"Participating in and contributing to the Great Conversation"

Thomas Aquinas’ Prayer for Students

Creator of all things, true source of light and wisdom, lofty origin of all being, graciously let a ray of your light penetrate the darkness of my understanding. Take from me the
double darkness in which I have been born — an obscurity of sin and ignorance. Give me a sharp sense of understanding, a retentive memory, and the ability to grasp things correctly and fundamentally. Grant me the talent of being exact in my explanations and the ability to express myself with thoroughness and charm. Point out the beginning. Direct my progress, and help in the completion. I ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Prayer for Schools and Colleges — *Book of Common Prayer*

O Eternal God, bless all schools, colleges, and universities, and especially *Dallas Baptist University* that they may be lively centers for sound learning, new discovery, and the pursuit of wisdom; and grant that those who teach and those who learn may find you to be the source of all truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Quotable Quotes:**

“With His help, I shall love Him the more ardently the more I advance in learning.”
— Augustine, *The Teacher*

“That only is true enlargement of mind which is the power of viewing many things at once as one whole, of referring them severally to their true place in the universal system, of understanding their respective values, and determining their mutual dependence. Thus is that form of Universal Knowledge . . . set up in the individual intellect, and constitutes its perfection.”

“. . . Gaius and Titius . . . conclude that the best thing they can do is to fortify the minds of young people against emotion. My own experience as a teacher tells an opposite tale. For every one pupil who needs to be guarded from a weak excess of sensibility there are three who need to be awakened from the slumber of cold vulgarity. *The task of the modern educator is not to cut down jungles but to irrigate deserts.*
— C. S. Lewis, *The Abolition of Man* (italics added)

September 7
Dr. David Naugle

"*Der Anti-Christ*"

“When one places life’s center of gravity not in life but in the ‘beyond’… one deprives life of its center of gravity altogether. … To live so, that there is no longer any sense in living, that now becomes the ‘sense’ of life.” — Friedrich Nietzsche
Dr. David K. Naugle is chair and professor of philosophy at Dallas Baptist University where he has worked for almost eighteen years in both administrative and academic capacities. He earned a Th.D. in systematic theology, and a Ph.D. in humanities with concentrations in philosophy and English literature. He is also the director of the Paideia College Society, a student academic organization the goal of which is to deepen the undergraduate students educational experience through a vision of Christian humanism and classical liberal education in this context.

September 14
Dr. Robert E. Wood
Professor of Philosophy
University of Dallas

“Plato and the Bible”


September 21
Dr. Tom Bush

Global Warming: Fact or Fiction?

Dr. Bush is Assistant Professor of Physics and Computer Science at DBU where he has been teaching since 1997, coming full-time in 2000. He is a retired US Navy Captain with a PhD in Nuclear
Physics. He completed a postdoc at Lawrence Livermore Nation Lab researching thermonuclear weapon design. While in the Navy he managed the life cycle of Submarine Launched Ballistic Missiles and Navigation Systems, and led the navy's stealth ship program. Since retiring he has been a Director of the SSC National Laboratory, managed the installation of a digital cable network for GTE, was the CEO of an A&E/Construction Management/IT firm in Saudi Arabia, and CEO of his own Environmental Engineering and Services Firm. He has served on the Planning Commission, Economic Development board and the City Council of DeSoto, Texas. He attends Hampton Road Baptist Church where he sings in the Choir and teaches classes. He is married to Terri and between them have 6 children, 13 grandkids and one great grand son.

On the Care of Creation

The Earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof - Psalm 24:1

Because we worship and honor the Creator, we seek to cherish and care for the creation. Because we have sinned, we have failed in our stewardship of creation. Therefore we repent of the way we have polluted, distorted, or destroyed so much of the Creator's work. Because in Christ God has healed our alienation from God and extended to us the first fruits of the reconciliation of all things, we commit ourselves to working in the power of the Holy Spirit to share the Good News of Christ in word and deed, to work for the reconciliation of all people in Christ, and to extend Christ's healing to suffering creation.

http://www.creationcare.org/resources/declaration.php

September 28, 2007
Bob Fu Xiqiu
Director, China Aid
http://chinaaid.org/


Newly released from prison, Xiqiu (Bob) Fu and his wife, Cai Bochun (Heidi), fled to Hong Kong as tourists, abandoned their group and applied repeatedly for visas to America. They knew that, if they were unable to get out in time, they would be arrested again. By God’s grace and the prayers of the saints, they arrived on U.S. soil just a few days before the British turned over Hong Kong to Beijing.

Born and raised in mainland China, Bob Fu attended People’s University in Beijing and was a leader of the student democracy movement that ended in the Tian’anmen Square Massacre of June 4, 1989. That year, Bob was led to Christ by an English professor and, by 1992, he was pastoring a house church of 30 students. Several years later, he and Heidi, started a bible school in a shuttered factory. On May 9, 1996, secret police discovered the school, and Bob and Heidi were imprisoned.
Not long after their release two months later, Bob was fired from his job as an English teacher at the Beijing School for the Communist Party, and Heidi lost her acceptance to study for her master’s degree. Also, Heidi was pregnant. Chinese law requires women to obtain approval from their work units. Without it, Heidi could receive no medical help and would be forced to abort her baby, even at full term.

So God opened a way for them to travel to Hong Kong as tourists at the end of 1996. With the help and prayers of many brothers and sisters throughout the world and the direct intervention of President Bill Clinton, the Fu family arrived as refugees in the United States . . . just three days before Hong Kong once again became part of Communist China.

In 2002, Bob Fu founded China Aid Association to draw international attention to China’s gross human rights violations against house-church Christians. He has testified before many organizations, including the House International Relations Committee, U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom, the Congressional-Executive Commission on China and the UN Commission on Human Rights.

Bob Fu is a PhD candidate of Westminster Theological Seminary in Philadelphia. He is also visiting professor at Oklahoma Wesleyan University and editor-in-chief of Chinese Law and Religion Monitor Journal. Bob and Heidi have three children, Daniel, Tracy and Melissa.

October 12
Sam Van Eman

“On Earth As It Is In Advertising: From Commercial Hype to Gospel Hope”

Sam Van Eman works with the Coalition for Christian Outreach (Pittsburgh, PA) as a Staff Resource Specialist. His primary work includes writing and speaking about the influence of popular advertising, both to general student audiences and to advertising majors, and training and certifying interested CCO staff in becoming proficient wilderness trip leaders.
After attending Geneva College for two years, Sam transferred and graduated from California University of Pennsylvania. He taught Spanish to high school students before joining CCO staff in 1998 to work with students at Gannon University in Erie, Pennsylvania. While at Gannon, Sam directed a wilderness program for students there, before transitioning six years later into his current role.

“I am compelled by the CCO’s desire to help students develop their Christian faith in every area of life,” Sam says. “In the woods, this might mean using a powerful trip experience as a vehicle for developing healthy community in the residence hall back at school. In the advertising classroom, development may come through studying a marketing campaign case study and then encouraging students to let what they believe to deeply influence how they would handle the job differently. In both environments, it is thrilling to see the light bulbs come on in students’ minds!”

Sam and his wife, Julie, are raising their two daughters, Emma and Alice, in central Pennsylvania.

October 19
Todd A. Kappelman

“Art, Architecture and Technology: Perspectives of Martin Heidegger”

Todd Kappelman, adjunct professor of philosophy at Dallas Baptist University, is also a field associate with Probe Ministries. He received a B.A. and M.A.B.S. in Religion and Greek from Dallas Baptist University and an M.A. in humanities/philosophy from the University of Dallas. Currently he is pursuing a Ph.D. in philosophy at the University of Dallas. He has served as assistant director of the Trinity Institute, a study center devoted to Christian thought and inquiry. He has been the managing editor of the Antithesis, a bimonthly publication devoted to the critique of foreign and independent film. His central area of expertise is Continental philosophy, especially nineteenth/twentieth century and postmodern thought.

Todd serves as a residential tutor of The Veritas House. This is a private study center for undergraduate and graduate students in the greater Dallas area. He and his wife, Deanna, are owners and directors of the study center. They coordinate weekly film groups, books groups, art groups, and Bible studies.
October 26
Kasey S. Pipes

“Ike’s Final Battle: The Road to Little Rock and the Challenge of Equality: Eisenhower and the Civil Rights Movement”

Kasey S. Pipes — author... historian ... consultant— is president of The Pipes Company which offers strategic communication services for corporate executives.

For the past decade he's played many roles, from his roots in Texas to the heights of DC. Born and raised in Fort Worth, interned in the California office of former President Ronald Reagan—his childhood hero. After graduating from college, Kasey was hired by Fort Worth Mayor Kay Granger to work on her first campaign for Congress in 1996 and upon her election to Congress, she hired Pipes to work in her Capitol Hill office. He served as a legislative assistant, handling issues from education to foreign policy, served as Granger’s press secretary, and in 1999 worked on the Bush for President campaign.

And after the election, he moved back to Washington to work at the White House for President George W. Bush as researcher and speech-writer. While he was at the White House, he responded to the 9-11 attacks by seeking and receiving a commission as an officer in the United States Navy Reserve. During the 2004 presidential campaign, Kasey served as chief writer of the National Republican Party Platform. And after Election Day, he fulfilled a lifelong dream to hang up his own shingle: The Pipes Company, a corporate communications consulting firm.

He is the author of a biography of Dwight Eisenhower, Ike's Final Battle: The Road to Little Rock and the Challenge of Equality. Columnist George Will has said of this book:

“The nation liked Ike because it saw so much of itself in him. Like the nation when it was forced to face its racial dilemma, Eisenhower also had to face the tension between his unanalyzed assumptions and the better angels of his nature. How he struggled to do so is a fascinating story, sensitively told by Kasey S. Pipes. This mind-opening book shows that Eisenhower's coming-to-terms with the coming civil rights revolution was, like the man himself, more complex and admirable than has hitherto been appreciated.”

Kasey lives with his wife Lacie in Fort Worth with their baby boy, Lincoln.
November 2
Lilian Calles Barger

“Chasing Sophia: Reclaiming the Lost Wisdom of Jesus”

Lilian Calles Barger is the founder of the Damaris Project, www.damarisproject.org, an organization providing resources for women to start meaningful conversations in their communities. She is a native of Buenos Aires, Argentina. Prior to founding the Damaris Project she had a 20-year career in business and is a graduate of the University of Texas at Arlington. Currently, Barger works as a writer and frequent speaker on the intersection of the teachings of Jesus and contemporary cultural issues. She has written for numerous publications and is the author of Eve’s Revenge: Women and A Spirituality of the Body (Brazos Press, 2003), which received outstanding reviews, and Chasing Sophia: Reclaiming the Lost Wisdom of Jesus (Jossey-Bass, 2007). She lives in Dallas with her husband and two sons. This is Lilian’s second Friday Symposium lecture!

November 9
John Dwyer

“Faith on the Battlefield: The Great Revival During the War Between the States”

John J. Dwyer is a popular author and speaker and also an Adjunct Professor of History at both Southern Nazarene University and Oklahoma City Community College. He is former history chair at a classical college preparatory school, newspaper publisher, and radio host. His books include the new novel When the Bluebonnets Come and the non-fiction historical narrative The War Between the States: America's Uncivil War, both from Bluebonnet Press; the historical novels Stonewall and Robert E. Lee from Broadman & Holman Publishers; and the upcoming historical narrative The Oklahomans: The Story of Oklahoma and Its People. Visit John’s website at: http://www.johnjdwyer.com/
November 16
Philip Mitchell

“Moving Beyond ‘Mere Christianity’ in the University: Why C. S. Lewis and H. Richard Niebuhr Were Wrong”

Philip Mitchell (MDIVBL, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary; M.A., Ph.D., Baylor University) is Director of the University Honors Program at Dallas Baptist University. Dr. Mitchell has served in various capacities on campus since coming to DBU. Assistant Professor of English, he has also helped lead out in The Lily Campus Worship Formation Program and has taught Developing the Christian Mind.

He is deeply interested in the intersection of theology, literature, history, philosophy, and culture and is currently writing a book on Baptists and honors education. Dr. Mitchell is also an amateur poet, enjoys modern classical music and classic modern jazz, and teaches a young adult Bible study at his church. He has been twice nominated for Who’s Who Among America’s Teachers. He lives with his wife, Kristin, and two daughters, Noelle and Grace, in Cleburne, TX.

November 30
An Interdisciplinary Panel Discussion on Vocation and Calling”

"My Job and My Identity: Should My Talents Decide How I Earn a Living?"

Philip Mitchell, presiding: Mary Stripling (English), Keith Rosenbaum (Psychology), Ross O'Brien (Economics), and Richard Baca (Music)

Paideia College Society/Honors Program
Fall Study Retreat
- October 12-13, 2007
- Mt. Lebanon Baptist Encampment
- Speaker: Sam Van Eman
- Topic: Advertising & Popular Culture

Other Coming Attractions!
10/26/2007, Nokia Theatre at Grand Prairie, TX

End of Semester Paideia College Society Party!
- December 7; 6:30 pm
- Dr. Naugle’s place-1110 Big Stone Gap Rd., Duncanville.
- Mexican Buffet,
  White Elephant Gifts

11th Annual Paideia College Society/Honors Program Student Academic Conference
February 29-March 1, 2008
Speaker and Artist:
Charlie Peacock
Theme: New Way To Be Human!

Songwriter and Grammy winning producer Charlie Peacock began his career while still a solo artist for A&M Records and later Island. His discography is as varied as his musical tastes and stretches from his own jazz/improvisational music project, Love Press Ex-Curio, to gospel legends Al Green and Ce Ce Winans, to the smash pop success of Switchfoot.

Special Lectures Next Spring!

James Houston, MA (Edinburgh), MA, BSc, DPhil (Oxford)
Founder, Regent College, Vancouver, British Columbia! Dates and topics to be announced
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