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THE MAGAZINE OF EVANGELICAL SEMINARY

Building
**Significant
Bridges**



BRIDGES OF ACCE

As Evangelical Seminary enters the 21st century, it faces new challenges impacting higher education nationwide. While these changes may be daunting to others, Evangelical can lean on its Wesleyan-Methodist heritage to develop new means of providing theological training that increases access to education without increasing the financial burden on students. In the early 19th century, itinerant clergy and/or uneducated pastors led the spread of Methodism across America. These ministers plowed fields Monday through Saturday and fed God's people on Sunday. Although Methodism was part of a revolutionary religious experience in America, it was not the only revolution at the time. From the late 18th century well into the late 19th century, America underwent a technological revolution that in many ways helped foster the spread of Methodism.

For the first time in human history, people could travel without the use of a horse. Trains zigzagged across the nation; steamships transported goods, people and ideas around the globe. Canals and bridges opened up what had been inaccessible places, and the telegraph enabled people to communicate across oceans. Printing advances enabled thousands of tracts, books and articles to be produced in record

time. Benevolent ministries capitalized on these technological advances to develop education programs that increased literacy among all classes of people.

For many early Methodists, these advances were part of God's plan to spread the gospel to the nations. During the early 19th century, Methodists developed tract societies, periodicals, publishing houses and networks to promote religious education worldwide, producing literature that trained clergymen in their own hometowns.

One particular clergyman, educator and journalist Nathan Bangs, sought to develop more systematic ways of training clergy. Bangs believed

he was keeping with John Wesley's vision of an educated clergy promoting better training opportunities. He also believed that as Methodism grew, it lost parishioners to other denominations or to the world because Methodist preachers did not have the academic acumen to articulate the gospel in relevant ways.

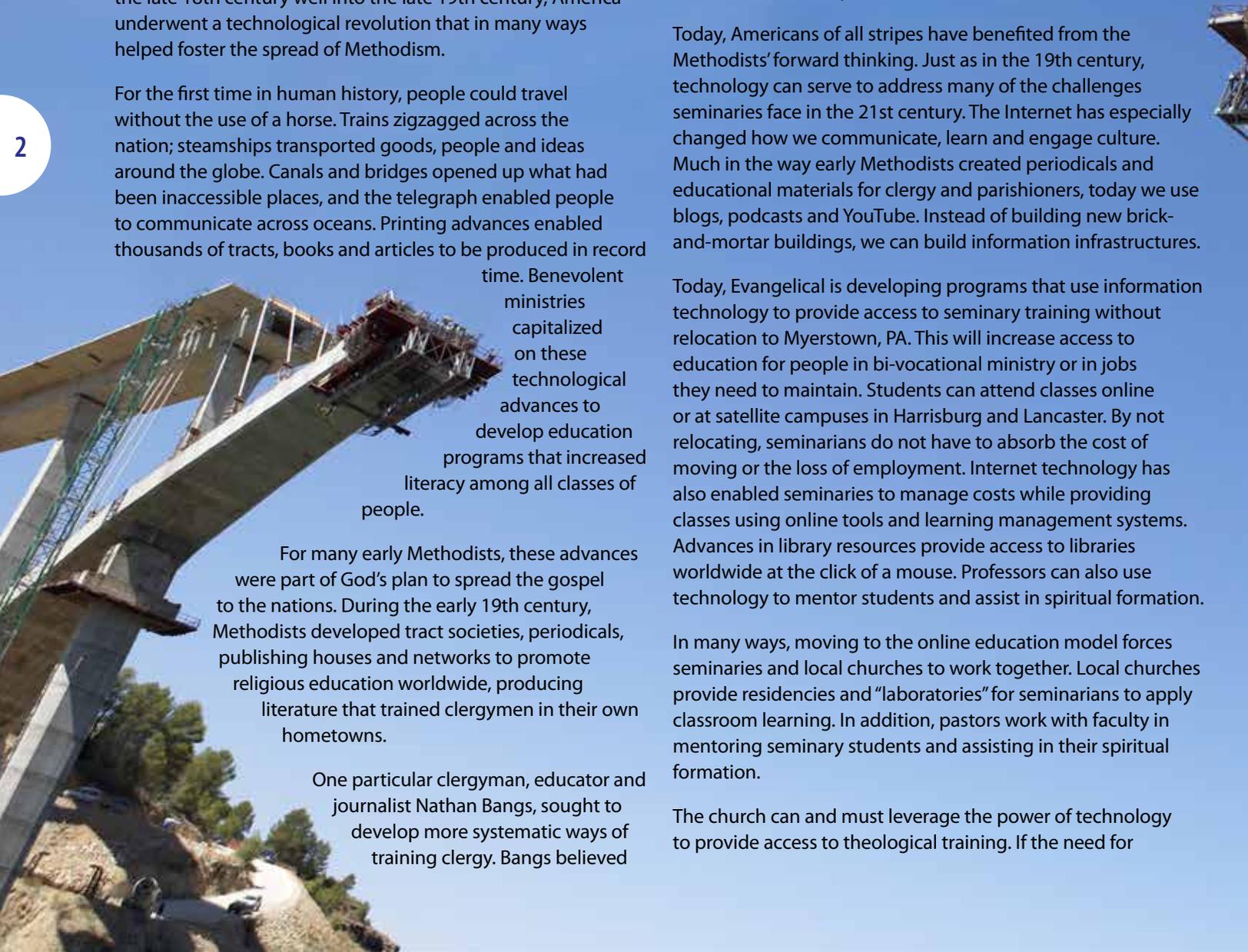
Prior to Bangs' work, formal theological education was mostly limited to the elite. Bangs faced resistance from those within Methodism who feared what having an educated clergy would mean for Methodists. But due to his and others' efforts, Methodists used the technology of the day to build colleges, seminaries and networks. By the Civil War, Methodists had established or were affiliated with over 200 institutions of learning. Methodists continued Bangs' pioneering work well into the 20th century.

Today, Americans of all stripes have benefited from the Methodists' forward thinking. Just as in the 19th century, technology can serve to address many of the challenges seminaries face in the 21st century. The Internet has especially changed how we communicate, learn and engage culture. Much in the way early Methodists created periodicals and educational materials for clergy and parishioners, today we use blogs, podcasts and YouTube. Instead of building new brick-and-mortar buildings, we can build information infrastructures.

Today, Evangelical is developing programs that use information technology to provide access to seminary training without relocation to Myerstown, PA. This will increase access to education for people in bi-vocational ministry or in jobs they need to maintain. Students can attend classes online or at satellite campuses in Harrisburg and Lancaster. By not relocating, seminarians do not have to absorb the cost of moving or the loss of employment. Internet technology has also enabled seminaries to manage costs while providing classes using online tools and learning management systems. Advances in library resources provide access to libraries worldwide at the click of a mouse. Professors can also use technology to mentor students and assist in spiritual formation.

In many ways, moving to the online education model forces seminaries and local churches to work together. Local churches provide residencies and "laboratories" for seminarians to apply classroom learning. In addition, pastors work with faculty in mentoring seminary students and assisting in their spiritual formation.

The church can and must leverage the power of technology to provide access to theological training. If the need for



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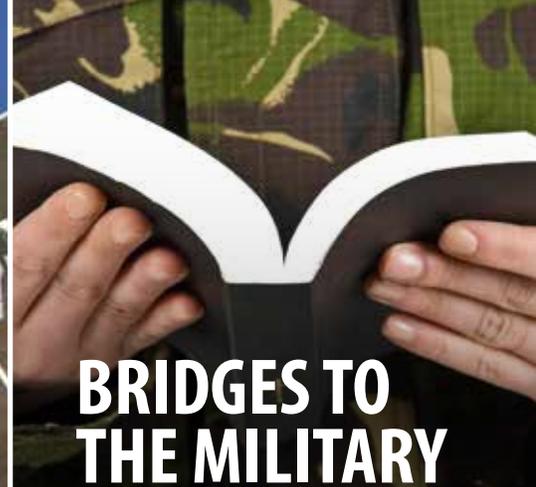
TO THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION

educated clergy was important in Bangs' day, the need is greater today. When Bangs was pioneering Methodist education, America was a nation governed in part by Judeo-Christian values. Today, Christians in America face a very different situation, no longer able to assume they live in a nation where the majority of citizens share their values and beliefs. Instead of skyrocketing growth, American churches are experiencing continuous decline. More than ever, the church needs people in ministry who are not only versed in technology as a tool for communication, but also educated in articulating the gospel winsomely and intelligently.

Technology bombards people with information, which can cause confusion. But the same tool can be used to spread the kingdom of God and bring people to the light of the gospel. Evangelical is poised to develop leaders who can use new mediums to relevantly articulate the unchanging truth of the gospel in a changing world.



Dr. Mark Draper
*Assistant Professor of
Historical Theology
Director of Online Learning
Director of Rostad Library*



BRIDGES TO THE MILITARY

One of the most surprising episodes of Jesus' ministry was his contact with the Roman centurion whose servant was gravely ill. The fact that Jesus would entertain the request of a high-ranking soldier from among a hated group of occupying troops is stunning. Equally astounding is Christ's commendation of the faith of this commander of about a hundred troops. His praise of the Roman's faith might be without parallel in the Gospel accounts (Matthew 8:5-13). Jesus was a surprising bridge builder to the military.

This fall, eight students pursuing their M.Div. at Evangelical are following a call to minister to those in the military and their families. While ministry to the military manifests differently than in the church, it is filled with opportunities to bear fruit for the kingdom of God. Thank you for your prayers for the growing Four Chaplains Program at Evangelical.

I am happy to announce that Rev. Paul Steel, a fellow retired chaplain, has joined me in co-directing this growing ministry. Pray for us as we seek financial support for the scholarship needs of the students. We are particularly looking to enlarge our base of support by building bridges with organizations, churches and individuals who would desire to promote ministry in the military as we recruit and mentor students toward reappointment as chaplains.



Bruce Farrell
*Co-Director,
Four Chaplains
Program*



BRIDGES TO LEARNING WHEREVER YOU SERVE

A NEW MASTER OF DIVINITY FOR A NEW DAY

BRIDGES BETWEEN DEPARTMENTS

In Admissions, my main responsibility is to build the bridge from prospective student to the seminary. I have the blessing of introducing Evangelical to wonderful individuals and the blessing of welcoming many of those individuals to Evangelical. As I meet with each prospective student, I have the honor of hearing where God is calling them and helping them across the best bridge to get there. Admissions at Evangelical is a team effort that requires working with the registrar, the program directors and the financial aid office to make the best possible arrangement for both the student and Evangelical. For example, a student looking to transfer from another institution wants to see how many credits can be transferred, so I work with the registrar to help the student know our requirements and the best way to proceed.

Once a student has been accepted, I get the privilege of welcoming that person to Evangelical, helping the student get acclimated to student life and navigating the different online systems. When I introduce them to other students and faculty, the admissions bridge from prospect to student is complete.



Gwen Scheirer
Director of Admissions
Director of Academic Services

The landscape of theological education is changing, and Evangelical Seminary is changing with it. Three factors in particular have required institutions like ours to demonstrate both the value and relevance of seminary training in our day.

First, we live in an age of readily accessible resources on the Internet, such as sermon podcasts, YouTube lectures, iTunesU courses and Bible study software. Many of these resources are free, so why pay tuition to get similar instruction from a live professor?

Second, the amount of debt accumulated by students during their undergraduate studies is skyrocketing. Who wants to add to an already heavy financial burden, especially when ministerial jobs are not known for lucrative salaries? Pastors want to answer the call of God upon their lives, but they also want to provide for their families.

Third, more pastors are becoming bi-vocational in order to supplement their incomes. This trend is the result of churches nationwide cutting back on full-time, salaried positions because of the overall decline in church attendance. What pastor working two jobs has the time, energy or resources to study at a higher level?

Evangelical is acutely aware of these challenges. That's why we're in the process of redesigning our Master of Divinity program for the fall of 2016. While the details are still being worked out, we already know that our new program will be utterly relevant, accessible, affordable, transformational and practical. The church still needs a vibrant, even if streamlined, M.Div.



RELEVANT

Believers today are being called to serve God not only in church settings, but also in mission ventures, business environments and nonprofit organizations. The new M.Div. will assist in ministry preparation for each of these venues. It will deepen one's understanding of biblical, theological and historical studies while applying that knowledge to practical skills needed for effective ministry. In an age that cries out for theological integrity and cultural sensitivity, the new M.Div. will challenge students to be both wise and winsome in ministering to this generation.

ACCESSIBLE

Some students feel called to stay in their present ministry locations. They're not inclined to relocate their families and find new housing and employment in order to study. In the new M.Div., such students will be able to do their coursework primarily online. On the other hand, some students prefer the traditionally delivered educational experience and will still be able to complete their degree on campus in Myerstown or in Harrisburg. At Evangelical, students will be able to learn wherever they serve, and serve wherever they learn.

AFFORDABLE

Next year, Evangelical will lower its M.Div. credit total from 91 to 78. Students may certainly take additional courses, but the reduction of 13 credits will result in a savings of several thousand dollars. We already feature some of the lowest tuition rates in the country, and we have a variety of scholarships available to qualifying students, including those enrolled in our new chaplaincy track. At Evangelical, we're doing everything we can to keep the cost of education low while keeping the standard of education high.

TRANSFORMATIONAL

M.Div. courses will be taught by Spirit-led professors who incorporate a variety of spiritual disciplines into their curriculum, such as prayer, worship, Christian community, spiritual warfare and mission. This dynamic—along with accountability for and evaluation of submitted assignments—is what makes seminary education superior to the “education

in isolation” mode of learning. Transformation is directly encouraged, observed and measured by trained instructors. The result is faithful disciples, passionate worshipers, competent practitioners, catalytic leaders, healthy caregivers and innovative thinkers.

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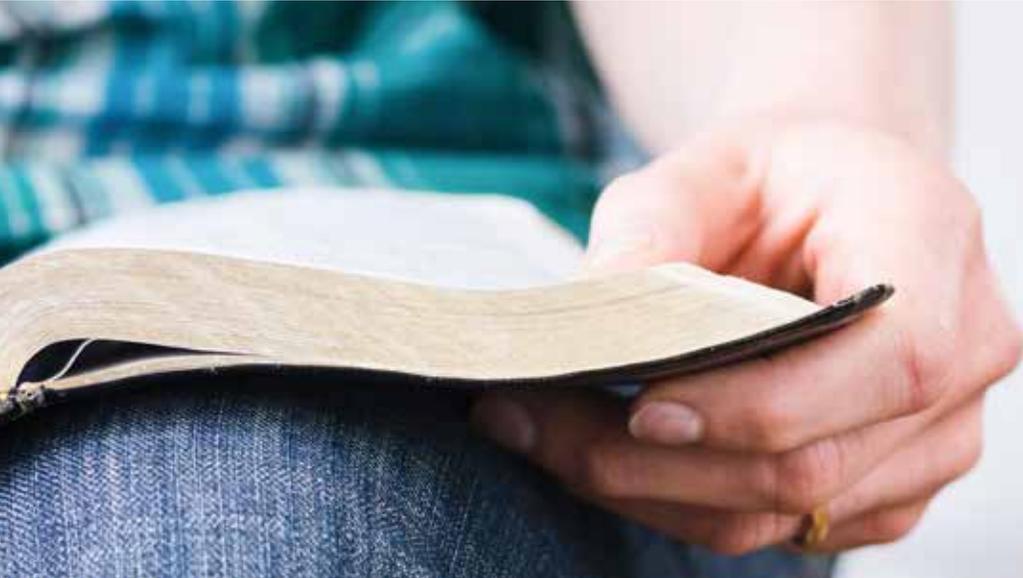
Is your story like so many of ours at Evangelical? None of my disasters in 23 years of pastoral ministry ever resulted from a hole in my biblical-theological knowledge. They all came from a hole in my pastoral skill set, or a deficiency in my self-awareness. The new M.Div. at Evangelical will stay packed with learning activities directly connected to real-life ministry. Every course will feature a range of practical ministry applications, and every application will be undergirded by a strong biblical-theological foundation. At Evangelical, we still believe that M.Div. studies should integrate the head, the heart, and the hands.

WHAT WILL STAY THE SAME

Indeed, some things in the new M.Div. program will not change, and rightly so. At Evangelical, our authority is what God has spoken through His living Word, Jesus Christ, as revealed to us in His written Word, the Bible. M.Div. studies are therefore centered on a proper handling of the Old and New Testament Scriptures, which contain a treasure trove of insights about God and His ways. When we rightly hear the author who composed the text, we ultimately hear the Author who inspired the text.

Significantly, students who complete the new M.Div. program at Evangelical will have studied every book of the Bible. Not all seminarians can make that claim, but those who graduate with an M.Div. from Evangelical will be able to do so.

As a new day dawns on theological education, Evangelical will change what needs to be changed, and preserve what needs to be preserved—all in an effort to help the church flourish and succeed in its worldwide mission.



Dr. Timothy R. Valentino
*Instructor of Pastoral
Ministry and Bible
Director of the M.Div. and
Master of Arts in Religion
Programs*

FROM THE PRESIDENT:

BRIDGES OVER

When I was a child, I spent a good deal of time at the county park attached to Martin's Mill Covered Bridge, a historical landmark in Franklin County, PA. The bridge was a beautiful thing; the burgundy-painted wood exterior set off the stone-walled approaches on both sides.

I caught my one and only fish near that bridge as a 10-year-old boy. I learned to swim in the muddy waters of that creek. A childhood friend nearly died from hundreds of bee stings after disturbing a hive in one of its trees. My family camped in tents along its banks. We canoed under the bridge and snapped pictures of each other in its waters.

The bridge is closed to vehicular traffic now, but much of the rest remains as it was 40 years ago. Children still splash in the murky waters, and visitors still walk its length, marveling at the wooden trusses that for 150 years supported the weight of horse carriages, modern vehicles and countless pedestrians.

Martin's Mill Bridge illustrates some of the meaning our culture has attached to the word "bridge." When Simon and Garfunkel sang of a metaphorical "Bridge Over Troubled

Water," the smooth, passionate harmony in their voices hinted that we might even be able to un-trouble the water.

It is a deep-felt human longing to transcend our troubles and to rise above them somehow, rather than wade through them and risk being swept underfoot. We prefer to build bridges when the water is too turbulent to feel safe in fording it. A federal study revealed that the United States alone has built over 600,000 actual bridges; likewise, we have sought to build many metaphorical bridges, over sundry sorts of troubled water.

Many of our metaphorical bridges invite us to get from "here" to "there" (wherever we wish to go). That is why we hear politicians speak at times of a "bridge to the future." These comments are similar to Isaiah's ancient invitation: "Let every valley be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low, and let the rough ground become a plain, and the rugged terrain a broad valley." The highway of redemption we would build for our God almost certainly requires some bridges to span the chasms of a broken world.

The Apostle Paul offers a tantalizing image of Jesus as a one-man wrecking crew, breaking down with his own body the "dividing wall of hostility" between Jews and Gentiles

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(and all other hostile parties). To us, then, has been given the continuing mission of reconciliation, so that someday Jesus' fervent prayer may come true—that we who follow Him may be one, as He and the Father are one. The same Savior who tears down walls also builds bridges to unite in His own name those who would otherwise remain divided by fear, hatred and misunderstanding.

At Evangelical we have no literal bridges on campus, but we do build metaphorical bridges of many kinds. For one, we build bridges of collaboration with other seminaries and colleges. We believe that such bridges are necessary, not only for flourishing institutions but also for the fullness of the kingdom of God. As a result, we now have institutional friends with whom we can explore the sharing of academic programs. We have friends whose mission we can support and respect, even while we energetically pursue our own. In a highly competitive culture, this is rare and wonderful.

We also build bridges between denominations and theological traditions. We are bold in our commitment to the lordship of Jesus Christ and our confidence in the Bible as the authoritative guide to faith and life, but we are broad in our embrace of those who share those commitments even while disagreeing on the particulars. We respect each other's

viewpoints and learn from one another, creating a more dynamic learning environment.

In addition, we build bridges with a long-term view. Like 19th-century bridge builders who constructed stone piers to last for generations, we know that the work we do now to be a gathering place for God's people will yield fruit long after this generation has passed on. We therefore equip our students to build their own bridges to the future, so that what we do today will impact others a half century from now.

In this issue of Enthuse you will read about some of these bridges we are building over troubled waters—sometimes by offering our own community as a meeting place for people to be reconciled, other times by inviting others to build toward us from the opposite side, and even at times by building the piers and platform upon which others will later add trusses and roofs.

I invite you not only to celebrate what is being done at and through Evangelical, but also to join us in the bridge-building work of God. As you read, consider how you might support and strengthen the bridges God has asked us to build over the turbulent waters of our own generation.

*end our troubles and to rise above them
them and risk being swept underfoot.*



Dr. Tony Blair
President

Celebrating One Bridge of Amazing Support

Each year the Wenger Foundation hosts the annual Praise Dinner, which supports Evangelical and three additional ministries. The foundation was created in 1996 as the charitable giving organization of the Wenger Family of Companies. The foundation is supported through corporate and individual contributions and is managed by Carl and Margaret Wenger, their seven children and their families.

The 20th Annual Praise Dinner raised over \$30,000 dollars to help our students graduate with much less educational debt. The Wenger Foundation, has built a solid bridge of support for our students by giving more than \$285,000.00 from the Annual Praise Dinner over recent years. In the same time, other community Christian ministries have also been helped by Wenger Foundations gifts totaling more than \$2 million over the last two decades.

We celebrate the Wenger family, and others like them, who so graciously donate such loving and lasting support for the preparation of students at Evangelical Seminary. Trustworthy supporters are like well known bridges that faithfully make way for others to safely and more easily travel on to their destiny!

PRAISE DINNER



Join on Thursday, April 21, 2016 at the Lebanon, PA Expo Center us for a delicious homemade dinner, an encouraging message by Rev. Mike Sigman and a toe-tapping concert with brother and sister gospel quartet, The Taylors. For more information contact Ann Steel at asteel@evangelical.edu or 717-866-5775. A portion of the proceeds benefit Evangelical Seminary.



Evangelical Seminary thanks Carl and Margaret Wenger and The Wenger Foundation for their amazing support!

BRIDGES TO HUNTINGTON



Three Presidents Scholarship

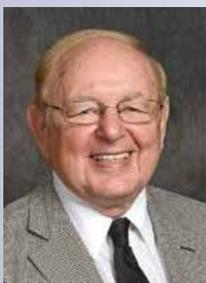
Alumni of Huntington University now have a new bridge to Evangelical Seminary, thanks to the **Three Presidents Scholarship**. The scholarship recognizes the three Huntington alumni who have served as president of Evangelical: Dr. Ray Seilhamer (1982-1993), Dr. Kirby Keller (1993-2004) and Dr. Tony Blair (2011-present), not to mention the many other Huntington alumni who have also studied at and graduated from the seminary.

In appreciation of this unique relationship, Evangelical will award up to three annual Three Presidents Scholarships to undergraduate or graduate alumni of Huntington who enroll in a degree program at Evangelical. Each scholarship is worth up to \$5,000, depending on the number of credits taken, degree program chosen and completion time. Huntington alumni from any year or program are eligible, and the scholarship applies to any degree program offered by Evangelical, irrespective of location or delivery method.

Full-time students awarded the scholarship will be eligible to receive \$1,000 during their first year of study, \$1,500 during the second year, \$2,000 the third year, and \$500 the fourth year. Part-time students will be prorated. Students will receive the scholarship for the number of years they are enrolled. If there are more applicants than scholarships, priority will be given to those with demonstrated financial need.

For information on how to apply for this substantial new partnership between Evangelical and Huntington, visit evangelical.edu/scholarships or contact Ellis Kirk, Director of Financial Aid, at ekirk@evangelical.edu.

EVANGELICAL PRESIDENTS WHO ARE HUNTINGTON ALUMNI



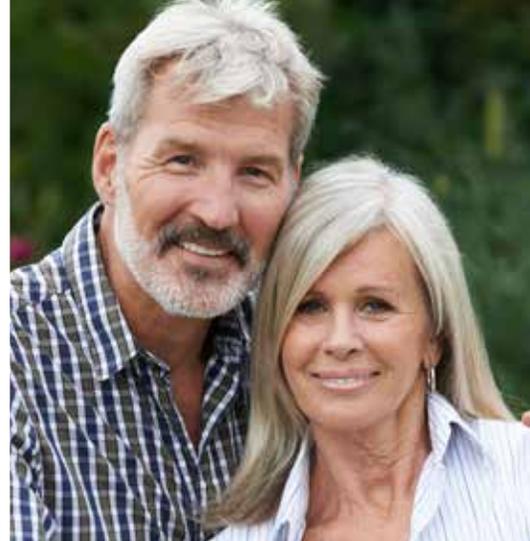
Dr. Ray Seilhamer



Dr. Kirby Keller



Dr. Tony Blair



BRIDGES TO THE FUTURE

Many friends of Evangelical are very faithful and generous in their support through gifts given during their lifetime. Have you considered how you might bless the seminary even after you are gone? One of our Trustees shares some advice:

"My financial advisor helped me see that a universal life insurance policy was the best way to ensure that I could leave a significant legacy to the causes I believe in. Evangelical is certainly among those, and it is a joy to me to know that after I am gone, my giving to Evangelical can continue."



BRIDGES TO OUR ALUMNI

Bridges come in an array of sizes and shapes. Some are long; others are very short. Some are old, decaying and wooden, while others are brightly painted with stranded cables, steel and concrete. Bridges can be a literal structure, a person or even an idea. But every bridge has one thing in common: it connects that which is separated by an obstacle. This could be a river or ravine, time or an ideological divide. Whatever the obstacle, bridges enable us to cross over the chasm and connect with the other side.

Every bridge has a story to tell. Over the last 60 years, Evangelical has graduated more than 800 alumni who build bridges to the world, advancing the gospel in various capacities in 35 states and seven countries. These alumni are living their calling as they pastor churches, help heal broken lives through counseling or create change in the business world as entrepreneurs or leaders.

We are honored to have alumni in significant leadership positions in various churches and organizations. **Kristopher McFadden** (M.A.R. 2014) is the newly appointed President and Executive Director of the Teen Challenge Training Center in Rehrersburg, PA. **Todd Fetters** (M.A.R. 2005) is serving as Interim Bishop of the U.S. National Conference of the United Brethren in Christ Church in Huntington, IN. The Board of Trustees recently elected **Stephen Lennox** (M.Div.

1982) to be the 12th president of Kingswood University in New Brunswick, Canada. **Jinatu Wamdeo** (1994) is currently the General Secretary of Ekklesiyar Yan'uwa a Nigeria (the Church of the Brethren in that country), where he provides leadership and mentoring to pastors and church leaders suffering immensely at the hands of Boko Haram. These alumni, as well as many others too numerous to include here, remind us of the importance of training leaders to serve Jesus in a world desperate for hope.

As Director of Alumni Relations, I desire to reestablish, maintain (and in some cases repair) bridges with our alumni. One way to accomplish this is to gather and share stories of what our alumni are doing, which includes developing our alumni web page, where alumni discover how their classmates are doing life since graduation. (Alumni may update their information at: evangelical.edu/alumni)

Traffic and ideas can flow both ways on bridges. Evangelical faculty and staff share their collective knowledge and skills with students and then send them out as ambassadors of Jesus to a hurting world. In return, we have much to learn from the experiences of alumni as they encounter life in an era of significant turmoil and change. As they share their life stories and experiences with us, we can adjust our program offerings to better equip current students as they prepare to serve where they have been called.



Dr. J. Kenneth Nafziger
Dean of Lifelong Learning
Director of Alumni Relations
and Special Events

CENTER FOR LIFELONG LEARNING

The bridge analogy is also useful for the Center for Lifelong Learning. From the Center we are building new bridges to individuals and groups outside our primary sphere of influence. Faith in the Marketplace events are designed to build bridges with the local business community and encourage them as they incorporate their faith into the reality of everyday business decisions. Through the Institute for Church Leadership and various events, the center can reach out and provide strategic educational opportunities and resources for those who may not be interested in a graduate degree, yet have a thirst for knowledge and an interest in continuing education. We in turn can learn from those involved and determine the best way to provide events and occasions that will address the needs they encounter.

To fulfill the Center's commitment to building bridges to the broader church, the community and our alumni, we are presenting several events during the year:

On November 24, Don Hoover, president of Binkley & Hurst in Lititz, will share his experiences of "Business as Mission" for our Faith in the Marketplace event at Evangelical. Join us for breakfast and a great time of sharing and networking. Register at www.evangelical.edu/fim-hoover.

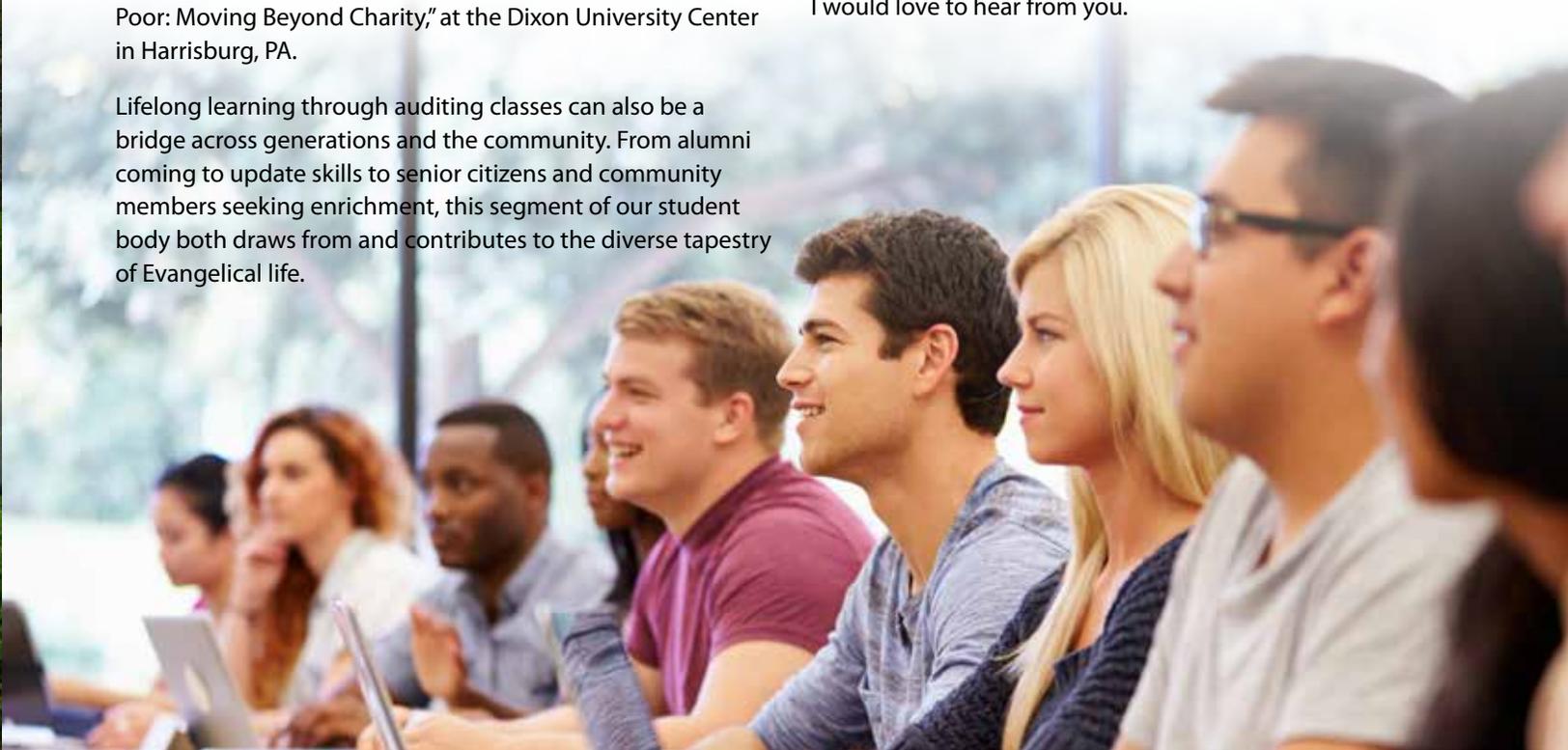
Many church leaders and individuals grapple with the desire to help those in extreme poverty without fostering dependence. To provide resources and options to deal with global poverty, we are collaborating with several organizations that have tackled the issue and are using the marketplace to provide hope. On February 10, 2016, join us as Peter Greer of Hope International is joined by representatives of Ten Thousand Villages, Humankind Water and Imagine Goods for a one-day seminar, "Fresh Hope for the Poor: Moving Beyond Charity," at the Dixon University Center in Harrisburg, PA.

Lifelong learning through auditing classes can also be a bridge across generations and the community. From alumni coming to update skills to senior citizens and community members seeking enrichment, this segment of our student body both draws from and contributes to the diverse tapestry of Evangelical life.

At 88, Kay Moldenke may be the oldest student on campus, but she sees nothing unusual about that. "Doesn't everyone want to keep on learning?" she says with a twinkle in her eye. Over the last 25 years, Kay has garnered a wealth of knowledge and experienced rich interaction with other students as she has audited classes with various professors.

Glenn Compton (M.Div. 1992) typifies Evangelical alumni who return to their alma mater for spiritual or professional refreshment. The pastor of Victory Lighthouse Church in Jonestown, PA believes, "it's important to stay connected to the larger Christian community," and his Evangelical studies are a convenient way to do that.

I ask you to help us in our efforts to be a bridge builder with our alumni and the broader community by sharing your stories and ideas with us. For more information about upcoming events, please visit the Events Calendar on our website and/or email me at knafziger@evangelical.edu. I would love to hear from you.



BUILDING FINANCIALLY STA

Many years ago when I led Pioneer Clubs in our local church, we sang a song that contained the lines:

**Make new friends, but keep the old,
One is silver and the other gold.**

The chorus is at least several decades old, but the truth is as relevant today as ever: Long-time friends are to be treasured. Many of us have survived difficult times in life with the assistance and encouragement of dear friends. They have cried with us, laughed with us, walked arm-in-arm with us through painful times, and celebrated joys and successes with us. Our lives are richer for having such friends with us on the journey.

However, this chorus also reminds us that new friends are also to be treasured. Often, situations where we are especially likely to form new friendships are those that include a major life transition or change of interest. New friends can be a breath of “fresh air” at a time when is needed most. Old friends alone cannot always carry us forward when we face some of these life changes.

Evangelical Seminary is aware of the need for new friends, especially when we strategize how to fund future ministry. We prayerfully seek ways to meet new people with whom we can share the vision and mission of the seminary. One of the primary ways we build bridges to new friends is through the **Friends of Evangelical Banquet** each fall in Lancaster, PA. We encourage our friends to invite others to enjoy a delicious dinner while hearing our president, students and keynote speaker share with passion about ministry and the calling that God has given each one. Join us on Thursday, November 12, for this year’s banquet.



Many of our events—lectures, golf tournament, etc.—are also wonderful opportunities to build bridges to new friends. If you are one of our “old” friends, thank you, and we appreciate your assistance in making new friends. If you are a “new” friend, thank you for joining Evangelical in preparing transformational leaders to serve Christ and the world!

BRIDGE MAINTENANCE

Just as we are strategic in planning to build bridges to new friends, maintaining our current bridges is also a high priority. These “old” friends, whether they have supported the seminary for several decades or just a year or two, are our lifeblood. It is important to us that our friends know they are treasured. We communicate this through invitations to events, written pieces such as this magazine, and the monthly *Inside the Circle* newsletter.

Providing financial support to new initiatives and special projects holds great interest for many people, but faithful support of the more “mundane” operational needs is of high value and very necessary. Thank you, “old” friends!



Ann E. Steel
Vice President
for Institutional
Advancement

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NEW DESIGN FOR AN OLDER BRIDGE

We have one bridge currently "under construction." Shortly after the death of Dr. David A. Dorsey, Distinguished Professor of Old Testament, in January 2014, Dr. Alan Pense of the Pense Archaeological Museum suggested that we rename the collection. It will now be known as the **David A. Dorsey Museum of Biblical Archaeology** (DADMoBA). Part of this project also includes re-locating the collection to the redesigned lower level of what will be known as the Pense Learning Resources Center, where the Rostad Library will also be housed.



David A. Dorsey Museum of Biblical Archaeology

Relocating the DADMoBA to a more secure and more easily accessible home will give the seminary one more bridge to the central Pennsylvania community. Our museum is a wonderful treasure, a resource with which we can bless students of all ages who desire to better understand life in Bible times. In the near future, an instructional room will be added, and down the road we hope to add interactive displays that will make the Bible come alive for our visitors.

CHANGING NUMBERS, GROWING IMPACT

OUR STUDENT BODY: 2014-2015

TOTAL NUMBER OF STUDENTS200

BY PROGRAM

M.Div. 55
M.A.R. 18
M.A.M.F.T. 36
Special and Certificate 19
Audit 60
M.A.L.D. 12

BY GENDER

Male 117
Female 83

AGE

Range 22-72

SEMESTER HOURS

Average per Student 5.31

FINANCIALS

Average Annual Cost of Tuition Charged to a Full-Time Student \$12,210

Cost to Educate a Full-Time Student \$26,866

Scholarship Dollars Awarded \$119,465

Gifts of all sizes to the Annual Fund for Transformational Leadership are vitally important because they...

- assist the seminary in keeping tuition as low as possible
- help cover the gap between the cost to educate and what we charge in tuition
- allow us to provide scholarships for students with needs

Many thanks for generously partnering with Evangelical!



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The administration, faculty, students, trustees and staff of Evangelical Seminary thank these and the hundreds of other donors who faithfully, generously, and sometimes sacrificially support our mission. All gifts are important.

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