

# The Verity Good Report

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## What else have you done in your life besides go to college?

A recent article in the Wall Street Journal Digital Network indicates that a college degree is not what it used to be. Today a college education is only a starting point for many employers. They are asking, “What else have you done in your life besides go to college?” To evaluate your value to their company, today’s employers want to know about your life outside your college studies—your interests, your service to the community, your personal qualities—as well as your work experience and skills.

Verity Institute has long recognized the importance of developing the whole man. Not only do we assist students in obtaining an accredited degree that is safer, quicker and less expensive than a traditional four-year college, but we also create an environment that fosters development of a Christian worldview and the growth of leaders.

We began our summer chapel program this month with a study of the book of Titus. We quickly learned that Paul left Titus in Crete to evaluate people and choose leaders. We studied the fifteen qualities of a leader in Titus 1:6-9:

1. Blameless (twice): integrity, without fault, above reproach
2. Faithful to his wife (a one woman man)
3. Raises faith-full children who believe in God and are faithful to Him
4. Not self-willed, stubborn or arrogant
5. Not quick-tempered or inclined to anger
6. Not addicted to wine or any other substance
7. Not violent, quarrelsome or a bully
8. Not greedy for material gain
9. Hospitable (treats guests with warmth and generosity)
10. Loves what is good (as defined by God)
11. Sensible and sober (has common sense)
12. Righteous and upright (conforms to God’s standards and will)
13. Holy (pleasing to God, devout)
14. Self-controlled, temperate, holds back self
15. Firm grasp of God’s Word and uses it to help others

Although these are the criteria for choosing church leaders, we recognized that each of us should aspire to a life characterized by these qualities, so that we might be the salt and light God intended us to be in this world.

We are excited about growing this summer with the ’09 class, and preparing for the arrival of the 2010 class September 1, 2008.

We covet your prayers. Please let us know how we may serve you in any way. May God richly bless you and your family.

– Kevin D. McCray, D.Min., Executive Director



## Meet the New Leadership Staff

At the start of this new semester, it is only appropriate that we take the time to honor two Verity staff members who have demonstrated excellence in their respective areas of work.

Dr. Gabriel Castelino, who has recently been promoted to the position of Academic Affairs Coordinator, has been with Verity Institute since 2004. In past years, Dr. Castelino has added years to the lives of many students with his intensive tutorials in upper level math, commitment to academic excellence, and computer courses. Our academic team is grateful for the atmosphere of confidence, vision, and knowledge his many years of experience in the academic arena has provided. When asked about his personal vision for the academic program he simply quoted 2 Timothy 2:15, “Study to shew thyself approved unto God a workman that needeth not to be ashamed rightly dividing the word of truth.”

Mr. Cameron Houser began his fourth year of service by transitioning from the Finance Department Coordinator to the Student Affairs Coordinator and Comptroller. Mr. Houser will be maintaining our event calendar as well as supporting Jason McCray, Kristina Kroon, and Molly Dietrich—our Student Affairs team—in any way he can.

During his many years of service, Mr. Houser has admired men such as Dwight L Moody and hopes to recreate their vision in his role as Student Affairs Coordinator. “A rule I have had for years is to treat the Lord Jesus Christ as a personal friend. His is not a creed—a mere doctrine—but it is He Himself we have.”

– Chéri Anderson, Assistant to the Director



*The “Red Stairwell” received a major overhaul with completely new woodworking and a sitting room.*



of the building—from the lobby, to the main stairway, to the offices, to the dorm rooms.

Thank you so much Dr. Gothard, Mr. Whitten, and team!

– Chéri Anderson, Assistant to the Director

## Building Renovation Update



*All the offices are being upgraded with new walls, lighting, and carpet.*

The renovation projects of last year continue into this summer as we make good improvements around our campus. We would like to extend our gratefulness for the special details that have enhanced every corner

## Prayer Request

It is always a question of warfare when the Gospel is being shared. This past week, several of our staff members have been assisting Susannah Whitten in an outreach towards Spanish girls from the inner city of Indianapolis. The girls have come from a rough background, and are spending the week at an IBLP owned farmhouse while learning skills such as cooking, home décor, and painting. Two of our staff members visited one evening to teach a cooking class, and they used the opportunity to present the girls with the salvation message. Please pray that the Holy Spirit will use the efforts of everyone involved to bring the girls to Christ.

– Chéri Anderson, Assistant to the Director



*One of the many projects has been the beautiful garden and brickwork finished on our South Entrance.*