

# COLUMBIA THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

## Alumni/ae News Online

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**Greetings co-workers in Christ, with whom I share in a sacred vocation;  
grace to you and peace from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ**

...wherever you are, I hope that you have been nourished as I by the vivid fall colors. I am still amazed and encouraged that such beauty comes at the close of a lifecycle. Additionally, I think I lived up to the Today Show's recent pre-holiday prediction that we Americans would consume by Thanksgiving Day's end 5000 calories worth of turkey and trimmings. Thankful for you and your ministry, I hope that your holiday was equally full of gratitude's satisfaction without the bloatedness. One more thing...even as I am trying to imagine with great glee my first Advent and Christmas in 26 years without donning the pastor's robe, I do so as your alum director with a full understanding of and regard for the preparation still ahead of you. In the midst of it all, may you be surprised again by joy as you..."keep watch over the flocks by night".

And, come see us when you can. We'd love to have you back on your campus at Columbia Seminary. Until then, let us hear from you as to how we can be with and for you in helpful ways.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,



**Randy Calvo, Jr. '81**

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### **About Our Alums**

**Robert F. Hunt '56** retired as pastor, St. Andrew Church, Augusta, GA.

**Charles J. Hollingsworth '62** has retired and living in Round Rock, TX.

**David Antonson '66** retired as senior pastor from Northmont United Church in Pittsburgh. He has taken interim training and is looking forward to new challenges.

**William V. Arnold '66** recently retired as associate pastor at Bryn Mawr Church, Bryn Mawr, PA.

**Robert O. Moss III '67** has retired as associate executive for education and church development, Providence Presbytery.

**John N. Payne '69** retired as pastor, Church of the Redeemer, Weiser, ID.

**John J. Gleason '70** organized and convenes a monthly support group for Islamic Correctional chaplains, as a trust-building “bridge” ministry. He is an ACPE Supervisor Emeritus in Greenwood, IN.

**Bill Anderson '71** is now retired, living in Asheville, NC. He is doing lots of volunteer work after being a pastor for many years, working in development for Montreat College, and chaplaincy at VA Medical Center in Asheville.

**Gene Lassiter '72** is now pastor of St. Paul Presbyterian in Hemingway, SC and also the Indiantown Church in Indiantown, SC. Indiantown celebrates 250 years of ministry this month.

**Ronald M. Thomas '72** has retired as pastor, Piedmont Church, Piedmont, SC.

**Al Masters '76** is interim chaplain at Presbyterian College in Clinton, SC.

**Etta Rossman '76** is presently serving as a prison chaplain after serving as pastor for 16 years and a counselor at a pastoral counseling center.

**Olin Whitener '76** is currently interim senior pastor at Covenant Church in Charlotte.

**William C. Pender '80** is now pastor of First Church, Knoxville, TN.

**Jesse W. Hegler '82** is temporary supply of Beaver Creek and Kershaw First Churches in Kershaw, SC.

**Anne Wilson '82** served as a hospital chaplain until her retirement.

**Steve Shive '85** is now pastor at First Church, Fargo, ND.

**James Cross '87 (D.Min.)** is Chaplain at Silverton Hospital, Silverton, OR.

**Gail Perkins '87** is now interim pastor at Rock Spring Church in Atlanta.

**David Keister '88** is now pastor at First Church, Toccoa, GA.

**Bill Patterson '88** is serving as VA Chaplain and pastor in Tuskegee Institute, AL.

**Pat Wrisley '88** has taken a new call in Tacoma, WA and is pastor of University Place Church.

**Ron '93 and Lisa Traynham '92 Nelson** have a new daughter. Aspen Noelle was born May 4, 2007. Lisa recently graduated with a Masters of Accounting from UNCC and is now a corporate controller.

**Trisha Senterfitt '93** is the new Executive Director of the Craddock Center in Cherry Log, GA.

**Patricia Johnson Cashion '94, '04 (D.Min)** is the new pastor at Crystal Beach Community Church in Crystal Beach, FL.

**Keith B. Freeman '95** is now in the graduate program for marriage and family therapy at Appalachian State University in Boone, NC.

**Richard Shinkle '95 (D.Min)** has retired as pastor of First Church, Yorktown Heights, NY.

**Molly Clark '96** retired as staff chaplain with the University of Alabama at Birmingham Health System.

**Jill Middlemas '97**, who received her Ph.D. in Old Testament from Oxford University, has been given a post at University of Aarhus in Denmark.

**Laura Cunningham '98 and Scott Ramsey '98** are proud parents of Virginia "Ginny" Watts Ramsey born November 5, 2007, weighting 9 lbs. 14 oz., 22 inches long.

**David Lindsay '99** is the new pastor at The Presbyterian Church on Edisto Island, SC.

**Kathy Crighton '00** is now pastor of the Metairie Ridge Church in Metairie, LA.

**Chris Tiller Bohn '00** married Phillip G. Bohn June 2, 2007. She continues to serve as pastor of Calvary Church in Ann Arbor, MI.

**David Bender '01** is the NCD pastor at Faith Church in Lancaster County, SC.

**Pressley Neal Cox '02** and husband Ben, have a baby boy, Henry Martin Cox, born July 28, 2007. Twin big sisters, Sara and Emily, welcomed Henry with joy. Pressley continues to work at Providence Church in Charlotte as the designated associate pastor for children and youth.

**Lisa Eye Taylor '02** was married August 11, 2007 to Jerry Taylor at the Presbyterian Church of Danville, KY where she serves as associate pastor.

**Eric Dillenbeck '03** and wife, Amy, have a new baby girl. Sarah was born September 24, 2007.

**Pricilla Durkin '03 (D.Min.)** is currently chaplain at Southern Correctional Institution in Troy, NC.

**David Ezekiel '03** has accepted the call to be interim senior pastor at St. Paul's United Church of Christ in Elgin, IL. He goes there from the Presbytery of Chicago where he was the Associate Executive Presbyter for Congregational Development.

**Mary Ann McKibben Dana '03** has been named contributing editor of the new e-zine, *Fidelia's Sisters*. This publication is an outgrowth of the Young Clergy Women Project, and will feature articles by, for, and about the youngest clergy women (those under forty). The magazine was launched October 1, 2007, at [www.youngclergywomen.org](http://www.youngclergywomen.org). Mary Ann is also author of a new Bible Studies series in *Presbyterians Today*.

**Wendy Yow '03** and husband Mike Cochran are announcing the birth of their first baby, Ethan Tyler Cochran born August 9, 2007, weighing 8 lbs. 11 oz.

**Kyle Goodman '04** has taken a new call as pastor of Concord Church in Statesville, NC.

**Thomas '03 and Beth '04 Daniel** have returned to Atlanta to begin a new church development.

**Leah Hrachovec '05** has a new call as associate pastor at First Church, Stillwater, OK.

**Lanny Peters '05 (D.Min)** co-edited the winter 2007 issue of the *Review and Expositor* (A consortium Baptist theological journal), entitled "Mutual Witness: Muslim-Christian

Relations.” The lead article, “Pastor and People: An Interfaith Pilgrimage” was his D.Min. Project. This was the first ever issue on this topic.

**Mike '05 and Devon '06 Ducheneau** have moved to Barboursville, WV, where Mike is pastor of Bates Memorial Church in Huntington, WV.

**Scarlette Bostick '06** moved to Royston, GA and is currently seeking a call in the area.

**Russ '06 and Dorothy '06 Blackwelder** are proud parents of Taylor Grace, born October 14, 2007. She weighed 7 lbs. 10 oz and was 20 in. long. Russ will begin medical school next summer at the University of South Carolina in Charleston.

**Chantaye Knotts '06** is serving the First Missionary Baptist Church, Huntsville, AL, as staff minister for Christian education and discipleship training.

**Leslie Bethell Roper '06** was ordained July 8 and began service as associate pastor for youth and children's ministries at First Church in Batesville, AR.

**Michael Woods '06** was ordained Oct. 28, 2007 at Northminster Church in Pensacola, FL. He will be installed as pastor at First church, Elberton, GA in December.

**Chris Hill '07** has been called as associate pastor for Pastoral Care at Bethel Church in Cornelius, NC.

**Kim Losee Justice '07** was married to Donovan Justice October 20 at First Church in Danville, VA.

**Deidra Crosby '07** is pastor at Rocky Springs Church in Laurens, SC.

**Keith Jones '07** has been extended a call by New Hope Church in Chattanooga, TN.

**Kate Malarney '07** and husband Chris are announcing the birth of a son, William Gabriel (Gabe) Malarney, born October 4, 2007 in Leesburg, VA.

**Sharon Schuler '07** accepted a call as pastor of Monticello Church in Monticello, FL. She was ordained in her home church, Shades Valley, in Birmingham on July 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Scott Tucker '07** has accepted a position as Executive Director of Horizons Student Enrichment Program, an affiliate of Holy Innocents Episcopal School.

### **In Memoriam**

**Robert D. Alexander '49**                      **6/08/07**

**Hugh Eichelberger '62**                      **11/09/07**

**D. James Kennedy '59**                      **9/05/07**

**William H. Marquis '55**                      **7/26/07**

**A. Jackson Morrison '58**                      **8/19/07**

**John Talmage '36**                              **2/01/07**

**Tom Tidwell '60**                              **10/02/07**

If you have recently moved to a new presbytery and would like to know of other CTS alums in that presbytery or your geographical area, let us know and we'll e-mail a list to you.

If you are interested in having your e-mail address listed in our e-mail directory on our web page and haven't notified us, please e-mail Barbara Poe at [poeb@ctsnet.edu](mailto:poeb@ctsnet.edu). We will not list your e-mail address without your permission.

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