemplation, and sacrifice with edification. At times visitors will leave under conviction but never in confusion. Here music and art are expressions of the heart to God (Ps. 100:1-2) presented with skill and excellence (Ps. 33:3). Here neither the mind nor the heart is "checked at the door." Both are fully engaged in prayer and song (1Cor. 14:15).

Is such worship possible? Absolutely! Denver Seminary is committed to training worship leaders through our new Worship Concentration specifically to help them pursue biblically-balanced worship. We cannot allow our times of worship to ignore those who enter our doors, nor can we allow the fear that they may not return to distract us from the very reason we have gathered.

SHE'S COME TO PRAISE

Angela Faison, Denver Seminary M.Div. student



Angela Faison, a current M.Div. student, wears many hats at Old Landmark Baptist Church in Denver, Colo., the main hat being Minister of Worship. Angela was mentored by her third grade music teacher and began directing choirs at only eight years old. "For me, when I'm singing or playing, it seems like the problems just dissipate," said Angela. "It reminds me of the words of Psalm 16, 'In your presence is fullness of joy.'"

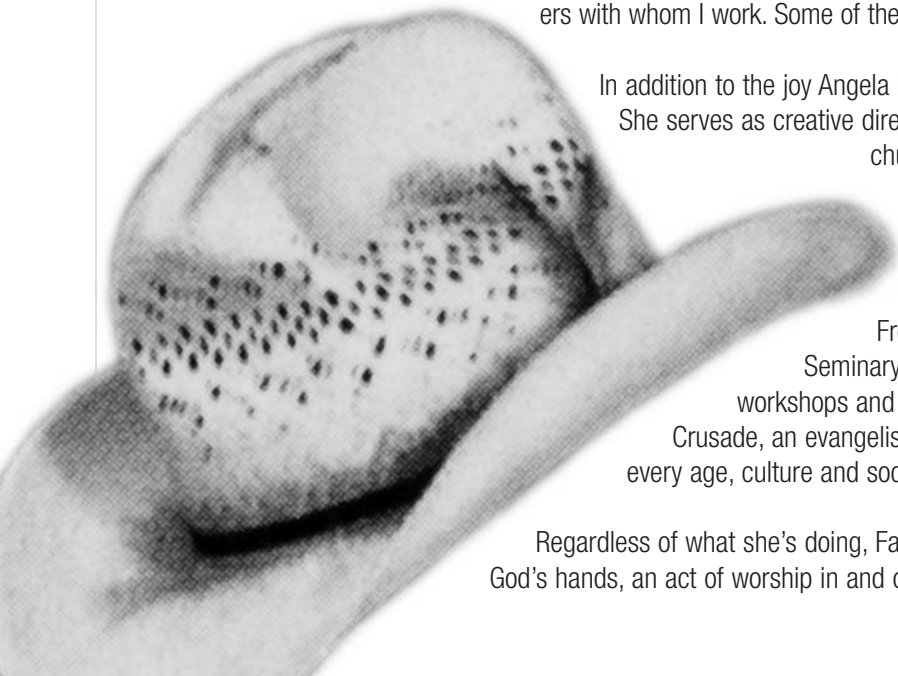
In addition to her role as worship minister, she also serves as a governing body member, Christian education advisor, church administrator, deaconess, discipleship coordinator, new members teacher and pastor's wife. Angela never had aspirations of being a pastor's wife, but found herself in that vital role after marrying Bill, nearly 20 years ago. Bill serves as the senior and founding pastor of Old Landmark.

Angela points out that the African-American penchant for passionate worship has deep roots. "Faith in God and the ability to express their hope through music was what kept our (African-American) forefathers going during slavery. Music is something soothing for the soul, and that's how it became so 'soul-ish.'" Also, she noted, "African culture is a very creative culture." She can trace her own heart for worship back to her childhood, when her father would sing to her and when she watched her older sister sing in a choir. Now, many years later, Angela is no longer watching from the sidelines; she is deeply involved in directing choirs. At Old Landmark, Angela enjoys working with a children's choir, a youth choir, a young adult praise team, a sanctuary choir, a male chorus and a praise team. (Count 'em, six choirs!)

While Angela finds this work fulfilling, another area to which she hopes to devote more time is leadership development within the church. "I have a heart for God's people," she said. Her part-time attendance at Denver Seminary and her leadership emphasis in the Master of Divinity program reflect her desire to be "equipped to serve God's kingdom." After 14 years of being in ministry, she felt that seminary might enhance the work she was already doing, and that it would serve as nourishment in the midst of her nourishing others. Regarding all she's learned thus far, she said, "I feel overwhelmed with disseminating all of the information to the leaders with whom I work. Some of the things I've learned here have helped transform our ministry."

In addition to the joy Angela brings to the congregation, she has other creative outlets herself. She serves as creative director of Zoe Spirit Filled Productions, a ministry extension of the church. As such, she serves as a songwriter and producer. In 2001, Angela wrote and arranged many of the songs on a praise CD titled *"We've Come to Praise."* She is currently at work on a second CD, *"For Such a Time as This."* She has also been privileged to perform and record with national recording artists. From time to time, she leads worship at Common Ground, Denver Seminary's weekly chapel services. She also leads music and worship workshops and is the founder and executive director for the Colorado Sisterhood Crusade, an evangelistic outreach ministry targeting target women and children of every age, culture and socio-economic status.

Regardless of what she's doing, Faison's commitment is to return her gifts and talents back into God's hands, an act of worship in and of itself.



MORE THAN MUSIC

Mentoring contracts help find faith through music

Jon Clemence, M.Div., Biblical Studies

I pursued my undergraduate degree at a small, Christian liberal-arts college in Missouri, so I heard my fair share of worship music. In addition to chapel twice per week, it seemed everyone on campus was infatuated with praising God; one could scarcely walk down a hallway without hearing someone playing the latest worship song on a guitar. While this may seem like heaven to some, for me it was not. It was overkill.

I simply got to the point where I hated worship music. It all seemed fake, a ruse. People would sing about being best friends

with Jesus while ignoring the reality of evil and never seriously digging into the Scriptures. When I came to Denver Seminary, I knew that I needed to change my attitude. The Training and Mentoring program was just what I needed.

I did a learning contract on worship, and in it I addressed the problems and issues I was having with my attitude. I committed to pray for 15 minutes before each worship service I led or attended. This helped immensely. I was able to resist spiritual attacks better and really focus on God and not others during worship settings. My mentors and I also monitored my



changing attitude about worship. That positive feedback encouraged me when I moved ahead and challenged me when I fell backward.

Because I was regularly leading worship at the time, my contract was designed to help me with my skills in that area, too. I meditated on one Psalm per week to understand what true worship was to the Psalmist. I became more organized and began to design more thematic worship sets that fit into the rest of the service.

I am still not the perfect worship leader. But because I was willing to evaluate myself seriously and work on both my strengths and weaknesses, I am a better worship leader, and I have regained my love for worshipping God through music.



Joe Bermingham, M.A., Youth and Family Ministries

“To be or not to be, that is the question.” The answer of course, is “to be,” especially if you are a student at Denver Seminary. But if only I knew how! This has been my dilemma all semester. I have been trying to figure out how to practice the presence of the Lord and worship Him each moment of my life.

The apostle Paul calls Christians to “offer [their] bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—[because] this is [our] spiritual act of worship” (Rom. 12:1-2). Whether I am waiting on tables at Applebee’s or strumming my Stratocaster to the glory of God, they both can be an act of worship. The more I know this and understand it, the deeper my walk and relationship with God becomes.

It all sounds great on paper but living it has been the challenge. A few weeks ago I was waiting on a table that was surely sent to me as a character test. My patience was beginning to wear thin, but I sensed God telling me to “serve them humbly and love them.”

Fortunately for me and the guest, I decided to go with God’s plan because waiting on tables can be worship.

Recently, my mentor shared with me that he managed a Christian cook at a Chick-fil-A restaurant who worshiped God while he was cutting chicken. It sounded funny at first, but it left a deep impression on me about how worshipping God is more than music. Every moment in our lives has the potential to be sacred.

This semester I have been striving to do what the songwriter Keith Green desired to do with his life. Lord, “Make my life a prayer to you” has been my cry. I have been learning how to carry this attitude with me through my mentoring contract this semester and will continue it when I leave Denver Seminary this May. Either I am worshipping the living God or something else, and by his grace I will choose to worship Him.

DYING TO WORSHIP

by Kevin J. Navarro, M.Div. '93



Whatever worship is, it has something to do with dying. More than 20 years ago, I was a music student at the University of Northern Colorado. My consuming desire was

to be a famous jazz musician. I told my trumpet professor, Bill Pfund, of my dream. He responded by saying, "My job is to make you a proficient trumpet player and then you can decide whether or not you want to play jazz." I stayed the course with this legendary professor, but I also wanted to get on with pursuing my dream of being a great jazz musician. I truly learned what it meant to pursue this dream by studying with Jack Waltrip.

Jack Waltrip was a tenor saxophonist who took jazz seriously. He had already been credited with numerous recordings, having lived in New York City where other devoted jazz musicians live. Jack told me straight out that if I was going to get serious about jazz, I needed to be assiduously attentive to John Coltrane. This was not too much to ask of me since I was already listening to Miles Davis, Clifford Brown and Thelonious Monk.

The most memorable idiosyncrasy I remember about Jack was that he practiced through a phone book for 12-14 hours a day. He would take a telephone number and use it to practice his intervals through multiple scales in every key and through dozens of progressions. In one sense, I first learned about worship from Jack. He

ascribed so much worth to playing jazz that he died to everything that stood in the way of being the next Coltrane. For some people, practicing 12-14 hours a day would be unthinkable. For Jack, it was a willing sacrifice he made to create magic on that tenor saxophone.

Every human being is a worshiper. The question is not, "Are we worshipping?" but, "What are we worshipping?" In other words, what are we willing to die for? For some people it's jazz. For others it's success. And for others, it is a cause they strongly believe in. That's worship!

As we search the Scriptures, we find people dying to worship in practically every narrative. Adam and Eve literally died for the idea of becoming like God. Worshiping the potential of knowing good and evil as well as gaining a kind of wisdom that God clearly prohibited was the virus that infected the human race. Worshiping the wrong thing caused not only Adam and Eve, but all of us, to die.

Moses knew that worship was correlated with sacrifice. In his deliberations with Pharaoh, the petition was for worship, not just for deliverance. This meant sacrificing livestock in the desert. With each progressive plague, Pharaoh refused to let the Israelites go. Finally, Hebrew worship climaxes with the Passover and the Exodus. Because God's people obeyed by sacrificing and putting the blood on the sides and tops of the doorframes, no destructive plague

touched God's people (Exodus 12). This idea of sacrificial worship was integrated into the burnt offering, for the atonement of sin, as commanded by God (Leviticus 1).

In the Bible, the pinnacle of dying to worship takes place when the Lamb of God was sacrificed to take away the sins of the world (John 1:29). You must understand propitiation as worship, the appeasement of God's wrath, if you are ever going to understand worship. David Peterson in his excellent book, *Engaging with God*, states, "the priestly ministry of Jesus is superior because it involves the offering of himself as a perfect sacrifice to God and because it inaugurates the new covenant, which is 'founded on better promises.'" In the same way that the Exodus event was the climax of Jewish worship, the Christ events construct the climax for Christian worship.

This then is taken a step further. "I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship" (Romans 12:1). Do you see the connection? We now worship by taking up our cross daily to become an apprentice of Jesus. Since Jesus died to worship, we must, too. Worship is much more than hymns, choruses, choirs and praise bands. Although music and the arts are wonderful ways to offer praise, worship is more comprehensive. Worship encompasses Monday through Saturday as well as the worship services on Sunday. Worship means dying.

"Every human being is a worshiper. The question is not, 'Are we worshipping?' but, 'What are we worshipping?' In other words, what are we willing to die for?"

Dying to ourselves; dying to our demands; dying to our preferences; dying to our agenda; dying to everything that eclipses Jesus and the Kingdom of God. Worship means sacrificing our time and gifts in service. It means honoring the Lord from our wealth and from the firstfruits of all our produce (Proverbs 3:9-10). It means making the necessary sacrifices to make disciples (Matthew 28:16-20).

Quite honestly, I believe that the primary reason that we have "worship wars" in the local church is because nobody wants to die. At some point, church leaders need to stop asking, "What do we want from worship?" or, "What do our people want from worship?" and begin to ask, "What does God want from our worship?" And then after we get our marching orders, we must "trust and obey" as the old song says. We must be willing to die in order that we might worship. As an example of the kind of dying Christians must consider, listen to this story:

In February 2001, John Oros spoke to an audience at Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary about his experience as a church leader in Romania during the Communist era:

During communism, many of us preached...and people came at the end of a service, and they said, "I have decided to become a Christian." We told them, "It is good that you want to become a



John Coltrane

Christian, but we would like to tell you that there is a price to be paid. Why don't you reconsider what you want to do, because many things can happen to you. You can lose, and you can lose big."

A high percentage of these people chose to take part in a three-month catechism class. At the end of this period, many participants declared their desire to be baptized. Typically, I would respond, "It is really nice that you want to become a Christian, but when you give your testimony... there will be informers here who will jot down your name. Tomorrow the problems will start. Count the cost. Christianity is not easy. It's not cheap. You can be demoted. You can lose your job. You can lose your friends. You can lose your neighbors. You can lose your kids who are climbing the social ladder. You can lose even your life."

Let me tell you my joy—when we looked into their eyes, and they were in tears, and they told us, "If I lose everything but my personal relationship with my Lord Jesus Christ, it is still worth it."

If we are to worship the Lord in spirit and in truth then we must be willing to die. We must sacrifice all in order for God to have His way and for His name to be exalted. So, ask the questions, "What am I willing to die for? Am I willing to die for jazz? For ambition? For materialism? Or best of all, for Jesus Christ, the One who died for me?" Whatever the cause, you will die in order to worship, for that's what worship is all about.

I still love jazz and enjoy listening to skillful musicians like Jack Waltrip. I also know what it costs to be a famous jazz musician. But, there is no way that I would make the kind of sacrifices for jazz that I would make for being a follower of Jesus. As the years go by, I'm discovering that although the cost of discipleship is great, the cost of non-discipleship is greater. Dying to worship God is actually the Easy Yoke. Dying to worship anything else is an unbearable slavery.

Dr. Kevin Navarro is the author of The Complete Worship Service and The Complete Worship Leader. A 1993 graduate of Denver Seminary, Kevin serves as the senior pastor of Bethany Evangelical Free Church in Littleton, Colo. He has led worship in the local church and with parachurch ministries for more than 20 years.



DOCTOR OF MINISTRY PROGRAM

Leadership in Community Spiritual Formation

Developing an entire church in spiritual formation requires a different approach than does developing one person.

Learn to develop a culture of spiritual living in community.

- Surrender to Jesus to begin the spiritual life (John 10:10)
- Cooperate with the Holy Spirit to live a spiritual life (Col. 1:29)
- Work with God to spiritually form his family (Eph. 4:15)

Teach people to ask:

- “How can I use what I’ve got?” rather than
- “How can I be what I’m not?”

Keith Meyer says of the program: "Seminaries are retooling to meet the demand of spiritual formation. Dr. David Osborn has been cautious not to just 'add on' spiritual formation to Denver Seminary's existing D.Min. program. Based on his 'Leadership Paradigm' he has taken time to carefully design a program that respects where each student and congregation is in the process of formation. ***The aim is not to bring***

The program includes three years of mentoring.

The first seminar will be taught in January 2006 by Keith Meyer, Executive Pastor, Church of the Open Door, Maple Grove, Minn. He will be teaching:

Leadership in Community Spiritual Formation Students learn how their own personal example may be the most powerful agent of spiritual formation for the community. They will discover how individual and corporate formation in community relates to mission in the world, and how to follow God's unique path to move into this kind of community. This seminar emphasizes leading entire communities in spiritual formation out of the leader's own formation while respecting where everyone is in their spiritual journey. Ministry is the focus. Spiritual formation becomes the means to God's end.

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"Pastors plan for the future but **live in the present.**

They may improve tomorrow but must **minister today.**

- Dr. David Osborn

merely cosmetic changes to communities or to serve a minority who are interested in spiritual formation. The goal is to produce pastors who know how to lead a congregation into their own unique path of formation with the pastors' own life example. The program helps 'form' a leader who is modeling formation, and is using an approach that is church wide in effect and meets each member at the point where God has them. To that end, the teachers are also practitioners."



NEW WORSHIP CONCENTRATION INTRODUCED

Seminary offers five new courses

Worship in evangelical churches is continuing to evolve in ways that are responsive to ongoing cultural change. New priorities in worship have driven churches to search for people who can effectively lead in a variety of worship environments. While music performance and direction are important, there is a continuing demand for theologically trained individuals to take these responsibilities.

In order to fulfill its mission of equipping leaders who think biblically, live faithfully and lead wisely, Denver Seminary is offering five new courses in worship which will make it possible for worship leaders and pastors to complete a:

- Certificate of Completion in Worship
- M.A. in Leadership with a concentration in worship
- M.Div. with a concentration in worship

These certificate and degree programs will offer critical theological and leadership training to worship leaders.

The first course in this new concentration will be offered this fall. Titled **Biblical Theology of Worship**, this course will expose students to the language, literature, and theology of worship as it is presented in both the Old and New Testaments. Students will be asked to critically evaluate contemporary worship services from a theological perspective.

A new course in the **History of Christian Worship** will introduce students to the origins and practices of early Christian worship, and follow those practices through the centuries and traditions leading to 21st century paradigms of worship. Students will explore the emergence of broad philosophical approaches to worship throughout the history of the church.

Worship and Culture is a new course that will introduce students to the spectrum of worship styles that are present in churches today. Formal liturgy, seeker-sensitive services and para-church campfire settings will all be part of the exposure to differing styles and elements of contemporary worship and the cultural forces that have formed and informed them. Diverse cultural and ethnic forms of worship will also be explored.

The curriculum will also include a course in **planning worship services** and a **practicum**. Those courses will provide experiences in planning worship, building worship teams, and leading worship services. Our prayer is that this new worship concentration will better equip leaders with a heart for worship to understand a deeper theological foundation of worship.

Dr. Larry Lindquist, current Seminary faculty member and former worship pastor, is the coordinator of the worship program. For more information about the worship concentration, please contact Dr. Lindquist at 303-761-2482 ext. 1285 or Larry.Lindquist@denverseminary.edu. You may also visit www.denverseminary.edu/worship.



To assess the level of student interest in worship studies, a survey was added to the Denver Seminary website on Sept. 10, 2004. Through Nov. 6, 2004, there were 112 responses with the following results:

1. Would your church or ministry benefit by having a worship leader who completed this type of study?

106	Yes
6	No

2. How many people do you know who might be interested in this training?

259

3. Should Denver Seminary offer this type of program?

108	Yes
4	No

SEVEN TIMES A DAY

Richard S. Hess, Ph.D. Professor of Old Testament



SPRING 2005 CLASSES

- **Understanding Israel's Early History and its Poetry**
- **Old Testament Theology and Israelite Religion**
- **Advanced Hebrew Exegesis**
- **Septuagint**
- **Aramaic**

"Seven times a day I praise you for your righteous judgments." This verse from the Psalms describes worship of God that is not confined to Sunday mornings but occurs every day. In early Celtic Christianity, Christ was not only the focus of worship services but of everything.

Christ behind me, before me, above me, below me—this was not just a sentiment of St. Patrick's but the fullest expression of worship. In Judaism, God is not worshiped without the study of Scripture. Nowadays this often remains far from our ideas of worship, but the study of the Scriptures remains at the heart of true worship. We can encounter God through prayer, through praise, through preaching; but if we do not hear God in His Word and respond to Him there we have lost the heart of worship. Do we know God in the instruction of the Epistles, in the life and teaching of Jesus, in the indictments of the prophets, in the praise and lament of the

psalmists and poets, in the law or instruction of God? The Psalms were Jesus' own worship book while on earth. The law explains the significance of Jesus' death and resurrection and forms the basis for the New Testament teaching of discipleship. If we study God's Word without worship, we lose the true value of Scriptures; but if we worship without studying God's Word, we lose God. This conviction compels me to seek God's Word with all the tools of study He has given: archaeology, history, and culture; the original languages of Scripture – Hebrew and Aramaic; and the power of the Bible's rhetoric, poetry, and skill in telling its story. I am honored to teach this vision at Denver Seminary and to research and write. This vision has included editorship of the *Bulletin for Biblical Research*, the major Evangelical journal on the Bible, as well as the *Denver Journal*, an online resource of the Seminary's website (www.denverseminary.edu/dj).

LEADING WORSHIP IN PLURALISTIC SETTINGS

Jan McCormack, D.Min.

Director, Chaplaincy and Counseling Training Centers;
Assistant Professor of Chaplaincy and Pastoral Counseling

SPRING 2005 CLASSES

- **Planning and Leading Worship and Religious Services**
- **Community Based Clinical Pastoral Education**
- **Counseling Internship**



As a young hospital chaplain, I led worship services for patients, families and staff. When I led a Baptist service, I was praised for short "messages" specific to a hospital audience, but told to improve on communion in a multi-denominational Protestant setting. At my first Air Force chapel, I was responsible for three contemporary services, a Baptist service, and an informal congregational service for basic trainees. I was woefully unprepared to particularize three differing forms of worship to young adults in the crisis of military training.

I learned the hard way to define my audience before considering how to structure worship. Was the group Interfaith, Ecumenical, General Protestant or my own

denomination? Was the event specifically religious or a prayer at a secular setting? Were the attendees there by choice? I found I could insist on my "rights" and default to worship the way I had grown up, or I could choose to intentionally create worship that would invite others to meet the God who gave me life and meaning.

Because of my own experiences, I felt Denver Seminary needed a worship course for those who would officiate worship, specifically in pluralistic settings. The students have amazed and taught me about intentional worship possibilities. An elder-care chaplain offered communion by placing juice-dipped bread in the ambulatory, but arthritic, resident's mouths. It was the

first time in years some residents were able to commune! A prison chaplain wrote a service of Forgiveness and Hope for parolees. Students have written services for hospital staff, for professional athletes before competing, for military members grieving the loss of comrades, and for hospice patients. They have incorporated classical prayers and church symbols into worship, spoken in the language and images of their congregants, and thought about accessibility for the disabled. Most important, they have learned how far they can stretch to be inclusive and inviting without compromising their own faith in the process, and have drawn others closer to God.

VINE, VISION & VOICE



Nancy Buschart, M.A. 2002

From Him, Through Him, and to Him are all things.
To Him be the Glory Forever. (Rom. 11:35)

All that we have, all that we do and all that we are is to glorify and worship God," said 2002 alumna Nancy Buschart. "If you know God as being both transcendent and imminent, then the presence of God 24 hours a day, seven days a week means that we are either honoring Him with who we are and what we're doing or we're not." From a brief conversation with Nancy, it is not hard to conclude that she seeks the former.

Vine, Vision, & Voice, a ministry of spiritual formation for women, has emerged from Nancy's experience as a musician, worship leader, and singer.

Nancy—who mentored four Denver Seminary students in the Spring of 2005, and who serves as an adjunct faculty mentor—has taught voice lessons for 20 years. "When I was in seminary, I began wondering how spiritual formation might inform what I do in my studio, using the language of singing to help people make connections to who God created them to be." Helping her students become aware of their breathing or posture began to inform other things. "One of the first steps to growing in Christlikeness is becoming aware of God's presence in your life and awake to the realities of God around you," said Nancy. "Awake, oh sleeper!" As we awaken, we can then be intentional about how we worship God moment

by moment, step by step, day by day." But worship transcends singing, says Nancy. "It's the ordinary moments of life that are worship opportunities. When we're sleeping through life, we miss those divine opportunities to worship Him."

Over the last 10 years, Nancy has developed a 24-week curriculum that helps women become aware of these opportunities. While she holds a weekly class at a local church, she also teaches parts of the curriculum to women's groups and retreats. This new discipleship paradigm is divided into three sections: Awakening, Illumination and Emergence.

Awakening encourages women to focus on becoming aware of God's presence through a series of creative activities. "Creativity is a wonderfully subversive way to become aware of God in your life," said Nancy. "Creativity opens unknown and hidden places where the spirit connects with the Spirit."

Nancy shares that by the end of week eight many women conclude, "I am not content in the slumber of my spiritual life; I want to know God better." **Illumination** focuses upon understanding and experiencing the virtues of Christ practiced through the classic spiritual disciplines. "Jesus' virtues are the goal, while the disciplines are the tools to access the virtues." Humility, surrender, obedience, gentleness, patience, discernment, detachment and love are accessed through the spiritual disciplines of prayer,

waiting, service, thankfulness, silence, solitude, fasting and worship. "This section has changed lives because these women at last have the language and tools to continue the journey of being formed in Christlikeness."

Emergence, the final weeks, focuses on moving from within one's experiences out into the Kingdom for the sake of others. "If we stopped after the first 17 weeks, what we would have is a recipe for Christian self-actualization," said Nancy. "Jesus called his disciples to Kingdom work as Kingdom people." Therefore, two questions are asked, "Where is my 'kingdom' and who are my 'others'?" and, "What language am I uniquely gifted by God to use to take his love and grace into the world?" Women soon learn that the 'Kingdom' and these 'others' are near and begin at their own dinner tables.

Call it discipleship. Call it worship as a way of life. Call it Christian formation. But whatever you call Vine, Vision & Voice, the women emerge from this class living differently. "Living differently means to live in the reality that we are in God's presence and that we are either moving toward Him on our journey of faith or we are trying to bypass Him," said Nancy. "I can't imagine anything more satisfying than to help people embrace a deepened awareness of the presence of God and an increased desire for joyful obedience to the call of God."

Visit www.denverseminary.edu for more information on Vine, Vision, & Voice.

WANTED: VOLUNTEERS

Want to participate beyond your prayers and giving? Volunteer! Serving as a mentor is an in-depth way to pour into the life of a student. If you don't have the time to make this weekly commitment, consider these options:

- **Library:** help label each book in our collection of 160,000 with our new address.
- **Business office:** help with a variety of accounting and data collection functions.
- **Various departments:** help assist in stuffing and stamping envelopes for mailings.

If you have a few hours to spare on a weekly, monthly or yearly basis, or you are willing to serve on-call when needed, we would love to add you to our team!

For more information visit www.denverseminary.edu/volunteer or contact Melanie Eagar at 303.762.6949 or melanie.eagar@denverseminary.edu.



GIVING: AN ACT OF WORSHIP

Over the course of this three-year campaign, there has been and will continue to be a lot of asking and giving! As this issue of Denver Seminary magazine has focused on worship, please consider asking *an invitation to worship* and giving *an act of worship* because your gifts are not for any person but for the Lord to accomplish His work at this educational ministry.

But just as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us—see that you also excel in this grace of giving.
(2 Cor. 8:7).

Just as Paul challenged the church in Corinth to be generous and grow in the grace of giving when informed about a specific ministry need, representatives and volunteers of the Seminary will encourage you to give, not for our own benefit, but for the growth and health of this educational ministry.

Here's a sketch of how your giving could make a difference!

\$50	Helps a student purchase books
\$250	Underwrites one class
\$1,000	Provides aid for a student for a semester
\$5,000	Sends forth a graduate to ministry
\$20,000	Establishes an endowed scholarship fund
\$100,000	Builds a classroom on the new campus

We need gifts at all levels to increase the impact!

Your giving, when coupled with that of so many others, is a collective act of worship. Below is a chart that shows how more than 1500 individuals, couples, families, churches and other organizations are working together to successfully complete this campaign.

3RD ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

October 3, 2005 • Pinehurst Country Club
11 am Registration and box lunch
12:30 pm Shotgun start
5:30 pm Awards dinner, auction

The purpose of the golf tournament is to raise \$40,000 for the Seminary Fund, which benefits all students. For information, visit denverseminary.edu/golf or contact Brian Fort at 303-762-6924 or brian.fort@denverseminary.edu.

PINEHURST
COUNTRY CLUB



“I did benefit from the generosity of donors and those who contributed to scholarships. With you, God made it possible. You’ve been used as an instrument of God.”

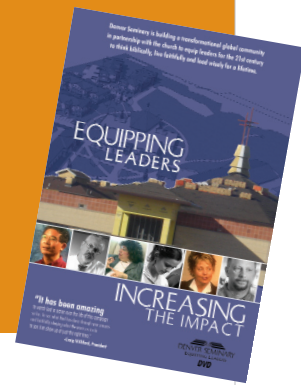
-Ayinde Russell, Student

EQUIPPING LEADERS, INCREASING THE IMPACT

Campaign: July 1, 2003 – June 30, 2006
Progress as of June 10, 2005

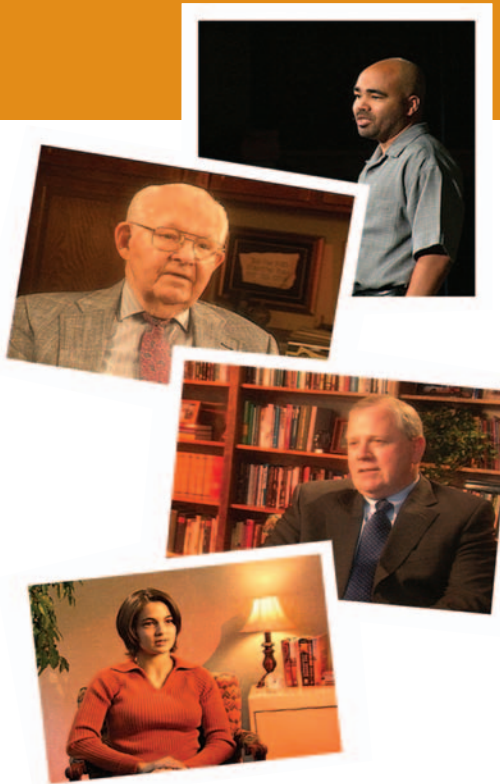
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New Campus: Land/Educational Bldgs.	\$18,500,000	\$ 6,127,002
New Campus: Student Apartments	\$ 8,000,000	
Endowment	\$ 7,500,000	\$ 425,709
Seminary Fund: \$1,500,000/year x 3 yrs.	\$ 4,500,000	\$ 2,407,934
Campaign Fund (where needed most)		\$ 2,786,620
= Campaign Subtotal	\$38,500,000	\$11,747,264
- Net from Sale of Current Campus	(\$12,000,000)	
- Tax Free Bond Issue	(\$ 9,500,000)	
Campaign Goal/Pledges & Gifts to date	\$17,000,000	\$11,747,264

THE DENVER SEMINARY DVD



Alumni and friends around the world

have been hearing about the campaign and the new campus for some time now. Today, the new campus is nearly completed, and now you can see for yourself. We created a video so everyone can participate in this historic move and get a glimpse of God's blessings!



In the exciting feature presentation, you will

hear about the *Equipping Leaders*, *Increasing the Impact* campaign from our president, Craig Williford, our chancellor, Vernon Grounds, as well as various faculty, alumni, mentors and friends. And you may want to pop some popcorn—the bonus features will interest, inform and inspire you!

Why produce this DVD and mail it to 8,300 alumni, mentors and friends? We hope each person will do three things:

(1) Watch the DVD. See students who are coming to Denver Seminary in record numbers. Hear about the impact our alumni are having around the world. Enjoy the video and bonus materials.

"My time at Denver Seminary changed my life. There were questions asked of me that I had never been asked before, and those questions shaped my life and ministry. I think Denver Seminary is on the cutting edge of what it means to raise leaders to lead the church in the 21st century."

—Robert Gelinas, M.A. '96

(2) Pray about Your Participation. Ask God how He would have you partner with our board, faculty and staff by participating in this historic campaign for Denver Seminary.

"It has been amazing to watch God in action over the life of this campaign so far. To see what God has done through your prayers and faithfully obeying what He wants us to do, and to see Him show up at just the right time."

—Craig Williford, President

(3) Give as God Leads You. Increase the impact by making a monthly pledge or sending a one-time gift to the campaign fund. Visit www.denverseminary.edu/giving for more information or to make your gift.

"You won't know until you get to heaven just what a treasure you've invested in."

—Gigi Townsend, Student Council Pres. '04-'05

"We're hoping that many of our friends will catch a vision."

—Vernon Grounds, Chancellor

DVD MENU

FEATURE

Equipping Leaders, Increasing the Impact campaign (11:58)

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Vernon Grounds' Cane Collection (4:17)

Faculty Features (24:36)

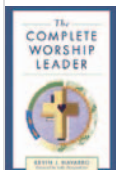
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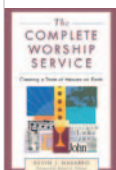
If you would like a copy in DVD or VHS format, contact Melanie Eagar at 800-922-3040 or 303-762-6949 or melanie.eagar@denverseminary.edu. Or you can visit us on the web at www.denverseminary.edu/giving.

RESOURCES



The Complete Worship Leader by Kevin Navarro (Baker Books, 2001)

This book, authored by a Denver Seminary alumnus, provides a holistic, biblical view of worship leading as drawing people into God's presence through the use of all the senses in worship, not just through song leading. It addresses four basic elements crucial to becoming an effective worship leader: theology, discipleship, artistry, and leadership. This book also considers the dynamics of building and leading a worship team and the place of technology in today's worship.



The Complete Worship Service: Creating a Taste of Heaven on Earth by Kevin Navarro (Baker Books, 2005)

Just as diners visit a fine restaurant anticipating the ambiance and meal to come, so first-time guests and members alike come to church to experience the presence of God. In this follow-up book to *The Complete Worship Leader*, veteran worship leader, pastor and Seminary alumnus Kevin Navarro helps church leaders create a complete worship service by implementing a four-part pattern of worship: longing for, preparing for, experiencing, and talking about a taste of heaven. Navarro shares practical ideas for churches of all kinds and sizes. Pastors, worship leaders, and church leaders of any denomination and worship style will benefit from this practical guide.



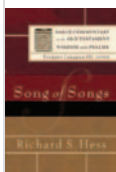
Exploring the Worship Spectrum: Six Views edited by Paul Basden (Zondervan, 2004)

What does worship look like? Is there just one truly right way to worship? Sadly, disagreement over how we should worship our loving God has sparked some most unloving attitudes among Christians. *Exploring the Worship Spectrum* seeks to correct this. It provides a forum for presentation, critique, and defense of six prominent worship styles: • Formal-Liturgical – Paul Zahl • Traditional Hymn-Based – Harold Best • Contemporary Music-Driven – Joe Horness • Charismatic – Don Williams • Blended – Robert Webber • Emerging – Sally Morgenthaler.



Jesus: An Intimate Portrait of the Man, His Land, and His People by Leith Anderson (Bethany House, 2005)

An expanded retelling of the life of Jesus, including all the details from the Gospels in chronological order, the geopolitical scene, the historical and cultural setting, and the likely emotions and motives of those who interacted with Him. A great introduction to the greatest man who ever lived for those who don't know much about Him, and a fascinating read for those who are very familiar with the Gospel accounts. Anderson, former Denver Seminary interim president, has a conversational storytelling style that makes the book appealing to a wide range of audiences and ages.



Song of Songs by Richard Hess (Baker Academic, 2005)

Richard Hess has written an insightful commentary on one of the most intriguing books of the Bible, which celebrates God's gift of love. Following an introduction to this biblical book and a history of its interpretation, Hess divides his discussion into seven major sections. Each section begins with a fresh translation, followed by paragraph-by-paragraph commentary, and concludes with a summary of the passage's theological implications. Technical questions related to the Hebrew text or scholarly debate are addressed in the footnotes. This is the first volume in the Baker Commentary on the *Old Testament Wisdom and Psalms* series.

WEB RESOURCES

www.ancientfutureworship.com

The website of Dr. Robert Webber, the Myers Professor of Ministry at Northern Seminary in Lombard, Ill. and the president of the Institute for Worship Studies and Professor of Theology Emeritus at Wheaton College. Dr. Webber has lectured on worship in nearly every denomination and fellowship, and has authored or edited more than 40 books on worship.

www.heartofworship.com

An online resource for lead worshipers everywhere. The site includes video tutorials on playing various instruments, a section on music theory, and a regular column for congregational song writers. But the starting point for heartofworship.com is 'integrity' in worship leading. Their aim is to make sure that lead worshipers are laying down strong foundations.

www.sacramentis.com

The website of Sally Morgenthaler, speaker, teacher and consultant on worship. Sacramentis is "a site about worship's sacred things." Sacramentis provides resources, articles, extensive web links and a newsletter. Morgenthaler's vision is to move worship beyond presentation to interactivity, a sacred experience involving all the arts.

www.worship.com

Seeks to lead people to renewed passion for God and fresh encounters of worship. The mission of worship.com is to provide people with resources to help them learn biblical perspectives about themselves and God, and to develop lives that exemplify a living sacrifice whereby all spheres of life reflect an act of daily worship.

NOT ONLY AWE, ADORATION



CHANCELLOR'S CORNER
WITH VERNON GROUNDS

My first sight of the Grand Canyon left me speechless. The friend who had kindly served as my chauffeur across long miles of Arizona appreciated my reaction and stood silent beside me. I gazed and gazed in awe at one of the earth's most magnificent spectacles. Any attempt to express in words the reaction I was feeling would have been almost a form of irreverence. This, I was thinking, is a glimpse of God's majesty, His speech-stopping grandeur, like the unbounded vastness of those galaxies and star-clusters that I saw one night through a telescope on Mt. Shasta.

My reaction at the rim of the Grand Canyon was no doubt a form of worship, awe at the vision of overwhelming power and creativity. But I cannot claim that it was worship. It held no moral values as such.

That is why my experience on the canyon's rim did not bring me to my knees in adoration. Different indeed is my reaction when I come face to face with Jesus. Awe changes into adoration as, in the Gospels, He lives out the beauty of holiness. What grips my soul?

Unsullied purity: "Who among you convicts me of sin?" (John 8:46).

Unrivalled wisdom: "No one ever spoke the way this man does" (John 7:46).

Unbounded pity: "When he saw the crowds, He was moved with compassion" (Matthew 9:36).

Overwhelming majesty: "He was transfigured before them" (Matthew 17:2).

Confronting Christ, my soul bows down not merely in awe but in adoration. And I exclaim as did doubt-liberated Thomas, "My Lord and my God!" (John 20:28). I am grateful whenever I experience awe, but I pray repeatedly for the blessing of adoration.

SUMMER 2005 FACULTY TRAVEL SCHEDULE

Dr. Jim Beck

Sept. 16: Denver Dialogue, dedication of new Seminary campus, Littleton, Colo.

Sept. 17: School of Women's Ministry, Parker, Colo.

Dr. Craig Blomberg

Aug. 28: Preaching at Denver Community Church, Denver, Colo.

Sept. 16: Denver Dialogue, dedication of new Seminary campus, Littleton, Colo.

Sept. 23-25: Men's Retreat for Ro'eh Israel Church in Denver, Woodland Park, Colo.

Dr. Bruce Demarest

July 27: Retreat, Mountain Prayer Retreat House, Conifer, Colo.

Sept. 9-11: Conference, Washington Heights Baptist Church, Ogden, Utah

Sept. 15-18: Theological and Cultural Thinkers Group, Colorado Springs, Colo.

Dr. Rick Hess

Occasional preaching at Corona Presbyterian Church, Denver, Colo.

Dr. Laverne Jordan

Sept. 17: Colorado Counseling Assoc. Conference, Longmont, Colo.

Dr. Jan McCormack

July 16-Aug. 6: Southwest Asia Seminary, Malang, Java, Indonesia

Aug. 8-10: Billy Graham's His Presence in Crisis Conference, The Cove, Asheville, N.C.

Aug. 11-12: USAF's Leaving a Legacy Mentor Training, Tinker AFB, Okla.

Aug. 18-21: International Critical Incident Stress Management Conference, Denver, Colo.

Aug. 20-21: NASCAR Race & Denver Seminary Hospitality Event, Pikes Peak International Raceway, Fountain, Colo.

Aug. 26-27: ABC Rocky Mountains Region Board Meeting, Denver, Colo.

Sept. 2-4: NASCAR Race, Fontana, Calif.

Sept. 30-Oct. 2: NASCAR Race, Kyle, Texas

Dr. Brad Widstrom

July 1-4: Midsummer Family Camp, Lake Lundgren Bible Camp, Pembine, Wis.

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Friday afternoon, September 16

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- Denver Dialogue featuring Dr. Craig Blomberg and Dr. Jim Beck
- Picnic on the Grounds & Celebration Concert (Families welcome!)

Saturday, September 17

- Alumni Gatherings
- Community Open House & Campus Tours

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