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From the President

Searching for Truth, Finding God's Treasure

Dear Friend,

Over a quarter century ago I heard someone say,
"The greatest hindrance to the best is the good."

I still don't know who first uttered that particular bit of wisdom, but I have treasured it ever since as a core leadership principle.

You see, we're tempted to think that the tough choices are those between good and evil, but those are relatively easy; we already know which one we should do, and then it's simply a matter of willpower or courage. But a choice between good and best is more difficult, as we are quite often willing to settle for the good rather than doing the hard work of pursuing the best. But the best is where the real treasure lies, and where the real payoff is.

At Evangelical we've been pursuing the best for 60 years now. The challenges have been significant, even tremendous at times, but the Spirit of God has continually invited us to deeper trust and higher aspirations. Like every other ministry, we must be very creative and intentional to use our limited resources for the best possible outcomes. Fortunately, we are blessed with a team of faculty and staff who make the best happen on a daily basis — in our classrooms, in our chapel services, in our counseling centers, and in the ministries we lead throughout the region. And, as a result, we have proud and supportive alumni who speak glowingly of how their experience at Evangelical was their best preparation for the work to which God has called them.

I invite you to read in the following pages what God is doing in and through Evangelical. As you do, consider how we might help each other celebrate a solid past and work toward a brilliant future.

Grace,



Dr. Tony Blair,
President

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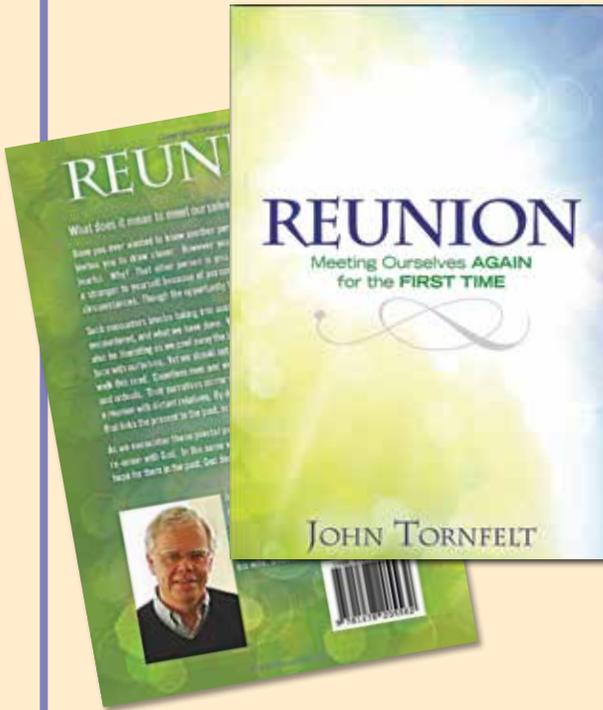
The Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education (COAMTE) has voted to grant Accreditation to the Master of Arts in Marriage and Family Therapy for a period of five (5) years, May 1, 2013 – May 1, 2018.

Evangelical is the only school between Philadelphia and Pittsburgh to have earned this accreditation...and only the fourth school in the state.



PUBLISHED!

Two Faculty Books Challenge our Minds and Hearts

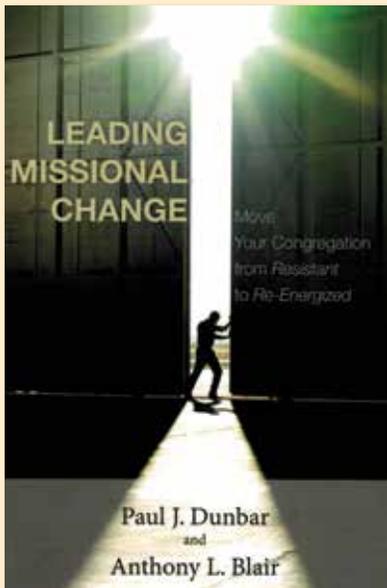


Dr. John Tornfelt

Come Face to Face With Your Life Story

Dr. John Tornfelt, professor of preaching and ministry, is the author of a new book, *Reunion: Meeting Ourselves Again for the First Time*. The narrative focuses on the ways

biblical men and women faced their trials, and then suggests relevant mirrors for our own life stories. The book is available for purchase in Evangelical's main office or on Amazon.com.



Dr. Paul Dunbar



Dr. Tony Blair

Get Energized for the Mission

Leading Missional Change: Move Your Congregation from Resistant to Re-Energized is a book co-authored by Dr. Paul Dunbar, an Evangelical Seminary alum, and Dr. Tony Blair, Evangelical Seminary president. It's written for congregational leaders who want to move resistant churches into a more missional mindset but who have been stymied in their efforts. Using primary research conducted on typical American congregations, it provides hope and strategies to re-energize congregations. For more information about the book, published this spring by Wipf and Stock, visit www.leadingmissionalchange.info.



A New Center for Methodist Studies



Evangelical has launched a **Center for Methodist Studies** to attract and support Methodist students at the seminary as well as Methodist clergy and laity throughout eastern and central Pennsylvania. Directed by Dr. Christopher Fisher, Assistant Professor of United Methodist Studies, the Center coordinates existing activities and creates new initiatives for Methodist studies at the Myerstown campus and throughout the region. Course offerings cover Methodist history, doctrine, and polity in an effort to satisfy Methodist ordination requirements and provide continuing education opportunities. The new initiative includes Wesley Forum, a campus event at which Evangelical President Dr. Tony Blair announced the launching of the Center. Other upcoming campus events tying in to the Center's launch include two events: Women in Ministry: A

Conversation Among Leaders on June 12 featuring United Methodist Church Bishop Peggy Johnson as a keynote speaker and the July 22 Future Forum led by United Methodist author and educator Leonard Sweet. The Center also encourages Methodist and non-Methodist students alike to pursue research or critical reflection so as to benefit the greater Methodist constituency, ensure a continuing Methodist presence in chapel programs, and utilize existing networks and tools to connect the activities of the Center and the seminary with the Methodist communities of eastern and central Pennsylvania. An advisory council to support the work of the Center is being formed, and additional funding opportunities are being sought. For more information, contact Dr. Fisher at cfisher@evangelical.edu.

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FOUR CHAPLAINS SCHOLARSHIP CREATED



The **Four Chaplains Scholarship Program** is intended to attract, assist, and advise qualified military chaplaincy candidates into and through the Master of Divinity program at Evangelical. The centerpiece of the new program is a full annual scholarship to at least two students regarded as qualified candidates.

Funding for the program, directed by the Rev. Dr. Bruce Farrell, a retired Army chaplain, has been provided by federal and state sources and regional Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion units.



I served as a state chaplain and the personnel chaplain at the National Guard Bureau," says Dr. Farrell, a trainer of chaplains, an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ, and now serving a congregation in Lebanon County. "In those positions I saw that many potential chaplains were attracted to some distance learning programs that were free.

The program name is inspired by the well-known story of the four U.S. Army chaplains of the USS Dorchester who gave away their lifejackets and their lives to save others when their ship was hit by enemy fire during World War II. Their self-sacrificial spirit exemplified not only the best of the chaplaincy corps but also the transformational ethos of Evangelical. For more information contact Dr. Farrell at bruce.farrell@evangelical.edu.

Pray for Evangelical

- **Praise** the Lord for Evangelical's rich history of "60 Years of Preparing Transformational Leaders."
- **Praise** Him for His abundant goodness in the life of the seminary — students, faculty, staff, administration, board, friends, and resources.
- **Pray** that the 30 students who will graduate in May would be used in a mighty way in the ministries to which they are called.
- **Pray** for Dr. Tony Blair and the leadership team as they seek to follow God's direction for Evangelical's future of preparing transformational leaders to minister in this broken and complex world.

FROM THE OFFICE OF
INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT

Come Home to Celebrate



All alums

are invited to join the fun at
**Homecoming on
September 10.**

Beginning at 5 p.m., there will be a
cookout, time for fellowship with
professors and former classmates,
and the presentation of some awards.
Fall Convocation, where Dr. James
Yoder (a founding professor) will
speak, will be held at 7:00 p.m. An ice
cream social will follow. For updated
information about Homecoming later
this summer, visit www.evangelical.edu/60years.

In keeping with Evangelical's theme
of "Celebrating 60 Years of Preparing
Transformational Leaders," we have
created a series of vignettes titled
**Celebrating 60 of Our Awesome
Alums.** In mid-February we began
posting them online at www.evangelical.edu/60_awesome_alums,
adding five new vignettes each
Monday. Join the many others who
have regularly been reading about
Evangelical's awesome alums!

For more information:
www.evangelical.edu

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maximum ministry impact!
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UPCOMING 2013 CELEBRATION EVENTS

ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

May 23, 6:45 a.m. registration,
Fairview Golf Course, Lebanon, Pa.

The tournament benefits the Annual Fund for
Transformational Leadership. Play a round of golf and
help develop servant leaders for effective ministry.



WOMEN IN MINISTRY LEADERSHIP FORUM...FOR MEN AND WOMEN

June 12, 9 a.m.–3 p.m.

Join Bishop Peggy Johnson, Eastern PA Conference
of the United Methodist Church, and other thoughtful
women in leadership for this engaging,
interactive forum.



THE FUTURE FORUM

July 22, 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Dr. Leonard Sweet is the E. Stanley
Jones Professor of Evangelism at
Drew University in New Jersey, a
Distinguished Visiting Professor at
George Fox University in Oregon

and author of the Jesus Manifesto. With some of the
highest "influence" rankings of any religious figure in
social media and as a pioneer in online learning, he has
authored numerous articles, sermons, and more than
50 books.

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See homecoming article on page 5.

FAITH IN THE MARKETPLACE

Designed to help leaders integrate their faith into the
marketplace and see that their vocation is a calling of
God, these breakfast events from 7-8:30 a.m. feature a
guest speaker.

Myerstown, September 19: Evangelical Seminary
Gil Stricklin, Chairman and CEO of Marketplace
Ministries of Plano, Texas

Gil's company specializes in business chaplaincy and
employee care in 44 states and 920 cities.

Lancaster, October 24:
Lancaster Mennonite High School
Rick Herring, President of Giant Foods
Carlisle Division

Herring oversees Giant/Martin's 200 stores in four
states and serves on the boards of various
non-profit organizations.

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY SEMINAR AND CONTINUING EDUCATION EVENT

September 24, 8:30-4:30 in Zinn Commons.

Lunch is provided and 6 CEUs offered. Join Kenneth
V. Hardy, Ph.D. as he shares an important topic called
"Psychological Homelessness and the Spiritual Meaning
of Home: A Hidden Dimension in Diversity."

FRIENDS OF EVANGELICAL BANQUET

November 1, Calvary
Church, Lancaster,
5:45 p.m. reception,

6:30 p.m. dinner and program.

Our speaker Dr. Barry Black is Chaplain of the U.S.
Senate. He has served in his position for the past 10
years, where he has had opportunity to provide care for
key influencers in the U.S. government.



BUILDING FOR A BRILLIANT FUTURE

Meet George Davis

Evangelical's new Director of Enrollment Management



George Davis is an experienced pastor, businessman, and entrepreneurial leader who is willing to provide leadership to Evangelical's enrollment efforts.

As Director of Enrollment Management, he oversees student recruitment, retention, enrollment marketing, and provides input to many aspects of overall strategic planning. Here's a closer look at one of Evangelical's newest leaders.

What attracted you to Evangelical and to this position in particular?

I am attracted to Evangelical because of our shared belief that personal spiritual growth, a passion to minister to others, practical training, and sound theological education should go hand in hand. Through my directorship role I will seek to give practical expression to my love for people, do strategic planning, serve within a progressive leadership team, and help others know Father better. I am excited about helping Evangelical recruit students and forge stronger partnerships while honoring our heritage of preparing people to share God's great news.

How has God prepared you for this role?

What have you done prior to coming to Evangelical?

One of the ways Father prepared me is by drawing me to him and giving me strong and gifted mentors. I believe he graced me with the ability to see things a little differently, ask probing questions, learn quickly, and live with an entrepreneurial approach to life. I'm thankful that I received solid training in theology early in ministry and also enjoyed the privilege of studying organizational leadership later in life. My broad experiences in youth ministry, church planting, NPO management, and business are a wonderful resource in helping me build new partnerships and engage potential students.

Talk a bit about your family!

My eyes usually light up when I talk about my family. I am rich beyond my greatest dreams because I'm still in love with the best person I know, my wife, Denise. We have three children, two awesome sons-in-law, a wonderful new daughter-in-law-to-be, and three of the smartest, funniest, best-looking grandkids one could ever meet. The best thing of all is that each of my children and their mates is passionate about loving Jesus, living justly, and being merciful to others. Of late, I've been saying, "I just want to be more like my sons and daughters."

In our house we don't just consider our relatives family; we consider those whom Father knits into our lives to be our truest family. It will take a long time to really tell you about that side of our family, but if you stop by my office, I'll tell you as many stories as you want to hear!

What are you praying for? What are your hopes and dreams for how Evangelical may serve this broken, complex world in the coming years?

Right now I am praying a lot about how to build a successful team of recruiters. A large part of that is praying for our leaders, faculty, and staff. I also pray for our students, the people we are here to serve — those we've already met and those whom Father is sending our way.

It is my hope that Evangelical will find an increasingly effective place in the changing landscape of graduate education. I desire that our seminary community will pursue an abandoned passion for God and a greater willingness to engage justice issues at a practical level. I pray for humility in our teaching and in the way we lead. I regularly ask for the ability to stay true to our calling while we embrace new ways of fulfilling our mission.

Tell us why you call God "Father?"

I call him Father, because that is what he is to me... my dad. I've found that calling him "dad" sometimes offended others, so I started referring to him as "Father" without the article. It is personal enough to properly define our relationship and doesn't seem to offend some of my Christian friends.



Open House and Information Nights

For Prospective Students

Evangelical alumni are carrying the beautiful message of Jesus Christ boldly in ministry and career vocations abroad and here at home. Learn more about Evangelical through these informative, engaging events.

June 3 • INFORMATION NIGHT

6:30 to 8 p.m., Parish Resource Center,
633 Community Way, Lancaster, PA

June 18 • INFORMATION NIGHT

6 to 8 p.m., Cornerstone Coffeehouse,
2133 Market Street, Camp Hill, PA

November 7 • OPEN HOUSE & TOUR

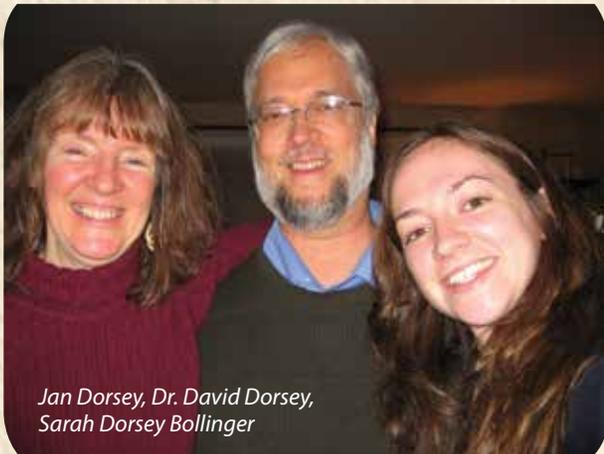
6:30 to 8 p.m., Evangelical Seminary,
121 South College Street, Myerstown, PA

November 18 • OPEN HOUSE & TOUR

6:30 to 8 p.m., Evangelical Seminary,
28 South Dewberry Street, Harrisburg, PA

DIGGING UP THE PAST,

FINDING A BRILLIANT FUTURE



Jan Dorsey, Dr. David Dorsey,
Sarah Dorsey Bollinger

SARAH DORSEY BOLLINGER, '04, FOLLOWS THE FOOTSTEPS OF HER FATHER, DR. DAVID A. DORSEY.

Most young girls grow up wanting to be like their favorite doll or their favorite actress. Sarah Dorsey Bollinger had a different ambition.

"I just wanted to be like my dad," she says.

In her case, "Dad" is Dr. David Dorsey, Distinguished Professor of Old Testament and Curator of the Pense Biblical Archaeological Collection at Evangelical Seminary. Today, "like father, like daughter" means that Sarah is completing doctoral study in hopes of becoming a professor at Evangelical.

Sarah's ministry journey began there, as she was born two years after Dr. Dorsey began teaching at Evangelical. "I used to run through the halls of the seminary as my playground when I was little," she recalls. "I had such respect for my dad — he's a wonderful person, he's kind, he's fun and he's also very good at what he does. I went along with him on teaching engagements, and I could see that students really appreciated him."

Eventually Sarah became one of those students herself, as she sat under her father as a student at Evangelical Seminary, graduating in 2004. "I really enjoyed the whole process," she says, laughingly adding that "the funniest thing was trying to decide whether I should call him Dad in class or Dr. Dorsey! I didn't know what to do! I think I just decided to go with Dad because anything else was too weird."

Sarah's tone turns more serious as she talks about how her respect for her father grew. "He wasn't particularly well during those years," she notes, "and he had so much to offer

through his suffering and his problems with his physical health."

She refers to Dr. Dorsey's chronic health issues that have kept him out of the classroom much of this Spring. When he first came to Evangelical Seminary in 1979, Dr. Dorsey had contracted an unknown, mysterious lung disease that he thinks he picked up through archaeological excavations in Israel. Later came body pain and a series of spinal fractures.

Dr. Dorsey refuses to be turned away by the ravages of illness, though. "I've decided to teach through the suffering," he declares, noting if his health has improved enough he hopes to return to teach this fall for what he calls his "grand finale."

That said, Dr. Dorsey has big plans for his so-called retirement. "I'm very excited about it," he confesses as he talks about being three-quarters of the way through a volume on the Old Testament law as part of what he conceives as a three-volume series that he hopes to complete in three years. "I have a bunch of other books I'd like to write," he continues. "There's not enough time to do all the things I'd like to do."

One other thing on Dr. Dorsey's agenda for this fall is to mentor his daughter and son-in-law as professors. Sarah and her husband, Phillip Bollinger, plan to return to Pennsylvania after having completed the resident study requirements toward their doctoral degrees in Bible and Ancient Near East at Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati. Upon their return they will both teach some courses under her father's mentorship.



Sarah Dorsey Bollinger and her husband, Phillip Bollinger, on an archaeological excavation.

In that respect, Sarah will continue to draw upon her father's influence. "It was a tremendous help to have my father in place, somebody who had studied the Bible all his life and had a very deep faith in God," she says, referring back to her Evangelical days. "When I left and went to schools that were not Christian, I think I had learned that even though I study the Bible as an academic pursuit, I believe it by faith primarily, and I have to keep that central."

Dr. Dorsey's personal faith originates in his childhood in West Virginia and New Jersey, having become a Christian at age 14. He began to study the Bible enthusiastically, having what he calls "thoughts of learning the original languages so I could go to the mission field to some far-flung tribe and then translate the original Hebrew and Greek into that language."

When he met Jan, who became his wife, "my career was redirected a little bit," as he describes it. Instead of the mission field, Dr. Dorsey plunged into the realm of academia, eventually landing at Evangelical with Jan and their two sons.

Though sons Jonathan and Benjamin have entered other fields and pursue advanced biblical studies as an avocation, all the Dorseys (Jan included) share a lifelong love of learning, and of literature in particular. "As I got older I found that I also loved writing — poetry and short stories — and that I loved examining literary texts closely," Sarah observes.

She and her father also share a common love for critical thinking. "She thinks a lot like me — outside the box," Dr. Dorsey notes. "She has the same sort of critical mind; she

doesn't accept things easily."

When observing the father-daughter bond, though, their common love for archaeological adventure shines through most

prominently. "When I lived in Israel I had a motorcycle and traveled all over the country," Dr. Dorsey recalls, "and because I could speak Arabic, I could interact with the people on the West Bank and was able to find one of the 'lost cities' of the Bible, a place mentioned in the book of Joshua."

Likewise, Sarah went to Israel for a year after graduating from Evangelical, traveling around the country (and meeting her husband, who was part of the traveling group). "I think I had it in my mind that my father had done that too," she acknowledges, "so I wanted to follow in his footsteps." Sarah has returned to Israel subsequently, most recently this past summer to an archaeological site in northern Israel in the ancient biblical city of Dan.

As the retirement of Dr. Dorsey from Evangelical converges with Sarah's return to Myerstown, it bears paying close attention to what the two will dig up next together.



Dr. Dorsey, 1979



EVANGELICAL'S INFLUENCE EXPANDS

Lt. Cdr. William S. Riley
Chaplain Corps, U.S. Navy
2002, M.A.R., M.Div.,
magna cum laude

While working at a hospital in Michigan in the mid-1990s, William Riley sensed a restlessness in his heart. "My heart said I wanted to pursue ministry; my head said I had to make the dollar," says the former pre-med student. "While I could accomplish good things for the Lord in the field of medicine, I sensed that was not where I needed to be. I remember being a young boy, no more than 10, and seeing a church magazine with a picture of a minister wearing a uniform, and I was intrigued by that. I think it was there that God planted military chaplaincy in my heart and mind."

An Alumni Spotlight

With his wife's blessing, they and their three daughters arrived at Evangelical in 1998 so Riley could prepare to become a military chaplain. He originally intended to become a Reserve chaplain, but a chaplain supervisor convinced him to pursue active duty. Thus began a military career that currently has him in Monterey, Calif., as a professor at the Naval Post-Graduate School.

At the school, Chaplain Riley serves a pastoral role for students, faculty and staff. "But my primary responsibility is to teach," he explains. "The thing I love most, though, is that I get to put to use all the good things I learned at Evangelical. I feel so blessed to have been part of a school that laid a foundation that I draw on to this day. My time at Evangelical was the best four years of my life."

Chaplain Riley especially credits the influence of three professors: "Dr. David Dorsey became someone who exhibited grace, and that helped sand off rough edges for me. I find myself saying things to my students that I heard him say. Dr. Rodney Shearer became a mentor in ministry. He treated me not so much as a student but as a colleague, a ministry partner. And Dr. Ken Miller taught theology in a way that got through to me, and I still use it as a foundation for everything I do."

Since then, the Distinguished Graduate of the Naval War College has carved an influential niche in ministry. "I pinch myself because I get to wear the uniform and continue to rub shoulders with America's brightest and best," says Riley. "Someday many of these military personnel will be leading our nation as admirals and generals."

Presently some of these leaders serve as mid-level officers who often have just returned from war and have been thrown into a different kind of pressure cooker: that of post-graduate study. "It's hard on them," Chaplain Riley notes, "and they need to decompress, so they come to me for help."

Chaplain Riley acknowledges the obstacles to working with such influential people. "The people I come in contact with are in an academic environment," he explains, "so they challenge everything, which sometimes makes proclamation of the gospel difficult. But having that theological underpinning makes me confident in my witness. Even if they don't want anything to do with religion, they see me as a decent person with whom they can share things in confidence, and we work together to find solutions."



Chaplain Bill at sea on a ship off Iraq with a sailor.



Chaplain Bill's oldest daughter Kara (left) and wife Evelyn (right).

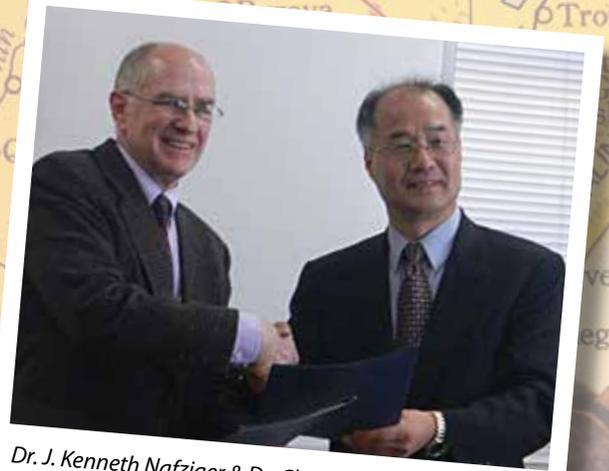
MISSION STATEMENT

In partnership with the church, Evangelical Seminary develops servant leaders for transformational ministry in a broken and complex world by nurturing rigorous minds, passionate hearts, and Christ-centered actions.

BIBLICAL EDUCATION FOR KOREANS

New Program Launched by Center for Lifelong Learning

Representatives of Evangelical Seminary recently signed an agreement with Trinity Education Net in Melrose Park, Pa., on the Philadelphia city line, to provide religious and ESL classes for the Korean community there. The program, known as **Biblical Education for Koreans**, will be administered by Evangelical's **Center for Lifelong Learning**. Along with the ESL classes, the two-year, non-credit program will include courses in religious and biblical studies. The goal is to enrich the Korean community's ESL experience and prepare Korean students for accredited educational opportunities. For more information, visit www.evangelical.edu/biblical-education-koreans/ or contact Ken Nafziger at knafziger@evangelical.edu.



Dr. J. Kenneth Nafziger & Dr. Charlie Kim