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by Dr. Craig Williford



“Then I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will lead you with knowledge and understanding.” Jeremiah 3:15 NIV

As God addressed Israel's unfaithfulness and the massive moral corruption of the priests of that time, He promised His people that He would call forth a new generation of leaders who would lead from the foundation of God's righteous heart and holy wisdom. This verse causes me to reflect on the recent and ongoing moral failures of high profile leaders within our evangelical community. We cannot point fingers or make accusations at these leaders, for lurking in all of our souls as leaders are those vulnerabilities that—if left unchecked—can consume our souls, send our lives spiraling out of control and bring shame to the name of Christ. Whenever I hear of another moral failure, I try not to judge but to prayerfully ask God to reveal my own sins so that I can be the type of leader He desires. I pray that the Holy Spirit of truth will permeate my entire being and hinder duplicity from developing in my soul.

In this issue of the *Denver Seminary Magazine*, we explore what it means to be a shepherd after God's own heart who leads with wisdom and understanding. In 1 Peter chapter five, the apostle Peter calls Jesus “the Chief Shepherd” and describes the pastor's role as overseer or undershepherd. Being a godly shepherd starts with recognition that we pastors are not in charge; rather, we are here to serve the Chief Shepherd who loves His people and calls us to lead and care for them. How we lead as the overseers of God's flock can either magnify or diminish the image of Christ. We can bring shame or honor to the glory of Christ and reputation of His Church.

The kind of leadership to which God calls us is not weak; rather, it builds on the resurrection of Christ and proclaims in word and deed Paul's declaration in Philippians 3:10, “I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in His sufferings, becoming like Him in his death...”

I pray that this issue of our magazine will call all of us (me first!) to work together through the empowerment of the Holy Spirit to restore faith and confidence in the clergy of today's world. We must rally ourselves not for our sake but for the sake of the Gospel and the Lord we serve. As Dr. Steve Young asks in his feature article, can we be godly shepherds who will finish well the work Christ has placed before us?

Humbly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Craig". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Craig



Save the Date!

May 13-29, 2007

Trip to Turkey & Greece

Bible and the Aegean Seminar

The Biblical Studies department is joining with Rev. James Bultema (M. Div. '89), Director of St. Paul Cultural Center in Antalya, Turkey in organizing a Turkey-Greece biblical sites tour for students and friends of Denver Seminary. The cost of the trip will be approximately \$3,370 to \$3,620 (depending on the number of participants) for the 2+ weeks, including airfare, hotels, two meals a day, ground transportation, entrance fees and tuition. For further information, please contact Dr. Hélène Dallaire, associate professor of Old Testament, at helene.dallaire@denverseminary.edu.



A Day on the Links

On October 2, 2006, Denver Seminary hosted its fourth annual golf classic, and the event again received enthusiastic reviews from the participants. On a gorgeous sun-drenched day, the event was held at the regionally acclaimed Fossil Trace Golf Club in Golden, Colo. The event served a dual purpose in that it not only raised needed funds for our students, but also provided a unique way for new friends to learn more about the Seminary mission.



One of the highlights of the day's golf was Dave Dines' hole-in-one on the 135-yard third hole. Dave not only won some great prizes for his ace, but he also helped his team win first place with an incredible score of 51! Congratulations, Dave! Dave's foursome included Jim Ferrin, Kyle O'Brien and Mark Branish. Coming in second place with a score of 55 was the foursome of Peter Allis, David Cook, Doug Boone and Jeff Hutcheon. Third place finish went to Matt Brown, Bob Crowe, Tom Mihilarakis and John Bandimere with a score of 56.

Denver Seminary would like to extend a warm thank you to all of our participants, volunteers and sponsors who helped make this event a success!

Women's Forum Update

On October 5, Lieutenant Governor Jane Norton helped kick off the Denver Seminary Women's Forum. Jane Norton was elected Colorado's 46th Lt. Governor in January of 2003 and currently serves on the Board of Trustees at Denver Seminary. The Women's Forum is a series of stimulating lectures and discussions designed for women in our community to wrestle with relevant issues of today, cultivate their own worldview and to pursue a deeper relationship with Christ.

Lt. Governor Norton addressed a crowd of students, faculty, staff and many old and new friends of Denver Seminary discussing "What it Means to be a Woman of Faith in Politics." She related personal stories of how her walk with the Lord has encouraged and sustained her through her political career. She answered questions and provided information on many of the November ballot issues. Afterwards, attendees had the opportunity to visit with Lt. Governor Norton and one student later commented: "It was an informative and inspirational evening. It made me proud to be part of the Seminary student body, seeing the Seminary reach out to the community with such a function." To learn more about the Denver Seminary Women's Forum, please contact Sarah Rymer at 303-762-6884 or visit our website at www.denverseminary.edu.



Lt. Governor Jane Norton and Board Member Eulalie Hartman.

School Counseling Concentration Approved

Denver Seminary is pleased to announce that the Master of Arts in Counseling–School Counseling Concentration proposal, which has been before the Colorado Department of Education for their review, was approved on Oct. 5, 2006. This concentration is designed for those who desire to practice counseling within the primary and secondary school settings. This concentration also meets the requirements for licensure and allows for the pursuit of an LPC within the State of Colorado. In addition, this concentration is approved by the Colorado Department of Education and prepares students for school counseling licensure within the state. The required internship must be accomplished within a school setting instead of a mental health facility.

The two academic classes supporting this concentration will be offered during the spring semester. Dr. LaVerne Jordan will continue to give leadership to this concentration and Debbie Gemar will provide support for the placement and management of students in internships. The program was designed in response to several former students who expressed an interest in school counseling, along with school personnel who requested that Denver Seminary “seriously consider establishing such a program,” said Dr. Jordan. “Our current reputation for equipping competent counselors and the great need for school counselors was the motivation for school personnel looking to us for such a program. Though our partnering with area schools is just in the beginning stage, we have experienced wonderful support and cooperation from them. We really look forward to partnering with our school community in this endeavor.”



Former Board Member Bob Dugan, Jr. and wife Lynne.

Bob Dugan, Jr., Retires from Board of Trustees After 36 Years of Service

Bob Dugan, Jr., devotedly served on the board of trustees of Denver Seminary for 36 years, helping to guide the Seminary with his godly leadership, wisdom and integrity. He faithfully modeled how to uphold and strengthen the mission, vision and values of our institution. We are grateful and humbled by Bob’s dedication to Denver Seminary and pray that God would enable Bob and his wife Lynne to have many more years of faithful service in God’s kingdom. Bob also served for many years as Executive Director of the Office of Public Affairs for the National Association of Evangelicals.

Korean Concert Benefits Endowed Scholarship Fund

Puccini, Mozart and Handel were all part of the music program for the Korean student benefit concert held on Saturday, November 4, 2006, at Central Presbyterian Church. Three talented soloists and the choir from Korean Central Presbyterian Church performed beautiful arias, hymns and Korean folk songs for an audience of 200 people. A wonderful partnership was formed with the host church choir as they presented their own song collection as well as joining with their Korean brothers and sisters in closing out the program with Handel’s Hallelujah chorus.

All gifts received that evening will be specifically used for the Korean Student Endowed Scholarship Fund. The founders of this fund pray that many will join them by making gifts to the Korean Student Endowed Scholarship Fund so that it can grow! Korean professor Dr. Sung Wook Chung sees this fund as “a tremendous confirmation that Denver Seminary is committed to preparing Korean leaders” and has personally committed his resources and energy to seeing it grow. Today, Denver Seminary has 25 Korean students. To enable more Korean students to attend, gifts to endowed scholarship funds like this one are vital. If you would like to give to the Korean Student Endowed Scholarship Fund or learn more about endowment giving opportunities through current gifts or through your estate, please contact Brian Fort at 303-762-6924 or by email at brian.fort@denverseminary.edu.





Jesus

as a

Shepherd Leader

STEPHEN YOUNG, PHD
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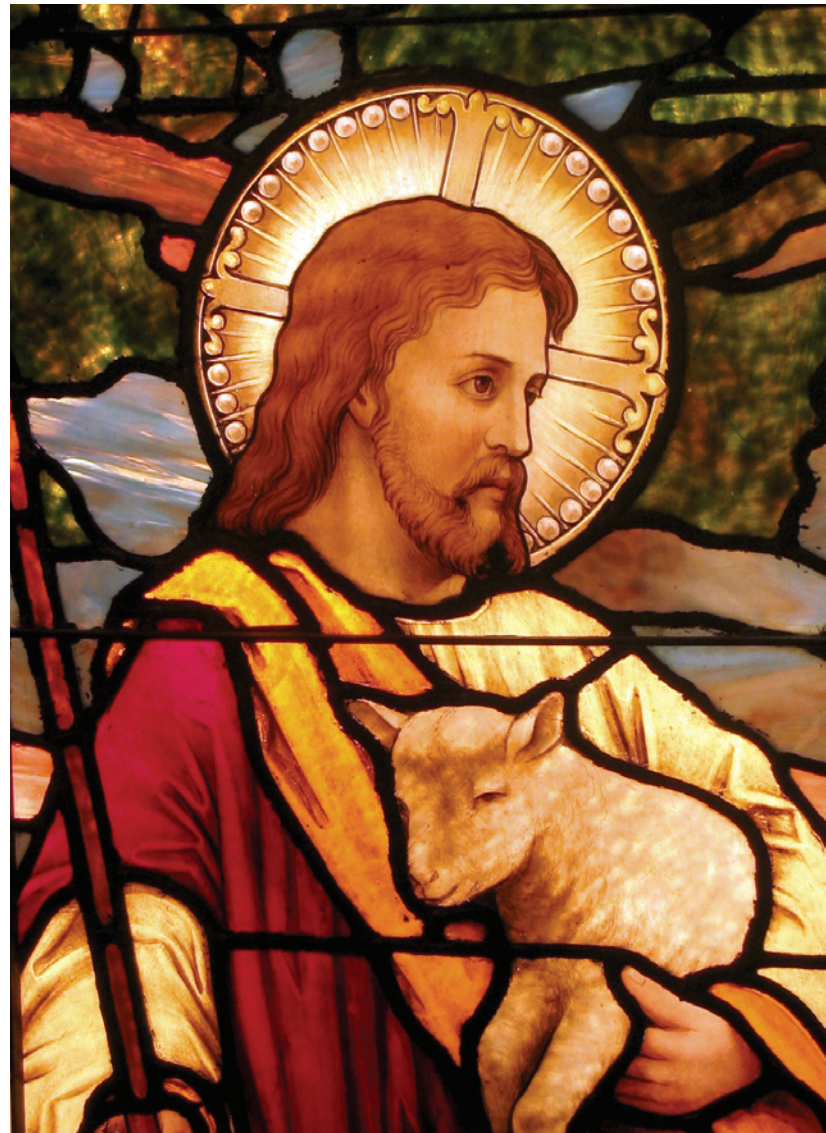
Due to complications from an illness, Dr. Steve Young was not able to finish his article in time for this issue. He gave permission for me to finish on his behalf, so I have simply added some brief comments and a conclusion. The majority of these thoughts are from Steve. I have lost count of how many times I have listened to the ongoing arguments over how best to describe the leader that today's church needs. Numerous sermons, books, articles and seminary class presentations have hotly debated this topic with no real consensus among church leaders regarding the answer. Perhaps we should return to the teachings of the Head of the Church—Jesus Christ—to find some direction. In the following article, Dr. Steve Young takes us on a journey to discover what Christ asked the leaders of His church to be. I hope that Dr. Young's in-depth look at Jesus' parables of the shepherd and the thief calls all of us to align with His desires.

- Craig Williford

In the Gospel of John chapter ten, Jesus described himself as a good shepherd: "Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice."

Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them. Therefore Jesus said again, "Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me." (John 10:1-14)



Shepherd or Stranger?

In this description of Himself as shepherd, Jesus said, “I know my sheep and my sheep know me.” The shepherd calls his own sheep by name; they follow him because they know his voice. They know from experience that their shepherd will lead them to the best grass, to water and to safe shelter. This analogy suggests that good shepherd-leaders develop relationships with people: they know their followers, and their followers know them. This kind of leading requires regular contact and communication. Good shepherd-leaders are not distant and isolated from people. People follow a good shepherd-leader because they know and trust him or her. In contrast, Jesus observed that sheep will not follow a stranger because they do not know him – in fact, they run away from strangers.

While describing himself as a good shepherd, Jesus observed that shepherds go ahead of the sheep and the sheep follow. This suggests a method of influence that leads by modeling and setting an example for people to follow. Strangers can only herd sheep by driving them from behind. Likewise, leaders who are strangers must exercise influence through command and control. They often must resort to coercion through systems of reward and punishment because people do not know them, do not trust them, and do not see them as the kind of person they want to follow.

Shepherd or Thief?

Jesus also clarified what it means to be a shepherd leader by contrasting a good shepherd with a thief. He said a thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. Many people can readily identify what it is like to work for a thief. Thief leaders use people for their own benefit. Thief leaders take credit for the

work that other people do. Thief leaders kill enthusiasm and confidence in a group of people when they dominate them for their own selfish purposes. Thief leaders focus on building up their own reputation, their own power and their own resources. They are not focused on building up other people. In contrast to the thief, Jesus said, “I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.” The shepherd-leader is focused on building other people up and helping them to live a full life. They nurture personal, professional and spiritual growth in other people.

In their attempts to make everything in the church honor or highlight their accomplishments, these thief leaders greatly diminish the honor of Christ: they steal from Christ, the Head of the Church! More interested in their own agendas and ego needs, they lead their churches away from the purposes of Christ toward a personal agenda that allows them to look good with their peers or people of influence. What greater thievery than to draw more attention to themselves than to Christ?

Shepherd or Hired Hand?

Jesus also clarified what it means to be a shepherd-leader by contrasting a good shepherd with a hired hand. When a hired hand sees a wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. The hired hand runs away because he doesn't really care about what happens to the sheep. There are many hired hands who serve in positions of leadership. For them, leadership is just another job. There is no commitment or sense of ownership when it comes to the people or the group. The hired hand leader doesn't protect people when they are in trouble. When the going gets tough, the hired hand leader runs away. As soon as the hired hand leader can find a better job offer, he or she is gone.

In contrast, Jesus said the good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. Shepherds chase away wild predators when they threaten the sheep. Shepherds listen for the bawl of a sheep that is lost or stuck in a thicket. They go out in bad weather and risk their own lives to save sheep. Shepherd-leaders protect people when they are threatened and they continue to take care of them even when it requires personal sacrifice. Shepherd-leaders don't run away when the going gets tough.

All leaders who serve within Christ's kingdom and church must define their approach to leadership; otherwise it will be defined for them by default. What better model to begin with than the one established by Jesus Himself? Is the problem that we have wrong mental models of ancient shepherds, seeing them as weak and incapable of mastering massive initiatives within Christ's church? Or, does the problem lie in our desire to be seen as passionate, visionary communicators and in our thinking that we can't accomplish that desire within the model of shepherd? Some within the church have portrayed shepherds as weak leaders: people whose leadership would not be effective in complex or difficult settings. Yet in three short years, Christ—who described Himself as a shepherd—dramatically changed the entire course of human history. So, what could be wrong with the model of Shepherd that He so effectively demonstrated for us? Maybe the real problem is the difficult path that lies ahead for those leaders who choose to follow in Christ's footsteps. Paul spoke of it in Philippians 3:10 when he said, “I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of his suffering, becoming like him in death.” In reality, maybe becoming a shepherd-leader is more demanding than some easier styles of leadership. Are we willing to truly follow Christ, our Shepherd?

Jesus served others as a good shepherd. He described shepherding in ways that define what it means to be a good shepherd-leader:

- Good shepherd-leaders **build relationships** with people and people follow them because they know and trust them. They are not distant and isolated – not strangers.
- A good shepherd-leader **exercises influence** with people by walking in front of them and setting an example for people to follow.
- Good shepherd-leaders are **not selfishly focused** on building up themselves. Instead, they focus on building other people up, helping them to grow and live a full life.
- A good shepherd-leader **serves people sacrificially**. He or she protects people when they are threatened and continues to take care of them even when it requires personal sacrifice. Good shepherd leaders don't run away when the going gets tough.

Preparing for the Call



Anthony Lombardo, M.Div. Student

Anthony Lombardo is a second year M.Div. student from Iowa. He, like dozens of other M.Div. students, is pursuing this degree in preparation for the call he senses God has on his life—that of a shepherd. We took some time to talk to Tony about this preparation and contemplation for ministry.

Anthony, what is your understanding of shepherding?

I think of a willingness to ascribe unsurpassable worth to other people in a way that motivates one to love them in a self-sacrificial way.

What type of pastorate do you hope to be a part of upon graduation?

I have a passion for people in college, and I really would love to minister as a college pastor in a church, to people who are coming out from under their parents' immediate authority and are trying to think through some questions on their own. I would love to be a resource for people in that stage of their journey.

How do you think Seminary is preparing you for the ministry of a pastor?

I think the classes are preparing me in the sense that they're teaching me how to think in a Christian manner. And I think the Training and Mentoring program is a big component of that education as well—it provides me with mentors in different areas of ministry. That element of my education is unique because it has allowed me to work on personal spiritual issues and also gives me opportunities to gain ministry experience and to work on my ministry skills.

How do you think you're being prepared in other ways?

I think I'm being prepared and have been prepared through all kinds of life experience, everything from my experience in college as an undergrad student in philosophy in religious studies at a secular university, to the places I've worked over the years, including grocery stores and banks. Working with a variety of people who have very different perspectives on reality has been deeply challenging in a good way. And it's forced me to really figure out what I believe and the importance of living according to that.

Do you believe that shepherding is a particular strength of yours?

I don't think very many people at all have that gift naturally: to be able to love people in the way I described. I think it's something that's part of being transformed by Christ through practicing the spiritual disciplines. I personally think if there isn't any commitment to shepherding people in that kind of way, those people should not be in the pastorate. Often, pastors are good speakers or are popular, but that in and of itself is radically insufficient for someone in the pastorate.

What have you learned thus far with regard to the pastorate that you think will be applicable for your role in the future?

I've learned the importance of getting to know particular people instead of just labeling them as "the group I serve." It's important to get to know people on an individual basis. People aren't there to be managed. It's important to engage them on a personal level, to be vulnerable and to share yourself with them.

Given the rigorous and time-consuming aspect of academics in pursuing a Seminary degree, how does contemplation fit into this season of life, specifically about your future ministry?

I think about it regularly. One thing I often think about is the question of adequacy. It's such a big thing; I constantly question my adequacy, wondering if I'm just fooling myself. So that self-doubt definitely creates that. I haven't gotten to the point yet that I think I'm embarking on a path that I shouldn't be, but I'd say every step of the way that it requires reassessment and reevaluation. I don't want to superimpose my will and my desires on God's will. It is a calling and I'm not convinced everyone is called, so the question is "is that my calling?"



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THE REV. DR. LINNEA E. CARNES
M.DIV. '91



The Rev. Dr. Linnea E. Carnes

For the past seven years, I have been serving Immanuel Evangelical Covenant Church, on the north side of Chicago. In that time the membership has changed radically. The congregation in 1999 was about 80 percent white American and 20 percent other ethnicities. Now the congregation is about 40 percent white American and 60 percent other eth-

nicities. There are about 14 nationalities that attend, most of whom are first generation immigrants. We also have people who are lame, blind, deaf, sick, poor and homeless. A few college and seminary students from our denominational schools just down the street also get involved each year. We are a church continually in transition.

Each cultural group in the congregation has a different set of expectations for the pastor. The differences among the people groups, such as religious traditions and backgrounds, are immense. My pastoral leadership style has had to change from one of a traditional white American congregational rule pastor to meet the expectations of this congregation.

Shepherding such a diverse flock, especially because it is an international makeup, is a greater challenge than I imagined. In writing my doctoral thesis on preaching in a multiethnic congregation, I did not find a lot of material written on this topic. Through my research I was better able to understand how to address the unique needs of a truly ethnically diverse congregation.

Recognizing the similarities of this diverse flock is also important. Of greatest significance is that we love and serve the same Lord Jesus

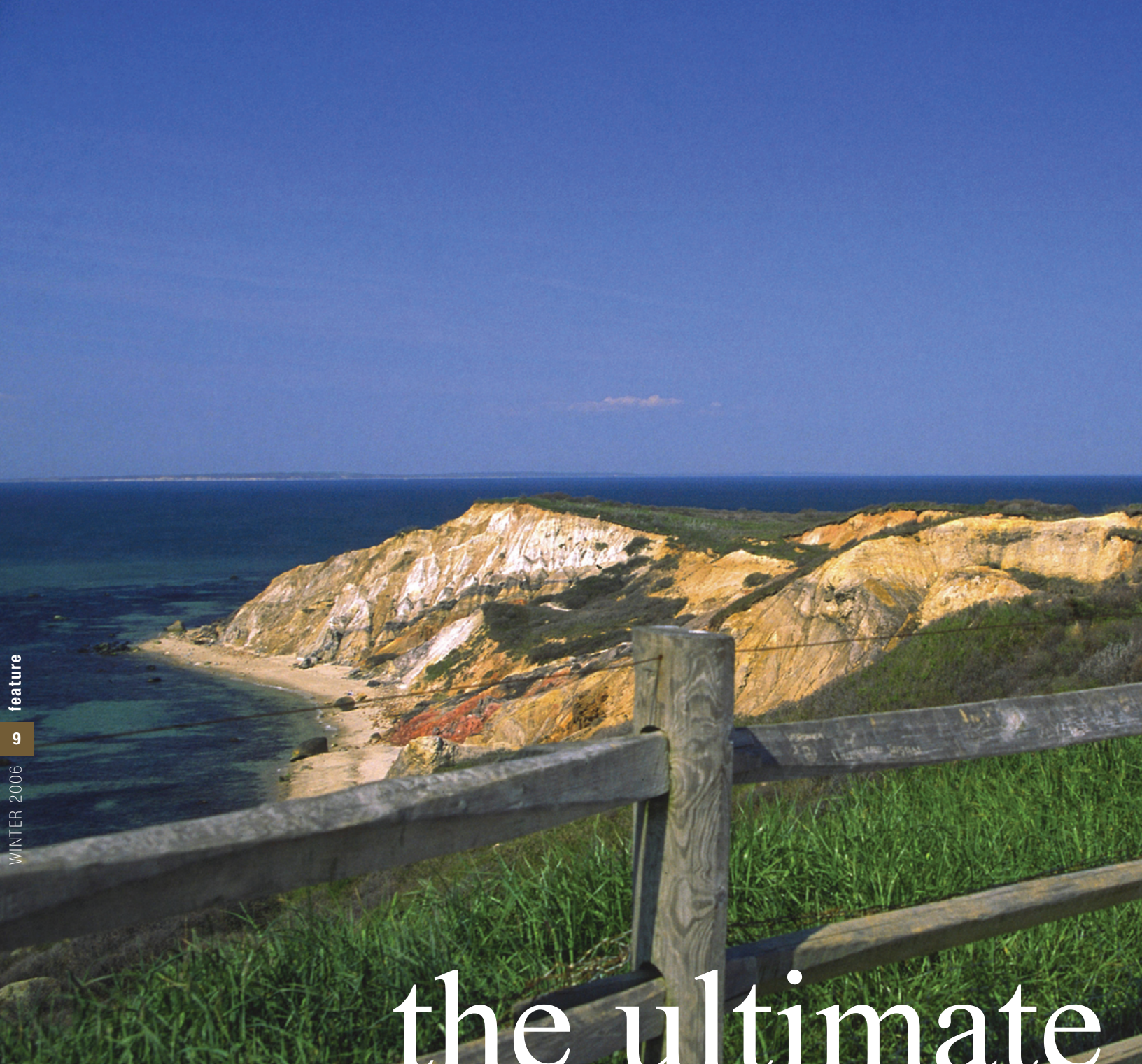
Christ. Christ is our foundation. It is Jesus Christ who brings us together and helps us accept and welcome one another, as He has welcomed and accepted us.

Regardless of where people come from, what language they speak, or how they dress, all people need to know that they are accepted for who they are. As the shepherd of this flock, I make an effort to know as much as I can about each person and what matters to them, so that I can be the pastor they need me to be. Allowing people to hold on to their ethnic or cultural identity helps them to know they are accepted as they are.

I make an effort to know people's names even when they are difficult to say or pronounce correctly, because people from all cultures like to be called by their name. When I address a person by name, whether as they come to receive the Lord's Supper or as they leave the service, it shows them that they are welcomed and valued.

All people groups like to gather around the table to eat. Each ethnic group in this congregation has a unique kind of food. Since people love to share their traditional food, when we gather at a church function we all get to experience what is "home cooking" to each other. Even our Swedes have come to like Indian food (when it's not too spicy).

Shepherding involves guiding and leading sheep personally. For that to happen, the sheep must trust the shepherd. This trust relationship takes time and requires that I demonstrate to the people of this congregation that I truly care about each one of them. Only God could have brought this diverse group of people together and God has been teaching me to love them and welcome them just as Christ has loved and welcomed each of us into the family of God.



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DR. BRUCE BORIA, BOARD MEMBER
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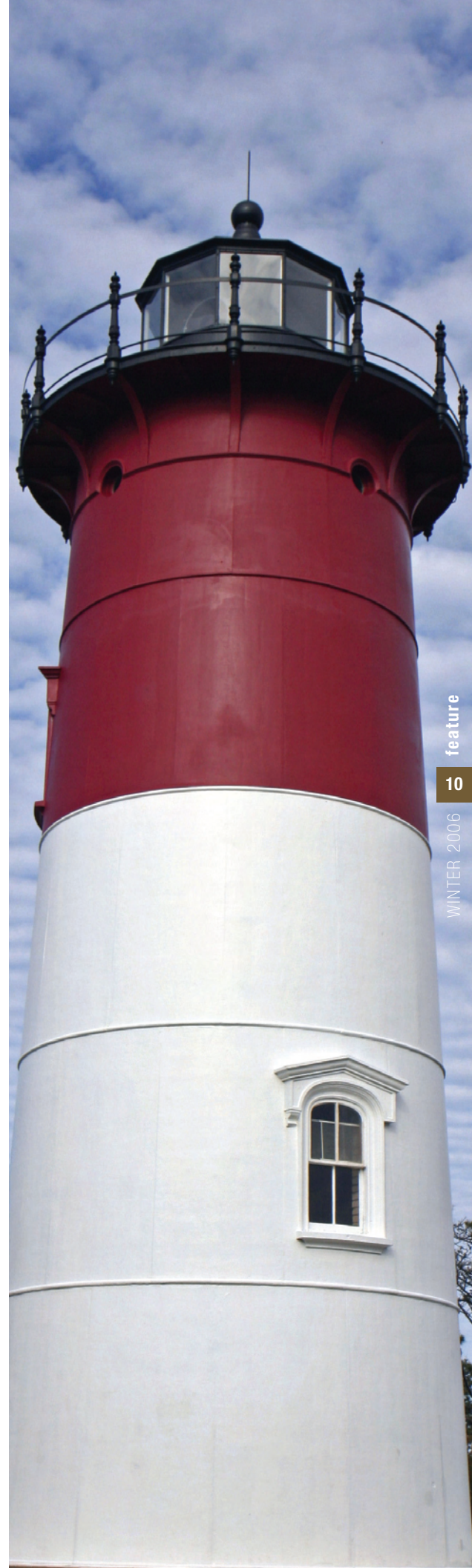
Psalm 23^{NIV}

A psalm of David. The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

David, an experienced shepherd, gives praise to the ultimate Shepherd, who demonstrates a concern and care for the sheep under His watch. He is proactively seeking their best and providing for their well-being. The sheep are therefore comforted, free from the fear of evil and pursued by goodness and love. Their dispositions are a testimony to the quality of care they receive from the Shepherd.

I have often meditated on this text in relationship to my role as a shepherd to the people under my care. Do they feel cared for? As a result of my interaction with them are they more or less prone to succumb to the fears associated with life? Do they feel loved? Am I truly engaged in their best interests? These questions have caused me to examine the ways in which I have acted as a shepherd to the Lord's people over the past 27 years as I traveled to people's homes, entered into tragic situations and engaged many in conversations.

I once pastored a congregation which was comprised of more than 600 senior citizens. As a young pastor I set aside a day a week to visit various families. I recruited an active senior who was known by the majority of the congregation and was well respected. We made about three visits a week. I was always amazed by their stories. The life stories of faith and pain were well concealed behind their faces. However, once they opened their hearts and shared their faith journeys I would leave wondering who was the minister. Those senior saints taught me much about the meaning of sacrifice, courage, faith and community. Their transparency was refreshing and their tenacity in holding firmly to their faith in Jesus was inspiring. Yet, as the years rolled on and I would eventually leave that church, I was surprised to discover how much they had cherished my visits. While the visits provided me with a wealth of information about them, they shared with me that those visits kept them from feeling marginalized in a church that was growing with younger members. What was also a surprise was the fact that by paying a visit to one



family I was vicariously visiting their circle of friends. Many times I would hear from their friends the points I shared about my family or the insights I was gleaning from the ministry. The result was a growing sense of goodwill toward my ministry that enabled me to navigate through deep waters of change. Those visits became the very foundation for needed change, a solid discipline in my prayer life and a constant source of inspiration. I am certain that I received much more than I gave.

Not every visit has been so easy. There have been numerous times when I was called into very tragic situations. For example, there was a young woman in my church who was scheduled for a very aggressive surgical procedure to remove the diseased portion of her liver and transplant the healthy portion of her liver back into her body. Shannon had four children and was only 36 years old. When the doctors began this surgery they soon closed her up because they discovered that the cancer was far more advanced than they had diagnosed. I was sitting beside her husband when the surgeon entered the waiting room and pulled him aside to tell him the terrible news. Her husband asked me to come with him as he did not feel he could face his wife alone. I waited until she was conscious and then stood beside her bed while her husband told her the news. She looked at me and said, "Pastor, what am I going to do? What about my children? What will their last memories of their mother be? I shared with her that today's troubles are sufficient for the day. I told her the danger in projecting all of her fears into the future. I assured

her that we would support her and walk alongside her and pray that the Lord would meet her and her family on this journey. I also promised to meet with her two older boys and take them out for a meal and talk later that evening. That day, and many others after, have underscored the fact that part of my role is to provide a perspective from the Scriptures that will focus our thoughts and harness our fears. Numerous conversations have provided me with an opportunity to remind those in tragic circumstances of the grace, mercy and compassion of our Lord. It has been a great privilege to walk along these saints and see the strength of the Lord fill them in their times of weakness.

One other lesson that I have learned is to stay engaged in the conversation of the moment. I recall a day when I was speaking to a pastor about my father-in-law's recent bout with cancer. He nodded his head, patted me on the shoulder all the while looking around the room. I walked away feeling devalued. I held on to this memory as a reminder to stay focused on the person in front of me, to give them my full attention when possible and to be upfront when I cannot. The call to shepherd His people demands nothing less.

The power of a visit, the strength in refocusing one's attention on the Lord's promises, the value added to others by giving them your undivided attention, are lessons that have marked my ministry. I pray that those to whom I have ministered will see a little of the Lord in the way I shepherd them.



✝ shepherd to shepherd

PASTOR YVONNE MCCOY,
SUBURBAN TRAINING CENTER DIRECTOR



Isaiah the prophet said, “The Lord God has given me the tongue of disciples, that I may know how to sustain the weary one with a word.” In this way, the Lord God has opened my ears to hear Him clearly, and a mouth to declare His truth, while motivating others to be all they can be in Christ.

Yes, I, Yvonne McCoy, have been given the privilege to pour wisdom and knowledge into the lives of those seeking to find their spiritual commitment and God’s assurance in the mission they have been

assigned. To know that God has entrusted me with His servants has been an overwhelming and frightening task at times, but, at the same time a rewarding and glorious opportunity to encourage and challenge students and church partners to reach their desired potential as ministers of the gospel.

Denver Seminary has allowed me to pour into students my 30 years of experience serving God in various venues and situations as a Training Center Director. Shepherding and caring for those who dearly desire to walk by faith and not lean on their own understanding is my passion. I am energized by those who have need for an Aaron or Hur in their lives.

The first time I was afforded the chance to be a mentor here at the Seminary I thought, “What do I have to offer? Who would want to listen to anything I would have to say?” But I realized it was not what I was speaking, but what the Spirit of the Lord would be exhorting through me. I have been able to be a camera into the lives of so many of the students. God has used the most vulnerable points of my life and personal journey to help prepare them for the pastorate. I have also shared the pros and cons of being called to the pastorate from a woman’s perspective.

Julie Trujillo was one of the first students I was able to pour into. She was striving to get closer in her relationship with God through prayer, quiet time and solitude. As her mentor, I monitored her commitment to her weekly task of setting aside time to be with God, helping Julie to balance her personal, professional and academic life, and also preserving her creativity and giftedness. During one of our meetings, I saw in her eyes exhaustion and a need for refreshing. So I played soft worship music and allowed her to lie down while I read the Word of God to her. It was a time for me to give her what I believed the Lord wanted to give her: a place to be renewed, reassured and released to just “be.”

Every Sunday I have the great gift of sowing into a congregation of awesome leaders—partners who for some strange reason continue to allow me the privilege of shepherding them. Preaching is also a tool used to mentor others in their spiritual growth. I compel this diverse group of people to realize their potential as believers—believers who are purpose-driven and seek to be Christ-centered, Word-grounded, Spirit-driven, Souls-seeking, Faith-walking and Kingdom-focused. In short, I am involved in the mission of equipping the saints for the work of the ministry according to Ephesians 4:12.

I believe that the mentoring process is vital to those who are called into the ministry. It holds you accountable, monitors your integrity and gives structure in your life as a professional who desires to walk in a spirit of excellence. I have been given a mandate by God to shepherd others as he continues to shepherd me. Mentoring is a serious obligation to walk in and I treasure the times the Lord has given me to pour into the lives of those who are selected to cross my path.



Equipping SHEPHERDS

DR. RANDY MACFARLAND, VICE PRESIDENT / DEAN



Is the image of shepherding one that should be downplayed in a culture where few see sheep on a regular basis and where the concept of CEO seems to communicate better? In his book *Pastoral Theology*, Thomas Oden reminds us that “Rather than prematurely rule out pastoral images as meaningless to modern consciousness, we do better to listen carefully to them so as to ask how they resonate vitally with contemporary human aspirations.” He invites us to “listen intently to the contemporaneity of the shepherding analogy in John 10:1-18” (51).



In equipping leaders for the Church we are reminded that “The analogy of shepherd was not promiscuously or thoughtlessly chosen by Jesus as the centerpiece of ministry, but wells up from the heart of God’s own ministry to the world” (Oden, 53).

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In 1 Peter 5 we see that effective shepherding requires caring for relationships, leading in tasks to accomplish the mission, and attention to example: “Care for the flock of God entrusted to you. Watch over it willingly, not grudgingly—not for what you will get out of it, but because you are eager to serve God. Don’t lord it over the people assigned to your care, but lead them by your good example” (1 Peter 5:2-3, NLT).

Shepherding requires recognizing the authority and care of the Head Shepherd: “And when the Head Shepherd comes, your reward will be a never-ending share in his glory and honor . . . Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about what happens to you” (1 Peter 5:4 & 7, NLT).

Scripture reminds us that effective shepherding requires both the development of ministerial competence and godly character: “He cared for them with a true heart and led them with skillful hands” (Psalm 78:72, NLT).

Good theological education that prepares students to be good shepherds (integrated persons who serve in an integrated way) requires constant attention, communication and integrative reflection on the various disciplines of study. By God’s grace, we long to participate in God’s transformation of people who will reflect His heart for the church and the world they serve as ministers of reconciliation and ambassadors of the Lord Christ.

The Master of Divinity curriculum at Denver Seminary addresses key components of shepherding in many ways:

- An emphasis and foundation in biblical and theological studies provides a reservoir for the knowledge and wisdom faithful shepherding requires.
- Equipping the laity and mobilizing ministry demands careful attention to matters of leadership theory and practice, covered in the course “Growing in Ministry Leadership.”
- A missional approach to ministry is encouraged through required courses “Introduction to Ministry in Intercultural Contexts” and “Effective Evangelism and Discipleship.”
- An overview of the role and responsibilities of the pastor is provided in the course “Pastoral Theology and Christian Worship.” This course is taught by ministry veterans, Dr. Scott Wenig and Dr. Larry Lindquist.
- Care for the community of believers is stressed in “Counseling and Pastoral Ministry.” Rev. Arthur Porter shares his expertise from years of pastoral ministry and work as a hospital chaplain.
- Through homiletics courses for both Old Testament and New Testament preaching, Dr. Wenig and several preaching coaches train students to be faithful expositors and excellent communicators of the Word.
- Intentional mentoring by church and ministry leaders through our training and mentoring process provides the opportunity for students to take ministry strengths to another level and to become competent in areas of required ministry ability where the student may be weak. In addition, work on learning contracts in the area of spiritual formation and character enables the student to address matters of personal formation that congregations expect.
- A number of concentrations in the Master of Divinity program allow for specializing in certain disciplines to more specifically equip students for ministerial roles.

I live in tension and the reason is two-fold. First, I serve as a professor at Denver Seminary as well as being a pastor at Aspen Grove Community Church. Second, our church recently spiked in its growth, placing more demands on my time and energy from the influx of all these new folks.



Shepherding

SCOTT WENIG, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF APPLIED THEOLOGY
AND ROBINSON CHAIR OF BIBLICAL PREACHING

The tension isn't all bad but it can, at times, be problematic. For example, I need to give full attention to my students in class and also complete a variety of administrative responsibilities at school. But layered on top of that are church leadership meetings, one-on-one meetings with staff and then the perpetual reality of sermon preparation. Sometimes, my life feels like the tag line that writer and speaker Tony Campolo made famous, 'It's Friday but Sunday's coming!', except that in my case Sunday means more work and less Sabbath.

Some of my friends think that I'm either hopelessly driven or completely nuts—or both. But despite the tension of being pulled in different directions, I love what I do and feel called by Christ to be actively engaged in both the academy and the parish. Yet, neither my calling nor the deep fulfillment I find in the classroom and the pulpit can negate my responsibility to minister to those in need. With every new week I continue to process what that looks like and I don't think I'll ever come up with a definitive answer because neither ministry nor life are fashioned that way. But over the past few years I've established some guidelines that have helped me to reduce the tension and live in a way that allows me to get stretched without snapping.

The first guideline is to pray on a daily basis. I'm a big believer in the power of petition.

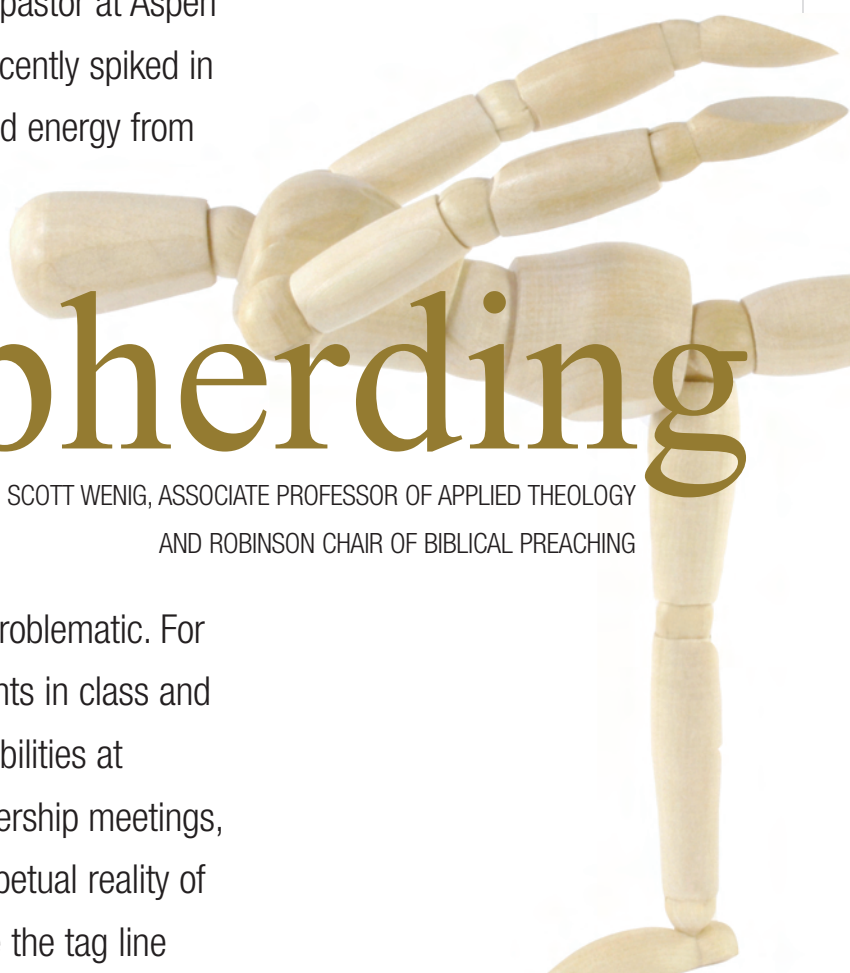
We all know that it can be a cliché but I've discovered over the years that my ability to minister is directly connected to the time I spend with the Father. And because I'm very aware of my personal limitations, I've learned to be utterly reliant on the Lord and His grace to help me shepherd both effectively and efficiently.

The second guideline is to provide pastoral care. Although the needs—in both the classroom and the parish—far outweigh what I can give, I try to provide whatever help I can. Shepherding can't be a 24/7/365 activity but it does require me to 'step up' at certain times. On a practical level, I've learned to do this at key points during the week but especially on Sundays. One of my routines for meeting people on Sunday morning is to be 'a mile wide and an inch

deep'. This means getting around to as many folks as I can in order to let them know that I care. And, if the opportunity arises, I'll step aside with someone before or after the service to talk, pray, listen and encourage them as needed.

The third guideline is to practice the priesthood of the believer. At Aspen Grove Community Church we're deeply committed to unleashing everyone into ministry—both inside and outside the walls of the church. This means letting others shepherd as God has gifted them to do so. I don't have the gift of mercy and my pastoral instincts are limited but fortunately there are numerous people within our body who are blessed with these gifts so I'm able to step back as the Lord uses them to minister.

One of our priorities at Aspen Grove is to see the body of Christ built up. Some of that involves shepherding on my part but when the whole church—led by its pastors—moves together in that direction, people are ministered to and God is glorified.



Address Change:

We are closing P.O. Box 100000 Denver CO 80250 on **Dec. 31, 2006.**

Please note our new mailing address: 6399 S. Santa Fe, Littleton, CO 80120.

Reminder:

Please consider including Denver Seminary students on your Christmas list this year.

For 2006 tax purposes, please be sure your year-end gift is postmarked on or before December 31, 2006.



Year End Giving *Opportunities*

IRA's

The Pension Protection Act of 2006 takes steps to strengthen retirement programs for Americans, while also outlining provisions to encourage higher levels of charitable giving. This legislation provides incentives for those 70.5 years of age and older to make gifts of up to \$100,000 directly to ministries like Denver Seminary from their potentially taxable Traditional and Roth Individual Retirement Account (IRA) funds in 2006 and/or 2007.

For example, David, age 73, lives comfortably on Social Security, investments and a pension. He is required to make a minimum withdrawal from his IRA and is taxed on those funds. This distribution also causes a larger portion of his Social Security income to be taxed. Under the new law, by directing part of his mandatory IRA withdrawal to organizations such as Denver Seminary, he avoids reporting that amount as income and does not pay taxes on those funds.

If you are prayerfully evaluating your giving decisions for 2006 and 2007 and you would like to learn more about how you can make a tax-free gift from your IRA, please consult with your tax advisor or contact Brian Fort at 303-762-6924 or brian.fort@denverseminary.edu. Understanding laws like this can help you maximize your ability to support ministry efforts through sound financial planning.

STOCK GIFTS

Making a gift of stock is a great way to avoid capital gains taxes on appreciated securities while advancing the mission of equipping Christian leaders. If you would like to make a gift of securities to Denver Seminary this December, your stock transfers should be made to Denver Seminary's Wells Fargo Trust Minnesota, N.A. account # 1190006324 using DTC# 2027 and Routing # 94866. If the securities are not held in an account with a broker, please contact Gary Hoag at 303-762-6941 or gary.hoag@denverseminary.edu for assistance in processing your transaction. In addition to providing this information to your broker, please inform us by phone or email that you are sending stocks our way.

Any unendorsed certificates should be mailed to the Vice President of Advancement and a signed signature guaranteed stock power should be mailed in a separate envelope by registered mail. Gifts of restricted stock cannot be accepted. Internal Revenue Service guidelines are followed in establishing the value and receipting the gift of securities. Because of the frequent fluctuations in the financial markets, all gifts of securities are liquidated upon receipt.

Denver Seminary is to Receive 15%

More than 12 years ago, a friend of the Seminary sat down and mapped out his estate. He included his family, church, Denver Seminary and a few other ministries that had touched his life.

Recently, he went home to be with the Lord, and we received word that 15% of his estate was designated for Denver Seminary, amounting to more than \$100,000. Because of the generous level of giving in his plan, his resources were able to be divided among loved ones and ministries, incurring zero estate taxes.

This gentleman simply worded his estate using language similar to this...
"Denver Seminary is to receive 15% of my estate. This bequest is unrestricted and the board of Trustees may use and expend the same for the benefit of Denver Seminary in a manner it deems appropriate."

Do you have a plan in place?
Would you consider including Denver Seminary as a beneficiary of your estate?
Contact Brian Fort at 303-762-6924 or brian.fort@denverseminary.edu with further questions.



Following GOD'S LEADING: the VISION for the Future of DENVER SEMINARY

The board of trustees, president, chancellor, administration, faculty and staff of Denver Seminary believe that we are blessed that God enabled us to successfully reach the goal of \$17 million in gifts and pledges to complete the new campus, sustain the Seminary Fund, and grow the endowment through our three-year comprehensive campaign which ended June 30, 2006.

In the months since that time, we have been praying that God would continue to supply the resources people need to fulfill outstanding pledges while also moving them to continue to support our Seminary Fund in this new school year. This year the Seminary Fund will assist students to the tune of \$1.7 million keeping the cost of their preparation for ministry affordable. Please consider making a gift to the Seminary Fund today on behalf of our students.

Additionally, our leadership has been praying for God to clarify our vision for the future. As we follow His leading, our vision for the future is to engage a series of projects, programs and partnerships related to our mission of equipping leaders. In addition to your financial support, please join us in praying that God would continue to guide, direct and bless our work in these areas for His honor and glory.

Programs

Vital educational programs that cultivate a larger learning community **LOCALLY**

- Develop our Korean and Hispanic initiatives (IDEAL) which provide biblical training for local lay people and assistance to local ministry leaders.
- Increase our *CrossTalk* programs which serve Metro Denver pastors and ministry leaders addressing practical lifelong learning topics.
- Plan for the research and launching of the Vernon Grounds Institute for Public Ethics for business, community and Christian leaders.

Partnerships

Key partnerships with targeted majority world seminaries **GLOBALLY**

- Continue to partner with El Seminario Teológico Centroamericano (SETECA), an evangelical seminary in Guatemala.
- Develop additional joint degree programs with the Southeast Asia Bible Seminary in Malang, Indonesia, where students pursuing an M.A. in Counseling can earn a joint degree from both seminaries if they meet all qualifications.

Projects

Critical projects which directly assist Christian leaders **FINANCIALLY**

- Sustain the Seminary Fund which amounts to about \$2,000 in subsidy per student in the 2006-2007 academic year.
- Grow endowed scholarship funds for African, Korean, Chinese, Latino/a and Inner City students.
- Expand our endowed scholarship offerings for Biblical Studies, Christian Thought, Christian Ministry, Counseling and Doctor of Ministry students.

Please continue to support Denver Seminary through your prayers and financial gifts and help us equip today's leaders to think biblically, live faithfully and lead wisely. Join us as we follow God's leading to pursue programs, partnerships and projects for His honor and glory.



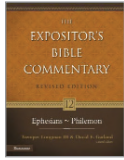
"More than anything else, Denver Seminary Korean students who partner with Korean churches make a great impact on their own congregations as well as the entire Korean-American community, said Sung Wook Chung. "These students serve both the Korean-speaking and English-speaking congregations for Jesus Christ."



Denver Seminary continues to seek creative ways to partner with SETECA. Plans include faculty and student exchanges and cooperative degree programs. Currently, Denver Seminary uses quality materials published by SETECA for our IDEAL training program. This year, Wilmer Ramirez, a graduate of SETECA and an adjunct faculty member there, will be heading up the IDEAL program.

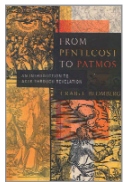


Indonesian student Ruth Febriana had prayed that God would provide the finances that she would need to continue at Denver Seminary. Within a week, God answered her prayers when she received the Indonesian Student Scholarship "that is able to pay for the upcoming semester so I will not have to worry."



**Ephesians—Philemon, The Expositor's Bible Commentary, rev. edition, Vol. 12
"Ephesians" by Dr. William Klein (Zondervan, 2006)**

Continuing a Gold Medallion Award-winning legacy, this completely revised edition of *The Expositor's Bible Commentary* series puts world-class biblical scholarship in your hands. You'll find up-to-date information grounded in the same unchanging commitment to the divine inspiration, complete trustworthiness and full authority of the Bible. *The Expositor's Bible Commentary* uses the complete New International Version for its English text, but it also refers freely to other translations and to the original languages.

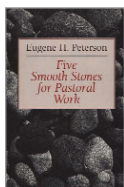


**From Pentecost to Patmos: An Introduction to Acts through Revelation
Dr. Craig Blomberg (Broadman & Holman, 2006)**

From Pentecost to Patmos is professor Craig L. Blomberg's follow-up companion to his 1998 ECPA Gold Medallion Award-winning book, *Jesus and the Gospels*. In the same style as that first acclaimed and widely-used volume, the author goes deep into the biblical writings of Acts through Revelation, helping serious Bible students to better understand the historical, linguistic and theological significances found in each book.

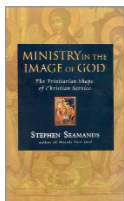


The following books are just a sample of those used in our Pastoral Ministry and Evangelism classes. You may pick up any of these at the Denver Seminary Bookstore!



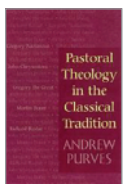
**Five Smooth Stones for Pastoral Work
Eugene Peterson (Eerdmans Publishing, 1992)**

How can you improve your effectiveness as a pastor? Most current literature stresses up-to-date training and new techniques stemming from the behavioral sciences. But Peterson instead calls for a return to an "old" resource—the Bible! This treasury of practical theological insights shows how five Old Testament books provide a solid foundation for pastoral ministry.



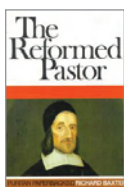
**Ministry in the Image of God: The Trinitarian Shape of Christian Service
Stephen Seamands (Intervarsity Press, 2005)**

Those of us called to Christian ministry are commissioned and sent by Jesus, just as He Himself was called and sent by the Father. Thus we naturally pattern our ministries after Christ's example. But distinctively Christian service involves the Spirit as well, just as Jesus Himself accomplished His ministry in the power of the Spirit. Thus the whole Trinity—Father, Son and Holy Spirit—gives shape to truly authentic Christian ministry. Essential reading for pastors, parachurch workers, counselors, missionaries, youth ministers and all who are called to any vocation of Christian ministry.



**Pastoral Theology in the Classical Tradition
Andrew Purves (Westminster John Knox Press, 2001)**

Andrew Purves believes modern pastoral care has been overly influenced by psychological theory and too often uninformed by historical practice. The result is a pastoral practice that has diminished the reality of God. In this book, Purves aims to reclaim pastoral theology as a theological discipline. He does this by examining classical texts from the tradition, and he argues that a thoughtful reading of these works—by Gregory of Nazianus, John Chrysostom, Gregory the Great, Martin Bucer and Richard Baxter—will force a reevaluation of many of the assumptions that shape contemporary pastoral work.



**The Reformed Pastor
Richard Baxter (Banner of Truth, 1981)**

Richard Baxter (1615-1691) was vicar of Kidderminster from 1647 to 1661. In an introduction to this reprint, Dr. J.I. Packer describes him as "the most outstanding pastor, evangelist and writer on practical and devotional themes that Puritanism produced." His ministry transformed the people of Kidderminster from "an ignorant rude and revelling people" to "a godly worshipping community." These pages, first prepared for a Worcestershire association of ministers in 1656, deal with the means by which such changes are ever to be accomplished.

Straying Sheep

Caring Undershepherds

Why was the man so upset as he accosted me after that church-sponsored luncheon? As the guest speaker I had stressed our human need for divine support and guidance. No matter how self-sufficient we may be, I had said, we need the support and guidance of Jesus Christ the Good Shepherd. But precisely that emphasis had disturbed my rather irate critic. Don't adults have the ability to run their own lives? Why, then, reduce them to the level of stupid, straying sheep? Exactly what I responded to that objection I don't remember, but I explained that spiritually, that's our status. We are exactly what's expressed in Yale University's well-known Wiffenpoof Song, "We're poor little lambs who have gone astray." Regardless of our endowments and abilities, that's what we are, "poor little lambs who have gone astray." And that's why we need—and thankfully have—Jesus Christ as our caring Shepherd.

That's also why the Seminary's task is to equip our students to serve as undershepherds. Following the example of the Good Shepherd and energized by His Spirit, Seminarians leave the academic pasture in order to lead and feed God's flock. If ill-prepared for that ministry, they will be undershepherds in name only. Of the souls entrusted to their care, it will be lamented, in the words of John Milton, "The hungry sheep look up and are not fed." But if our graduates are dedicated undershepherds, then the hungry sheep will be fed, and the Great Shepherd Jesus Christ will be pleased and praised.



Dr. Vernon Grounds

faculty travel: january-march 2007

Craig Blomberg

Jan. 14 Elbert, Colo.

Speaking on the historical reliability of the Gospels to the Elbert Christian Church

Jan. 21 Littleton, Colo.

Perspectives (on the World Christian Movement) Exposure lesson on the New Testament to Aspen Grove Church

Feb. 9 Littleton, Colo.

Speaking on "Post-Tribulationism and the New Testament" at Denver Seminary Biblical Studies Conference

Danny Carroll R.

Feb. 9-10 Littleton, Colo.

Presenting paper at Denver Seminary Biblical Studies Conference

Feb. 23-24 Kansas City, Mo.

Board meetings of Initiative 360

March 25 Denver, Colo.

Preaching at Hope Community Church

Sung Wook Chung

March 23-24 Omaha, Neb.

Paper presentation: "Trinitarian Spirituality and Its Implications for Theological Education," AAR/SBL/ASOR Rocky Mountain-Great Plains Region, 2007 Regional Meeting

April 16-17 Seattle, Wash.

Special lectures: "Trinitarian Spirituality and Immigration Ministry," National Korean Presbyterian Council's Pastors Continuous Education Conference

Drs. Heather and Fred Gingrich

March 22-25 King of Prussia, Penn. Workshop presenters at the Christian Association for Psychological Studies Annual Conference

Rick Hess

Feb. 9-10 Denver, Colo.

Organizer and Presenter, Denver Seminary Biblical Studies Conference

March 23 Omaha, Neb.

Speaker, Regis University, Society of Biblical Literature Regional Meeting

March 24 Oxford, Ohio

Oxford Community Foundation Lecture

March 25 Oxford, Ohio

Speaker, Oxford Bible Church

March 26-30 Cincinnati, Ohio

Hebrew Union College Alumnus in Residence

Laverne Jordan

March 21-25 Detroit, Mich.

American Counseling Association Annual Convention. Attending as the president and designated representative of the Colorado Counseling Association

Randy MacFarland

Feb. 1-3 Phoenix, Ariz.

Evangelical Deans Council

March 22-24 Vancouver, B.C.

Association of Theological Schools Chief Academic Officers Society Seminar

March 26-29 Guatemala City, Guatemala

Meeting with Administration and Faculty at SETECA

Jan McCormack

Feb. 14-18 Baltimore, Md.

Presenter, International Critical Stress Foundation

March 7-9 Omaha, Neb.

South Central Region Assoc of Clinical Pastoral Ed

March 10 Denver, Colo.

Trainer, Prepare-Enrich Workshop

Don Payne

Jan. 18-20 Dallas, Texas

Workshop and Paper on "The Role of Theology in Theological Reflection," Association for Theological Field Education

Feb. 9-10 Littleton, Colo.

Paper on "The Theological Method of Pre-Millennialism," Denver Seminary Biblical Studies Conference

Brad Widstrom

Feb. 3 Denver, Colo.

Youth Training Day for Episcopal Diocese of Colorado

Feb. 22-24 Rockford, Ill.

Great Lakes Region, Target Youth Ministry Leadership Conference

March 23-24 Seattle, Wash.

Northwest Christian Education Conference

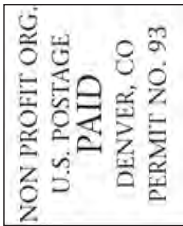
Craig Williford

Jan. 3-6 Scottsdale, Ariz.

Fellowship of Evangelical Seminary Presidents

March 26-29 Guatemala City, Guatemala

Meeting with Administration and Faculty at SETECA



Christians and the Future: The Bible and Pre-Millennialism

February 9-10, 2007 • Simpson Chapel

Speakers:

- Hélène Dallaire Judaism and the World to Come
- Richard S. Hess The Future Written in the Past: The Old Testament and Millennialism
- Oscar Campos Pre-Millennial Tensions and Holistic Missiology: Latin American Evangelicalism
- Craig Blomberg The Post-Tribulationism of the New Testament
- Don Payne The Theological Method of Pre-Millennialism
- Sung Wook Chung Toward the Reformed and Covenantal Theology of Pre-Millennialism: A Proposal

For more information or to register, please call Luanna Traubert at 303.762.6929 or visit us online at www.denverseminary.edu/events



Spring Open House

March 9, 2007

Denver Seminary invites prospective students and families to our Open House on Friday, March 9, 2007.

Learn more about our academic programs, sit in on a class, talk with faculty, connect with current students and take a tour of campus. Lunch will be served.

RSVP by March 5, 2007.

For details and to register, please call us at 800-922-3040 ext. 1278 or visit us online at denverseminary.edu/admissions/openhouse

Addressing Sexual Issues in Congregations with Dr. Mark Laaser

Presented by the Doctor of Ministry Program

Thursday, January 11, 2007 • 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

\$10 until January 8, \$15 at the door

Refreshments and campus tours starting at 6:15 p.m.

Mark Laaser lectures nationally and internationally and consults with hospitals and treatment centers around the country. A trained pastor, he focuses on the treatment and prevention of sexual issues in the church and beyond.

Register at 303-762-6918 or dmin@denverseminary.edu



CHALLENGE THE MIND, EXPAND THE HEART

- February 8 • 7:00 p.m.** Dr. Daniel Carroll, The Mideast Crisis
- March 8 • 7:00 p.m.** Dr. Craig Blomberg, History of the Bible
- April 24 • 11:00 a.m.** Elisa Morgan, A Perspective on Servant Leadership

A series of stimulating lectures and discussions designed for women in our community to wrestle with relevant issues of today, cultivate their own worldview and pursue a deeper relationship with Christ. For registration information, visit our website at denverseminary.edu/womensforum

LEADERSHIP LUNCH

Monday, February 12 Tuesday, April 10
Monday, March 12 Tuesday, May 8

Meet our world-class faculty. Hear stories from our students. Find out how you can become involved. Complimentary lunch begins promptly at noon. Campus tour follows at 1:00 p.m. RSVP one week prior to each luncheon you plan to attend at 303.762.6969 or email us at melanie.eagar@denverseminary.edu

Common Ground Chapel Schedule

January 2007

Jan. 29-30 Tony Weedor
Conference for World Christians

February 2007

Feb. 5-6	Dr. M. L. Kaufman
Feb. 12-13	Dr. Brenda Salter McNeil
Feb. 19-20	Dr. Mark DeYmaz
Feb. 26-27	Dr. Henry Mitchell

March 2007

March 5-6	Senior Preachers
March 12-13	Senior Preachers
March 19-20	Spring Break – No Chapel
March 26-27	Senior Preachers

Chapel is held at 11:00 a.m. in the Simpson Chapel and is open to the public.

For more information, visit our website at www.denverseminary.edu/worship/schedule

CrossTalk: Encouraging Christian Leaders Through Lifelong Learning and Community

9:00 to 11:30 a.m. in the Simpson Chapel • \$20 per person, or \$25 to stay for lunch from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Denver Seminary is excited to bring to you a series of events designed just for pastors and ministry leaders! Upcoming lectures include:

- Jan. 18, 2007 Marshall Shelley
The 21st Century Leader: What we can learn for tomorrow from the leadership of Billy Graham
- Feb. 15, 2007 Eric Swanson
If your church vanished, would your community weep? Would anyone notice? Would anyone care?

To register for either of these events, please visit www.denverseminary.edu/lifelongeducation