

PENTECOSTAL IDENTITY: RECLAIMING OUR HERITAGE

First, I would like to join Dr. Fountain in thanking Dr. Paul Lewis for his excellent service to AJPS and wish him God's best in his future endeavors. I was privileged to be his classmate many years ago in seminary, and it has been wonderful to watch God use him in various capacities since then. Please join me in prayer for Paul, Eveline, Rachel and Anastasia as they walk into the bright future that God has for them.

We also have a new book review editor, Dr. Teresa Chai, a Malaysian Assemblies of God missionary who will be joining the APTS faculty this coming year. I would like to thank Dr. Roli de la Cruz for his years of excellent service. He and Amy have moved to the USA, and we wish them God's best. As a result of both transitions, however, there will no book reviews until the next edition.

I would also like to thank Dr. Fountain for the invitation to serve in this position, which I will do while Debbie and I continue to live in the Legaspi City area (southern Luzon) where we are involved in evangelism, church planting and leadership development. While I never thought of myself as a theological journal editor, this opportunity, in a sense, is a dream come true. For many years I have been active in doing theology in the Philippine context, especially in preaching and teaching. Lately God has been directing me to invest more time in the research, writing and reflection, preparation, I believe for this position, which will demand that I expand my horizons. I pray that I am up to the challenge.

This edition of AJPS is dedicated to two faithful servants of God who have now gone on to their eternal reward, Dr. William "Bill" and Doris Menzies. Dr. Menzies was a long time Assemblies of God educator who served as the president of APTS from 1989-1996 and chancellor from 1996-2011. Doris worked faithfully alongside him in various capacities, the most important being the mother of their two sons, Glen and Bob.

The 20th Annual William Menzies Lectureship Series, which was also done in honor of Bill Menzies, was hosted by APTS in Baguio from January 30 through February 2, 2012, with Dr. Glen Menzies and

Dr. Bob Menzies as the special speakers. All of the articles in this edition, except for the first two, were presented at the Lectureship.

The opening articles are two biographical sketches by Glen and Bob that provide an inside look into the warm humanity and accomplishments of their parents. From Doris and a friend sneaking into movies theaters to Bill taking the family on tours through historic battlefields, those of us who did not know them well are given a glimpse of their lives.

The materials presented at the Lectureship then follow. In a *Full Apostolic Gospel Standard of Experience and Doctrine*, Glen Menzies takes us back to the beginning of the Assemblies of God and seeks to articulate how our founders viewed themselves, especially as it related to being apostolic and evangelical” through the official documents they left behind. In his second article, *Speaking So Others Will Hear*, he challenges Pentecostals, especially the American Assemblies of God, to rethink their ecclesiology, especially in light of the post modern era that has impacted the West. In Bob Menzies’ article *The Role of Glossolalia in Luke-Acts*, he leads us into an exploration of role of tongues both in the life of the church and in the lives of individual believers, focusing in on Luke’s perspective. A slightly modified version of this article will appear in his forthcoming book *Why I am a Pentecostal* (Springfield, MO: Gospel Publishing House).

Three papers by other scholars were also presented at the lectureship. One was published in a previous edition of the Journal. The others are presented here. Jean-Daniel Pluss takes on a historical journey of God’s grace and points in the direction of the development of a Pentecostal pneumatology of the same. Steve Hong then shows how denominationalism had adversely impacted the unity of the global body of Christ and gives some biblical recommendations in a better direction.

Finally, I would like to welcome Kim Snider and Kaye Dalton who, along with my wife, have joined Roger and Glenda Dutcher, Dickie Hertweck and Ruth Wilson on the editorial team. Juliet Pasqual continues to do an excellent job as the Journal secretary on the APTS campus. My thanks to them for joining me in this endeavour.

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