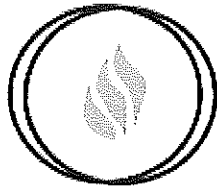


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### Sermon Seminar

Monday, May 21 through  
Wednesday, May 23, 2012

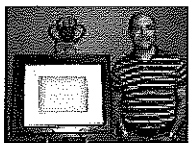
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Once again, we want to thank our donors who so graciously supported Austin Grad from March 16 through April 31, 2012 . Our students are blessed by your generosity.

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## **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



## **Timeless: Ancient Psalms for the Church Today**

*Timeless*, a combination of psalter and commentary on Psalms, edited by Dr. Mark Shipp, was the subject of a session at the 2012 Pepperdine Lectureship.

Participants learned about the unique publication and joined in singing some of the compositions.

Electronic versions of the book are now available at Amazon.com and iTunes.

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Joe Baisden, pulpit minister at Belton, introduced Larry to Austin Grad's Sermon Seminar and it was only a matter of time before Stan Reid called on him to share his ministry know-how with students in the undergraduate program.

Larry describes his experience teaching at Austin Grad as "reinvigorating, fun, and inspiring." It has sharpened him, keeping him more current in his reading and teaching methods. He especially enjoys seeing the "aha moments"—the times students say, "This stuff is important; every minister needs to know this."

In addition to his ministry and teaching, Larry is the author of *No Longer I: A Life Transformed*. He describes this book as "an attempt to capture the essence, the heart of Christian discipleship." In the forty years from conception to execution, Larry allowed God to humble him and provide him with friendships and experiences that shaped his writing. The result is a book that Dr. Paul Faulkner says, "...hones in on what I call a 'bull's-eye theology.' I love the emphasis on the Christ and the cross-centered nature of the gospel...powerful, personal and practical."

Larry and his wife, Janet, are the parents of two grown children. In his spare time, he plays the keyboard, enjoys reading, and writes poetry.

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At Austin Grad, we like to honor people. We also know that honor gifts are very satisfying to the honorees and to the donors.

Thus a gentle reminder that Pay For A Day still exists and is still desired. Here is how it works.

By making a one-time gift of \$500, you may honor or memorialize an individual or group with the Pay For A Day giving option. Instruction on the day that you choose will be in recognition of the individual or group you choose. Notification of your gift will be sent to them and a poster will be placed outside our front office and on our electronic bulletin board on the specified day acknowledging the honoree. The poster will then be sent to those you chose to honor or to the family of the one you chose to memorialize.

Pay For A Week of instruction is also an option. A week of instruction is \$2,500. Pay For A Week can be either a one-time gift or a commitment over a one year period.

Pay For A Day or Pay For A Week gifts are wonderful and unique ways to honor someone for a special occasion such as a birthdays, anniversaries, retirement, etc. They can also be comforting memorial gifts for families who have lost a loved one.

For your next occasion to honor or memorialize someone, remember Pay For A Day or Pay For A Week at Austin Grad.

Thank You  
Neil Haney, Director of Development