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## Year of Jubilee and Celebration



"Students, faculty and staff gathered for the camera in September with their newly dedicated "Year of Jubilee" poster.

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By Bryan K. Johnson, President

*This is the "Year of Jubilee" for Seattle Bible College! I have affirmed that repeatedly this school year, and with excitement the student body has celebrated the expected provisions and blessings for SBC that God had set forth for His people in Leviticus 25—rest, return, reconciliation, redemption, restoration and release. It is a time for celebration...and we shall rejoice!*

The fiftieth year...yes, it's a major milestone for SBC. And together with honoring the 48<sup>th</sup> graduating class, we will rejoice and celebrate the golden anniversary of Seattle Bible Training School/Seattle Bible College with special homecoming events. Our special speakers will include **Bill Valley**,

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## Stones of Remembrance

Celebrating its fiftieth ("Jubilee") year, Seattle Bible College is alive and well — envisioning the future, but grateful for its past. This year of "Jubilee" has been one of taking fresh steps of faith, gaining new ground, further listening to God's voice for direction, and embracing change. The past must never be overlooked or underestimated — the Lord has been so very gracious. The history of the College must be never be used as a place to park. The past, however, should be used as a solid foundation for future advancement and progress as the Lord gives vision for effective ministry in this twenty-first century.



Rev. Roy C. Johnson of Philadelphia Church, was the founding pastor/president of what is now known as Seattle Bible College.

### How did it all get started?

In 1975, **Paul Zettersten**, then pastor at Immanuel Christian Assembly in

Los Angeles and editor of *Conviction* magazine, interviewed Pastor **Roy Johnson** of the Philadelphia Church

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concerning what was then known as Seattle Bible Training School. The following are Pastor Johnson's recollections as recorded in the August, 1975 edition of *Conviction...*

"Just over twenty years ago God graciously gave us an outpouring of the Holy Spirit, when maybe 75 or 100 people were baptized in the Holy Spirit. This led to a great hunger for the Word of God, especially in the lives of the young people. At the close of our services we would sit around and study the Word in the basement of our church building — or we would stand on the parking lot dealing with Bible questions. Finally one day I found on my desk a petition signed by about twenty people who requested that we would start a full time Bible school.

"At that time I threw the responsibility back on them and said, 'If you want a Bible school, you'll have to pray in a Bible teacher!'"

Later, on December 27, 1954, Pastor Johnson advised the General Board of the Philadelphia Church that he had received this petition. "In the providence of God," Pastor Johnson continued, "the Simpson Bible Institute had moved from Seattle to the San Francisco Bay area in California, leaving Dr. Arthur Petrie free. He had been teaching the Bible since he was sixteen years of age, and he was now close to seventy."

Following discussion in that December Board meeting regarding the possibility of some sort of Bible training, Pastor Johnson was asked to contact Dr. Petrie to see if he might be interested in working with the leadership of the church on such a project. In the next church assembly meeting, Pastor Johnson asked the congregation to give prayerful consideration to the matter for a possible decision at a later meeting.

At the January 10, 1955 Board meeting, Pastor Johnson reported that the ministering brethren with whom he had spoken concerning the proposed Bible training course seemed very enthusiastic about the idea. Also it was reported that Dr. Petrie was interested in working with the leadership on the program. At the January 1955 assembly meeting the members gave the Board a vote of confidence to go ahead with plans for a daily Bible school. Pastor Johnson advised that he had been invited to attend a regional convention in Minnesota in March, and suggested that this trip would afford him an excellent opportunity to discuss the proposed Bible school with the brethren in the Midwest, and to seek their cooperation in the venture. The church endorsed this suggestion and gave the pastor the go-ahead.

In the fall of 1955, Seattle Bible Training School opened its doors, meeting in the Philadelphia Church annex with more than twenty students enrolled. This was the beginning of the fulfillment of a "vision" of Pastor Johnson — a vision borne about five years earlier. For those five years there had been in his heart the desire to establish a Bible-based school.



John Egerdahl, Gunnar Jacobsen, Evelyn (Stolsen) Welk, Pastor Roy Johnson & Arthur Petrie – 1958

## Early key servant-leaders

In addition to **Dr. Petrie**, the first semester brought **Rev. E.C. Erickson**, Pastor of the Duluth Gospel Tabernacle, Duluth, MN, who was present at the first session and continued with the School much of the first year. **Rev. Ern Baxter** of Vancouver, B.C., Canada gave a special course of lectures the first year. **Pastor Roy Johnson**, besides his pastoral duties, also gave a course of study. **Rev. John Egerdahl** joined the staff the first year, lived on the premises, and taught several courses of study. **Mrs. Joy Scheilz** was the secretary of the School and later taught several Bible subjects.

Dr. Petrie served as the first Director of Studies. **Rev. Gwilym Francis** of Wales was called in 1956 to be Director of Studies, returned to Wales the first part of 1958. **Rev. Gunnar Jacobsen** from New York then came and temporarily filled that position. **Rev. A.G. Dornfield** came as Director of Studies in the fall of 1958, serving through the spring of 1960. **Mrs. Evelyn Welk** joined the faculty and taught music beginning with the 1957 school term.

Early in 1960, **Rev. H.E. (Ned) Collingridge** began his ministry at the Seattle Bible Training School, later serving as Dean until returning to foreign missions work in 1968. He had served as a Brethren Church pastor, had been involved in leadership in the early days of King's Garden (now CRISTA Ministries), and most recently had served as a missionary to Mexico. These were some of the "foundation stones" so to speak of what we now know as the Seattle Bible College. A firm foundation. Solid. Consecrated. Dedicated. Faith-filled. Passionate.

Those early years and those foundational leaders — "stones of remembrance" — were key to what the Lord started and now continues to

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**Casey Treat, Tissa Weerasingha, Royle Johnson, Ned Collingridge, Paul Cornish and Paul Zettersten.**

The scheduled events include:

### Graduation/Homecoming Banquet

**Friday, June 3 at 7:00 p.m.,**  
Westgate Chapel,  
22901 Edmonds Way, Edmonds.  
*Tickets are available through SBC at \$20.00 each.*

### 48th Commencement,

Reception following,  
**Saturday, June 4 at 2:00 p.m.,**  
Philadelphia Church,  
7704 - 24th Ave. NW, Seattle.

### Special Homecoming Events

**Sunday, June 5th,**  
10:30 a.m. Morning Service at  
Philadelphia Church  
2:00–6:00 p.m.  
Homecoming Open House  
at SBC building  
7:00 p.m. Evening Service at  
Philadelphia Church

**Bill Valley** (class of '59), Michoacan, Mexico, church planter and Bible teacher, will be speaking at Friday's banquet. **Casey Treat** (class of '80), Seattle, founding pastor of Christian Faith Center and president of Dominion College, will give the commencement address on Saturday. **Tissa Weerasingha** (class of '73), Sr. Pastor of Calvary Church, Colombo, Sri Lanka, founder and Principal of Calvary Theological Seminary, will preach at Sunday morning's special service at Philadelphia Church.

**Royle Johnson** (class of '80), Eugene, OR, son of Pastor **Roy Johnson**, will be sharing his unique perspective gained from growing up in the home of the founding pastor and first president of SBC. H.E. (**Ned Collingridge**, Lynnwood, WA, will speak from his vantage point of being



Royle (class of '80)  
& Bogusia Johnson

the college dean in the 60's as well as being an active encourager as a current member of the SBC advisory board and faculty. **Paul Cornish**, Des Moines, WA, will also be one of our speakers, having served as the dean for 22 years. He is also a member of today's SBC faculty and advisory board. **Paul Zettersten**, Seattle, pastor of Philadelphia Church and SBC president for nearly 20 years (and current faculty member) will also challenge us.

Please join us to honor the successes of the past while building for the future with faith and vision. Contact the SBC office for details or to offer your assistance.



Above: Missionary Bill Valley (class of '59) will speak at the graduation / homecoming banquet. Right: Casey Treat (class of '80) will give the 2005 commencement address

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build. Later in 1965, **Samuel T. Smith** came to the school and served for 27 years until he was suddenly called "home" in the spring of 1992. **Dan Fick** came from southern California and led the school for eight years, and since has founded a Bible college in Moreno Valley, CA. **Jim Crews** (class of '68) served as Academic Dean in the 2000 – 2001 school year.

The Apostle Paul wrote, "I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase." 1 Cor. 3:6 The Lord of the Harvest certainly continues giving the increase.

Again, returning to that 1975 interview with Paul Zettersten, Pastor Johnson remarked that "the greatest joy with the Bible school work over the years has been to actually see the young people get into the work of God. We have had many come for a quarter or a year. Sometimes they come just for the freshman year to receive some grounding in the Word of God. But we also have a large number of graduates who are now serving the Lord in our Fellowship, some in the Assemblies of God, the Open Bible Standard Churches, the Church of God, and other groups."

Indeed, the impact of Seattle Bible College continues to spread around the world. The circles of influence grow wider. The vision continues to be cast. The opportunities are wide open. The harvest is plentiful. This *is* the "Year of Jubilee."



## Simple as A-B-C

By H.E. (Ned) Collingridge,  
SBC Dean, 1960 - 1968

The last directive that Jesus left with his disciples is found in Matthew 28:19 & 20, and it is as simple as A, B, C.

A-“Go unto all the nations.”  
B-“Make disciples.”  
C-“Teach them what I have taught you.”

There is no mistaking exactly what Jesus said. The primary function of the whole church, is summed up in A, B, C.

One of the clearest examples of the fulfillment of this command of Jesus is found in the very first part of Acts 2:41,42, where he process begins in Jerusalem itself,--the preaching and believing the gospel. Then in v. 42, it says, “And they (these new disciples) continued steadfastly in the apostle’s doctrine.....” The function of both church and Bible school is exactly that....disciple and teach what Jesus taught. Anything else is futile and failure. The first sent ones did it. Paul

did it, and if you read I Thesslonians 1 you will see that the early churches did it, too.

It is no wonder that the gospel covered the whole known world in a short time, for Jesus promised that if this was done, “And lo, I am with you, even unto the end of the age.” He, personally, would be with us, until He returns again. In Mark 16 this is confirmed, when it says, “and they went forth and preached every where, the Lord working with them....”

Our job is, as Paul told Timothy in 2 Tim. 2:2: “the things thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.” Our whole work as a school is to teach those faithful people just exactly what Jesus said, and what Paul said, nothing more, or less. Our college is not just a “college” it is a BIBLE College. We don’t teach “leadership,” but what does the BIBLE TEACH ABOUT LEADERSHIP. We don’t teach family relationships, nor marriage, not sex, but what the BIBLE says about those

important themes. And we don’t teach them just to teach some students, but we prepare faithful people, who in turn will go out into all the world, and disciple and teach others. It is not static, one time lesson, but a global, continuing process. It is a process, which has the personal guarantee of the presence of the Lord Jesus with us. This is a “world” work, not just a “Seattle” work. It is a “global” effort not a “local” effort. May we, as instruments in the Lord’s hands faithfully fulfill His final directive.



Deans Ned Collingridge, Paul Cornish and Dan Fick represent a total of 38 years of leadership investment in SBC.

## The Plan of God

By Paul Cornish,  
SBC Dean, 1970 – 1992

Years ago, Philadelphia Church took a step of faith in the will of God, and brought to birth a Bible training school for the training of their converts.

Paul the Apostle did this when he went to Ephesus. Arriving there he found about twelve men, believers. He baptized these in water and laying his hands on them they received the Holy Ghost Acts 19:1-6. Paul immediately went to the synagogue and boldly taught for the space of three months. When opposition arose he changed his place of ministry to the school of Tyrannus. Here he established a Bible school. Apparently he not only taught

the students but sent them out preaching the Gospel. This approach was so effective that in two years time all Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks.

In this tremendous thrust, churches were established which Paul had never had the privilege of visiting. He wrote letters to some of them who had never seen him. This work was done by his students without all the modern conveniences we have today.

Fifty years after Seattle Bible College (nee Seattle Bible Training School), was founded we have Bible training centers all over the world. The workers who have gone out from the College

are not necessarily planting churches, but their converts are. The staff of the SBC has multiplied themselves hundreds of times. They are on every continent of the world making converts, planting churches.

What a tremendous plan this is! It is a Divine plan! A plan born by God taught by our Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel" Mk. 16:15. Paul the apostle picked this vision up and writes to Timothy, "Thou therefore my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things you have heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also" 2 Tim. 2:1-2.

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For SBC, the end is not yet! Plans are being made that we my become more effective, reach other peoples and nations with the message of redeeming love. Our Lord is coming soon, we must send out workers while it is day, the night comes, when no man can work. We need workers, we need prayer warriors, we need teachers and preachers, witnesses who will catch the vision and help us to perpetuate this Divine plan. We need givers, who will not only give themselves but give of their means that the vision may go forward.

When I think of recent tragedies happening all over the world, I thank God that so many who have lost their lives have had the opportunity to hear the gospel because of Philadelphia Church and her vision. You may hear of some major changes within plans of SBC, plans that will help us to reach more. We must extend our possibilities; many have not yet heard; they are waiting. We have the message; we have the wherewithal to reach many more. Let us labor together that none will ever say, "No one has ever told me; I waited but they did not come!"



Sam & Vivian Smith served SBC the longest of any of its leaders from 1965 – 1992.

## Seasons of Growth

by **Dan Fick**,  
Dean, 1992 - 2000

From 1992 to 2000 it was my privilege to serve as Dean of Seattle Bible College. As I reflect upon those precious years, I realize that it was a unique and wonderful season of my life.

It was a season of unexpected changes. I had come to work with **Sam Smith**, but he died just shortly before my arrival. **Brother Cornish** was retiring and had promised to spend time in Sri Lanka. With the invaluable help of **Bryan Johnson**, and Sam's secretary, **Melonie Morlock**, we plunged into the work trying to discover the processes of the past, and adapting these as necessary for the future.

It was a season of blest complementation. Before my arrival, God had strategically placed Bryan Johnson at the College, who had temporarily replaced **Sam Smith**. Bryan's gift in administration was a tremendous help to me and a blessing to the College. He provided wonderful continuity for the College, carrying the vision of the College into the future through his gifted assistance.

It was a season of developing a precious team of instructors and staff. Our in-house staff, which included **Michelle Berger, Karen Fick, Leona Fields, Tedy Walker, and Bryan Johnson**, as well as our many instructors, made the College a very exciting place to study.

It was a season of divine visitation. So many times God visited our chapels and classrooms in ways that were unforgettable, and often unexplainable. Our students studied, but it wasn't empty academics: Our students met God!

It was a season of being exposed to great men of God. The faith of **Pastor Zettersten** and his skilled leadership were so critical to the successful

transition between what had been and what would be. **Pastor Zettersten, Brother Hughes, Brother Cornish, Brother Collingridge**, and our many, many other instructors were so gifted in preaching and teaching. We were blessed to work with each one!

It was a season of growing in faith. The miracles of financial provision were constant. During my tenure at the school, I can only remember one month which was concluded with a deficit – only to find out in a couple of days that we had made a bookkeeping error!

It was a season of being able to work closely with my wife who served as the school librarian, as my personal secretary, and student counselor. My wife, together with Michelle Berger the College secretary, were wonderful advisors to the young women in the College.

It was a season of blessing for my family. Our three children had the privilege of attending and graduating from SBC. Each met their life partner while attending SBC. Each of our children continue to use their education in their lives and ministries.

It was a season for preparing for the next adventure. The experience gained at Seattle Bible College was invaluable for the development of Southwest Bible College. We are grateful to be able to continue serving the Lord in Bible college ministry.

Bryan Johnson has often shared the thought, "The opportunity of a lifetime has to be seized in the lifetime of the opportunity." SBC was the opportunity of a lifetime. The lifetime of the opportunity was but a brief eight year window in my life. Yet, that opportunity has greatly formed and shaped my life, my family, and my ministry.

# Training for Leadership

By Paul Zettersten

What should be the highest priority of the church of Jesus Christ?

It may not be easy to answer this question, but we do know that our Lord when He came to earth placed highest priority on training a group of leaders whom He called to follow Him. After about three years of such training and a revolutionizing experience of receiving power for service in the upper room in Jerusalem, they went forth to evangelize Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and the uttermost parts of the earth. They went in obedience to the Great Commission. And we, too, must respond to the same charge.

What greater opportunity is there for training and equipping such leaders than in the local church and at a Bible College? In these settings, men and women qualified to teach through decades of experience and years of studies, endeavor to inculcate necessary knowledge and guidance to people sensing a call of God upon their lives.

From the local church and the Bible College the students will eventually reach out into the fields of their calling and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ – often to people who have never heard.

During my years as pastor of Immanuel Christian Assembly in Los Angeles, I recall that around 1969 we were given the opportunity to help support a foreign student at Seattle Bible College – and we seized it and continued with this kind of monthly support of the school as long as I remained in Los Angeles. During those years I was often a guest lecturer at the Seattle school.

Then in 1976 in September I was asked to assume the pastorate of Philadelphia Church in Seattle. From then on I became vitally involved with the College. Once in leadership at the

church I did everything within my power to promote the ministry of S.B.C., as I believed that it was the most effective evangelistic and missionary outreach of our church.

Over the years, I traveled a great deal into various parts of the world, and I can testify to the fact, that I have seen graduates or alumni from Seattle Bible College in effective missionary service or ministry in the United States, Latin America, Europe, Africa, Asia, and Australia. Jesus said: "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." Mt. 28:19 That's what Seattle Bible College is endeavoring to do by instructing men and women who will become leaders of leaders.

Now as an octogenarian I consider it a privilege to continue in the ministry of training men and women for the spreading of the Gospel; and to help equip leaders who in turn will influence other leaders – some very far from Seattle.

Congratulations to Seattle Bible College on its 50th Anniversary – and congratulations to all the supporters of the College who make this training program possible!



Paul Zettersten currently teaches at SBC, having previously served as Pastor of Philadelphia Church and President of SBC from 1977 – 1996.

## Foundation for Ministry



### Foundation for Ministry

By Dave Ogren,  
Sr. Pastor, Philadelphia Church

I started attending SBC in the fall of 1967 and graduated in 1971 and will always have a heart of gratitude for the men and women of God who faithfully imparted God's Word and their own hearts into our lives.

SBC established a foundation for ministry that has served me well over the past 34 years. It has been my joy to serve as pastor of Philadelphia Church since 1996 and during these years work in partnership with Bryan Johnson who now serves as Dean and President of Seattle Bible College. We have together worked on a transition of seeing SBC come into its own, as a separate non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation and believe that God has great days ahead for SBC.

There is such a wonderful spirit of worship at the school and as I had the privilege of teaching 1 Corinthians during winter quarter of this year, I was so impressed with the caliber of students who are attending SBC. God is doing a good work through the administration and teachers of SBC in preparing leaders for this generation and I count it a privilege to be a small part of that ministry.

May God continue to bless, lead and multiply the impact of Seattle Bible College!

# From the President's Desk

## Present and Future Impact



Bryan and Anna Johnson near Kampala, Uganda with Lake Victoria in background.

This past fall, my wife **Anna** (class of '78 & '94), and I were privileged to visit and minister in Uganda and South Africa where Seattle Bible College alumni have and continue to lay down their lives to reach and teach their region's people. We were able to see first-hand some of the multiplying fruit of former students who have been impacted by our school and are now impacting their part of the world for Christ. We visited Pastor **Steve Mayanja** (class of '89) and family and ministered in the Seguku Worship Center near Kampala. We visited alumna **Sarah (Woodward)** and her husband **Alex Kiyimba**, and also experienced first-hand the type of prison ministry work that **Mike Vilumsons** (class of '02) is leading. What an inspiration to visit and minister in the Yesu Akwagala Bible College (an affiliated ministry training center with SBC), directed by **Dave & Darlene Easterly**. Wow...what a future that college has!

We then traveled to Johannesburg, South Africa and visited **Ron and Melissa Jackson** (class of '93), missionary leaders to the southern region of Africa. We were again challenged by the awesome and urgent necessity to train qualified servant-

leaders who will shepherd the tremendous harvest of souls in that great continent – once called “the dark continent.” What a blessing to be able to personally experience a little more of the impact that Seattle Bible College alumni are making internationally!



**What's next for Seattle Bible College?** We will honor the past reproductive successes that have been wrought in and through our school since the 1950s. And we will press onward full speed ahead as God continues to give vision and *provision* for the future. Here is a portion of the vision:

- **Partner** with other ministries (at home and abroad) in preparing godly, world-changing leaders.
- **Cooperate** with local church discipleship training ministries in raising up godly and dynamic servant-leaders.
- **Establish a one-school/multi-campus** ministry where SBC teaching will take place in various parts of the Pacific Northwest.
- **Effectively reach out** into various **ethnic communities**, bridging **diverse cultures** in our own region.
- **Provide** intensive weekend or week-long **leadership seminars**.
- **Explore graduate school-level** training program options.
- **Develop** and deploy a quality, Internet-based, on-line college level, **distance-learning** program.
- **Seek to be** a growing center for **spiritual renewal and vitality** that spans and supersedes any perceived denominational, racial and ethnic barriers and divides.

We desire to be strategic in our thinking, principled in our planning, and rightly motivated in our doing. God is granting favor, and giving faith and vision for the future. We are determined to *not* be in “maintenance mode”—God has not called us there—but rather to press ahead into new possibilities. We're looking for resources – the right people, technology, finances and properties. We're looking for strategic partners, partnerships and Divine connections. Time may be short – we must make “the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.” *Eph. 5:16 NIV* Let's go for it—*together!*

## AWAKE! NORTHWEST

A cross-denominational three-day event seeking God for the Pacific Northwest

**Thursday, Friday & Saturday,  
May 12, 13 & 14 at 7:00 PM**  
at

North Seattle Christian School  
2000 NE Perkins Way  
Shoreline, WA.

With international speakers...

Pastor **Zakes Nxumalo**  
*Swaziland*

**Jim Cantelon**  
*Canada*

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Johannesburg, *South Africa*  
**Paul Cornish** former  
Dean of Seattle Bible College

There is no admission charge,  
but registrations are required.

Pre-register via e-mail at:  
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**Phone: 206-384-1334**  
for more information

## Meet Tissa Weerasingha

When Tissa Weerasingha first arrived at Seattle Bible College in 1969 from Colombo, Sri Lanka, there were no Bible school facilities of this type in his homeland. Recalling his four years at SBC, Tissa says, "I really enjoyed the time of total exposure to the Word of God. It was so edifying to sit down with such godly teachers. When they taught," Tissa recalled, "they taught not only in theory but they were speaking with hands-on experience." He adds, "I found it a very stimulating experience to be here."

Last year, Tissa agreed to be one of the featured speakers during SBC's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and homecoming celebration, and will be preaching during the special Sunday morning homecoming service at Philadelphia Church, on June 5, 10:30 a.m.

Tissa assumed the pastorate of his home church, Calvary Church in Colombo in 1975, which has been instrumental in planting nearly 80 churches in various

parts of Sri Lanka and other countries. He is also the founder and Principal of Calvary Theological Seminary and the Editor of the *Lanka Journal of Theology*.

He has authored many books such as *The Cross and the Bo Tree*, *The Comprehensive Concordance to the Sinhala Bible*, *The Complete Cell Manual*, *Motivate* and other publications.

Tissa also hosts "Hope for Today," a nationwide weekly Christian TV program on government owned television in Sri Lanka.

In 1973 Tissa received his BTh from Seattle Bible College, and later returned from Sri Lanka to the U.S. where he earned a Master in Missiology from Fuller Theological Seminary. He also has received an MS (Applied Psychology) from the University of Colombo and a D.Min from Westminster Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, PA.



Dr. Tissa Weerasingha (class of '73) will preach at the special homecoming morning service at Philadelphia Church, June 5.

As a church leader, author and educator, Tissa has gone on record in advising Bible college students to first of all develop intimacy with God and sensitivity to the Holy Spirit. Next, students should find out what their special gift is, and finally, if one is seriously interested in the preaching ministry, that would-be preacher should study how to exposit the Word of God. Tissa has said, "There is a famine of the Word today."

## People make the difference . . .

By Peter Magelssen, (class of 2001),  
Founding Pastor of Uplake Church



When I was 17, I responded to a preacher's sermon in a way that would forever change the direction of my life. I determined that Christ wanted

me to be a pastor in His church. Following this calling, started to look for a college that would best train me in the way I felt the Lord was leading me. After considering a couple of options I decided on a local college that offered biblical training. Soon after arriving at that college I found myself wanting. I wanted something that was more challenging. I craved for an environment that surrounded me with people of similar beliefs and understandings of the Holy Spirit's power. While I was still enrolled in school I started researching other institutions that might fit me better. One of the schools I considered was Seattle Bible College. After talking to numerous schools I believed that SBC could be the environment I was looking for.

Seattle Bible College was extremely different from my previous educational experiences. It was the perfect fit for me. I found an environment that desired the same things I did. It was

obvious that they were not ashamed of their desire to experience everything the Bible spoke of. The classes were small and the teachers were easily accessible. But I think the one thing that I appreciated most about SBC was the people. The people at SBC are genuine. The faculty and students were and still are an excellent representation of what Christian community should look like.

I am exceedingly grateful for my time at SBC. It was one of the best experiences of my life. Since leaving the school I have been asked to be a part of the school advisory board. The reason I accepted this invitation is because I am excited for the future of SBC. I think the school is uniquely positioned to impact a group of future leaders who want to reach and serve a world with the love of Christ. May the Lord's blessing continue to be on SBC.

# Passing it On

By Inger Logelin, Alumna and Advisory Board Member

Richard Collingridge (class of '67) has teaching in his genes. Son of former dean H.E. (Ned) Collingridge, Richard has gone to serve on several continents, always passing along his knowledge of the Word and encouraging others to do so.

Richard grew up in a missionary family as Ned and Virginia Collingridge served in Mexico when he was growing up. At six years of age he gave his heart to the Lord at the conclusion of a baptismal service when his father, the pastor, asked if anyone wanted to give his life to Christ. "My missionary call came in stages. I won some of my buddies to Jesus when I was around eight. I set up some tables and chairs in the backyard and covered them with blankets. Then, I invited my friends to an evangelistic meeting. I was the preacher. Several of my friends came to know Jesus. It was there that I knew that I wanted to be a preacher!"

When the Collingridges came out of Mexico every six months to renew their papers they would stay with the Winslow family, who happened to have a daughter named Esther. When they moved to Nogales, Arizona, Esther and he became better acquainted. In 1967 Richard married his best friend, Esther Winslow. Esther attended SBTS for two years along with Richard.

In 1970 Richard and Esther, and their daughters Lilla and Jodi, went to Africa to teach at Sinoe Bible Institute in Liberia. SBI had been initiated by the Osborne Arneses. At the school they followed Ray (class of '58), and Inga (class of '60) Youngren. For ten years they worked at the Bible school, and left in 1980 when tribal wars broke out.

"We were located way back in the 'bush' so much of my activities were centered around just living, keeping

the electric generator functional, cutting the grass, keeping the well clean and pumping water, and so many other duties. But, primarily, my work was that of teaching. Along with the teaching we worked in evangelism. Sometimes I would take Esther and the girls for three or four weeks into remote areas to preach. On occasions like that we would also select Bible school students who could help us interpret and also learn."

From Africa Rich and Esther moved to Rosario, Argentina to work with the Seminario Biblical de Fe under Milton Pope, spending nearly three years there.

Back in the States, both Rich and Esther attended Fuller Seminary's School of World Missions. Richard pastored Immanuel Christian Assembly in Pasadena, CA, while Esther completed a Master of Missiology degree.

In 1989 the Collingridges went to Equatorial Guinea, a Spanish-speaking nation where they worked with the African Independent Churches, the "fastest growing independent movement across the African continent." These churches were distinctive for their independence, poverty, lack of theological education and syncretism, but also for their fervency in soul-winning, and desire to learn. The couple began three Bible schools in that nation which grew and remain functioning today as four-year programs, focusing on pastoral and evangelism work. Richard says, "One of our students left Malabo and went to his own country, Togo, to begin a Bible school. He presently has 300 students."

In 2000 the Collingridges moved to Bamenda, Cameroon where Craig and Jadine Fritzler had begun a school along with Anuadeni Anagoh Thompson. The school grew to 75 students. The curriculum has been adapted to African culture using materials from Seattle Bible College,

Seminario de Fe, and the Collingridges own materials. "We constantly keep our eyes open for people who are gifted in teaching and full of the Holy Spirit. These folks we slot into classes in the first year, helping them to develop their teaching ministry."

In 2004 they opened another school in Bafoussam, where French is spoken, installing a graduate couple from Bamenda. There, 75 students signed up the first week. A graduate who moved from Bamenda to Aba, Nigeria is beginning a school there. Plans are underway for the seventh school to be planted on the coast in Limbe, Cameroon.

Home in the States, Richard and Esther Collingridge are currently waiting on the Lord for new direction for their teaching ministry. Their eldest daughter, Lilla, is married to Joel Kois and works for Aglow International in Edmonds, Wash. Second daughter, Jodi, is married to Michael Bunn, and they have five children. The Buns minister with YWAM in Port Velho, Brazil at the entrance to the southern Amazon region.

Richard and Esther Collingridge are examples of 2 Timothy 2:2. They have committed what they have heard to faithful men who are able to teach others also. Richard says, "Teaching the Word of God is at the core of evangelism and growth! Jesus taught!"



Rich and Esther Collingridge, SBC alumni

# Lessons in Faith

By Einar Gislason (class of '69)

*Editor's note: Einar came to Seattle many years ago from Iceland to attend Bible school, graduating in 1969. As a young student preparing for ministry and marriage, Einar was used of the Lord to take a step of faith, planting seed that would grow into the purchase of what is now known as the Seattle Bible College building. Recently Einar gave us a copy of his personal account so that it could be shared with others. Einar and his wife Beverly are planning to return to Iceland this summer to resume service there.*

I had saved \$80.00 for our wedding and honeymoon. The Lord asked me to give the \$80.00 into God's Kingdom to buy the Safeway building and parking lot on next comer to the Philadelphia Church.

The building was to be up for sale. Many people had walked around the building and claimed it for the Lord. I had also done so. I felt prompted by the Holy Spirit every day for a week to give this money to Pastor Roy Johnson for the building. At last I asked my fiancé, Beverly Tate, if she would agree to give it; she said to do as the Lord was directing me.

I went right away to Pastor Johnson's office. I told him what the Lord had laid on my heart to do and I handed him \$80.00. Then he told me that he had gone the day before and the building had not been for sale—but because I handed him this money, he would go that same day to find out if the building was for sale. He told me later that, that same day, the building and the parking lot had gone on the market to be sold. He also told me he had bought the Safeway building and the parking lot that same day by signing the papers with the \$80.00 down payment. Pastor Johnson told me I would always have the "spiritual interest" of that \$80.00. The day after Pastor Johnson bought the building and the parking lot, some people

offered to buy it off of my church for much more than the Pastor had bought it for.

Pastor Johnson began "The \$80.00 Club" in the church for everyone who wanted to help give towards the building project. I think the building and the parking lot was paid off in about three months. I think the school moved from the church annex to the new building—the Seattle Bible College—in the first quarter of the new school year.



Einar Gislason from Iceland stands in faith with Bryan Johnson for SBC.

## STANDING IN FAITH

Brother Eric Ignell, an elder of Philadelphia Church, was the master carpenter. Bro. Ignell was a tremendous brother and first class carpenter with God-given talents. Ignell took the roof off the Safeway building and changed the building into the Seattle Bible College. I remember that Bro. Ignell would only have to hit the big nails once into those big planks and that would be enough! When he had to saw something, there would be no mistakes in measuring—it would fit every time!

Along with many church members, I also donated many hours into the building project of the school. One time the Lord asked me to go up to the building and help to paint in my spare time. When I came to the building there was no one there. I walked into the office-to-be and saw two big open paint cans side by side. One color was light green and the other light yellow. I asked the Lord which color I should start with and felt the Lord impress me with one color and I started to paint a wall in the chapel. After awhile a painter came and together we painted for a while. Later I was told that the two painters could not agree on the color and had left the building! The Lord had sent me to help solve the problem.

Through my years, I have prayed for the Bible school—that it would be a place for young and old to get enlightened in the Word, to love and listen and serve Jesus, to go out in the world spreading the Good News of Jesus. Pastor Johnson always said that the goal of the school was to see young people walk in faith.

I sought to be around Pastor Johnson and learn from him about the walk of faith. A group of us would walk with him from the school back to the church and ask questions. One time we were on my favorite subject: the walk of faith. Between the school and the church was a big electrical pole. I was so engrossed in what he was saying that I walked smack into the pole! I have never forgotten what he was saying! One student had asked the Pastor, "Why am I driving a beaten up car when you are driving a beautiful car?!" Pastor Johnson responded and said that it depends on your faith. It is like filling out God's check blanks. It depend on the amount you write in after the \$ sign!

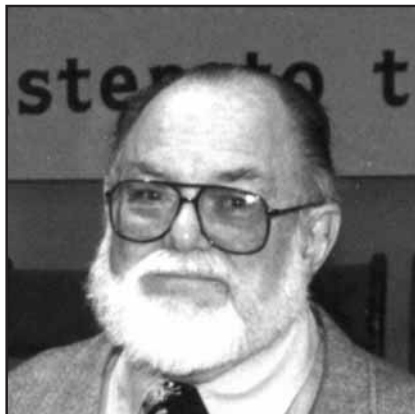
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Ned Collingridge

## Sleep-Deprived Student

by Bruce M. Hughes,

SBC faculty member, 1970 – 2000



The freshman class taking the Book of John numbered about 108. We met in the chapel area two days a week with the 20 minute break between first and second period.

One morning a student who had worked all night fell asleep about 15 minutes into the first hour. He laid with his head on his desk and his heavy breathing competed with my teaching. Several tried to arouse him at the break. He slept on. About halfway through the second hour I stood almost over him (he was in the front row) and I began to raise the sound of my voice. It was deliberate and man did we get a reaction!

He lifted up his head and looked right at me and said, “Man, you talk so loud I hear you in my sleep!”

I replied, “Oh dear brother, I am so sorry I woke you.”

The class was silent; suddenly somebody snickered, then a laugh, and soon the class was in an uproar. It was the first time I ever talked somebody to sleep and got chewed out for waking him.

## Hopping Woolies

by Jack and Doris Schenaker,

(class of '87) SBC faculty members

Fall Quarter '83 found us thinking about a Christmas skit with our large class of about 80 persons. How do you plan a skit using that many students? The leaders did just like any normal Sunday school program would do. We would do the nativity story—a living crèche with singing angels, crowds coming to Bethlehem, and of course, a choir to sing in the background.

There were Mary, Joseph and a real baby to play Jesus (borrowed from one of our married students). The three wise men were resplendent in colorful costumes. The whole skit moved eloquently with pageantry until the shepherds and the sheep arrived. Jack was the last shepherd to enter leading his two sheep, Alberta Brown, our precious black sister in her white woolly suit and hood and Doris in her black woolly suit with hood. We both were definitely zipped and squeezed to cover our complete bodies, feet and hands, with little ears bobbing on top of the hoods. There was absolutely no way we could “frisk and leap about” like lambs. We “hopped about” like bunny rabbits. Gasps turned to loud laughter as little baby Jesus lost his composure.

## Heave-Ho

Former SBC Dean (1960 – 1968) and current faculty member **H.E. (Ned) Collingridge** laughs as he remembers the time he taught a student a vital lesson. During Bro. Collingridge's time here he was the one who inspected the men's dorm. This one student in particular had received many warnings about his messiness. His final warning was that if he did not



clean his dorm room, everything would go out the window. The very next week Bro. Collingridge had the privilege of doing just that. The Dean threw all the student's belongings outside from the second floor. This included his clothing and the mattress off his bed. Never again did Bro. Collingridge have difficulty with that student.

## Curfew Classic

In **Ray Bates'** (class of '68) memory, One special night as an SBTS student stands out clearly—it was the night he proposed to his girlfriend (and fellow student), Karen Alexander. Ray finally gained enough courage to pop the question after walking around the block (in the rain) three times. It was also that particular night he returned back to the men's dorm 10 minutes after curfew and thus was campused the next weekend!

**Paul Cornish**, SBC Dean, 1970 – 1992, and current faculty member, shared several stories with us.

## A Prophet in Sackcloth

An old minister used to say, “God had many strange animals in the ark.” How true this was, and it is also true that through the years at SBC we have had

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many interesting people.

One morning as I was in my office preparing for chapel and the activities of the day, a student rushed into the room. "Have you seen \_\_\_\_\_ this morning?" he said.

"No, I have not," I replied. "I think you should come and see him; he is praying in the chapel," he urged.

I went to the chapel to find this young man dressed in sackcloth, on his knees praying. He had meticulously sewn together a burlap garment which covered him from head to foot. A hood of burlap hung over his shoulders and on his bare feet were thonged sandals.

Taking him into my office before too many students would arrive, he informed me that he was the prophet that was to come and that Rev. Sam Smith and I were the two witnesses of Revelation, chapter eleven.

## Pardon me

It was during cool winter mornings that one of our staff members rushed out of her home, late for work. Upon arriving and going to her office where she would hang her coat, to her amazement she found that in her rush she had forgotten to put her dress on!

I have always appreciated enthusiastic Christians. We had a teacher who could become quite articulate and enthused at times. His subject one morning was giving him some latitude to wax eloquent for he was rehearsing before the class about the plague of frogs which had invaded the land of Egypt under the ministry of Moses.

## Enthusiastic frogs

"These frogs," he said, had come into the land in torrents. There were frogs in the house, frogs in the palace, frogs in the cupboards, frogs in the

kitchen—everywhere there were frogs and more frogs—frogs in the dining room, frogs in the bedroom, frogs in the bedpans...." So ended the lesson.

Assignments can be times of stress when there are so many things to do at Bible college, home, and work, etc. I had given the class an assignment to write one thousand words on "The Theology of Death."

## Get your theology straight

The due date came and after gathering the papers, I sat myself as comfortably as I could to grade forty-two papers. Things were going fine until I picked up a well typed paper on "The Death of Theology!"

## It's Worth a Shot

by Dan Fick,  
SBC Dean, 1992 – 2000

Working with Bible college students



is both delightful and challenging. It is our privilege to have many opportunities to encourage and direct the enthusiasm of men and women who are preparing themselves for leadership ministries. However, there are also those difficult moments when a relationship or conduct need has to be addressed.

As we work with the students, we try



not to appear too stressed by some of these constant challenges. In modeling ministry, it is especially important that situations are handled delicately and gently. Recently, however, I posted a note that caused me to wonder if indeed some of the stresses of the job were beginning to affect me adversely.

Picture day for the college yearbook had been determined. To inform the students of the plans which had been made, I typed up a list of instructions for the students indicating when the individual pictures and the different group pictures would be taken and posted it on our student information board. It was not until one of the students pointed out my message that I realized to my chagrin what I had written. The beginning paragraph began, "The entire student body will be shot at 9:30 Tuesday morning."

Moreover, I had made this announcement official with my signature as the Dean of the College at the bottom of the announcement.

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### Excuse Me?

by Bryan Johnson

As all teachers do, I have received some rather interesting excuses for absences. The following was an actual written excuse I received from one of my former students.

"Dear Humble Teacher,

You don't know how devastated I was that I could in no way enjoy the wonderful pleasure of attending your ever exciting and insightful class. Do to uncontrollable problems with one of the world's most wonderful inventions, I was unable to get to this fine learning establishment in sufficient time to enjoy your ever popular class. So I beg of your ever compassionate heart to find it possible to have mercy on my lowly soul. Therefore I ask of you my humble teacher to grant me an excused absence do to uncontrollable automobile problems. My ever gracious ride from the fine city of Kent, his fine automobile broke down, consequently causing me to take a miserable bus up to Ballard causing me to get up to school at approximately 11:30 AM on April 26. In conclusion I wish that you would consider me when you read this letter. May God bless your humble heart 10-fold for your ever present kind heart. Thank you."



Pastor Dave Ogren, Jim Crews and Bryan Johnson, 2000

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James Kim, Sean Healy, Desset Tadesse, Sean Gregersen, Laura Ashcroft, Tracy Brown and Kyle Ashcroft...saying it best.

When asked to explain how she had grown or changed during the school year, **Tracy Brown** responded, "Too much to write down; and it's only been two weeks."

"The passion and enthusiasm that is evident in the teachers' lives for God's truth has really challenged me to step up my pursuit for more of God in my own life."

**Kyle Ashcroft**

"I enjoy the little things, like the simplicity of fellowship within the dorm life. My work ethic has improved while not compromising the friendships I have gained over the years."

**Sean Gregersen**

"Almost every chapel during worship, God speaks to me personally, addressing issues/questions that I have."

**Desset Tadesse**

"God has provided my daily bread and has transformed me from darkness and purposelessness."

**Sunmi Lee**

"God met me in a special way by revealing the gifts He has for me. During my first quarter, I began to speak in tongues more boldly."

**James Kim**

"God gave me the grace to get through with good grades. I have become closer to the Lord with more zeal, fasting, prayer and anointing."

**Sean Healy**

"God has met me in a special way since I started here at SBC. The classes I've taken have opened my eyes and understanding to how much the Gospel is needed throughout the world."

**Laura Ashcroft**

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