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THE WAY *Forward*

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2018 W.I.N.G.S. Conference

The 24th annual Women in God's Service Conference (WINGS) will be held on the campus of Harding University February 9-10, 2018. Sameea Collins will be the keynote speaker on the theme "The Way Forward," building on the previous two events which led participants to reflect on their own spiritual history and reflect on how they can serve God presently. This year looks forward reflecting on how to live as women for the Lord.

Sameea Collins, Keynote Speaker



Sameea grew up as a preacher's daughter in Pakistan, and she works with the Women of Pakistan through the Women in God's Service Program (also called WINGS) at the Church of Christ in Woodstock, Georgia. This program raises funds to provide sewing machines for sewing centers being developed in Pakistan to spread the gospel and provide vocational instruction for women. Sameea has been featured on the cover of Christian Woman magazine and recently prefaced a book on Islam authored by Burt Jones. She has been a featured speaker at the Freed-Hardeman, Heritage Christian University, PTP, and Cane Ridge Restoration lectureships. She is also a frequent speaker at ladies' days and retreats across the country, including the "Women Walking with God Conference" in Wichita, Kansas.

In conjunction with the theme "The Way Forward," six breakout groups will be offered about how to live for God in various aspects of our lives, including thinking, mission, trust, service, and moving forward from trauma and grief.

Registration is now open at www.harding.edu/wings and regular updates are being offered on our Facebook page "Women In God's Service (WINGS)". We hope that you will join us, and invite others to come with you! If you have any questions, feel free to email us at wings@harding.edu.

Peer Guide Program

Making disciples and mentoring students have always gone hand in hand at Harding University. This is why, since its inception in 2014, a program using peer mentors to help new students always seemed like a natural fit.

The Peer Guide program, as it is known, was born out of the desire to combine a nationwide best practice to assist new students with their transition to college with Harding's legacy of rich faculty student relationships.

Now entering its fourth year, the Peer Guide program is designed to help strengthen a sense of community by having upper class students walk alongside new students during their transition to college. One male and one female upper class student is selected to serve in every section of Harding's freshman and first year transfer Bible classes. Peer Guides, as they are known, attend more than 50% of the new students' Bible classes and help lead several co-curricular activities. These activities include student IMPACT (four-day orientation held before the start of school), separate freshman and transfer retreats, the Harding University Organizational Fair, study sessions, and several learning enhancement seminars.

Peer Guides are very familiar with Harding's academic resources and are then able to point first year students to those services necessary for a successful transition to college. These resources include individual and group tutoring services as well as the Career Center, financial aid services and residence life to name a few. In this way, the program provides an important strategy for assisting at-risk students.

Students eligible to serve as peer guides must possess at least a 3.0 GPA, be nominated by the Harding Bible faculty and must exhibit a maturing faith in Christ evident in their integrity, initiative and attitude. It is also important that Peer Guides already possess a belief and involvement in university activities that reflect their understanding of Harding's mission.

From the Bible faculty's perspective, the introduction of peer guides into the freshman and transfer Bible classes provide an ideal opportunity to mentor students in ministry. The program provides an excellent opportunity for leadership development among upper class students selected to serve in this role. As faculty mentor peer guides, they model what the mentoring relationship can look like between fellow students. Our goal is to assist new students make a successful transition to college and to strengthen their sense of belonging within the Harding community.

Peer guides Sarah Adair and Ashton Cate meet with Dr. Scott Adair's freshman Bible class.



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2017 LECTURESHIP REPORT

We experienced another outstanding lectureship in 2017, with great attendance and a strong positive response to the theme of “**RIGHTEOUSNESS FROM GOD: The Revolutionary Message of the book of Romans.**” Some highlights of this year’s program:

- ⇒ The number of family units registering for Lectureship increased by 18% over last year.
- ⇒ We welcomed guests from 33 different states - AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, DE, FL, GA, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MD, MI, MN, MO, MS, NC, NH, NM, NV, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, SD, TN, TX, VA, and WV. We also enjoyed our guests from 9 foreign countries - Australia, Belgium, Canada, Cuba, Haiti, Honduras, India, Trinidad, and Ukraine.
- ⇒ Our Ladies Day attendance was up 19.3% from last year, with an overflow crowd assembled in Cone Chapel to hear Deborah Houston of San Antonio.
- ⇒ Participation in the Celebration of Ministry dinner on Monday was up 22.9% from 2016.
- ⇒ Monday night’s Lectureship Offering raised over \$7000 for preaching scholarships.
- ⇒ The annual Ken Neller Preaching Workshop had its largest attendance ever, with nearly 100 participants.

A highlight of each year’s Lectureship is the presentation of Distinguished Christian Service awards. The DCS award is given to individuals who have made a significant contribution to the kingdom through their life and ministry. This year there were two recipients.

On the opening night of Lectureship, Dr. Bruce McLarty presented a DSC award to Dr. Dale Manor, Professor of Bible & Archaeology at Harding University, for effectively combining capable scholarship with reverent faith. The text of Manor’s award reads in part:

As field director for the Tel Beth-Shemesh dig site in Israel, and as the author of many scholarly works, he has advanced our understanding of the Biblical cultural context. As a professor Dr. Manor has fired the imaginations, and strengthened the faith, of a generation of students. As director of the Linda Byrd Smith Archaeological Museum, Dale has provided Harding University with a rich resource for generations to come. And most of all, as a minister of the gospel, Dale Manor has faithfully proclaimed the Cross of Christ.



On the last night of Lectureship a DCS award was presented to Warren Smith of Pocohontas, Arkansas. The text of the award was read by Dr. Devin Swindle, Associate Professor of Bible & Ministry, and it contains the following commendations:

As a local business man, Warren has served the people of Northeast Arkansas with honesty, integrity, and reliability for decades. As an elder of the Lord’s church for more than forty years in Michigan and Arkansas, he has shepherded God’s flock with wisdom, patience, and compassion. As a lifelong singer, worship leader, and traveling musicianary, Warren has inspired audiences all over the country to delight in the sounds of heaven. And most of all, as a husband of sixty years to Joann, Warren Smith has been a model of love and commitment for his family, his church, and his community.

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As he presented the award, Dr. Swindle shared memories of how, as he was growing up, he was influenced and inspired by Warren Smith through Smith's work leading congregational singing and through his performances with "The Silvertones," a well-known gospel quartet.

Audio recordings of Lectureship presentations are now posted online and may be accessed at <http://scholarworks.harding.edu/lectureship/>

The 95th annual Harding Bible Lectureship is set to be held on September 30-October 3, 2018. The theme of next year's program is "WRITTEN IN STONE: The Enduring Relevance of the Ten Commandments." Updates will be posted throughout the year on our website at www.harding.edu/lectureship and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/HULectureship.

FACULTY NOTES

Our Bible faculty are serving the kingdom all over the world. Here are some examples:

- ◆ The following COBAM faculty members made presentations at the 2017 Harding Bible Lectureship: Dr. Scott Adair, Dr. Jerry Bowling, Dr. Eddie Cloer, Dr. Monte Cox, Dr. Allen Diles, Dr. Mike Ireland, Alexander Jamerison, Dr. Dale Manor, Karl McLarty, Dr. Jesse Robertson, Dr. Daniel Stockstill, Dr. Devin Swindle, Dr. Anessa Westbrook, Dr. Tim Westbrook, and Dr. Randy Willingham.
- ◆ Dr. Jordan Guy successfully defended his dissertation "'Whoever is Among You of All His People, Let Him Go Up': A Literary-Rhetorical Analysis of the Exile-Restoration Topos in 1-2 Chronicles" at Asbury Theological Seminary in September of 2017. Additionally, Dr. Guy has been the visiting Wednesday night teacher at the McCrory church of Christ (McCrory, AR) since May of 2017.
- ◆ Dr. Dale Manor attended the annual meetings of the American Schools of Oriental Research in Boston, MA in November where he read a paper entitled: "Toys'R'Us at Tel Beth-Shemesh." In October, he delivered a series of archaeology lectures at the Grants Pass Church of Christ in Grants Pass, Oregon.
- ◆ Mac Sandlin delivered a presentation on virtue ethics for the Word Made Fresh session at the American Academy of Religion's Annual Conference in November.
- ◆ Dr. Tim Westbrook presented "Embracing the Mission: A Case Study from an Online Orientation for Adjunct Faculty" at the Assessment Institute in Indianapolis.
- ◆ Dr. Dan Williams gave the opening address at the Abundant Living Conference in Branson, Missouri on October 10.