

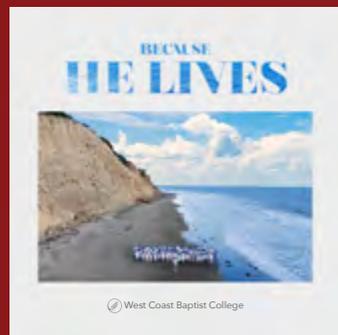
# ALUMNI

FROM WEST COAST BAPTIST COLLEGE

**“Cause of Christ”**

Newest WCBC Music Video





## “The Cause of Christ”

Newest WCBC Music Video

From the, “Because He Lives” 2018 Album

Performed by the Resolved Ensemble



## FACULTY HIGHLIGHT



*JOHN TYLER*

**Chairman of Music Department**

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John Tyler recently completed his doctoral coursework and exams at Boston University and is currently completing his dissertation. In addition to leading the college music department, John teaches Music Theory, Choral Conducting, Church Music Philosophy, and directs the West Coast Choir. He and his wife, Pearl, met at WCBC and have served on staff since graduation in 2011. Together, they enjoy leading a young couples connection group at Lancaster Baptist Church along with their three children, Jadon (4), Oliver (2) and their newborn girl, Amelia.





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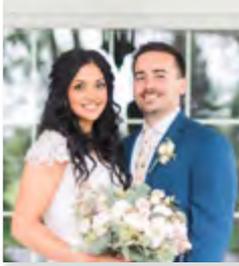
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Dr. Paul Chappell  
Pastor of Lancaster Baptist Church

The theme of Spiritual Leadership Conference Asia was “Striving Together for Asia and Beyond.” This was more than a tagline—it was a phenomenal reality.

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**KENNY  
KECK**

2010 GRADUATE

**Missionary**

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

I started attending West Coast Baptist College for one reason; my parents asked me to go for a year. I came back to the US, after growing up on the mission field, wanting to pursue a secular career, but I respected my parents and decided to honor their wisdom in taking the One Year Bible program at WCBC. That first semester, during Lancaster Baptist Church’s annual missions conference, God was working in my heart about surrendering to full time ministry and specifically missions. I remember Missionary Tom Lancaster was one of the guest preachers during the missions conference. In one of his sermons he asked the question, “What are you going to do with your life that will matter for eternity?”

I BELIEVE THAT THERE ARE TIMES IN EVERY CHRISTIAN’S LIFE THAT WE ASK THE QUESTION, “WHERE ARE YOU GOD?” FOR ME, IT WAS AS I SAT OUTSIDE THE OPERATING ROOM OF MY WIFE ON MAY 25, 2015.

I wanted my life to matter for eternity and that week, during missions conference, I surrendered to God’s call in my life to missions.

The last ten years have been a journey to say the least, but more specifically, a journey of faith. One of the greatest lessons

that God has taught me and is still teaching me is to trust Him, no matter what. As a missionary on deputation, God taught me to have faith in His provision. As I began deputation, my dad counseled me not to worry about money, but to have a heart to be a blessing to churches and allow God to provide the needed support. In other words, be a servant not a salesman. Taking this advice, I saw God bless. In just a year and a half, we were on the field, fully supported.

In my first term on the mission field, God taught me to have faith in His Word and His promises. One of the greatest joys of being in ministry is seeing people’s lives changed by the power of God’s Word. There have been multiple times in the last three years on the mission field that I thought to myself, “What could I possibly say that can help this person?” I have come to the same conclusion every time. I do not have anything to say, but God’s Word has what they need. I have seen God’s Word comfort a grieving family, convict the heart of a skeptic, and transform the life of a criminal. It is faith in the power of God’s Word that gives me the confidence to go even deeper into the dark jungles of Papua New Guinea.

In Matthew 28:18-20, when Jesus gives us the Great Commission, He concludes it with a promise: “...lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.” I believe that there are times in every Christian’s life that

we ask the question, “Where are you God?” For me, it was as I sat outside the operating room of my wife on May 25, 2015. God had given both my wife and me peace about having our first child at a private clinic in PNG. After hours of labour, the doctor informed us that Kalie needed to have a c-section. In a country like New Guinea, any type of surgery is major and has a great risk of infection. I sat in the waiting room fearful, wondering why God gave us peace about delivering in PNG if He knew this would happen? As I prayed for Kalie, it was like God was saying, “Do not fear, I am with you.” Kalie came through surgery with no complications, Julia is a healthy little girl and one of the greatest reminders to me of God’s miraculous promises. Recently, God has also blessed us with a baby boy, Garrett, who was born August 30, 2017. The work of missions, I will admit, is not something that I can do alone. I am so thankful that God never intended me to do it alone but He promises to be there every step of the journey. As I am learning and growing in my faith, I am thankful for the examples of faith I was able to observe and learn from in the staff and faculty of West Coast Baptist College. ●



## **RICARDO PORTILLO**

2012 GRADUATE

When God called us to leave for Nicaragua back in 2012, we didn't know exactly what to expect. Yes we'd taken a survey trip, and knew basic information, but God had some 'unknown situations' in store for us. Upon the Lord's leading, we moved to Nicaragua. We were invited to work with another family in starting a church in the city of Matagalpa, and the Lord dropped a national family, recent graduates of the Bible Institute, into our laps ripe for the ministry. They filled our shoes there and excelled. As church planting missionaries, we inquired of the Lord where He would have us serve next.

We'd heard of a city, by some called 'The Hot Place,' by others referred to as 'the City of

## **Missionary**

**NICARAGUA**



Universities,' but what we saw was a city of 500,000 people without the Gospel. There was a Catholic Church every two blocks but no Gospel light. Knowing it was God's plan for us, we moved to Leon, Nicaragua and started Iglesia Bautista Biblica de Leon.

Over the last 4 years, we have knocked doors, seen souls saved and disciplined, and grow in Christ. People we have led to Christ are now soulwinning and discipling new Christians. We are so thankful to have seen much fruit, and are excited to have a church that is actively giving to missions. We have been making trips with our church to another city with the idea of planting a third church there, while at the same time praying and planning to purchase land for our own church property here in Leon.

Since April, the entire nation has been experiencing political unrest. Marches, roadblocks, shootings, kidnappings, torturings, and killings are a daily occurrence in our country. Many foreigners and even Nicaraguans have fled the country as the violence, job, and food shortages have affected the entire nation. We saw the need of some of the single mothers in our church of being literally without food or without even a way to get to the store with their little babies due to the danger in the streets. We went to the markets, bought about \$400 worth of groceries and delivered food to over 20 families

in our church. Some cried with joy, but one lady, the pregnant mama of a girl in my wife's Sunday school class, received the food for her 6 children, but also received Christ as Saviour that day.

Even so this has been a time where we have seen genuine growth within the church family. We weekly fill our church bus picking up people for church, but due to recent road blocks, we haven't been able to do this. However, many from our church have shown great zeal for the House of God and commitment by walking to church in the heat some 4 miles both ways. We have seen hearts soften towards the Gospel, even amongst the wealthier and staunch Catholic communities. Both my wife and I continue to see souls saved weekly.

In the same way God gave us peace in coming to this city, God has given us peace in staying at this time. We know that God has us here for 'such a time as this,' and have confidence He will use us as He desires and will lead us out should He know we face real danger, according to His will. Some people have urged us to leave, but we have chosen to stay unless God specifically leads us out. Yes, there is tension and many are afraid, but we have continued to see souls saved, hearts, minds, and lives transformed, and our God glorified. ●



## JIM & ANGIE CHRISTENSEN

2017 GRADUATE

### Pastor

CORNERSTONE BAPTIST CHURCH  
FALLBROOK, CA

**T**hings here in North San Diego are going much better than we deserve! I am so thankful to the Lord, Pastor Chappell, and the staff of WCBC for helping me bring to close the final classes needed last year to finish my degree. I am proud to be a graduate of WCBC as of May of 2017. My wife Angie is in the middle of her Master's in Bible at WCBC with the online program and will plan to graduate next year.

By God's grace, my wife and I planted the Cornerstone Baptist Church on November 1, 2009 in Fallbrook, CA. God has certainly built something from nothing!

We are coming up next month to a renewed step of faith for our church and having our first Missions Conference, November 6-10. We are currently supporting six missionaries, and plan by faith to double our support throughout this conference. Dr. Rasmussen is scheduled to come and start the conference off for us the weekend prior, and we are anticipating his arrival and teaching.

Full time ministry has been a humbling journey for my family and me as we have learned to trust the Lord, give by faith, finish what we start, and touch people's lives with the Gospel. We have seen the Lord's hand in a mighty way the past few months with over 75 visitors, 1,000 sq. ft. of church office space added, a new church van for a bus route, and the hiring of Ryan Flemming (recent graduate of WCBC) as our first staff member. God is so good to us!

I thank the Lord regularly for my training from Pastor Chappell and the staff of WCBC over the years. It has shaped my philosophy and doctrine!

Thank you for the few minutes to update you on our ministry and what God is doing here in San Diego County. We sure love the ministry there in Lancaster and regularly call upon the influence and training of the spiritual leaders. ●

**FULL TIME MINISTRY HAS BEEN A HUMBLING JOURNEY FOR MY FAMILY AND ME AS WE HAVE LEARNED TO TRUST THE LORD, GIVE BY FAITH, FINISH WHAT WE START, AND TOUCH PEOPLE'S LIVES WITH THE GOSPEL.**



## 3 APPS TO HELP YOU FINISH YOUR DAY

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### TODOIST

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### AN ONLINE BACKUP

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## **TODD STARNES**

It was a privilege to have Fox News columnist, Todd Starnes address our alumni at our national meeting during this year's Spiritual Leadership Conference.



# 5 Ways to Help Your Children Walk in the Truth

BY PASTOR PAUL CHAPPELL

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## ONE OF THE EASY TRAPS FOR PARENTS TO FALL INTO IS HAVING SHORTSIGHTED GOALS FOR THEIR CHILDREN.

- If I can just make it through today... (particularly in the preschool years)
- My child's greatest problem is to change \_\_\_\_\_ behavior.
- If he can just make a higher grade...
- If she could just have more friends...

While it is good to make it through another day and while behavior, grades, and friends do matter, 3 John 4 gives one of the greatest goals any Christian parent can hold: "I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth."

This is a long-term goal—that your children would set a lifelong direction of walking in the truth.

By the grace of God, Terrie and I can personally attest to the joy of having children who not only walk with the Lord, but are actively pursuing and serving Him. We thank the Lord that all four of our adult children are loving and serving the Lord with their spouses.

What helps set the direction for your children on the path of walking in the truth? Here are a few things we've learned over the years through our family life and through counseling hundreds of other families.

## 1. HAVE A SPIRITUAL RELATIONSHIP WITH YOUR CHILDREN.

I believe you should have fun with your children. You should play games, have family days, and talk about what's going on at school.

However, realize that your children don't just need you to be their friend. They need you to be their parent. They need you to be a spiritually nurturing authority in their lives.

It should not be abnormal for you to talk to your children about spiritual things—to ask them what they learned in church, how their walk with God is, how they're doing in resisting temptation. Ask your teen, "What has God been teaching you lately?"

When I was in high school, my mom was so good at this. She would come to my room



**Dr. Paul Chappell** is the founder and President of West Coast Baptist College.

in the evening while I was doing my homework and just ask me about my day, tell me she was praying for me, and sometimes share a Scripture verse with me. Those moments—not so much individually, but accumulated—made a profound impact on my life.

*And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.*—Deuteronomy 6:6–7

## **2. KNOW YOUR CHILDREN'S FRIENDS.**

Influence is a powerful force. Your children's friends can be a tremendous force—either for positive or for negative. So make it your business to know who is influencing them and what they are like.

When our children were still at home, I was a little bit like an FBI agent when it came to who their friends were. I wanted to know who was influencing my children and how. So it mattered to me what their friends listened to, talked about, thought was funny or cool, and (if I allowed our children to go to their houses) what their homes were like.

No children are perfect—not yours and not your children's friends. So the point isn't that they can only have perfect friends. The bottom line is simply that you do not want your children around people or in environments that are going to undermine the values that you're teaching them at home.

*He that walketh with wise men shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed.*—Proverbs 13:20

## **3. WATCH THEIR SOCIAL MEDIA.**

Social media is often a window into a young

person's heart and can be a place where they reveal very private thoughts and even information that could hurt them in the future.

If you allow your child to have social media accounts, you need to be involved. You need to understand how it works, what their privacy settings are, who they are connecting with through it, and what they are saying.

The internet is one of the most dangerous places in the world to allow your child to simply find their own way with no parental oversight. (This is why there are two entire chapters in *Making Home Work* on navigating through the challenges of media.)

*For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light...And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.*—Ephesians 5:8, 11

## **4. BE INVOLVED WITH THE AUTHORITIES IN THEIR LIVES.**

Know your children's teachers, Sunday school teachers, youth pastor and workers, coaches, and anyone who is an authority in their lives. And help your child get to know them as well.

Invite them over for dinner, make effort to see them at church, ask them specifically how your child is doing.

Children need a united front between their authorities. Don't allow your children to pit you against another authority. If you ever have a concern regarding how one of your child's authorities is handling a situation, go directly to that person and work out the difficulty between the two of you. Also, be sure your children's authorities always know you are available for any concerns they have and that you will listen to and believe what they tell you, even if it is that your child is struggling in a way you did not see.

*He that refuseth instruction despiseth his own soul: but he that heareth reproof getteth understanding.*  
—Proverbs 15:32

## **5. SET THE RIGHT EXAMPLE.**

The greatest gift you can give your children is a good example. If what you tell them does not match what you show them, they are likely to reject what you tell them.

No parent is perfect (and no child expects his parent to be perfect). But every parent is an example. If you want your child to love God, engage in the body life of the church, develop character, respect authorities, and invest their lives in eternal values, don't leave it to the youth group to teach them. Model these in your own life.

Children do what children see—and especially what they see in their parents.

*Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ.*  
—1 Corinthians 11:1

Parenting children can be difficult and is definitely challenging. But in the difficult moments, look further than the immediate problem in front of you to the long-range goal of seeing your children walk in truth.

Ultimately, each person will make their own choice regarding the direction they take for their life. As a parent, make sure that what you are doing today contributes toward directing your children to walk in truth...for a lifetime.

*I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.*—3 John 4

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**JOEL  
JESSUP**

2006 GRADUATE

**YOUTH PASTOR**

FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH

**M**y wife Kerstin and I have been blessed with four sons– Hudson (10), Haddon (7), Henry (5), and Hunter (2). I have been serving the Lord with my wife as a youth pastor at Fellowship Baptist Church in Marshalltown, Iowa for 10 years. God has grown our ministry greatly over the years, and He deserves all the praise. God has brought us through trials and has grown and shaped us both through it all. We have seen many teens saved and their lives transformed as they grow in the Lord. One of my passions is that the teens know the “what” and “why” about their own faith. We have seen too many wavering because they hadn’t searched what they believe themselves. Through this way of teaching, many teens have grown to serve God as adults.

Earlier this year, Pastor Noel Cwenar from Arkansas asked me to pray about the possibility of joining his staff to oversee outreach and youth ministries. While we love Iowa and would miss our church family greatly, we sensed that the Lord was leading us to make this move. Our first Sunday at Gospel Light Baptist Church of Rogers was July 29, and we are looking forward to building relationships and winning souls in our new church home.

This next generation has to be ready to face challenges no one has before, and we must be serious about the training that must be done. Please pray for us as we seek God daily and minister to teens in our area. 🙏



**PHIL  
ROY**

2001 GRADUATE

**ASSOC. PASTOR**

HARVEST BAPTIST CHURCH

**HOW I WAS CALLED TO WEST COAST BAPTIST COLLEGE**

I was saved as a teenager at a Christian youth camp in Northern Arizona in the summer of 1993. Evangelist John Goetsch was the guest speaker that week of camp. I remember him preaching a message on the crucifixion of Christ. I walked the aisle that night and received Christ as my Savior. In the summer of 1997, after attending a week long youth revival at our church, God put a call on my life to serve him in full-time ministry. Even though I had surrendered my life to serve the Lord in ministry, I still had no idea where God wanted me to attend Bible college. The summer was coming to a close and I was still undecided of where God wanted

me to prepare. My father, who is a pastor, had heard of a Bible college in California that was fairly new. Not knowing much about this college, we requested they send us some more information. I still remember it was a Friday when the information arrived, the fall semester due to begin the following Monday. I watched a promotional video (probably one of the first videos put out by the college) and I knew immediately that God was doing something in my heart. God was calling me right then and there to attend West Coast Baptist College.

**THE MINISTRY I CURRENTLY SERVE AT**

I have served as the Associate Pastor of Harvest Baptist Church in Goodyear, Arizona since 2004. For over 14 years,

my wife and I have been privileged to see God work mightily on behalf of our church. After just a few years of being at our church, we were able to see the completion of a new auditorium. We witnessed God provide a sizable amount of money through a means we never would have seen coming. The Lord has allowed us to be a part of church growth in a growing city that needs the gospel.

As Associate Pastor I have served in many different capacities in our church ministry through the years. For the first ten years, I served as the youth pastor of our junior and senior high teens. During my entire ministry at Harvest, I have served as the choir director and head of the music ministry. God has given me many preaching opportunities in our church as well as other guest speaking engagements. My wife has always been heavily involved in the children's ministries of our church, usually teaching during most service times. God has allowed us to have a part in seeing some of the kids that have grown up in our church go to West Coast Baptist College and now serve in ministry. That has been one of the most rewarding aspects of ministry for us.

#### **WHAT IS SOMETHING GOD HAS TAUGHT ME IN THE MINISTRY I AM AT**

God has taught me just to wait on Him and allow Him to work in His time. God has showed me time and time again just to be faithful in times of difficulty and adversity. God has taught me that I can trust Him because He knows what is best for my life.

#### **A TRIAL THAT I HAVE EXPERIENCED WHILE IN MINISTRY AND WHAT THE LORD TAUGHT ME**

Without a doubt the hardest thing that my wife and I have experienced in ministry is the valley we passed through with one of our children. Our daughter Avalon was born

completely deaf with no reasonable explanation as to why. While in the process of exploring a possible cochlear implant surgery to give our daughter some measure of hearing, we were given the worst news possible. After completing an MRI of our daughter's brain and ear structure, the doctors found what was conclusive with leukodystrophy. We had never heard of such a disease, but even after just a short search on the computer we were devastated to discover the seriousness of our daughter's condition. Leukodystrophy is a rare genetic brain disorder that slowly deteriorates the brain, eventually shutting down the nervous system. Leukodystrophy has no known cure and most children diagnosed at her age with the disease do not live past 2 years of age. We wondered if our daughter would ever sit up, would she ever crawl, would she ever walk, would she ever talk, would she ever get the chance to hear for the very first time? These questions flooded our minds during many sleepless nights and long weeks of waiting. Because of God's miracle-working power and because of thousands of Christians praying in churches across America, including the students of WCBC, God has miraculously delivered our beautiful little Avalon. This year Avalon will celebrate her 5<sup>th</sup> birthday. She is functioning like a normal child—healthy and full of life. Doctors cannot explain her situation, but we know God has done the impossible on her behalf. She now has her cochlear implant which has been successful in allowing her to hear and develop speech. To God be the glory! God is good.

#### **SOME MORE ABOUT OUR FAMILY**

God has blessed my wife Jennifer and me with 6 wonderful children, 4 boys and 2 girls. Our oldest are twin boys, Levi and Landen (11), Chandler (9), Ashlyn (8), Avalon (4), and Camden (2).

#### **HOW HAS WCBC, LBC, AND PASTOR CHAPPELL INFLUENCED MY LIFE AND MINISTRY**

I believe being at the college during its beginning stages allowed me to experience some of the most exciting times in the life of West Coast Baptist College. WCBC and the local church ministry of Lancaster Baptist taught me that there is no greater purpose in life than reaching others with the gospel. West Coast has taught me to model my life and ministry after the godly principles that have been established in Scripture. I thank God for godly men such as Pastor Chappell and Dr. John Goetsch who invested their time and instilled spiritual qualities in my life that have allowed me to continue in the ministry. I thank God for their continual example and friendship for many years.



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# How God Worked at Spiritual Leadership Conference Asia

FEBRUARY 27—MARCH 1



The theme of Spiritual Leadership Conference Asia was “Striving Together for Asia and Beyond.” This was more than a tagline—it was a phenomenal reality.

From the moment we landed in Manila, I could sense the spirit of unity and heart for revival among the Filipino pastors who worked together to help us host the conference. From coordinating transportation (for hundreds of guests), to opening their churches and Bible college dorms for guests, to putting on major local church outreach weekends, the spirit to strive together and the

tireless effort behind it was inspiring and encouraging.

Additionally, as I visited, went soulwinning with, and preached in various churches that weekend before the conference, I was blessed by the passion for church planting and missions throughout Asia and the 10/40 window in these churches.

As for a report on the conference, it’s hard to even know where to begin—except to say that God worked mightily and answered prayer. We truly could sense the prayers of God’s people throughout the week.



## A 320-VOICE, 140-PIECE INTERNATIONAL CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA

Churches from across the Philippines sent their choir and orchestra members to sing in the conference. What a joy it was in each evening service to hear these combined choirs sing to the Lord.



**60** YOUTH RALLIES WITH OVER 700 TEENS REACHED WITH THE GOSPEL

**750** PEOPLE TRUSTED CHRIST AS THEIR SAVIOUR

**150** PEOPLE SURRENDERED TO A CALL TO THE MINISTRY



## OVER 5,000 DELEGATES FROM 49 COUNTRIES, INCLUDING 300 MISSIONARIES

It was an incredible blessing to serve God's servants who are laboring across the world, including in some of the most hostile nations to the Gospel. I wish you could have heard their stories of the doors God is opening for them, the risks they are gladly taking, and the church planting that is happening in spiritually needy places.



# THE EVANGELIZATION OF THE WORLD WAITS NOT ON THE READINESS OF GOD BUT ON THE OBEDIENCE OF CHRISTIANS

# Alumni Ordinations

West Coast Baptist College  
Alumni Are Being Used Around  
the World To Spread the Gospel



**SHANE & TAVIA  
AGEE**

2017 GRADUATE | CHURCH MINISTRIES



**JONATHAN & JENESSA  
ARMSTRONG**

2016 GRADUATE | CHURCH MINISTRIES



**PRICE & MELANIE  
DICKERSON**

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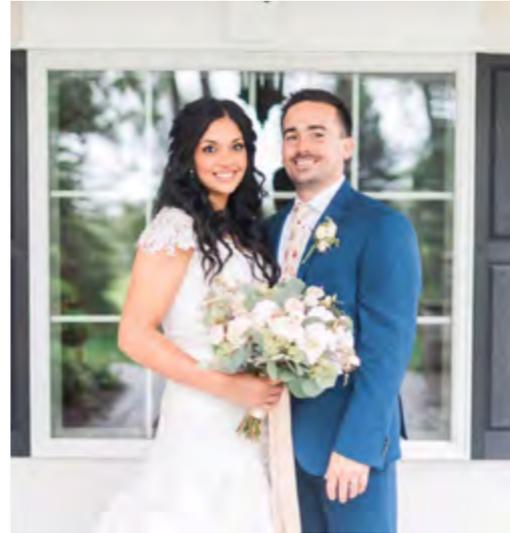
**KELSEY & TY  
ROTHING**

MARRIED OCTOBER 15, 2016



**DEANNE & MATTHEW  
DONA**

MARRIED DECEMBER 16, 2016



**JARI & THOMAS  
MCGONAGLE**

MARRIED SEPTEMBER 2, 2017



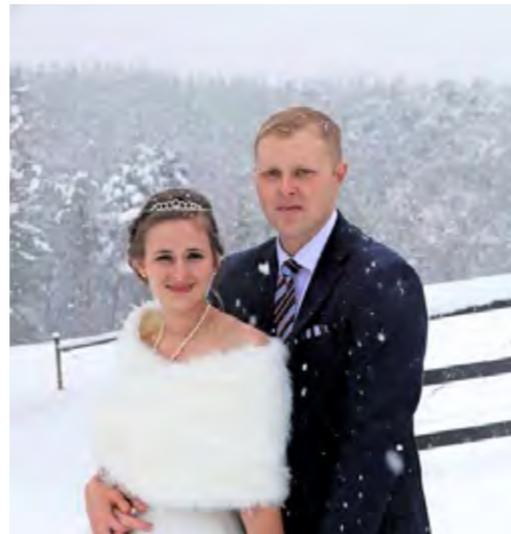
**KATHRYN & TYLER  
ROBERTSON**

MARRIED SEPTEMBER 16, 2017



**BETHEL & OBADIAH  
ENGLAND**

MARRIED NOVEMBER 25, 2017



**HEATHER & DREW  
MERRILL**

MARRIED DECEMBER 9, 2017



**ABBY & GAVIN  
LOCKABY**

MARRIED DECEMBER 29, 2017

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| Sam Forster & Emily Butler          | March 3, 2018  |
| Aaron Rogers & Kaycee Pickett       | March 9, 2018  |
| Billy Leivon & Lisa Wagner          | March 17, 2018 |
| Chris Franklin & Katrina McFeters   | March 24, 2018 |
| Edward Young & Lydia Irmeler        | May 12, 2018   |
| Eric Morrissey & Eden Sanderson     | May 12, 2018   |
| Abel Ramirez & Daniella Melendez    | May 26, 2018   |
| Albert Pagitt & Hannah Furlong      | May 28, 2018   |
| Cristina Ferreira & Justin Greiner  | June 2018      |
| Daniel Foster & Julie Chappell      | June 1, 2018   |
| Zachary Fridrich & Monica Porta     | June 8, 2018   |
| Justus Patterson & Sarah Blake      | June 8, 2018   |
| Garan Patrick & Anneliese Wyman     | June 16, 2018  |
| Renee Collins & Weston Stallings    | June 21, 2018  |
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| Aloma Carter & Levi Tyrrell         | June 25, 2018  |
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| Timothy Frashure & Alhiza Almazan   | June 23, 2018  |
| Ebba Clevenger & Josh Balmer        | July 6, 2018   |

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HELLO



**BRILEY DAUFEN**

BORN ON 11/13/2017



**FERRIS CURLEY**

BORN ON 11/28/2017



**THEODORE BEACH**

BORN ON 4/3/2018



**TALLULAH KING**

BORN ON 11/04/2017



**TILLMAN WARE**

BORN ON 10/4/2017



**AMELIA MORRIS**

BORN ON 5/13/2018



**AUDREY EVEREST**

BORN ON 7/11/2018



**ELLIE BRUNNER**

BORN ON 7/10/2018

# ADDITIONAL BIRTHS

MacKenzie Unger 2.26.18

Jackson Lee Davis 2.27.18

Joseph Tanner 3.6.18

Mason Miles 4.26.18

Tyler Zane Yelton 6.22.18

Moses Knezevich 7.4.18

Thoren Chambers 7.5.18

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# New Resources for Personal Growth and Ministry

BY PASTOR PAUL CHAPPELL

**ONE OF THE ASPECTS OF SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE THAT I LOOK FORWARD TO EACH YEAR IS MAKING NEW RESOURCES FROM STRIVING TOGETHER PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE AT THE CONFERENCE.**

Each year, we set up a physical store just for this conference to give delegates the chance to browse resources and select what would be helpful for their ministries.

Below is a list of new Striving Together resources. Some are new releases this year, and some are new since the last Spiritual Leadership Conference. Click on the titles of any for more information or to order:

## LUKE: JOURNEY WITH JESUS

The newest volume to the Striving Together Study Library, this book is a verse-by-verse journey through the book of Luke. Nearly six hundred pages long, it is the fruit of thousands of hours in preparation and the result of study for a two-year sermon series covering the life of Christ.

## REVIVAL TODAY

A one-year, on-this-day devotional by Dr. John Goetsch and Nathan Birt, this book features revivals of the past to encourage us to ask the Lord for revival today. Each devotion includes Scripture and a practical application for living a revived life through the power of the Holy Spirit.

## TIME OUT FOR PARENTS

The ninety devotions in this book are written to encourage parents to seek God's wisdom as they raise their children for Him. Each devotion includes a Scripture passage and provides an encouraging or admonishing truth regarding the responsibility of parenting. At the close of each devotion is a single actionable thought given as "Today's Parenting Principle."

## FAMILY TIME WITH JESUS

This is a packet of devotional resources that I originally put together for our church family. In addition to a family hymnbook and CD with children's songs, it includes a set of fifty-two flashcards that teach biblical terms and concepts.

## ARE WE THERE YET?

Released last fall, it has been a blessing to Terrie and me to hear how the Lord has been using this book, companion guide, and curriculum to help and strengthen marriages!

## RIGHTLY DIVIDED

As its subtitle suggests, this small book by Dr. Mike Lester provides a beginner's guide to Bible study. But don't think that it is only for new Christians. It is for anyone who wants to understand basic principles for "rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Timothy 2:15).

## OVERTIME

In these pages, Dr. Don Sisk transparently shares the past five years of his life, including caring for his wife Virginia through her brain tumor and homegoing. This book will encourage any reader to live fully for Christ, and it provides experiential instruction for caregiving and joyful service in your "overtime" years.

## JESUS OR BUDDHA?

This booklet by Dr. Mike Lester is written to present the gospel to a Buddhist. It contrasts the lives and messages of Jesus and Buddha and concludes with a compelling invitation to trust Christ.

## REVIVE

This booklet lists six characteristics of a revived life. Written specifically for the *Revive* theme of this year's Spiritual Leadership Conference, I pray the Lord uses it to stir a hunger for revival in hearts.

## WHEN YOU CAN'T JUST GET OVER IT CURRICULUM

Based on his book by the same title, each of these ten lessons by R. B. Ouellette provide biblical insights from Bible characters who faced the same struggles and hurdles we face. These lessons help students not "just get over it," but discover victory through it!

## PORTRAITS OF GRACE CURRICULUM

God's grace is a dynamic change agent that works in our lives to transform us to the image of Christ. Each of the ten lessons in this series feature what God's grace looked like in the individual lives of various Bible characters in their most challenging moments and extreme difficulties. But more than seeing how God worked in miraculous ways in their circumstances, we see how He changed the lives of the people themselves who experienced His grace.

# MOM'S SURVIVAL KIT



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MAKING YOUR HOME A PEACEFUL PLACE

BY TERRIE CHAPPELL

**ALL HEARD THAT A MAN'S HOME IS HIS CASTLE. I HEARD OF ONE MAN WHO CALLED HIS HOME A "TRAUMA CENTER."**

I thought that sounded horrible, but then he said, "It's where I go to become well again." That made more sense. You can call it what you like, but the truth is: our husbands need to come home to a place where they can be refreshed. Here are some actions we have tried to establish in the Chappell house:

## **PREPARE TO GREET YOUR HUSBAND**

You have spent most of the day away from him, so those first few minutes when he gets home are the most crucial! How you welcome your husband seems to set the tone for the rest of the evening.

First, stop what you are doing so you can greet him. Sometimes, I get so wrapped up in what I am working on that I barely give a nod of the head and a quick "Hi" when my husband walks in the door. This is easy to do when you're busy, but resist the pattern. Give him a smile, a kiss, and a hug.

## **GET RID OF THE MESS**

Don't let clutter be his first encounter when he walks through the door. Clutter is confusion, and God is not the author of confusion! I know my husband cannot relax until the disorder is put back in place. So, take a few minutes before your husband arrives home to de-clutter.

I try to think of it this way: I want to cover all the senses for my husband. Touch—that's the hug and kiss. Sight—keeping the house picked up and presentable. Smell—have the house smelling clean and dinner smelling good. Taste—have dinner tasting good! Sound—put on some peaceful music and turn off the TV.

## **TAME THE TOTS**

When our kids were little, I often found myself trying to get dinner ready while simultaneously keeping

the kids from tearing up the house—sometimes it was just plain chaos! Getting dinner done earlier in the day by using a crock-pot or preparing a simple meal worked great for me and freed my time to settle down the children. I also tried to use the moments right before Dad came home as reading time. The kids enjoyed it; it relaxed all of us, and it sure impressed Daddy to see everyone quietly reading a book when he walked through the door! If I was running late and reading wasn't an option, I would have the kids play a game—"who could see Daddy coming home first." They would all line up at the window and watch for Dad. This was a help to me as well, for when they yelled, "Daddy's home!" it gave me a quick minute to dry my hands and get ready to greet my husband.

## **PLAY PEACEFUL MUSIC**

Music can soothe the soul. We see an example of this truth in the lives of Saul and David. First Samuel 16:23 says, "And it came to pass, when the evil spirit from God was upon Saul, that David took an harp, and played with his hand: so Saul was refreshed...." William Gladstone said,

"Music is one of the most forceful instruments for governing the mind and spirit of man." Music is powerful and can really help in setting the spirit of the home.

Watch your words. Allow your husband to walk through the door and catch his breath before you unleash everything that happened to you that day. Don't just throw the kids at him and say, "Your turn!"

## **LISTEN LOVINGLY**

Listening is a great way to be supportive of your husband. Let's be honest, we all enjoy talking about ourselves or our ideas. But if you want to make an impact, listen as your hubby speaks about his life, his goals, and his dreams. Keep your eyes focused on him while he is talking. Remember that your listening is affirmation!

Now, did this calm attitude or peaceful atmosphere take place every night at the Chappell home? I don't think so! But I can honestly say, it is the goal for which we strive.



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