



# Bible, Missions and Ministry

## **Department of Bible, Missions and Ministry**

COLLEGE OF BIBLICAL STUDIES

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### **KEY STRENGTHS**

- The Department of Bible, Missions and Ministry serves approximately 325 departmental majors.
- The department teaches the general education survey Bible courses for more than 2,000 students each semester.
- Numerous Bible majors secure summer internships with congregations all over the United States and abroad.
- In the last decade, our alumni have been accepted into graduate programs of Bible and religion at various schools including Yale University, Princeton Theological Seminary, University of Chicago, Harvard University and Emory University.
- Opportunities to associate with experienced missionaries daily
- Four missions faculty and five missions coordinators representing five continents
- A minor or certificate in missions can be obtained (30 hours) with one upper-division biblical text course, plus core missions courses.
- Center for Women in Christian Service
- Center for Youth and Family Ministry
- Halbert Institute for Missions
- Many graduates find employment in congregations as missionaries, youth ministers, children's ministers, pulpit ministers, campus ministers or worship ministers.
- The department grants a Certificate of Vocational Ministry (30 hours).
- A minor in biblical studies is also offered (24 hours).
- The annual Bible Lectureship and Ministry Summit are included in ACU's continuing education program.
- Bible majors provide leadership for the campus, serving as officers, chairs and mission team leaders for various student organizations.
- World Wide Witness program sends students throughout the world for missions internships.

### **DEGREE OFFERED**

- Bachelor of Arts

### **MAJORS AVAILABLE**

- Biblical text (available with language emphasis)
- Christian ministry
- Ministry to children and families
- Missions (foreign and domestic)
- Vocational missions
- Worship ministry
- Youth and family ministry

### **CAREER OPPORTUNITIES**

- Campus ministry
- Children's ministry
- Church planters
- Education
- Hospital chaplaincy
- Involvement ministry
- Missionary education
- Prison chaplain
- Pulpit ministry
- Teaching missions
- Team missions
- Urban work
- Vocational missions
- Worship ministry
- Youth ministry

### **STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES**

#### **Internships**

- Children's ministry
- Christian camps
- Cross-cultural missions
- Hospital chaplaincy
- Pulpit
- Spring Break Campaigns
- Study Abroad program (Oxford)
- Youth ministry

#### **Off-campus study and research**

- Apprenticeships (World Wide Witness)
- Campaigns (foreign and domestic)
- Internships
- Local Hispanic churches
- Study Abroad program
- Summer research trips
- World Missions Workshop

#### **On-campus programs**

- Continental interest groups
- Devotionals; missions chapel

- Freshman Blessing
- Mentoring groups
- Missions Focus
- Senior Blessing Retreat
- Summer Seminar in Missions

#### Scholarships available

- College of Biblical Studies scholarships
- Missionary Children's Scholarship
- Women for ACU
- ACT/SAT Academic Scholarships

*Please consult with your admissions counselor for details on these and other scholarships available to you.*

## FACILITIES

The Biblical Studies Building is furnished with state-of-the-art equipment for students and faculty. It features H.E. Hart Auditorium, which seats 350, and 14 classrooms seating from 20 to 150.

A Missions Resource Room holds valuable materials for student research and is decorated with artifacts from around the world. The Missions Strategy Room serves as a meeting area or classroom.

The Quiet Place provides a beautiful and peaceful setting for individual study and prayer or small group meetings. Students meet to socialize and fellowship in the spacious Hall of Servants.

The Chapel on the Hill hosts numerous devotionals and weddings. In the adjacent rotunda, a winding staircase surrounds the World Missions Globe. More than eight feet in diameter, the globe highlights Churches of Christ and missions efforts all over the world.

Outside, Beauchamp Amphitheater surrounds the Tower of Light, the tallest structure on campus.

## DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI

**Fielden Allison**, class of 1988; missionary to Kenya, Africa, for 22 years.

**Dr. Robert Carpenter**, class of 1986; professor of missions, Oklahoma Christian University, Edmond, Okla.

**Bob Waldron**, class of 1984; Director of Missions Resource Network, Bedford, Texas.

**Teston Gilpatrick**, class of 1982; missionary to Brazil for nearly 20 years.

**Pat Hile**, class of 1981; missionary to Guatemala; teacher of missions; involvement minister in San Antonio.

**Tex Williams**, class of 1979; director, World Bible School; missionary to South Africa.

**Max Lucado**, class of 1977; renowned Christian author and pulpit minister, Oak Hills Church, San Antonio, Texas.

**Dr. Royce Money**, class of 1964; president, ACU.

**Robert Oglesby Sr.**, class of 1955; pulpit minister, Waterview Church of Christ, Richardson, Texas.

## RECENT GRADUATES

**David Edmonds**, class of 2001; missionary, Novosibirsk, Russia.

**Stacy Hanks**, class of 2001; missionary, Novosibirsk, Russia.

**Calvin Groen**, class of 2000; missionary, Tanzania, East Africa.

**Matt Wallace**, class of 2000; minister to inner-city youth, Denver, Colo.

**Stacy Carr**, class of 1999; children's minister, Westover Hills Church of Christ, Austin, Texas.

**Chadd Schroeder**, class of 1999; missionary, Guadalajara, Mexico.

**Paul Wallace**, class of 1999; youth minister, Southern Hills Church of Christ, Abilene, Texas.

**Eric Guild**, class of 1998; missionary, Tanzania, East Africa.

**Murphy Crowson**, class of 1997; missionary, Benin, West Africa.

**Jordan Hubbard**, class of 1996; pulpit minister, Winters Church of Christ, Winters, Texas.

**Brady Bryce**, class of 1995; Director of Ministry Events, ACU, Abilene, Texas.

**David Kasselmann**, class of 1994; minister of discipleship, Central Church of Christ, Amarillo, Texas.

**C.D. Pruett Jr.**, class of 1991; director, Pruett Gerontology Center, Abilene, Texas.

**Mitch Wilburn**, class of 1990; pulpit minister, Park Plaza Church of Christ, Tulsa, Okla.

## FACULTY

**Rodney Ashlock, Ph.D.**, *assistant professor, associate chair*; B.A., Harding University, 1987; M.Div., ACU, 1991; Ph.D., Baylor University, 2002.

**Sonny Guild, D.Min.**, *assistant professor, director, Halbert Institute for Missions*; B.A., Harding University, 1966; M.Div., ACU, 1969; D.Min., ACU, 1996; missionary in Kenya, 1970-79.

**Jan Hailey**, *instructor*; B.S.E., ACU, 1970; M.A., ACU, 1994; M.Div., ACU, 2003.

**Randy Harris**, *instructor*; B.A., Harding University, 1979; M.A., Harding Graduate School of Religion, 1983; M.Th., Harding Graduate School of Religion, 1983; M.P., Syracuse University, 1987.

**Stephen C. Johnson, D.Min, Ph.D.**, *assistant professor*; B.S., ACU, 1994; M.Div., ACU, 1996; D.Min., ACU, 2000; Ph.D., University of Tronto, 2007.

**Robert Oglesby Jr.**, *instructor, director, Center for Youth and Family Ministry*; B.S., ACU, 1981; M.S., ACU, 1982.

**Glenn Pemberton, Ph.D.**, *associate professor, chair*; B.A., ACU, 1985; M.A., ACU, 1995; Ph.D., University of Denver Iliff School of Theology, 1999.

**Jeanene Reese, D.Min.**, *associate professor, director, Center for Women in Christian Service*; B.S., ACU, 1974; M.S., ACU, 1995; M.Div., ACU, 1998; D.Min., ACU, 2001.

**Edward Robinson, Ph.D.**, *assistant professor*; B.A., Southwestern Christian College, 1989; M.Div., Harding University, 1993; M.A., University of Illinois, 1998; Ph.D., Mississippi State University, 2003.

**Jerry Taylor**, *assistant professor*; B.A., Southwestern Christian College, 1984; M.Div., Southern Methodist University, 1988; D.Min., Southern Methodist University, 1995.

**Wimon Walker**, *instructor*; B.A., ACU, 1978; M.A., ACU, 1986; missionary in Botswana, 1985-2000.

**David Wallace, Ph.D.**, *associate professor*; B.A., ACU, 1972; M.A., Texas Christian University, 1976; Ph.D., Baylor University, 1996.

**Wendell Willis, Ph.D.**, *associate professor*; B.S.Ed., Midwestern State University, 1965; M.A., ACU, 1967; B.D., Vanderbilt University, 1969; Ph.D., Southern Methodist University, 1981.

**David Wray, D.R.E.**, *associate professor, associate dean of spiritual life and co-curriculum*; B.S., ACU, 1967; M.S., ACU, 1970; D.R.E., Temple Baptist Theological Seminary, 1996.

**Missions Coordinators, Associates and Visiting Missionaries**

Experienced missionaries spend varying periods of time in the department, teaching, working with students and enriching the department.

- Gary Green, D.V.M. (Latin America)
- Larry Henderson (Asia)
- Dan McVey (Africa, Islamic Studies)
- Yann Opsitch (Europe)
- Kent Smith, D.Min. (North America)
- Charles Stelling, D.Min. (Europe/Let's Start Talking program)

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

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