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ReGeneration Forum Recap

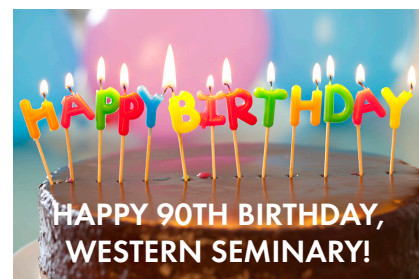
By Dan Kimball

With all the confusion about the Bible and Christianity today that there is among younger generations, it was an amazing day to see over 750 people gather for the ReGeneration Forum 2017 on Saturday, October 21 at Christ Community Church.

Speakers included Western faculty Tim Mackie, Gerry Breshears, Dan Kimball, and along with Western graduate Isaac Serrano. We had over 200 youth and young adult leaders come to a very, very crowded lunch lab, which focused on "Three Ways To Encourage Theological Thinking In The Next Generation."

Western Seminary is committed to seeing the Bay Area be a voice to encourage the movement for the next generation to be theologically thinking and learning how to respond to the tough questions of our day. The ReGeneration Project is planning on doing Bay Area training events for youth and young adult leaders, along with a few one night events for next generation this upcoming year. A podcast is in the works, which we will announce soon. For any questions or more information, contact Dan at dan@regenerationproject.org.

Please sign up on the [website](#), and follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#).



IMPORTANT DATES

JANUARY 1, 2018

Campus Closed for New Year's Day

JANUARY 6, 2018

Spring 2018 Semester Begins

JANUARY 15, 2018

Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday,
Campus Closed

JANUARY 31, 2018

Free Discover Coaching Event,
7:00pm-9:00pm. [RSVP by Jan. 24](#).
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FEBRUARY 28, 2018

Theology of Addiction Conference
at Grace Church in Fremont,
Guest Speaker: Dr. Gerry Breshears,
a Western Professor of Theology
[Sign up here!](#) (see pg. 2)

APRIL 20, 2018

Spring 2018 Semester Ends

APRIL 28, 2018

Summer 2018 Semester Begins

PERSPECTIVES CLASSES BEGIN JAN. 7

Perspectives is a unique discipleship course. An informational meeting will be held on Monday, January 7 at 2pm at Westgate Church, 1735 Saratoga Ave., San Jose. The first Perspectives class will begin on Sundays, January 21-May 20, 2018 from 2pm-5pm. Visit the first class session on January 21 at no charge. For more information or to register, go to www.perspectives.org or contact the class coordinator, Tish Seguin at 2018perspectives@gmail.com or 408-455-4234.

**NEXT GEN CHURCHES SEMINAR
THEOLOGY OF ADDICTION - FEB. 28**

On February 28, Next Generation Churches will be having a seminar at Grace Church in Fremont called "Theology of Addiction." The Guest speaker, Dr. Gerry Breshears, is a Professor of Theology at Western Seminary. Come for this one day seminar as we look at

the area of addiction and its impact on our churches. Dr. Breshears will walk us through biblically some views and approaches to the mental, spiritual and physical devastation that is addiction. The cost is only \$30. Lunch is provided! For more info, contact Next Generation Churches at 408-782-1145. [Sign up!](#)

**PREMARITAL COUNSELING CLASS
CNS 561L - MARCH 3 & 4**

You are welcome to sign up for [SYMBIS](#), an online assessment tool developed by Drs. Les and Leslie Parrott. SYMBIS is the most widely used pre-marriage system, used by over one million couples as well as 100,000 pastors and counselors. As certified facilitators, you can use SYMBIS to provide an excellent framework to discuss topics such as communication, roles, sexuality, finances, spiritual beliefs, personality differences and more.

Mar. 3 from 1pm-8pm, Mar. 4 from 8am-5pm. 1 credit. \$80 for materials.

THE CTF NEEDS YOUR HELP

The Christian Therapist Fellowship has two needs: 1) More core team people to help organize their meetings on an every other month basis, and 2) A more centralized location in San Jose to meet on a quarterly basis. If you can help, contact Steve Darrow at 408-985-1217.

**MINISTRY & EMPLOYMENT
OPPORTUNITIES**

We receive regular contact from churches and para-church organizations. Please see the Ministry and Employment Opportunities and Counseling binders in the Student Resource Center for more information about recent and previous posting. Browse the [employment opportunities](#) on our website. You may also add a job post through the placement site.

DISCOVER COACHING

Learn how to help people navigate their lives from where they are to where they aspire to be.

January 31, 2018 - 7pm-9pm

Discover how coaching can:

- Help people grow and achieve their goals
- Empower you to listen well and ask good questions
- Increase your leadership know-how
- Maximize your ministry and kingdom impact

At Discover Coaching:

Learn more about coaching and coach training options available at Western Seminary.

RSVP by Jan. 24 at www.westernseminary.edu/coaching/discover or contact Lisa Krehbiel at Lkrehbiel@westernseminary.edu

Also, an opportunity to experience:

Introduction to Coaching (CO 200/500)

February 1-2, 2018

The Non-credit application deadline (for audit/enrichment) is January 25, 2018. It is past the deadline for the Master's level spring application deadline (for credit).

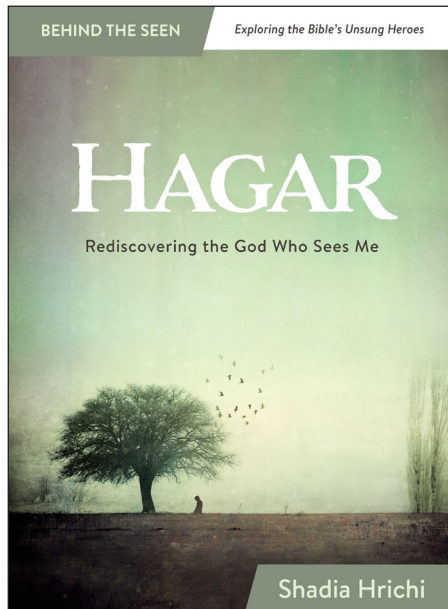


Western Seminary is located at:
Christ Community Church, 1000 S. Park Victoria Dr., Milpitas



Western Alums With Recent Published Work

Hagar: Rediscovering the God Who Sees Me



JUST RELEASED!

SUMMARY

"Am I known? Am I loved? Am I home?"

Every human heart is searching for the answers to these questions. Yet when life hurts, we feel betrayed and cry out one question: *God, do You see me?* The answer is yes. He is *Behind the Seen*.

As readers study Hagar's story, they will discover that Hagar's suffering, as well as their own, has a glorious purpose when viewed in light of eternity: to draw them into the arms of the faithful *God Who Sees Me*.

This seven-week in-depth Bible study will appeal to readers who:

- Want to discover how God has been working Behind the Seen in their own lives



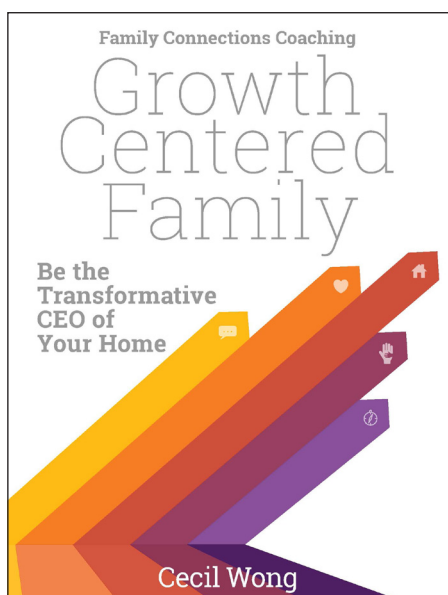
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- Are inspired by (and relate easier to) less renowned biblical characters
- Seek to understand God's eternal purposes in suffering
- Are passionate for God's redemptive plan for all people
- Enjoy Bible studies that challenge readers to dive deeper into God's Word

Growth Centered Family: Be the Transformative CEO of Your Home



JUST RELEASED!

SUMMARY

A growth centered family prevents unhealthy organizations around the following: children, fear, performance, activity, work, and education.

When emotions and relationships are growing toward maturity, members of the family will have wisdom and love to get clear and go forward with what matters most. Secondary priorities will be appropriately managed but the main things will not be overlooked, forgotten or sacrificed.

Family life is incredibly dynamic and it takes a lot of wisdom and strength to successfully navigate marriage, parenting, life after kids, and grandparenting.



CECIL WONG

Life Coach and Family Mentor
Family Connections Coaching

www.familyconnectionscoaching.com

Being growth-centered doesn't leave this highest priority up to chance. Elevating the value of lifelong learning will help prepare you for the storms ahead. Being growth-centered is absolutely essential to fulfill our vows of love to our spouses, our children and their children and beyond.

Introducing New Student Services Team

WILLIANA PURNAMA *Director of Student Services*



Williana Purnama joined Western Seminary as Director of Student Services at the San Jose campus on December 4 with

nearly a decade of experience in higher ed. Prior to Western Seminary, she served as the Student Success Center Manager and Faculty Manager at Carrington College, where she focused on creating a holistic student experience, providing academic support to students, and supporting faculty. Her greatest joy is seeing students empowered and lives transformed.

Williana holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Communication from the University of California, Davis, and a Master of Education degree in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Washington, Seattle.

Her husband, Danny, is a Western alum

and they have a little boy at home.

Williana loves to travel and in her spare time, she enjoys spending time reading travel books, websites and blogs, watching travel shows, and planning her next destination. The highlight of her travel experiences was a trip to Africa, where she was able to combine her two passions, travel and education. The opportunity to visit a local school and library in the outskirts of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, as well as interacting with the students and teachers has continued to fuel her passion for education.

She is excited to be part of the Western Seminary family and is looking forward to serving the students as they seek to be equipped for bringing the Gospel to God's people. You may contact her at wpurnama@westernseminary.edu, (408) 356-6889 x 405, or in person Monday through Friday.

MORENE CHOW *Student Services Associate*

On November 7, Morene Chow joined our team as the new Student Services Associate. She has a dual role assisting in the Student Services Department and the Marital and Family Therapy Program



Department. Morene went to UC Davis for her degree in Pharmaceutical Chemistry, and stayed for her Masters and

Credential in Education. She had been teaching High School Chemistry in Menlo Park for the past three years before coming to Western with an interest in Pastoral Counseling.

Morene's name comes from the Chinese pronunciation for lotus flower, but it is spelled differently because her dad intentionally wanted a unique spelling (she says that's usually the most common question once people see her name). She was born and raised in San Francisco and loves music and drawing.

Morene is here to assist you Monday through Thursday to assist you with any student services questions. You may reach her at 408-356-6889 x416 or mchow@westernseminary.edu.

AUDIT A CLASS FOR FREE EACH YEAR!

Alumni can audit one eligible class per academic year for free. Search the [Summer 2018 schedule](#) for specific courses and times, and to download syllabi. To audit a class, follow instructions on www.westernseminary.edu/audit-seminary-courses and submit the [Alumni Audit Opportunity](#) form.

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