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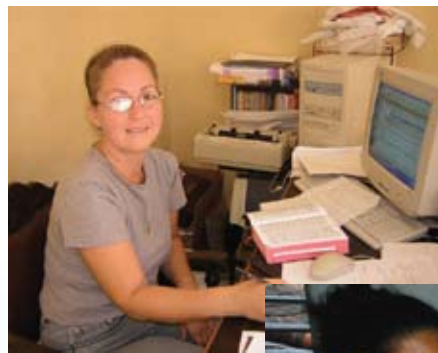
the website or via the iTunes store on the Internet; that way they are notified each time a new program comes out.

These programs are available, free of charge, to use on local radio stations. The process of using this resource begins by informing Herald of Truth of the intention to use the program, the name of the congregation using the program, and the station the program will be on. A listing of the latest programs, along with a description of each, is available at <http://www.lealabiblia.com/radio.html>. Programs can be downloaded from there by clicking on the link that says "Esuche: Lea La Biblia, Programa ____" (or right clicking on the link, depending on your browser).



Since 2006, Herald of Truth has been producing the radio program *Lea La Biblia* (Read The Bible), a program in Spanish designed to promote Bible reading and study. Five days a week, **Tim Archer** presents Bible study tips, Bible readings with commentary and *a cappella* music in a 15-minute format.

Because of the Internet, listeners around the world now tune in to this program on a regular basis. Approximately thirty thousand programs are downloaded each month from the [LeaLaBiblia.com](http://www.LeaLaBiblia.com) website. Many of these listeners write in with comments and questions, and numerous people have been connected with churches of Christ in their home country thanks to this program. Listeners can subscribe to the program via



The website provides the opportunity to subscribe to the program: signing up for e-mail delivery or an RSS subscription.



Promoted to Heaven

by Bill Brant

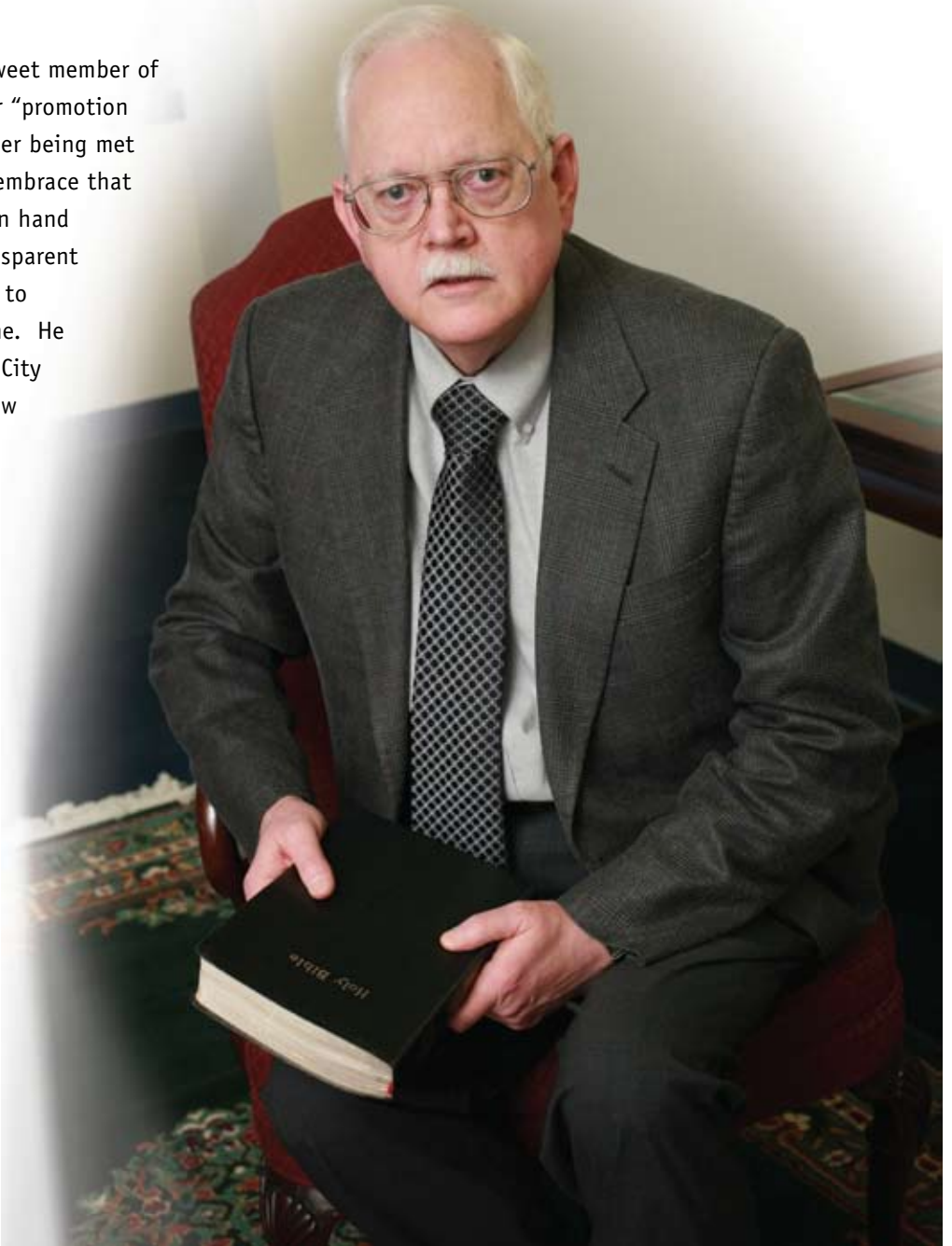
Promotion Sunday is an annual tradition in most of our congregations, usually taking place in the fall but occasionally at another time of the year. Somewhere around middle school you don't get promoted anymore, you just go to your age appropriate Sunday morning Bible class.

At the Southern Hills church of Christ I have the honor to teach the *Primetimers* class, those 65 and older. There is an often repeated joke that "when you get promoted out of Brant's class, you go to heaven." I laughed because it's funny, and lately for a number of our class members it's become true.

With the recent passing of a dear sweet member of our class, I began to think what her "promotion to heaven" was like. I envisioned her being met by her husband of 62 years and an embrace that had waited four years. Then hand in hand they began to walk down those transparent streets of gold as he introduced her to friends, for by now he knew everyone. He showed her all of the glories of the City Four Square, because by now he knew where everything was.

And then he took her to the throne room where the awe in awesome was inadequate to describe what she saw, felt and heard. There in the center was the great God Almighty and Jesus, her Savior, at His right. As she was drawn closer the promise of Revelation 22:4 was her's, for she saw His face. In a whisper that reverberated throughout heaven, He said, "My child, welcome home."

Someday we all hope to get promoted to heaven where we will see His face and hear the Hosanna of Joy and Welcome.



From the Field

by Steve Ridgell



"Thanks for honoring me with this great responsibility..."

It started out like many of the letters we receive: *"Today we heard your program on the radio here in Honduras. We would very much like to receive 3 Bibles. We are very*

anxious to know more about God; we have a lot of needs. This is an S.O.S. Please pray for us, we are in great need." This letter sounds like those you read in our newsletters from people searching for hope, purpose, joy, and peace in this life. But this letter is special because of what happened over the next few weeks.

The writer of this letter is a young teenager. The Bibles, along with study material, were sent to Honduras. She and her family became regular listeners of **Tim Archer's** radio program, *Lea La Biblia*, and studied together. A few weeks later we received \$15 from the young lady. I can only imagine how hard it was for her to come up with that sum. She was so grateful for the help in learning God's Word – and so amazed that someone cared enough to help – that she wanted to be part of helping others know God's Word.

Just as we do with all of our partners, we sent her a letter thanking her. It was a response that overwhelmed us. She wanted to thank us for honoring her with this great responsibility. She responded asking for help, and we provided it. But she also taught us by reminding us of the honor we have to partner with God in the responsibility of taking the good news of Jesus into all the world.

She is doing her part by learning the will of God and how to apply it to her life. She is helping to ensure that others learn it as well. It is exactly what so many of you do in your life. You study and grow in the Lord, you help others to do so in your community by your involvement in the ministries of your local church. And you partner with us to make sure our world hears the message of Jesus. What an honor for God to give us this opportunity. What a responsibility.

Our staff here at Herald of Truth Ministries are honored to be entrusted with the responsibility to help this world know Jesus. We get to spend our days in work that reaches people all over this world. 100% of our staff and our board contribute financially to this ministry. Just like you, we are all involved in local church ministries. We shepherd, teach, preach, and work with people in our own congregations and communities.

God is doing a great work in this world. What an honor for God to give us the responsibility to go into this world and make disciples.

And thanks to this young lady for reminding us.

Allen and Elam join Herald of Truth Board

Bob Allen of Abilene, Texas, and **Rick Elam** of Pottstown, Pennsylvania, were appointed to the Board of Directors of Herald of Truth Ministries, Inc. as of January 1, 2009. Also on that date **Harold Hazelip** completed his tenure on the board.



Allen has worked for Associated Publishing Company since 1985 rising through the job ranks to be appointed President in 1994, the position he has recently retired from.

He is active in numerous civic organizations such as: Boy Scouts, Kiwanis, Abilene Chamber of Commerce, and currently

serves on the Abilene Cultural Affairs Council and on the Board of Trustees of Christian Homes and Family Services.

Allen is an Elder of the Highland Church of Christ. He and his wife of 30 years, Janice, have three grown sons.



Elam, a graduate of Abilene Christian University with a degree in Marketing, has spent the last 24 years working for the Vanguard Group in Valley Forge, PA. He is currently a Client Administration Manager in the Institutional Division. He and his wife, Kathy, have three children. For 13 years

Rick was a member of the Board of Trustees for the Coventry Christian Schools in Pottstown. Since 2005 he has been an Elder at the Chesmont Church of Christ in Pottstown.

Hazelip was a speaker for the Herald of Truth television and radio programs for twenty years beginning in 1972. He served as President and then as Chancellor of Lipscomb University from 1986. He continues to teach and assist the University in numerous aspects. Hazelip and his wife Helen have two sons and five grandchildren.

Nine men currently serve as board members providing oversight to the ongoing efforts of Herald of Truth to share the words of Jesus with His world.

WHAT OUR LISTENERS *are saying...*

“I know I really need to turn completely away from my sin and have really struggled in doing so. I know for sure that I don't want to go any lower than I am now.” Thank You, Jason

“I thank God for programas like yours. May God keep using you and blessing you. I need you to send some Bibles to Colombia...” Betty, Miami

“I'm a listener of your program. May Jesus be your teacher so that you may teach us.” Celmira, Colombia

“I found your website and have been listening to the program. I want to study the Bible.” Elizabeth, Peru

“Hi. How exactly do I become a new creation in Christ?” Raquel

“I would like to know if there is a church near me.” Tina, Washington

“I'm writing you because I really feel the need to get closer to God. I'd like to be put in contact with Christians in my hometown.” Manuel, Venezuela

“... in summary I would say that I do need more support and just long to find a church where I can make friends whom can help me in my need and I can do the same in return.” Tracy, California

“Please connect me with Christians in my area. I know that I've let God down on several occasions, but TODAY I want to end this life and begin a new one.” Elías, Argentina

“Thank you so much for your reply! I am going to save it into a special file to go to whenever I feel that fear. I am so very grateful to have people like you that can explain things so well. I would like to be able to write you from time to time to discuss God & Jesus, if that's okay?” Kat, United States

U P C O M I N G M I N I S T R Y

April 9-10

Bill Brant and **Tim Archer** at the Cuba Summit to coordinate and plan future work in Cuba.

April 22-23

Tim Archer and **Steve Ridgell** to Brazil for evaluation and review of 2008 campaign.

April 24-26

Tim Archer and **Steve Ridgell** in Argentina meeting with congregations for 2009 campaign.

COME SEE US

April 17-19

Steve Ridgell speaking at the **West Broward Church of Christ, Plantation, Florida.**

May 5-8

Tim Archer, Karen Presley, and Steve Ridgell at the **Pepperdine Lectureship, Malibu, California..**

July 1-3

Bill Brant, Karen Presley, Tim Archer, and Steve Ridgell at the **Lipscomb Celebration, Nashville, Tennessee.**

You are always invited to visit us at one of our home congregations in or around **Abilene, Texas.**

Karen Presley teaches a Ladies' Bible class Sundays at the **Hawley church of Christ.**

Tim Archer teaches Bible class and preaches for the Bilingual congregation meeting at **University church of Christ.**

Bill Brant and Steve Ridgell teach Sunday adult classes at the **Southern Hills church of Christ.**

Steve also preaches Wednesday nights at **Southern Hills.**

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- Reaping the Harvest through Discipleship and Connecting Respondents with Local Churches.



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