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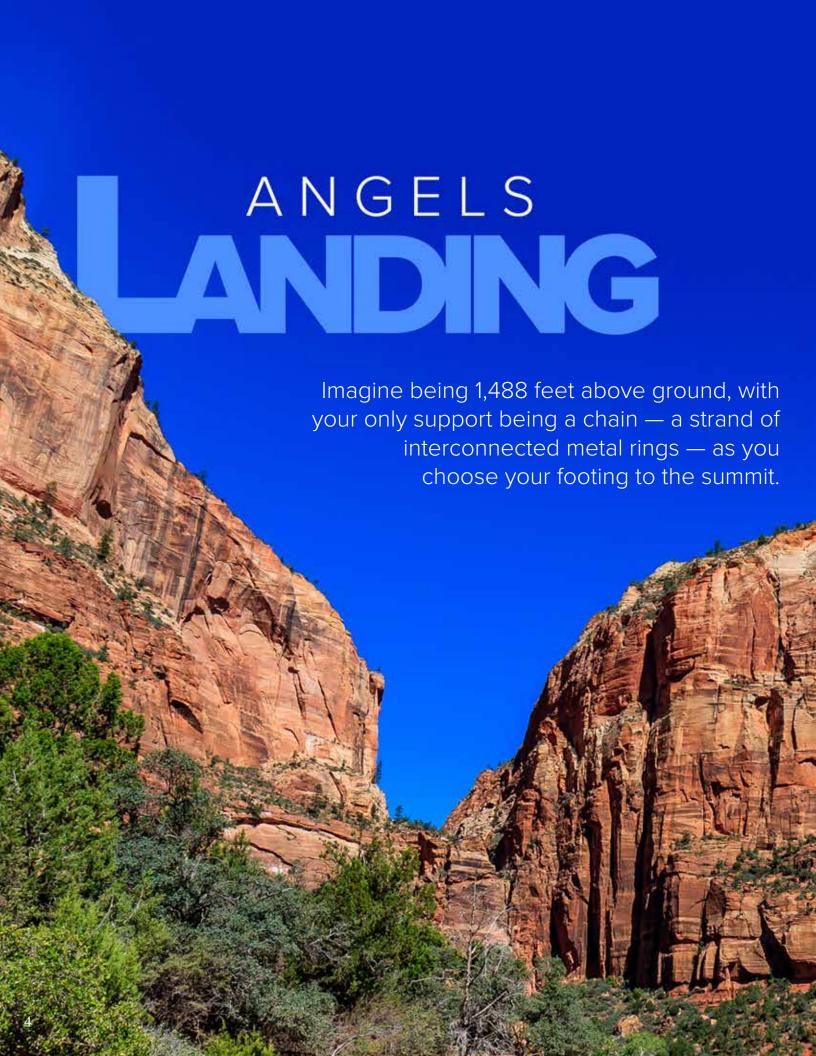
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Statement of Purpose

The purpose of Southwestern Assemblies of God University is to prepare undergraduate and graduate students spiritually, academically, professionally and cross-culturally so as to successfully fill evangelistic, missionary and church ministry roles and to provide quality educational and professional Christian service wherever needed throughout the world.

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On a recent vacation, Jan, the boys and I visited Zion National Park in southern Utah. The trail, cut into solid rock, leads to the top of Angels Landing and provides a spectacular view of Zion Canyon.

Walter's Wiggles, a series of 21 steep switchbacks, are the last hurdle before Scout Lookout. Scout Lookout is generally the turnaround for anyone unable to make the final push to the top of Angels Landing.

The leg of the trail is strenuous and fraught with sharp drop offs and narrow paths. A chain is provided for portions of the last half-mile toward the top.

What you may not realize is that college for many is like Angels Landing. Students come to SAGU pushing toward their own summits.

Students like Tsehaynesh Wolde, a Youth and

Student Ministries major from Nebraska, called to evangelize junior high and high school students who are often considered "outcasts."

Students like Catherine Featherston, now serving in the elementary education classroom.

Students like Jorge Marquez, an Intercultural Studies major from Colorado who feels called to be a missionary to the "Japanese culture of Brazil."

Students like the number of Criminal Justice students recently recruited from SAGU by the Dallas Police Department.

You know me. I could go on and on about our amazing students and alumni, championing dreams that will make a far greater impact than we will ever realize.

There are still others, who find themselves now on top of that narrow pass, grasping for that chain of support. Much of the work is still upon the students — to make the most of their journey. But, that chain, those interconnected links, certainly make the journey easier.

Those interconnected links are alumni and friends, arm-in-arm, providing a way for students to reach the top.

Of course, you realize that the length of that chain depends upon the number of links. A 5-link chain can't span the distance. There are still areas where support would not be available.

And, that, is where you come in.

SAGU donors come in all stripes. Some give \$5 per month for 20 years. Others give large gifts to the endowment. Some begin a scholarship to honor a loved one who has passed. Others give to

special projects because, to them, SAGU holds the fondest of memories and the grandest of purposes.

Ordinarily, a President's Report might contain a dump of numbers, data and headlines to convey the health of the institution.

But, a greater demonstration of the health of our institution is the people who help along the way and the students they bless — the students you will bless.

These are not ordinary times. There are threats to Christian institutions like ours and threats to the resources we can provide. But, with the wisdom of the Lord we can plan, and we can work to build a chain that spans the full length of that landing.





UNPACKING MEMORIES



A moment with Rebecca and Garland Walker feels like a walk through another place and time — like opening a treasure chest of memories, each unpacked with a bit of wit and sentimentality.

They share colorful stories of friends' journeys to SBI, whisper tales of mischief that Garland got into as a student, reminisce about church services that happened more than 60 years ago, and wryly discuss pasttimes that were off limits to "young whippersnappers" at the time.

The beauty in their words is less about the events themselves and more the details between. Most Lions know about the 1953 Davis fire. But, Garland recalls that night as he and the other boys urgently tossed items from the building as the fire consumed its bones.

In what could be a somber tale, Garland spotlights the humor. "After it was over, I think all of us had a better wardrobe than we did before the fire." He goes on to explain that, after grabbing whatever clothes they could salvage, one of his friends said afterwards, "'You know, I got to looking, and the only thing I had on that was mine was my underwear."

Garland also quips, "As a result of the fire, we became the first AG coed school," recalling how the men and women had to inhabit one dorm for a season.

Their pention for preserving SAGU's history through words and artifacts is seen in donations of personal effects to the archives. Meanwhile, their love of fellow Lions stirs

them to visit alumni who are ill, or better yet, to take every opportunity to stroll memory lane.

"It's the people we met here — the professors that were here, that impacted our lives," said Rebecca. "It's life-changing."

"I'm thankful for the changes I've seen at Southwestern," says Rebecca.

As her voice wavers and a sentimental tear clings to the corner of her eye, she explains, "It's important to remember where we came from, and what was available at that time. It's our history, and I realize when you're young, it doesn't seem that important. But, looking back, you can trace better where you've been and the progress you've made."

That sentiment keeps the Walkers tied to SAGU. "We enjoy giving to Southwestern, doing what little we can do... in the 50s, someone sacrificed, and did special things. And I think we should pass that on. Every little bit helps."

Garland concludes, "I guess one of the reasons Southwestern is very special to us, and it goes back to 1953, [is] all of the people that we met during that time. So many of them are still part of our lives."

ESTATE PLANNING

One way the Walkers continue to give is as Members of the President's Society — a group of alumni and friends who have designated a part of their estate to go to SAGU.

DO YOU WANT TO JOIN THE WALKERS? WWW.SAGU.EDU/ESTATEPLANNING





PERSONAL ENCOUNTER

Bryan Jarrett's first college course on a secular campus could have been the plot for a "God's Not Dead" sequel. It was a philosophy class, taught by a former Methodist preacher, who did his best to talk students out of their faith. As the presumed authority, the professor could rationalize better than his students. If not for a very personal encounter with God during his

first year of Bible college, it would have been easy for that professor to talk Bryan out of his faith. "Too easy, probably," Bryan says.

Bryan is now Lead Pastor at Northplace Church (formerly Sachse Assembly of God) in Sachse, Texas. He and his church have supported SAGU for more than 20 years.

"There are students leaving our churches every day that did not grow up in homes as grounded as mine," Bryan says. "I am concerned that kids are going off and being talked out of their faith in the first semester of college. I think it's important to get these students into a place like SAGU – on a strong Christian foundation."

Northplace Church is the leader among all churches in monthly support. They have given to missions, special projects, and most consistently to the general fund. But, there is a special passion for matching students to lifedefining moments at SAGU that lead them to the mission field.

Bryan explained, "Now is the time for the church to stand up to support a training institution that trains church and marketplace leaders for their God-called mission. If the local church, pastors, and Christian people don't catch the vision to underwrite Christian higher education, the model that many of our schools sit on at this moment will not survive. It is crucial for people to give liberally of their resources from their personal lives and from their churches to support SAGU and institutions like it."



Don & Gail Starnes

RECURRING GIFTS

Not all gifts have to be large to be impactful. Whether giving \$5 or \$500, monthly gifts grow. Partnering with other steady Lions, your gift gives life to the dreams of hundreds of students.

DO YOU WANT TO JOIN DON AND GAIL?

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RINGBYSPRING

Gail had no intention of attending a Christian university. She was certain that God wouldn't lead her down that path. That all changed one winter day.

Gail's older brother Greg returned from his first semester at SAGU (then Southwestern Assemblies of God College). His hand clutched a piece of paper. As he handed it to her, he said, "I feel God is telling me to give this to you."

As she held the application, little did she realize that the action she would take to appease her brother would refine her calling and introduce her to her future husband.

The day Don left for college, he wasn't sure where he would end up. He packed his car to set off cross country to find the right fit.

"Where are you going to go to school?" his mom asked.

"I don't know yet," he said.
I'm going to get in this car.
I'm going to drive up to
Waxahachie. I'm going to check it out. If that's not where I'm supposed to be, I'll take off and maybe go to Springfield."

Don never made it to Springfield.

"As soon as I arrived in Waxahachie I felt an atmosphere of acceptance. It was a family atmosphere. It was a place where godly council was always around the corner."

Two students with unclear paths found their place and each other on a sparse campus in north Texas. Balancing school and courtship,

many of their "dates" were classwork, homework and papers — an apparent formula for success. They married after they graduated in 1981.

There is a fondness that comes from such a place. Don and Gail became advocates long before they were in a place to give financially. When they joined SAGU's Alumni Council, they committed to donate what they could on a monthly basis. Through recurring, dedicated giving, and through words of advocacy for the school, the Starnes advance the ministry they believe in.





"It was important for us to give back to an institution that gave so much to us," Don said.

They contribute to a legacy that has benefited their children, and that they hope will benefit their grandchildren. "We have grandbabies, they may be at Southwestern someday. That would be awesome," Gail said.

UNLOCKED



ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS

When Jamie Lund went to be with the Lord, those who loved Jamie chose to honor her and carry on her work through an endowed scholarship at SAGU. An endowed scholarship can begin with any amount. When the fund reaches \$20,000, the interest provides a self-sustaining \$1,000 annual scholarship.

DO YOU WANT TO HONOR SOMEONE?

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As a young woman, Jamie was called... She obeyed God's voice to follow a line of study in college that didn't completely make sense to her missionary heart... until she realized that teaching English was the key that would unlock doors to place her in the nation she knew she was called to.

Born on December 31, 1975, to Gene and Karen Norton, Jamie gave her heart to Jesus at the age of four. By the age of 13, she knew God was calling her into fulltime ministry. In that moment, she saw herself standing before a sea of dark-haired people sharing the love and life of Jesus Christ. While attending SAGU, God confirmed to her that His call would take her to China.

She was willing to go wherever He wanted her to go, even to a closed or restricted nation. She graduated from SAGU in 1998 and then pursued further studies in linguistics from the University of Texas in Arlington while teaching English to incoming international students. She went to Northwest China as a single woman and Missionary Associate from 2000-2002 where she quickly fell in love with her students and the people in her city.

Jamie married Danny in 2003. Together, they moved to Northern Asia to study the language and then permanently reside. Jamie taught English in a small rural university while Danny opened a campus internet café and coffee shop.

Her personal work would halt in 2011 when Jamie was diagnosed with breast cancer. She underwent surgery in Beijing, but she and her family had to return home to Texas for treatment at M.D. Anderson Hospital. She went to be with the Lord on November 17, 2012, at the age of 36.

Despite being called home, Jamie had planted seeds in the land she loved so dearly — a passion carried on by others.

Dr. Diane Lewis explained, "Jamie was the trailblazer for TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages)... Her passion was to teach English in a foreign country, for the purpose of sharing the gospel. Her degree enabled her to do just that."

Her passion was one that inspired others. A group of 30 people including family, friends, and SAGU faculty created the Jamie Nortun Lund Scholarship to memorialize her legacy and help others students carry on the work that Jamie counted so dearly.





THE GIFT OF TIME

"You have an opportunity to improve the University through your personal efforts. Find ways to give back and create opportunities for students to succeed. It can be as simple as mentoring on the phone or attending a single Alumni Relations event."

It's one thing to talk about being involved. It's another to make time despite a busy schedule.

In college, Robien was active. He became Student Congress Junior Class Representative, Vice President of Student grow complacent; challenge yourself daily and find simple ways to improve your spiritual, personal and professional life."

After graduation, Robien was offered a full-time position as the Director of Marketing at VAR Technology Finance where he developed the marketing department and corporate strategy and recruited more than a dozen employees and interns from his alma mater. Robien later graduated SMU's Cox School of Business with an MBA, which led to a Strategy Analyst position with American Airlines in January 2016.

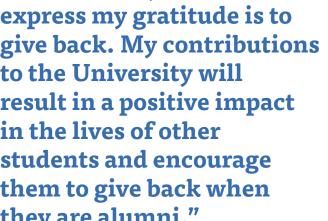
Yet, he continues to donate his time. He has volunteered at SAGU Etiquette Dinners, Lunch-and-Learns,

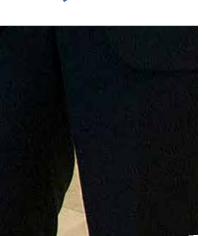
> Career Fairs, Internship Fairs and student-alumni events like Mugged. He taught a LinkedIn seminar that is available on SAGUtv. He has designed shirts for SAGU music groups and Mission TEN.

> > Why does he give so freely?

"The best way for me to express my gratitude is to give back," he explains. "I hold SAGU in high regard. I did not realize the value of an education from a smaller, private Christian university. But, that changed when I went to graduate business school at SMU. I was able to hold my own with students from Rice, Duke, Columbia, Harvard and other notable business undergraduate programs."

"The best way for me to express my gratitude is to give back. My contributions to the University will result in a positive impact in the lives of other students and encourage them to give back when they are alumni."





Congress, Student Congress Senior Class Representative (Fall 2011), worked in the Career Services office, and represented SAGU at New Mexico District Camps and Conventions. That résumé adds weight to his charge to students to "make the most of your time at Southwestern. Don't

A **SINGLE** SEMESTER

Caleb didn't think he would ever be able to experience campus life. Faced with financial challenges, there appeared to be no way forward. He began taking online classes at Global University and worked at his home church.

West Assembly in Fowler,
Colorado. But, deep down he wanted to experience campus life, and he knew he would have to depend on God to provide.

In 2013, Caleb decided to enroll at SAGU for just one semester.

"When I started looking into other schools as a possibility, I chose SAGU because they would be able to give me a scholarship for my experience in Bible Quiz, and because of their reputation for a strong focus on biblical education," says Caleb.

He threw himself headlong into the experience. He grasped as many activities as possible;

last time into the auditorium. Dressed in black, with the tassel bouncing against his cheek, he waited for his name to be called.

That moment was so sweet — to walk the stage, shake hands with

President Bridges, and share a final moment with professors who were

with him along the way. The degrees conferred were a mouthful — a bachelor's degree in Bible and Theology with a minor in Biblical Preaching and associate degrees in Intercultural Studies and General Business.

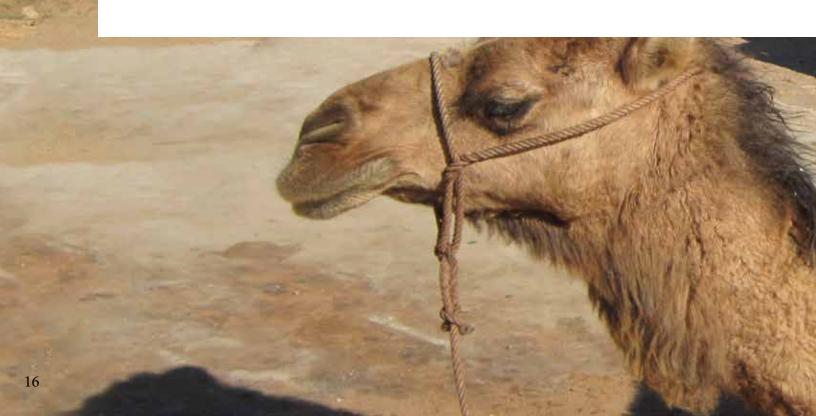
"I knew [Bible & Theology] would help me strengthen my understanding of God's Word, which was one of my primary

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joining campus organizations and prayer ministries, and participating in mission and training trips.

But, it would not be his only semester after all. Caleb trusted God to provide, and He did — through donor scholarships.

It was a miraculous Spring day in 2016 as Caleb ambled one

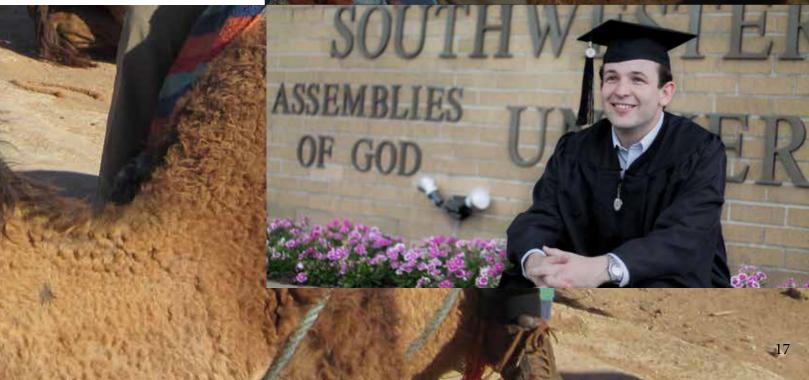


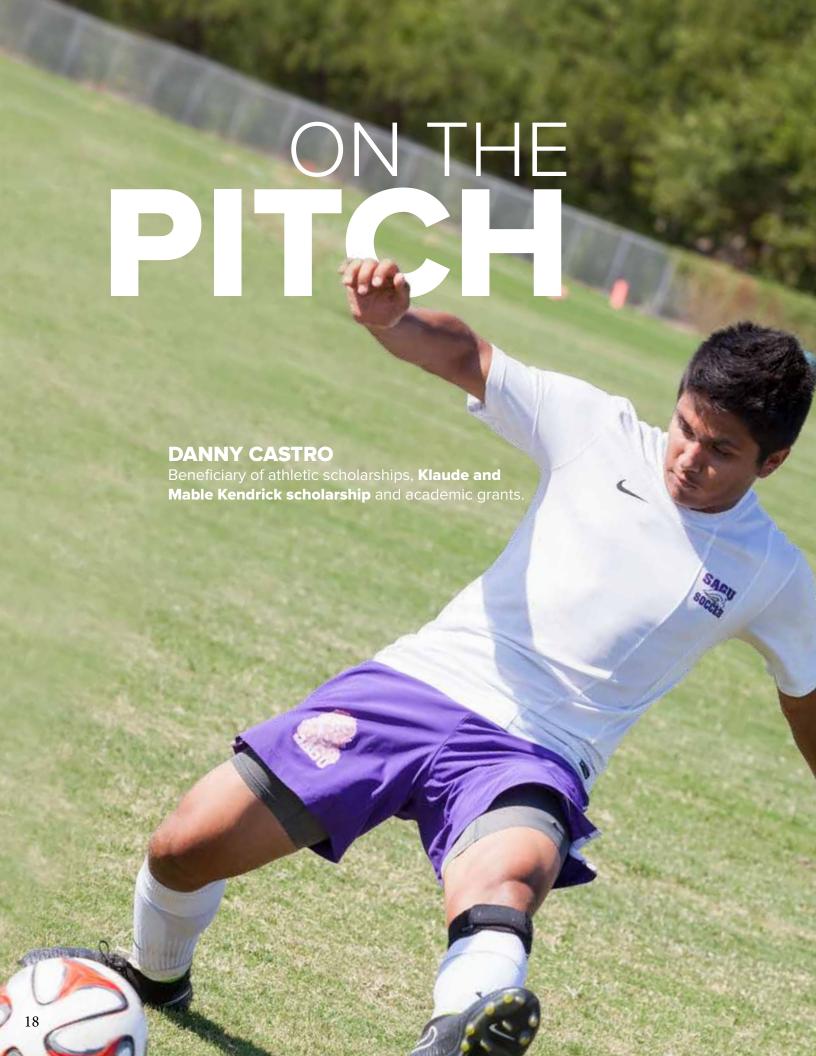
reasons for attending. The associate degrees and minor were all important to me in developing tools that would prepare me for future ministry in the United States and abroad."

"God has allowed me to experience so many things during my time at SAGU. Each moment has shaped me and helped me to see and value my fellow believers."

"Donors play more of a role now than ever. Many students find themselves worried about completing their education without being shackled by debt. I would not be where I am today without the help of donors, and I know that there are many other students who can say the same."







On a sunny Spring day, Danny Castro laces his cleats with anticipation. He has looked forward to training with a collegiate soccer team since his freshman year at Skyline High School. In a situation where most high school students feel anxious, Danny is calm. Even though this is his first time on the SAGU campus, it feels familiar. It feels right.

Playing club and high school soccer at a high level, he felt confident in his athletic ability. He had one goal in mind — to use his gift for soccer to help pursue a quality education.



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He felt God calling him to SAGU, but knew that financially God would have to provide.

Every semester, Danny has faith that God will provide the financial means to allow him to attend. He explains, "...scholarships give me reassurance that God is in control and when I put my faith in Him, He will provide." Along with athletic scholarship, Danny receives grants that allow him to continue his educational goals.

Since 2014, Danny has worked part-time in the SAGU Registrar's Office as a student worker. This Fall, he is receiving the Klaude and Mable Kendrick scholarship, which will allow him to pay off his school bill and graduate with a bachelor's degree in Accounting with a Minor in Business Management.

"Without institutional aid, I would not be where I am now and so close to graduating. When I attended the Donor Scholarship Luncheon I realized how many students are being helped by donors. During the Luncheon, I heard different testimonies of how donors play a huge role in the students education at SAGU," said Danny.

"The opportunities that SAGU provides have helped me pay for my education. SAGU gave me a chance to experience college life and pursue an education in something that I love."

DEBT FREE COLLEGE

College is an investment.
According to the Institute for

College Access and Success, the average student debt after graduation is \$28,950.

Bachelor's degrees are now an expectation for most careers, with companies looking more toward master's degrees as differentiators. As college costs rise, meeting a debt-free college graduate is a bit like spotting a unicorn. Catherine Featherston is one very blessed unicorn.

Immediately after graduation, she married and started her kindergarten teaching career without the weight of student loans. How?

"The Suzanne Gebby scholarship! Without this scholarship I would not have been able to graduate from Southwestern debt free!"

Catherine was the beneficiary every year she was a student. The scholarship is designated for high-performing students in Education, Church Ministries, Pastoral Ministries or Intercultural Studies.

Catherine chose SAGU because of the strength of its teacher education program. She worked at the Assemblies of God Credit Union, made strategic choices, and thanks to the scholarship was able to graduate debt free.

"Without having any school debt, I feel like my whole family did not have any added stress during that happy time!"

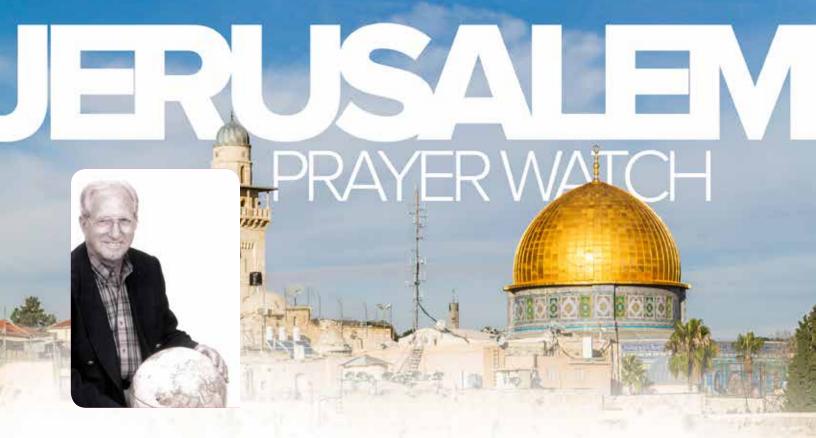
In an interview for the scholarship banquet in 2013, Catherine said, "I am so thankful to have attended a university that understands what a large stress finances can be when it comes to education. SAGU is helping students achieve their dreams with the help of amazing donors and their families! I am so thankful for everyone that contributes!"



Beneficiary of the **Suzanne Gebby** scholarship







President Emeritus Delmer Guynes is best known in SAGU circles for his 1990s presidential leadership. Under his direction, SAGU rebounded from financial turmoil and low numbers to reach record enrollment. Now, he leads a prayer effort known as the Jerusalem Prayer Watch.

Following a missions appointment in China, the Guyneses returned to SAGU as missionaries in residence. It was during this time that they visited Africa, where a stop in Israel allowed a rabbinical school to capture Dr. Guynes's heart.

According to biblical prophecy, events in Israel foreshadow the second coming of Christ. Jerusalem is mentioned 225 times in the Old Testament and 75 times in the New Testament. Jewish tradition, along with significant amount of supportive evidence, maintain that the environs of Jerusalem were the site of the Garden of Eden, and Adam and Eve were buried in the cave of Machpelah at Hebron.

Because Israel plays such a vital role in the ultimate redemptive plan of God, Guynes began a structured effort to arouse concern for the nation and to encourage intercessory prayer. Through monthly newsletters, Guynes appeals to churches to cover this growing congregation in prayer.

Guynes shared, "This prayer emphasis focuses on the nation of Israel, and the city of Jerusalem, but more specifically upon a spiritual movement among Jews."

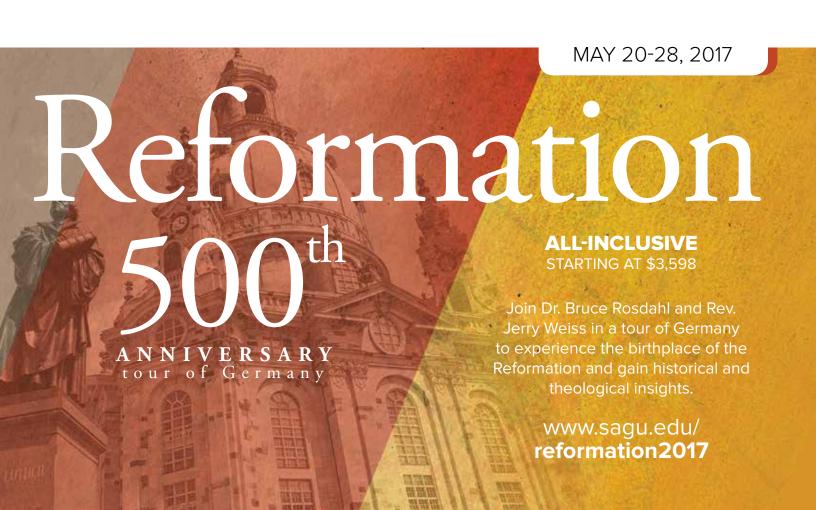
He continued, "Messianic congregations have a unique role to play in bringing Israel to national restoration and spiritual transformation. In doing this, congregations may experience some very difficult days ahead as they prepare Israel and the world for the promised Kingdom of God on earth."

Guynes adds, "It is to His Church, His Ecclesia, His Body and His Bride, who shares all of His redemptive inheritance, that Jesus assigns the task of unrelentingly reminding God of His covenant and prophetic promises to Jerusalem and Israel. Only the Church with Kingdom Keys can 'loose or bind' on earth that which has been 'loosed or bound' in heaven."

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HISTORICAL STUDY TOURS







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