

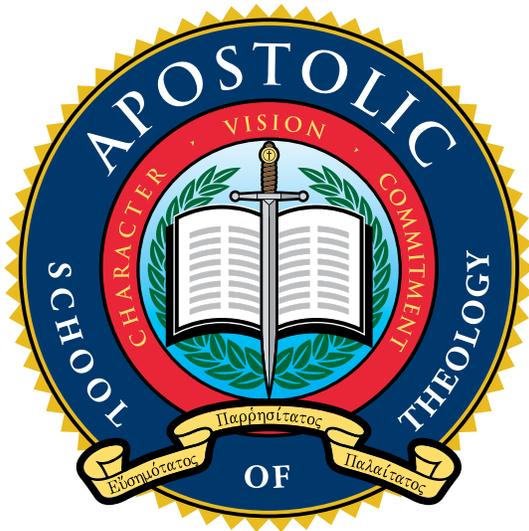
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“Apostolic School of Theology empowers students to become world-class leaders in an environment that embodies the Pentecostal ethos through spiritual formation and Christian higher education.”

-Mission Statement, Apostolic School of Theology

FROM THE EDITORS

Greetings! Welcome to AST's next big step: Empower Newsletter. An endeavor fueled by deep belief in the future of Biblical education, Empower will give updates, offer encouragement, and provide ongoing news of all things Apostolic. Within the next few months, we will see alumni reconnect, accomplishments in independent accreditation shared, and many reports of news and events of interest.

Empower is led by its two editors, Karen and Kara Anderson. With invaluable support from AST faculty, staff, administration and alumni, we hope to represent AST well in this new endeavor. While Empower will be uniquely different from issue to issue, there will be a number of repeating columns.

One of the most significant sections we will be including is an alumni news feature, led by AST's newest Alumni Association president, Steven Jones.

Empower is an exciting new venture into the future of Apostolic School of Theology. This publication will be an important facet of AST (and forthcoming Wilson Pacific University) as a medium of connection and growth. Join us as we continue to celebrate the blessings of God, explore all things Pentecostal, and remember the past while looking to the future!

God Bless,

Karen & Kara Anderson
Editors



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FROM THE FOUNDER: NATHANIEL J. WILSON, Ed.D.



It is a joy to greet you in this first issue of Empower—the newsletter of AST. This is just the beginning. Your issues will be packed with exciting news and events about goings-on in the school and its numerous related ministries.

We covet your prayers as we work toward attaining accreditation. This is a daunting challenge, but we are believing for a good response from the October site visit by the WASC team later this year. In the meantime, many people are working very hard, very diligently, very conscientiously, to make this happen. God reigns!

By God's help, in but a short time, you will look back with us at this time of this first issue and be amazed at how far and how fast progress is made to make AST/WPU a mighty beacon of hope and strength for people everywhere, and especially for the Apostolic movement. So, enjoy! And stay tuned...



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God's Work in Foreign Missions: Roatan, Honduras

God is doing great things in Roatan! Having been here for almost two months, we have seen many great things take place, and the future is bright indeed. We have baptized seven brand-new people in the name of Jesus, and have had several receive the Holy Ghost. There are many currently in Bible Study who are waiting to be baptized, but it is only a matter of time. God is already working on their hearts.

In addition to this, we are working diligently on the Hope Corps Training Center. We have poured the footer and installed the new Hope Corps gate, and it looks great! We are currently up to our necks in tile

work for the Assembly Hall and kitchen, and are busy preparing for the upcoming ITW this June.

On Monday nights, we are busy teaching and instructing the ministry here on the island, with several couples and individuals hoping to become soul winners and teachers, ready to go out into the field during the week and reap the harvest of souls that surrounds us. There is no limit to the potential here. God is working all the time, adding to the church daily such as should be saved.

Missionary Nathaniel A. Urshan

H O P E  C O R P S

WHAT'S NEW

CONGREGATIONAL CARE CERTIFICATE

This year, AST is excited to continue its unique Congregational Care Certificate! Consisting of four eight-week classes, the 32-week program will cover essential material profitable to Apostolic leaders in any number of positions. Beginning with the required course, *Principles of Soteric Counseling*, students will then be able to choose three of the following classes for elective credit: *Principles for Premarital and Couples Counseling*, *Sexual Purity in the 21st Century*, *Counseling Principles for Financial Stewardship*, or *Counseling Principles for Grief and Loss*. All courses will be taught by Apostolic professors who hold graduate degrees in their fields, and all courses will include dynamic classroom interaction. Plus, upon successful completion of the certificate program, students will earn twelve credits toward an AA or BS degree program. Classes start in June, August and October 2015. Visit www.goast.org or email organizer Karissa King at kking@goast.org to get involved.

"The Congregational Care Certificate provides depth and insight into some of the most challenging situations in church work in the 21st century."

-Professor Daniel Blash, Ph.D.

AST STUDENT ORIENTATION

To orient new students, AST has developed a series of short videos that cover three primary areas:

- Overview of School: includes welcome from Dr. Wilson, mission and core values, handbook, and student learning outcomes.
- Preparation for Class: includes email, portal, finances, registration, and books.
- Participation in Class - eCollege, syllabus, course expectations, library, writing guides, Grammarly, Smarthinking, and academic integrity.

All three sections can be completed in approximately 45-60 minutes. The orientation will be required for all new undergraduate and graduate students, beginning in the June 2015 session.

AST's new orientation will help students become familiar with online learning, understanding what is expected of them as a student, and learn about services to help them be successful.

UPCOMING EVENTS

-June 1: Fall semester and new session begin

-June 4-12: Hope Corps Manhattan ITW

-June 25-July 3: Hope Corps Roatan A ITW

-July 27-August 16: Summer Break

-August 8-15: Hope Corps Roatan B ITW

-August 17: New session begins

-August 15-22: Hope Corps Roatan C ITW

-September 24 & 25: Annual planning conference

-September 25: Graduation Ceremony

-October 7-9: Site visit by WASC accreditation team

-October 12: New session begins

-November 23-29: Thanksgiving holiday & break

-December 14-January 17: Christmas holiday & winter break

-January 18: Spring semester begins

Continuing Pentecost...

GENERATION to GENERATION



Dear Fellow Apostolic:

What a day in which we are living!! While some are backsliding, others are experiencing unprecedented revival.

Such a shifting mix creates cross-currents in which young people are pulled to and fro. Thus, more than

ever, the apostolic movement needs a FULLY REGIONALLY ACCREDITED university (the highest accreditation possible for any university in the U.S.)—a university where our young people can attend and be strengthened in their faith rather than having it constantly attacked. Don't be fooled: There is not a single such institution in America or in the world—but there desperately needs to be—and NOW!

However, such institutions certainly don't just "happen." Much expense, work, preparation, and highest level input is required to accomplish such. But our people—and our very future—are worth it!

Father's Day has been designated as "Offering Day" for AST (WPU). Father's day is chosen because nothing is more critical to "Continuing Pentecost" than the transfer of this great reality from father to children. Therefore, we urge you to join this intense drive to insure that this transfer takes place.

If you are apostolic, I hope you can see the desperate need to pull together to see this accreditation happen IN THE NEXT EIGHT MONTHS. Thus, this "Continuing Pentecost" offering on Father's Day is CRITICAL!

We believe we have a great chance to see this become a reality! This is why your help is so needed. Please join me in doing what we can to open this powerful door of opportunity to apostolics everywhere.

Please join me on JUNE 21, FATHER'S DAY, in saying "YES!!!" to our own apostolic children.

Nathaniel J. Wilson, EdD

It matters what our young people are taught!

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Father's Day
June 21, 2015

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FROM THE AST ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

In assuming leadership of the AST Alumni Association, I want to first recognize Pastor Kelly Nix who preceded me. Through his leadership, he established a clear orientation for success and growth through the alumni community.

As the incoming president, I want to share my excitement and express my enthusiasm for this wonderful school and the community it is fostering. Since graduating from AST with a Bachelor of Science in Christian Ministry and a Master of Arts in Ministry, I have had the privilege of being on the administrative staff, as well as adjunct faculty. Hopefully these experiences will provide a unique perspective into creating a thriving alumni community.

The strides AST has made across the globe are incredible. Undergraduate, Graduate and auxiliary programs are growing faster than ever! Hope Corps has literally become an international movement, and is indisputably one of the most exciting developments in the last four decades!

Of course, the role of AST alumni is equally critical to the school's success, not only because we are positive representatives of the school, but also because of the support our alumni bring to AST.

EXCITING GROWTH AT AST!

As we approach this coming academic year, we are very thankful for all the work our faculty has dedicated to developing and teaching an unparalleled Apostolic curriculum. Ongoing feedback from our students testifies of the superior quality of our programs, compared to traditional institutions. We are also grateful for the staff that contributes to the continued success of AST.

One program in particular has far superseded our expectations of growth by more than five times the projected rate! The cornerstone of this program, our Master of Arts in Ministry, is the leadership classes taught by Dr. Nathaniel J. Wilson. Other courses, at both the undergraduate and graduate level, focus on subjects such as theology, counseling and missions.

By joining the Alumni Association, you are further empowering AST as a change agent and leader in higher education. Alumni engagement is one of the several measures of quality used to rank major universities in the United States. Joining the Alumni Association helps AST – and you.

We want to hear from you! This is your association; please feel free to inform us on what God's doing in your life – marriages, births, changes in ministry and more. We also welcome any questions and/or suggestions you may have.

I am honored to serve the association, and look forward to hearing from you!



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The diversity of our student body – consisting of men and women of different nationalities and Apostolic organizations – underscores AST's globally broad-based appeal. AST is quickly being recognized as the school of choice in higher education in leadership and ministry development.

We are excited about the future of our students and are committed to empowering them to become world-class leaders through spiritual formation!

Paul J. Baumeister, Ph.D.
Executive Director of Administration

HOPE CORPS: THERE IS AN ARMY RISING UP!

A few years ago, a longtime dream became a reality with the birth of Hope Corps. The Hope Corps program incorporates fully accredited college classes with a weeklong evangelism practicum on a home or foreign mission field. This unique experience provides priceless fellowship with those of like precious faith, and Intensive Training Week equips students of all ages with skills necessary to be productive in the Kingdom.

Apostolic School of Theology provides the platform for the academic portion of Hope Corps by offering six two-unit classes in an online format. These classes – which are taught by accomplished, highly educated men and women – provide a high quality, balanced approach to learning about the Bible and leadership.

As the Hope Corps liaison from AST, as well as one of the professors, it has been my privilege and honor to engage with hundreds of young people in the classroom as well as during Intensive Training Weeks. Walking the streets of New York City in our blue HC shirts is an exhilarating feeling as we reach out to the lost and the needy. Likewise, baptizing souls in the Caribbean brings an overwhelming feeling of thankfulness and joy.

Hope Corps continues to enjoy tremendous growth. During the 2014-2015 academic year, over 240 students enrolled in this dynamic program. Of these, over 175 are scheduled to attend the four different Intensive Training Weeks in New York City and Roatan, Honduras.

There is truly nothing like Hope Corps available to Apostolics today. There is an army of blue shirts rising up! AST is proud to be partnering with pastors and leaders everywhere in this world-changing endeavor!

Professor D. Dean Anderson, MA



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FROM THE STUDENTS

"Hope Corps empowered me to make a difference and to see change in the world. It gave me the opportunity to go on a long-term mission; HC was an amazing experience that I will neither forget nor regret."

-Crystal Rivas, Class of 2014

"Hope Corps created a path for God's purpose and direction to be exemplified in my life."

-Malachi Brewer, Class of 2014

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