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From the President

Vernon Grounds would have been 100 years old this year. It's ironic that he was born less than a month after Gavrilo Princip fired the assassin's bullet that set off the First World War, a conflict that ultimately killed tens of millions of soldiers and civilians. Vernon hated war; he hated all human suffering. I once asked Vernon to name the most influential book that he had ever read apart from the Bible. Without hesitating he said, "The Doctrine of Divine Love by Ernest Wilhelm C. Sartorius."

Just recently we discovered a book manuscript on the love of God that Vernon had submitted for publication. It was never published. The letter from the editor who rejected the manuscript stated that he didn't know how to market a book on this topic. How sad.

Everyone starts somewhere when they think about God. Where do you start? Calvinists traditionally begin with the sovereignty of God, the neo-Reformed with the glory of God, Pentecostals with the power and presence of God and Lutherans with the righteousness of God. Where we start when we think about God affects the way we see everything else we can know about Him.

I wonder how our theologies, our churches, and our lives of faith would be different if the love of God became our starting point. What if we viewed all the other attributes of God through the lens of His divine love? What if we started with Jesus, God's redeeming love incarnate? Frankly, I suspect that our lives would look a lot more like Vernon's, the most empathetically compassionate man most of us has ever known.

Vernon didn't live on this earth for a hundred years. Since the fall of 2010, he's enjoyed the unadulterated presence of divine love while we keep on enjoying the enduring legacy of his six decade presence at Denver Seminary. Happy Birthday, Vernon!

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Upcoming Events
We might be coming to
your area. Check our
events page regularly to
see where we will be!

Alumni Luncheon
August 15th, 1:15pm
Highlands Ranch, CO
This lunch is in connection
with Willow Creek
Association's Global
Leadership Summit. Click
here for details and to
register.

Alumni Picnic August 23rd, 11:30 am Littleton, CO Register here.

Alumni Resources

- Job Board
- Alumni Webinars
- Book reviews in the Denver Journal
- More Resources...

Alumni Updates

Bill McConnell, (B.D., 1966)
Bill and his wife Beth
celebrated their 50th wedding
anniversary on June 13. Bill
spent 40 years on the staff of
InterVarsity Christian
Fellowship, fifteen of them on
loan to InterVarsity's sister
movement in Brazil, the
Aliança Bíblica Universitária
(University Bible Alliance)
through the International



Fellowship of Evangelical Students. He helped train Brazilian staff workers and began their publishing house, the ABU Editora. Beth taught school, both in the USA and Brazil, and has had a ministry of mentoring young women world-wide. Bill retired in 2006, ending his service as Assistant to the President of InterVarsity, and the couple moved to Denver, where their four children (two of them born in Brazil) and two grandchildren live. Bill and Beth attend Peace Mennonite Community Church in Aurora.



Rev. Christopher Royer (M.Div., 2005)

Rev. Royer, his wife Grace and his two daughters, Daniella (16) and Stephanie (15) live in Tulsa, OK. In June, Rev. Royer was named the Executive Director of Anglican Frontier Missions (AFM). AFM is a mission organization that seeks to plant viable, biblically-based, indigenous churches in areas of the world where there is very little Christian presence, in areas of North Africa, the Middle East, Asia, and even some ethnic communities in the United States.

Jody Been, (M.A. Leadership, 2012)

Jody is serving as the Pastor of Spiritual Formation at Crosspoint Community Church in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin. It is a quickly growing Christian and Missionary Alliance Church of 1500. "I am so grateful for Denver Seminary and the great training I received there that has made this season of ministry possible."

More Updates

What's new with YOU? We want to know your ministry & family updates and anything else you would like to share! Send your life and ministry updates, pictures, degree, and year of graduation to alumni@denverseminary.edu to be included in the next Alumni Connection.

12th Annual Golf Tournament

Join us on August 4th at Lakewood Country Club for our annual golf tournament. All proceeds go towards the General Scholarship Fund which provides financial aid to students in need. For more information and to register, please click here.

Publications:



The Controlling Husband: What Every Woman Needs to Know

by Dr. Ron Welch

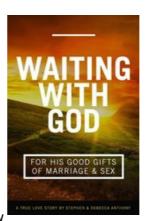
As a clinical psychologist and Associate Professor of Counseling, Dr. Ron Welch has heard many women in controlling marriages pour out their hearts. As a recovering controlling husband himself, he understands

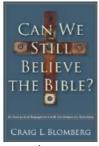
both sides of the issue. In this candid book, Welch shows how controlling husbands develop and why women sometimes allow themselves to be controlled, then gives practical strategies to help both husband and wife transform the power and control issues in their marriage.

Waiting with God For His Good Gifts of Marriage & Sex

by Stephen Anthony (M.A. Counseling, 2005) and Rebecca Anthony

Have you found yourself wondering: *Will I ever get married? *What's God's will for my love life? *Are there benefits to waiting for sex? God loves to hear your heart and your questions. He cares about the well-being of your love life, even more than you do. Our hope is that after reading our love story - full of struggle, hope, and God's faithfulness - you would feel encouraged to allow God to write your love story.





Can We Still Believe in the Bible? An Evangelical Engagement with Contemporary Questions

by Dr. Craig Blomberg

Challenges to the reliability of Scripture are perennial and have frequently been addressed. In this volume, highly regarded biblical scholar Craig Blomberg offers an accessible and

nuanced argument for the Bible's reliability in response to the extreme views about Scripture and its authority articulated by both sides of the debate. He believes that a careful analysis of the relevant evidence shows we have reason to be more confident in the Bible than ever before.

Faculty Updates:



Congratulations to Dr. Carroll!

The administration of SETCA (Central American Theological Seminary) in Guatemala City, Guatemala named their library after Dr. Carroll. The staff and faculty surprised him with the announcement during his trip this week, "To be able to share this with faculty colleagues, students, and staff here and the students from Denver was special."

You can find the speaking engagements of professors on the <u>Faculty</u> <u>Travel Page</u>.

Come Back to Campus! We'd love to see you and hear your story. In fact, we have a gift for every alumnus that comes through the Alumni Relations office! You are a part of the Denver Seminary family, we care for you, and we invite you to stay in touch. The Alumni Relations office is located in the Administration building upstairs across from the President's Office.

More Alumni Updates... Rod Pauls (M.Div., 1996)

Rod currently serves as the Assistant Regional Director for InterVarsity Christian Fellowship in the Rocky Mountain Region. His responsibilities include creating, developing and promoting tools for Evangelism on campuses throughout our region, training and coaching young staff in their fund development and helping our campus fellowships become more involved with faculty. He lives in Albuquerque, NM with his wife, Andrea Carson Pauls and they have one daughter, Mattea Charis Pauls.

Ken Datson (M.A. Community Counseling, 2011)

After spending 2 years at Harvest Farm in Wellington, Colorado as a residential rehabilitation counselor, I have become engaged and I will be moving to Colorado Springs later this year.

Mark Bubeck, (Theology Diploma, 1953)

At 86 years of life, I move more slowly but am still able to live alone and function. One of my daughters calls me each day to check up on this senior member of the Alumni of Denver Seminary. I have been greatly blessed by my days at Denver.

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