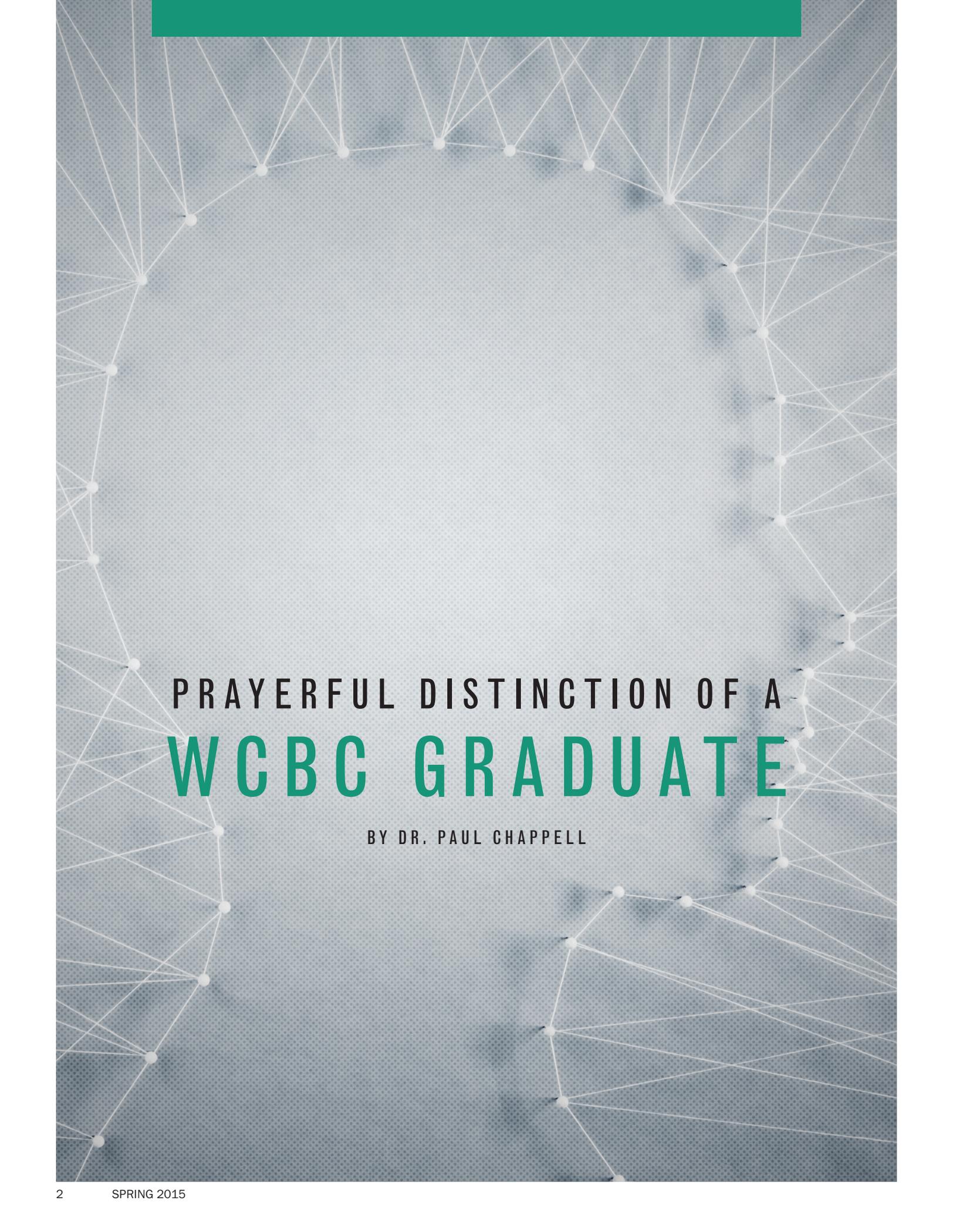




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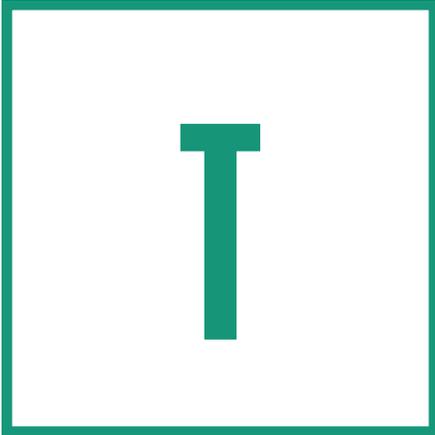
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PRAYERFUL DISTINCTION OF A  
**WCBC GRADUATE**

BY DR. PAUL CHAPPELL

# “WINNING SOULS AND DISCIPLING NEW BELIEVERS MUST REMAIN THE FOCUS OF BIBLICAL, CHRIST-LIKE LOCAL CHURCH MINISTRY.”



here was no way I could have known twenty years ago, when we welcomed the first group of students to West Coast Baptist College, what a joy it would be years down the road to see WCBC graduates serving the Lord in fruitful ministry.

It seems now that wherever I travel to preach (including mission fields), I'm either preaching for or meeting up with WCBC alumni who are faithfully serving the Lord in that area. I so appreciate the labor of our graduates and the spirit with which they serve. It is a thrill to hear—whether in person or via written updates—what the Lord is allowing them to accomplish for Him.

In a recent college chapel service, I shared with our students what we pray to see in their lives as they graduate. As I challenged them in the five areas below, I thought of so many of you, and I thank the Lord that I do see these characteristics in your lives as I spend time with you:

## **A Distinctive Commitment**

The ministry is work. It is a high and holy calling, and it requires absolute

commitment. I pray for our WCBC graduates to have a determined tenacity that remains faithful regardless of the difficulties or distractions.

*“And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.” (Luke 9:62)*

## **A Distinctive Integrity**

God's choice servants are holy servants. In the words of Robert Murray M'Cheyne, “In great measure, according to the purity and perfections of the instrument will be the success....a holy minister is an awful weapon in the hand of God.”

*“But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour. If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work.” (2 Timothy 2:20-21)*

## **A Distinctive Compassion**

Although there are many facets of ministry, there is one core mission—the Great Commission. Winning souls and discipling new believers must remain the focus of biblical, Christ-like local church ministry. At WCBC, you learned that soulwinning is “the main thing,” and we pray that you keep that central in your priorities.

*“But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd.” (Matthew 9:36)*

## **A Distinctive Position**

The church is the pillar and ground of the truth, and we are called to contend for the faith. Our forefathers gave their lives for the biblical truths that are Baptist distinctives. We must hold fast to sound, biblical doctrine.

*“Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.” (2 Timothy 4:2)*

## **A Distinctive Ministry**

Not only should our doctrinal position be distinctive, but our daily practices should be as well. We are commanded to come out from the world and be separate. Our lifestyle should reflect the holiness of God.

*“Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you.” (2 Corinthians 6:17)*

I thank the Lord for your faithfulness in these areas, and I pray for you as you continue to labor in His harvest field. 🙏



**Dr. Paul Chappell**

is the Founder and President of West Coast Baptist College. Read his blog at [paulchappell.com](http://paulchappell.com).

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# WHERE IS GOD?

BY DR. JOHN GOETSCH

**I**n the midst of difficult circumstances or trials, God can seem distant. We wonder if He hears our prayers or cares about our heartache. The prophet Isaiah was no doubt at that point in his life when King Uzziah died in chapter six. Out of nowhere came a trial; and Isaiah is suddenly confronted with fear, anxiety, and doubt. Where does one find God when he needs Him most?

Isaiah found God in the “holy place.” Verse three says, “Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.” When God seems distant, return to a holy life. God will be waiting for you there. Isaiah also found God in the “humble place.” Upon seeing the Lord, his response in verse five was, “Woe is me! for I am undone.” Pride is an abomination to the Lord, and God doesn’t hang around His abominations! “...to this man will I look, even to him that is of a poor and contrite spirit, and that trembleth at my word (Isaiah 66:2b).” Get back to the humble place. Thirdly, God is always found in the “harvest place.” In verse eight Isaiah hears God ask, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me.” God can always be found in a place of service ready to assist and empower you with His grace and strength.

If complexities of ministry and the circumstances of life have caused you to doubt the presence, provision, and power of God; let me encourage you to return to the holy place, the humble place, and the harvest place. God will meet you there! ☺

**WHEN GOD SEEMS DISTANT, RETURN TO A HOLY LIFE.**



Dr. John Goetsch is the Executive Vice President of West Coast Baptist College.

[ DR. MARK RASMUSSEN'S RECOMMENDED READING LIST ]

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The campus is currently in need of a facility that will expand educational space, while providing a much-needed center for activities, conferences, and athletic events. It will also serve as the home for campus fellowship and social life. West Coast Baptist College has stepped out by faith to build a state-of-the-art \$8.5 million student commons building.

We invite you to consider being a part of making this project a reality. Those who support our mission are partners in a work with eternal dividends. By investing in students, you are planting seeds that will reap a harvest of Christian service!

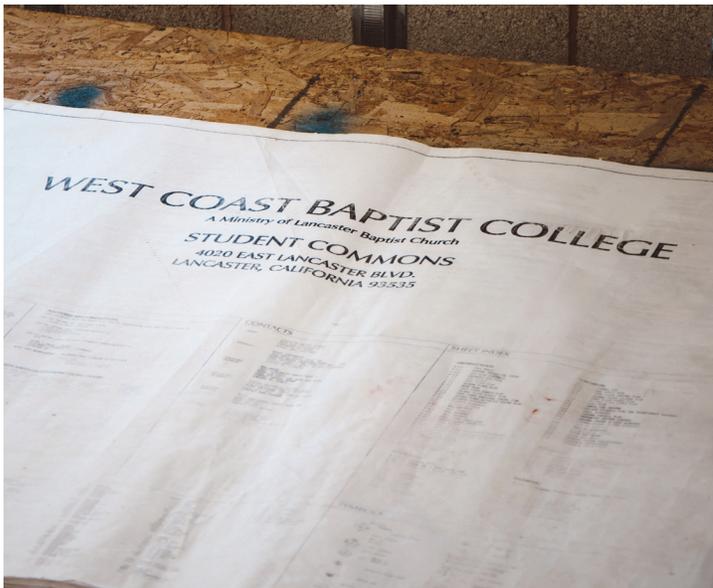
For all those who purchase equipment or furnishings, a beautiful plaque will be installed in the lobby of the Walther Center or nearest the item purchased.

There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony for the Walther Center on Tuesday, June 16, where we will be honoring churches who have given toward this project. 🙏

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PAUL CHOI GRADUATED IN 2007 AND IS NOW THE PASTOR OF HILLCREST BAPTIST CHURCH IN EASTVALE, CA

# WHY I GIVE TO WCBC

BY PAUL CHOI

**T**here are many reasons why my wife and I give towards the ministry of West Coast Baptist College, and here are some of those reasons.

## **We give because we are grateful for the training we received at WCBC.**

We feel it is impossible to place a monetary value on the biblical training that we received during our four years at West Coast Baptist College. Not only were we trained academically to study and understand the Scriptures, but we were mentored and coached in living a godly, Spirit-filled Christian life with a heart for the local church and lost

souls. Whenever we think of our time at college, we are overwhelmed with gratitude for the thousands of hours that were invested into our lives so that we could be better prepared to serve in full time ministry.

## **We give because we believe in the purpose and philosophy of WCBC.**

The Bible teaches us that Jesus Christ was “full of grace and truth.” We believe that West Coast Baptist College is consistently striving to provide a biblically balanced institution that is uncompromising in its Bible doctrine and Baptist distinctives while maintaining a loving and gracious

spirit about it. These principles are taught from the pulpit and lectern, and they are visibly modeled by the leadership and faculty. We believe this balance is achieved because the college is adamant about keeping the Bible at the center of all ministry and Christian living.

## **Lastly, we give because we desire to invest into future preachers and servants of the gospel.**

As we give towards West Coast Baptist College, we realize that our money will be used towards helping students learn the Bible, train for the ministry, and develop a heart for soulwinning. Our prayer is that our giving can be a help in aiding young men and women in following God’s plan for their lives and taking the gospel to their respective fields. If one soul puts his faith and trust in Jesus Christ through the faithful witness of a West Coast Baptist College graduate, then it will be worth it all. We give because we trust that our giving in some small way will make a difference in the life of a student who will propagate the gospel of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, to a lost and dying world. ☹

[ FRANK AND MARION REID ]



### **Frank and Marion Reid**

On March 12, 2015, WCBC lost a faithful prayer warrior, and Heaven gained a godly servant as Mrs. Marion Reid went to be with the Lord. Marion and her husband Frank (in Heaven since 2001) began serving Tuesday evening dinner for WCBC students from the very first week the college opened its doors. Although in recent years Marion was unable to continue serving meals, she loved West Coast Baptist College and delighted in hearing of God’s blessings in the lives of its students and alumni. As she today rejoices in the presence of the Lord, she surely rejoices a little extra over those who come to Christ through the labors of WCBC graduates.

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