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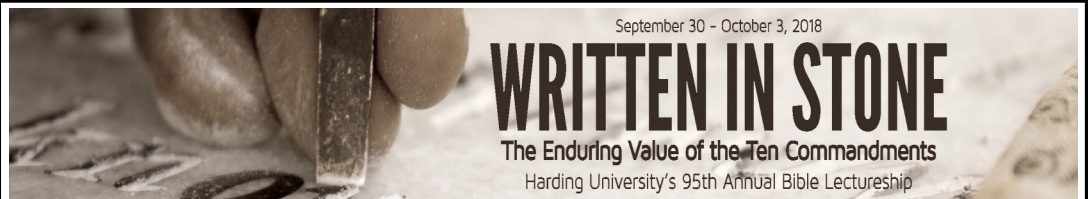
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I invite you to Harding University's 95th Annual Bible Lectureship! Since our very first year as a college, the Harding community has invited students, alumni, friends and other church leaders from all across the nation and all around the world to gather for four special days of Bible study, encouragement, inspiration, worship and fellowship. Lectureship is always uplifting and inspiring, and we are confident that you will be blessed by your attendance this year.

Our theme this year is "WRITTEN IN STONE: The Enduring Relevance of the Ten Commandments." In a time when truth is increasingly viewed as relative and where moral values are often mocked as irrelevant, the Ten Commandments speak with refreshing clarity and amazing power. They remind us that the God who created us knows and desires what is truly best for us, and the Ten Commandments ultimately point us to Jesus, the fulfillment of the Law.



Again, I invite you to our 95th Annual Bible Lectureship! Your presence here would be a gift to every other participant, and we are so glad you came. Our prayer is that by the time you leave, God will refresh your spirit and fill you with renewed passion to share the good things you experience and learn during the program on September 30—October 3.

-Dr. Bruce McLarty, President



“How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in Him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!”

-Paul (Romans 10:14-15)

In my office, I have a picture of a turtle on a fencepost. It is a visual reminder of a quote that is often attributed to Alex Haley which says, "Anytime you see a turtle up on top of a fence post, you know he had some help." Throughout the course of my ministry, I have been blessed to have countless men and women walk alongside me and model what it means to be a Christian man, husband, father, youth minister, discipleship minister, and now preaching minister. Occasionally it was some profound event or saying but frequently it was the day-to-day, seemingly insignificant pearls that I picked up along the way.



While I was a student at Harding I was blessed to be trained by some of the best in the brotherhood who poured into me and others the wealth of their knowledge and experiences. For this I will be eternally grateful.

For the past several years, I have been familiar with the Kerusso Experience due to the powerful presentations that Dr. Devin Swindle and his students present at the Annual Arkansas Ministers & Wives Day on Harding’s campus. I have witnessed several young men boldly stand before a room full of seasoned pulpiteers and their wives and deliver eloquent sermons that are well-developed and well-presented. Each year it is obvious they are well-trained, and more importantly, that seeds have been planted that God will no doubt water for years to come.

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Landon, Leslie, Austin, and Keith Alexander

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For the first time, our congregation (College Avenue Church of Christ in El Dorado, Arkansas) sent a student to Kerusso. Austin Alexander will be attending Harding in the Fall to pursue a degree in youth ministry. It has been a joy to watch as he has matured in the faith and delivered various devotional thoughts for services here at College Avenue. Based on his passion for ministry and his desire to pursue his calling the leadership here felt that Austin would benefit from an experience such as Kerusso.

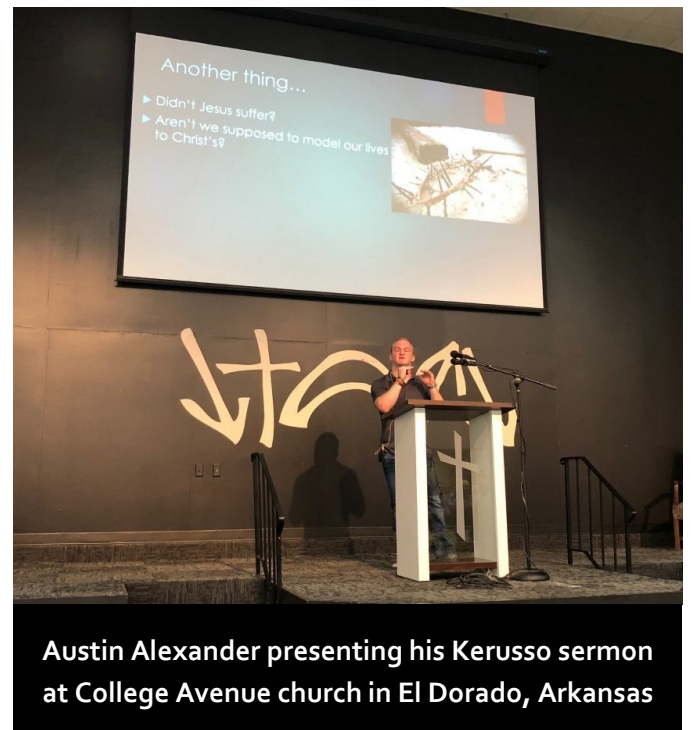
The shepherds unanimously agreed to send Austin and to cover the cost of registration. This past Sunday, the leadership gave Austin the

opportunity to preach the sermon he crafted while at Kerusso and he did an outstanding job! Austin has always been confident in the pulpit, but this experience polished his skills and gave him a presence that was not there before. His remarks and his visuals were organized, and he was easy to follow. His illustrations were timely and germane to his topic. In my mind, the Kerusso Experience took a great young man with a lot of potential and transformed him into someone who was better equipped to use his God-given talents moving forward!

I strongly recommend the Kerusso Experience for any young men in your congregation who have an interest (or think they might have an interest) in pursuing ministry as a career. I wish something like this had been available when I was a high school student. It would have saved my home congregation hours of time listening to mediocre sermons and irrelevant anecdotes.

May God continue to bless this powerful ministry!

Kent Jobe
Preaching Minister
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Austin Alexander presenting his Kerusso sermon at College Avenue church in El Dorado, Arkansas

NOTE: The 2019 Kerusso Experience will be held in June 29-July 6. Dr. Kevin Youngblood will be leading the young men in a study of the book of Jonah. For more information, go to our website—www.harding.edu/kerusso-experience.



Abundant Living Seniors Ministry

Abundant Living is an outreach of the Office of Church Relations at Harding. This unique ministry is designed to encourage, inspire, equip, and challenge older Christians in their service to the kingdom and one another.

Their annual Branson Retreat will be held **October 9-12, 2018**. More information is available at www.abundantlivingseniors.com.

FACULTY NOTES

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

- ◆ Dr. Ross Cochran made two presentations at Harbor (the Pepperdine Bible Lectures) on the ministry philosophy of Landon B. Saunders and the theological commitments of his ministry, Heartbeat. Cochran also chaired the Saunders lecture at the Christian Scholars Conference in Nashville in June.
- ◆ Dr. Allen Diles conducted two training sessions on missions principles for the missionary apprenticeship program, Avanti Italia.
- ◆ Dr. Jordan Guy spoke at Riverside church of Christ, Cabot church of Christ, and College church of Christ. He graduated from Asbury Theological Seminary with his Ph.D. in Biblical Studies. He received a contract from Sheffield Phoenix Press to publish his dissertation *Exile and Restoration in 1-2 Chronicles* and a contract from Brill to collaborate with his mentor in reconstructing and translating Paraleipomenon B (2 Chronicles) in Codex B (Vaticanus).
- ◆ Dr. Jesse Robertson went to Port au Prince, Haiti, to meet with church leaders and dream about the future of the work.
- ◆ Dr. Tim Westbrook presented at the Christian Adult Higher Education Association on the topic of "Spirituality, Community & Race Consciousness in Adult Higher Education" June 4-7 in Asheville, North Carolina. Dr. Westbrook also co-wrote an article entitled "An Investigation into the Implications of Dewey's 'Learning Situation' for Online Education" with students Morgan McGaughy and Jordan McDonald which was published in *Net: An eJournal of Faith-Based Distance Learning* 2 (2018).