

Gateway Seminary: 80 Years in the West

Eighty years ago, a group of deacons and their wives from Golden Gate Baptist Church in Oakland, California, were invited to a prayer meeting by their pastor and his wife. Isam Hodges had accepted a call to pastor the church in 1937; he and his spouse Minnie, had followed God's calling to California from Arkansas.



In March 1944, the Hodges and the deacons prayed about starting a Baptist theological seminary in the West. By July 1944, Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary launched in downtown Oakland.

Since then, the seminary has relocated our main campus to Southern California, changed its name to Gateway Seminary, and launched regional campuses in the California Bay Area, Arizona, Colorado, and Washington. Gateway's expansion is dependent on its foundation: a commitment to our mission of shaping leaders who expand God's kingdom around the world.

"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:19-20, CSB).

Pray for students at Gateway Seminary that are being shaped by God's Word to be faithful pastors, missionaries, and ministry leaders. Pray for Gateway alumni as they proclaim God's Word around the world.

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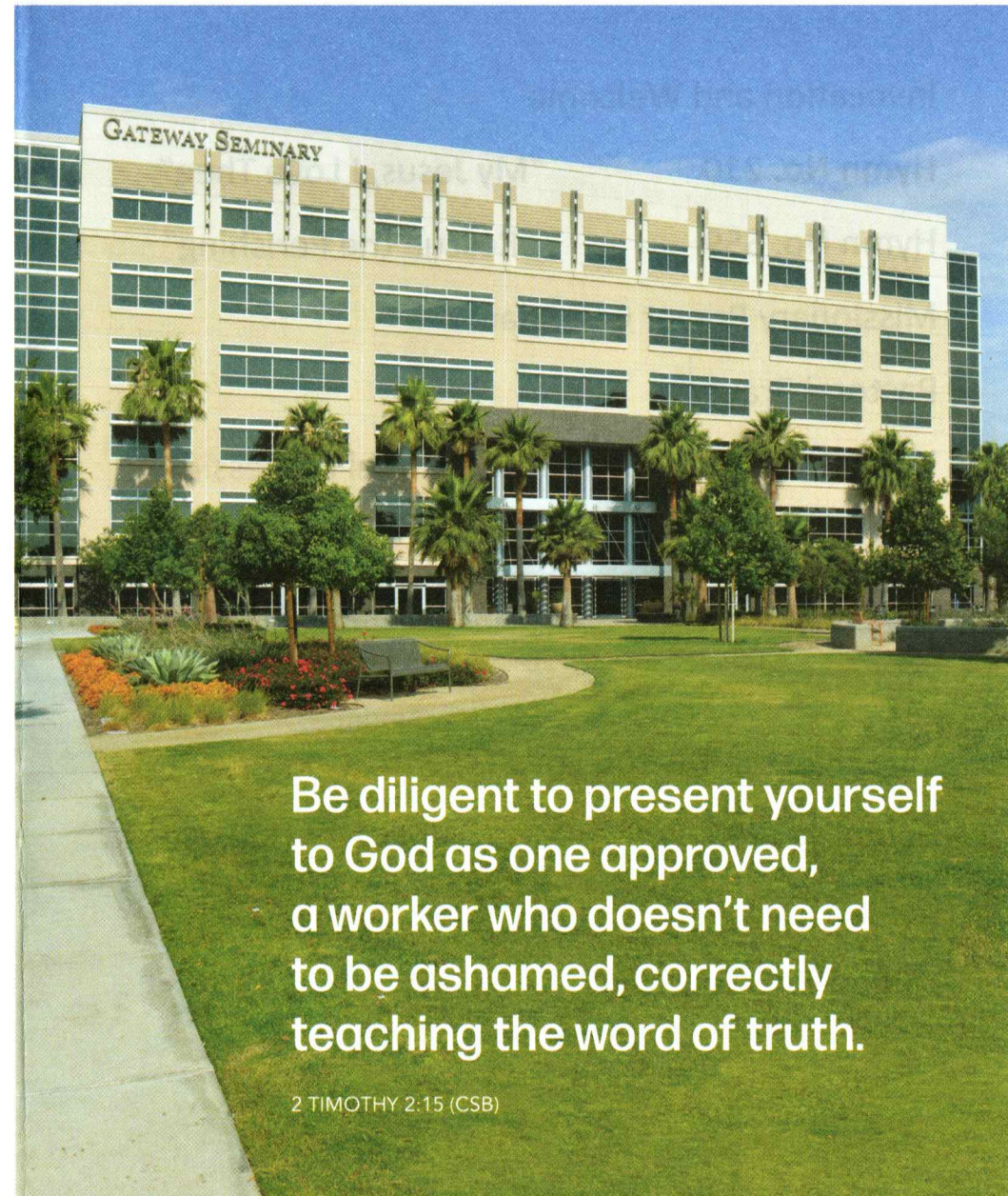
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SEMINARY SUNDAY



GATEWAY SEMINARY

Biblical • Missional • Global



**Be diligent to present yourself
to God as one approved,
a worker who doesn't need
to be ashamed, correctly
teaching the word of truth.**

2 TIMOTHY 2:15 (CSB)

SAPPONY BAPTIST CHURCH

May 4, 2025

Rev. Michael Dickey, Pastor

www.sapponybaptist1773.org

Invocation and Welcome

Hymn No. 210 "My Jesus, I Love Thee"

Hymn No. 559 "Rescue the Perishing"

Missionary Prayer Calendar

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn No. 564 "Make Me a Channel of Blessing"

Doxology

Scripture John 21:15-19

Message Rev. Dickey

"Do You Love Me?"

Hymn No. 285 "Wherever He Leads"

Benediction

PRE-READ FOR NEXT WEEK: Acts 9:36-43

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Be in prayer for our sick and shut-ins as they are unable to worship with us today.

Bible Study will be held on Wednesday at 3pm (early group) and 7pm (late group and students) at the parsonage. We look forward to seeing you.

Monday, May 5th at 10:00am the WOM will meet at the parsonage.

Wednesday, May 7th at 2pm at the parsonage there will be a planning meeting for our family weekend in September at Kehukee. If you are willing to help but unable to attend the meeting please let Mike, Kay or myself know. We can make this a great family weekend with your help. Thanks for your support.
Irma

THE PRAYER WALL is up on our website. Anyone may now submit prayer requests online, so please check the wall and commit to praying for those requests. Also, please update us on any prayer requests that you have. This can be done on the website or by contracting Sue (804) 731-1481 or suewinfield171@gmail.com.

If you wish to receive text messages updates including paper requests from the church, please text "JOIN" to 804-430-6282 in order to be added to the list. Also please save that number as a contact in your phone to insure that our messages don't go to your spam.