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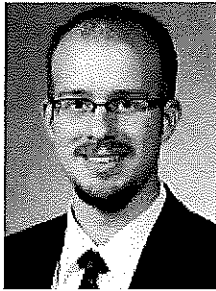
Upcoming Events

Women's Bible Class
Day

Friday, March 30, 2012
9:30 to 11:00 AM

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Once again, we want to thank our donors who so graciously supported Austin Grad from January 1 through March 15, 2012. Our students are blessed by your generosity.

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Cynthia Agnell
*What Really Matters: A
Perspective for Reading
Philippians*

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Debbie at 512/476-2772

Graduation

May 20, 2012
2:00 PM

Brentwood Christian School
Fine Arts Center
11908 N. Lamar Blvd.
Austin, TX 78753

Please RSVP to
Debbie at 512/476-2772



Psalmfest 2012

Approximately 200 participants attended Psalmfest 2012 on February 11th. A joint venture of Austin Grad and Brentwood Oaks Church of Christ, the event provided an opportunity for attendees to practice songs from *Timeless: Ancient Psalms for the Church Today* and hear scholars speak on the importance of the psalms in the life of the church and individual Christians.

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Preaching from Luke is the topic of Dr. David Garland. Dr. Garland is the dean and William M. Hinson Professor of Christian Scriptures at George W. Truett Theological Seminary at Baylor University. He received his M.Div. and Ph.D. from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary where he served on the faculty for 21 years. He has authored, co-authored, or edited seventeen books, the most recent of which he co-authored with his wife Diana: *Flawed Families of the Bible: How God's Grace Works Through Imperfect Relationships*. He is presently writing a commentary on the Gospel of Luke.

Dr. Brent Isbell is the preaching minister at University Church of Christ in Abilene, Texas. He holds one undergraduate and two graduate degrees from ACU and he earned the Doctor of Ministry degree from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. An outdoors man, Dr. Isbell also enjoys reading, preaching, and teaching. His topic for Sermon Seminar is *David—1 and 2 Samuel*.

Austin Grad's A.B. Cox Professor of New Testament and Biblical Theology, Dr. Allan McNicol, will present *Jesus' Parables in Matthew: Preaching Them to a Complacent Church*. A native of Australia, Dr. McNicol attended Abilene Christian University and Yale University and earned a Ph. D in New Testament Studies from Vanderbilt University. He is particularly interested in the Synoptic problem and has written several articles on the subject. His most current book is *The Conversion of the Nations in Revelation*.

Dr. Mark Shipp, Pat E. Harrell Professor of Old Testament at Austin Grad, earned a B.A. and M.S. from Pepperdine University and a M.Div. and Ph.D. from Princeton Theological Seminary. The author or co-author of numerous books and articles, Dr. Shipp most recently served as General Editor for *Timeless: Ancient Psalms for the Church Today* (Volume 1: "In the Day of Distress," Psalms 1-41), a unique combination of Psalter and commentary on Psalms. At Sermon Seminar he will teach *From Text to Sermon: Psalm 22*. This class requires pre-registration and advance preparation.

Following lunch on Tuesday, the speaker will be Dr. David Worley. A former president of Austin Grad and the current chancellor, he received his Ph.D. from Yale University. Dr. Worley is an elder at Brentwood Oaks Church of Christ in Austin and chairman of the board which oversees the Institute of Theology and Christian Ministry in St. Petersburg, Russia. His topic is *Our Tradition, Our Identity as Churches of Christ*.

Sermon Seminar 2012 begins at 4 PM, Monday, May 21st and concludes at 1 PM, Wednesday, May 23rd. Go to: http://austingrad.edu/news_sermon_seminar.html for more information and to download a registration form. Space is limited and it fills up quickly!

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Dr. Stanglin has won international recognition for his scholarship on the Dutch Reformed theologian Jacob Arminius, who broke with Calvinist orthodoxy on the doctrines of unconditional election and irresistible grace and sought to reconcile human free will with divine predestination. Arminius's theology became a major influence on American churches (including the churches of the Restoration tradition) through the work of John and Charles Wesley in the eighteenth century. Dr. Stanglin is the author or editor of four books and numerous articles on Arminius and Arminianism and is frequently invited to address scholarly conferences on the subject. His interests in teaching and research extend to all periods of historical theology, as well as systematic theology and biblical interpretation.

Dr. Stanglin is committed to a ministry of theological education based in the Churches of Christ and entering into conversation with all those who call on Jesus as Lord. "I am pleased to accept the call to Austin Graduate School of Theology," he said. "The opportunity to help train biblically grounded and theologically responsible ministers of the Word and leaders in the church excites me. I look forward to working together with the faculty, staff, and administration in our common goal. My hope and prayer is that my family and I will be useful in God's kingdom in this new role and place."

President Stan Reid commented, "The faculty at Austin Grad has built a legacy of providing biblical scholarship for the church. Dr. Stanglin's academic accomplishments and his service to the church will continue that legacy. We look forward to working with Keith and hope that he, his wife Amanda, and their children Paul, Isaac, and Rachel will find a home here for years to come."

"We are delighted that Keith Stanglin will join our work at Austin Graduate School of Theology in fall 2012," said Jeff Peterson, Faculty Chair. "Keith's scholarly distinction, his passion for teaching Scripture and theology, and his commitment to scholarship in service of the church will strengthen our ministry and help us advance our mission of helping ministers and other Christians understand, practice, and pass on the Christian faith."