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## FROM MILLIGAN TO EMMANUEL: Ministers & Missionaries



Students have entered the doors of Emmanuel for almost 50 years, many of them crossing the street from Milligan. Here are the stories of three such servant-leaders and how they've gone on to help change the world.



### BRIAN JOBE

Brian Jobe (M.Div. '98), senior minister at Harvester Christian Church in the St. Louis, Missouri, area graduated from Milligan with a B.A. in Bible and minors in Greek and psychology.

"I chose to attend Milligan because I wanted to go to a place I could not only train for ministry and grow spiritually

but also get a strong quality education," said Jobe.

Jobe preached at small congregations while at Milligan and knew as he got close to finishing his bachelor's degree that he wanted more education to equip him for full-time ministry. He chose Emmanuel Christian Seminary.

"Emmanuel equipped me with the ability to help people wrestle with the hard issues as they come to faith," he said.

Milligan and Emmanuel are, in Jobe's eyes, places of connection with professors who have a Kingdom mindset and hold the general well-being of students as a high priority.

It is this example of care and discipleship that he carries into his ministry at Harvester. 2014 is a year of implementing a discipleship program for the nearly 1,500 new believers of the last five years. As they are disciplined through the program, the hope is that they will in turn disciple others—a ministry model of Milligan and Emmanuel that has its roots in the life of Christ.

The spiritual growth, practical strategies, and equipment for pastoring a congregation is the invaluable education that Jobe experienced at Milligan and Emmanuel.

"It is a decision I would make over and over again," he remarked.

### BRIAN & TABITHA HAUSER

Two other alumni of Milligan and Emmanuel are Brian (M.A.R. '01) and Tabitha (M.Div. '02) Hauser who are missionaries with Christian Missionary Fellowship in Burkina Faso, West Africa.

While at Milligan, Brian received a B.A. in Bible and sociology with a minor in Greek, and Tabitha earned a B.A. in Bible with a minor in music. Both Brian and Tabitha chose to attend Milligan because of the high quality education that it offers as a small Christian liberal arts college.

When asked what is special about Milligan they replied, "The people. We love the mountains of East Tennessee, but really, for us, it comes down to the vibrant community of Christ-followers that fill and surround the Milligan community."

Neither Brian nor Tabitha planned to attend seminary, but as they finished at Milligan, they looked at the task of cross-cultural missions and felt they needed to deepen their knowledge and understanding and mature in their experience of Christian community and ministry.

"Attending Emmanuel while ministering in a local church for four years provided the perfect opportunity to engage all I'd been learning in a down-to-earth context and to get some experience in hands-on ministry before trying to do that cross-culturally," said Brian.

While at Emmanuel, Brian and Tabitha were immersed in a faith community that taught them how to think critically and ask good questions.



“Emmanuel helped to provide a safe place to ask hard questions about faith and of ourselves, questions which inevitably come up later in less friendly environments,” said Brian.

God helped Brian and Tabitha see and understand better His grand story of redemption as it stretches from Genesis through Revelation. This work of sharing God’s story is central to their work of living and announcing the Good News of Jesus to their Muslim neighbors through Chronological Bible Storying. Brian describes the storying as, “sitting down with a group of Muslims and telling God’s big story of redemption and then allowing them to encounter Christ in the story rather than having abstract arguments over his identity.”

Brian says, that amidst all the hardships of overseas life, “this never gets old.”

Brian and Tabitha’s time at Emmanuel impressed upon them the importance of reliving and retelling God’s story as it comes to completion in Jesus. So when God called them to Christian service with an unreached Muslim people group in Burkina Faso, they were able to be obedient to that call. ✝



## 2014 ALEXANDER CAMPBELL SCHOLARS

Emmanuel's highest scholarship recognizes high achieving students who show potential for significant success in ministry. The Alexander Campbell Scholarships are awarded to four newly enrolling Master of Divinity students each year. Congratulations to those pictured above, L-R:

### **JORDAN GIGNILLIAT**

(Acworth, Georgia)

Jordan, a 2013 graduate of Georgia Institute of Technology, majored in global economics and modern languages. Jordan worked for a year as an intern for Christian Campus Fellowship (CCF) at Georgia Tech and spent a semester in Spain serving with the CMF Globalscope campus ministry. This fostered her calling to work in college ministry.

### **ERIN RAINES**

(Mechanicsville, Virginia)

Erin completed her BA in music with a minor in Bible and Christian ministry from Milligan College in 2013. Erin served as a music ministry intern and assistant at her home church, Fairmount Christian Church, and will serve as the Emmanuel chapel worship leader and pianist this fall. Her time at Emmanuel will help her more capably lead God’s people in the musical aspects of worship.

### **ZACHARY MACLELLAN**

(Chino, California)

Zach graduated from Milligan College in 2014 with a BA in Bible and pastoral ministry. At Milligan, Zach served as student body chaplain, was a campus ministry leader, and served on the Youth in Ministry travel team. Emmanuel is the next step in Zach’s journey to equip him for his calling to teach in the academic area one day.

### **EMILY ABERNATHY**

(Roswell, Georgia)

Emily is a 2013 graduate of Georgia Institute of Technology with a BS in management/economics and international affairs. Emily served as an intern for CCF at Georgia Tech and has a passion for campus ministry.



# Celebrating a milestone

Emmanuel will begin a year of celebration of its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary this October, culminating in the official integration of Emmanuel into Milligan College in the summer of 2015 and Milligan's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration in 2015-2016.

Planning began in 1956, with a long period of informal discussions and a conference of interested individuals from across North America who met to review the prospects and facilities existing among the Christian Churches and Churches of Christ for the education of effective ministry. A committee was formed to gather data, call further exploratory conferences, plan a program, secure a charter, and open a school. During that same period of time, others were advocating a similar move at Milligan College. This group caught its enthusiasm from Dr. Dean E. Walker, who had made known his hopes for such an institution when he assumed the office of Milligan's president in January 1950.

In light of these studies and conclusions, the committee applied for a charter and received incorporation as Emmanuel School of Religion in the State of Tennessee in 1961. In 1965, an agreement was concluded with Milligan College for the use of classrooms, the library, offices, and other facilities. The plan to locate near Milligan was determined, and classes opened on September 15, 1965, with an initial enrollment of 35 students.

That was the beginning, and now 50 years later Emmanuel celebrates a legacy of 1,650 alumni who are serving in 35 nations of the world. ✠



## **Dedication Chapel**

**Tuesday, October 21, 2014, 11:00 a.m.**

Honoring the naming of five designated areas in Emmanuel's B. D. Phillips Memorial Building. Held in Emmanuel's chapel.

## **Anniversary Banquet**

**Tuesday, October 21, 2014, 7:00 p.m.**

For board members and past and present faculty and staff members.

## **Anniversary Worship Service**

**Wednesday, October 22, 2014, 10:00 a.m.**

Honoring Emmanuel's founders, graduates and alumni, past and present faculty and employees, donors, and board members. All past graduates of the seminary are invited to march in a special academic procession in full academic regalia. Emmanuel's Dean, Dr. Rollin Ramsaran, and Milligan's President, Dr. Bill Greer, will address the occasion highlighting Emmanuel's mission and future. The Milligan College Concert Choir will sing. All friends of Emmanuel are invited to attend. Held at Seeger Memorial Chapel at Milligan College.

## **Anniversary Luncheon**

**Wednesday, October 22, 2014, 12:00 noon**

Tickets may be purchased for this event at \$10 per person from Emmanuel's Development Office (423.461.1530). Held under the tent on Mary Sword Commons at Milligan.

# Spotlight: Dr. Jack Holland

RUSSELL F. & MARIAN J. BLOWERS PROFESSOR OF  
CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES, CHRISTIAN CARE & COUNSELING

Dr. Jack Holland served in ministry for 18 years before coming to Emmanuel in 2000 as a professor in ministerial education.

“Bringing both my ministerial experience and academic preparation into the classroom are important to my role as a professor,” said Holland, whose primary role is to teach in the Christian care and counseling program and chair the Christian Ministries area.

Holland spent his sabbatical last academic year exploring the rapidly changing landscape of counseling in order to keep on the cutting edge of counseling education and practice.

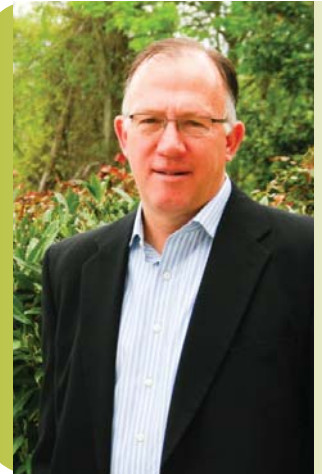
“Theoretical approaches to counseling are typically a reflection of what is going on in the culture,” he explained. “We live in a world that is experiencing rapid technological change, changes in how health care is delivered, and changes in how reality is perceived. The cutting edges of counseling are reacting to those changes with approaches that

incorporate technology.”

During his sabbatical, Holland saw a growing trend to incorporate and respond to these more modern approaches. He attended a small group intensive workshop at the Evanston Family Therapy Center in Evanston, Illinois, under the leadership of two of the leading proponents of Narrative Therapy, Jill Freedman and Gene Combs.

When individuals are struggling with issues in their personal lives, they turn to the minister more often and more frequently than to a professional counselor. The capacity to have helpful conversations with people in distress is an important aspect in a minister’s role of “bearing the burdens of others.”

“We’re there during the crises and generational transitions of their lives; we know their families and their histories. When someone seeks out their pastor for help, they believe they are seeking a representative of God. This is a great responsibility for



ministers and one that should be managed carefully,” said Holland.

At Emmanuel, students are preparing for vocational ministries as senior ministers, campus ministers, missionaries, and other roles in the church, as well as military and corporate chaplaincy. While studying, they also can connect with several excellent programs in clinical pastoral education in Johnson City.

Holland explained that the theologically rich environment and teaching of Emmanuel better equips future counselors, and especially pastoral counselors. This connection between the church and counseling is the subject of a manuscript he worked on during his sabbatical, titled *Speaking Hope: The Body of Christ and Pastoral Counseling*. ✠

## ROSS LECTURES in PASTORAL CARE

## FAITH & MEDICINE

Three Lectures on the Relationship  
Between Faith and Medicine

**Dr. Kyle Colvett, Director for Oncology Services  
Johnson City Medical Center**

**October 14 | 11:00 am**

“Metaphor and Medicine: How our  
Language Can Affect Healing”

Mildred Welshimer Phillips Memorial Chapel  
Emmanuel Christian Seminary  
Johnson City, TN

**October 15 | 7:00 pm**

“Worthless Physicians! When Comforters  
Move Beyond Their Role”

Votaw Auditorium at ETSU  
325 N. State of Franklin Rd., Johnson City, TN

**October 16 | 11:00 am**

“Should We Consider Adding a Spiritual  
Health Axis to the Biopsychosocial Model?”

Mildred Welshimer Phillips Memorial Chapel  
Emmanuel Christian Seminary  
Johnson City, TN



# Schnelle Service Scholarship Established

For over a decade, the Schnelle brothers have donated countless hours of volunteer service to Emmanuel by maintaining the seminary campus

Emmanuel is pleased to announce the establishment of the Robert and Ronald Schnelle Service Scholarship. This new scholarship was formed in January 2014 by Sabine Schnelle and Kay Schnelle, spouses of the Schnelle brothers, along with friends and family members in honor of the twins' 70<sup>th</sup> birthdays.

Ron began his service to Emmanuel in 2002 and was joined by Bob in 2005. The Schnelles are models of Christian service, and this scholarship is designed to reflect that dedication. The scholarship will be awarded for the first time this fall, with first consideration given to Emmanuel students preparing to be missionaries.

Upon retirement in 2002, Ron Schnelle and his wife, Kay, moved to Emmanuel from Abilene, Kansas,

to serve as the first volunteer coordinators for Emmanuel's student housing complex, the Emmanuel Village.

Ron, an electrician by trade, and Kay, a teacher, did much to establish community life in the Village.

In 2005, Bob Schnelle retired from the Kansas Department of Transportation in Topeka and relocated to Tennessee to serve alongside Ron as a full-time volunteer on Emmanuel's campus. Shortly thereafter, he met Emmanuel's bookstore manager, Sabine, and they were married in 2006. Bob and Ron have tirelessly and joyfully served at Emmanuel using their many skills and talents to maintain both the Emmanuel Village and the B. D. Phillips Memorial Building.

In addition to their volunteer service, both Schnelle couples have been faithful donors to Emmanuel, with their names engraved on Emmanuel's

Wall of Honor. We are pleased to have the "Ronald and Kay Schnelle Court" in the Emmanuel Village, as well as the "Bill and Faye Gragg Court" which was named after Kay's parents. In the Thompson Community Center we are honored to have the "Bob and Sabine Schnelle Suite." Ron, Kay, Bob, and Sabine were all recipients of Emmanuel's Distinguished Service Award in October 2011 for outstanding service to Emmanuel.

Emmanuel is grateful for the outpouring of support for the Schnelle Service Scholarship, and we invite you to show appreciation for the Schnelles' work by contributing to this scholarship. This scholarship will stand for years to come as a lasting tribute to two men who truly exemplify Romans 14:18: "If you serve Christ with this attitude, you will please God. And other people will approve of you, too." (NLT)



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Cover photo: Brian Jobe, (M.Div. '98), senior minister at Harvester Christian Church in St. Charles, Missouri

# MILLIGAN UPDATE:

## PREPARING A PLACE FOR EMMANUEL

*by Dr. William B. Greer  
President  
Milligan College*

Emmanuel Christian Seminary will become part of the School of Bible and Ministry at Milligan College following the official integration of the two institutions in Summer 2015

For the past two years, since the Summer of 2012, Milligan has worked with Emmanuel to address some pretty significant financial issues and prepare for the eventual integration of Emmanuel into Milligan College.

We've come a long way. Emmanuel's balance sheet looks better – and we continue to work on the budget – making some difficult decisions along the way that get us to the place where we're living within our means. This is something that Milligan has long believed in – and as a result, we've operated in the black for the past 20 years. That kind of fiscal discipline has helped us grow, helped us increase our endowment, helped us increase our reputation for quality, and it has helped us position ourselves for a very bright future. And it will help ensure that Emmanuel's future is just as bright. I'm excited that Emmanuel and Milligan will be sharing that future together.

Soon – hopefully by this time next year – Emmanuel will be part of Milligan's new School of Bible and Ministry. A few months ago, we announced a new academic structure at Milligan. It was over fifty years ago that Milligan's president at the time, Dean Walker, who served as Emmanuel's first president, established an academic structure for Milligan that created five over-arching academic areas: scientific learning, humane learning, social learning, professional learning, and Biblical learning.



But as Milligan grew in size and complexity, we drifted somewhat naturally but unintentionally away from his simple model. In order to be more administratively efficient and nimble in our ability to respond to a changing marketplace, we spent the

past academic year developing a new model that restores the philosophy that Dr. Walker embraced. This past April, we announced that Milligan's over 100 academic programs would be organized within five different schools: The School of Business and Technology, The School of Science and Allied Health, The School of Arts and Humanities, The School of Social Science and Education, and the School of Bible and Ministry.

The new structure provides us a logical place for Emmanuel – as a seminary within our School of Bible and Ministry – just as it provides a place for important new academic programs, which we will be adding over the next few years.

We're ready for the future, we're ready to face the continuing challenges in higher education, and we're ready to join forces with Emmanuel Christian Seminary as we pursue our vision of changing lives and shaping culture through a commitment to Christian leadership. This is our shared vision. This is the vision that together, with Emmanuel Christian Seminary, we will relentlessly work toward. ✚

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