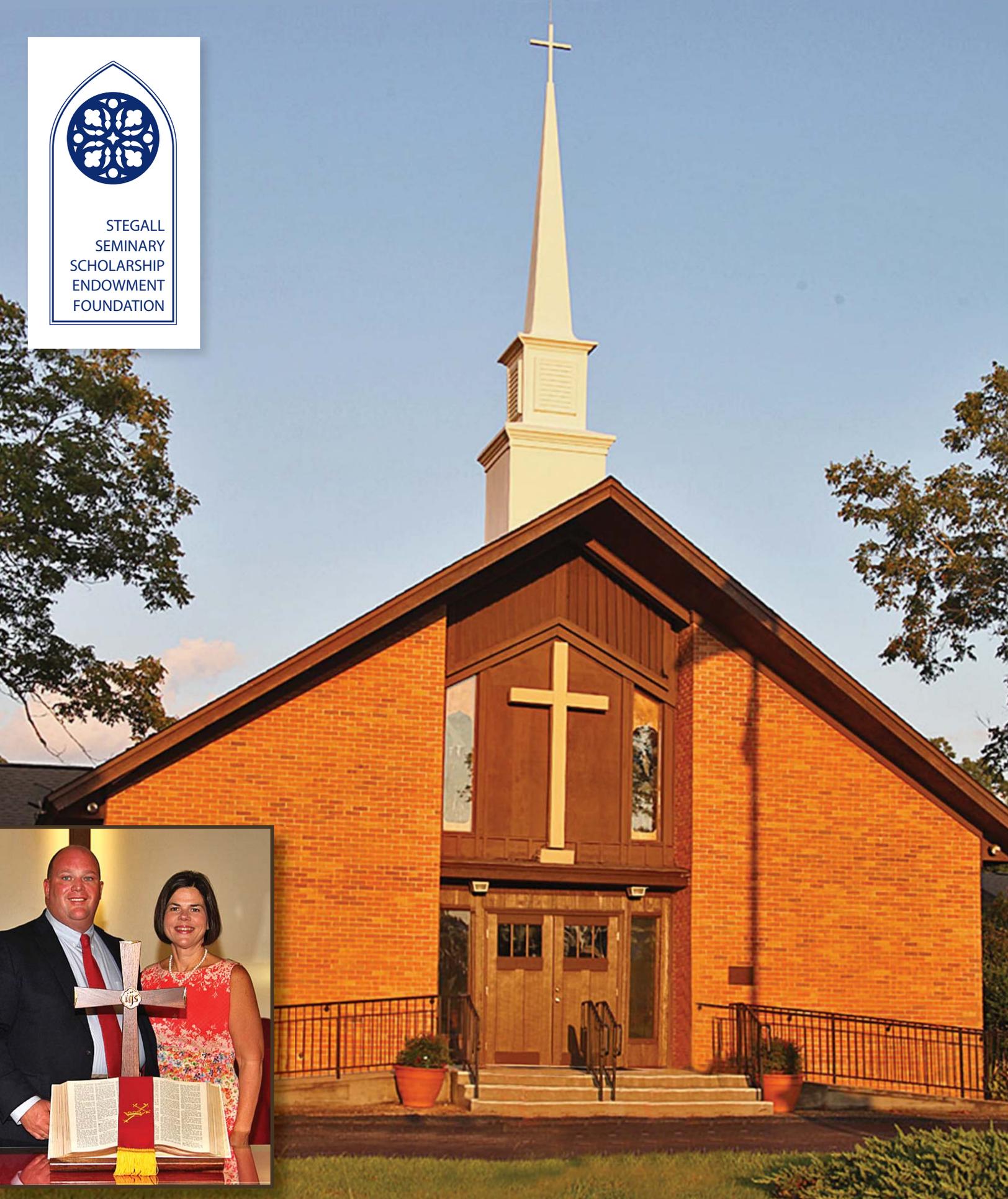




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A Conference on Generosity

Over 400 gather for Foundation's annual Dinner of Celebration

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On Thursday, August 6, 2015, the Stegall Seminary Scholarship Endowment Foundation held its annual Dinner of Celebration at the Renaissance Hotel in downtown Montgomery. Over 400 supporters gathered to hear words of thanksgiving from representatives of the 46 seminary students that are being supported by the Foundation during the 2015-2016 school year.

Each year, two extravagantly generous Foundation donors underwrite the entire cost of the banquet, ensuring that donations made to the Foundation only go directly toward

student scholarships. Dr. Jeremy Pridgeon, Director of Ministerial Services for the Alabama – West Florida Annual Conference, served as the evening's emcee. The invocation was given by John Russell, Jr., a third-year student at Gammon Theological Seminary.

Dr. Lawson Bryan, senior minister of First United Methodist Church of Montgomery, Ala., offered words of welcome to those gathered. He highlighted the special reason for the evening's celebration. "Of all of the many conferences that meet in this convention center, this gathering is different," said Bryan. "This is a conference on generosity. Let us not forget how unique this type of generosity truly is."

Bishop Paul L. Leeland, resident bishop of the Alabama – West Florida Conference, spoke words of gratefulness saying, "This Foundation is preparing a way for us to be able to fully fund our seminary students. We give our thanks to both Karl and his wife, Brenda, for their tireless efforts and leadership."

A highlight of the annual banquet is the ability for donors to hear firsthand from current seminary students. This year, three students shared their stories of hope and thankfulness with those in attendance.

Dr. Paulette Thompson, on behalf of the Stegall Seminary Scholarship Foundation Board of Directors, presented the sixth annual Donor Appreciation Award to Mr. Daniel Lindsey, Sr.

"He has been a connector, a contributor, and a passionate advocate for the Stegall Foundation," said Thompson. Past recipients of the award are: Boyd Goddard, Bishop Paul A. Duffey, Mr. John Bullard, Mr. Temple Mill-



sap, and Mr. Wayne Russell.

Personally thanking the donors present, Dr. Karl K. Stegall, retired Alabama-West Florida Conference pastor and volunteer executive director of the Foundation said, "Tonight is a celebration of you as donors and of your generosity, and for that we are very, very grateful."

As a going-forth challenge, Dr. David Saliba, Foundation alum and pastor at First United Methodist Church of Greenville, Ala., reminded those gathered that, "The good that is done with your donations reaches far and wide in the name of Jesus Christ."

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Doing What We Can, While We Can

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The award is presented annually to someone whose insight, guidance and support have furthered the Foundation's ability to respond to the needs of our seminary students. In presenting the award, Dr. Thompson said, "As we come to this annual banquet to celebrate the progress the foundation has made and to be inspired by the stories and courage of our students, we also come mindful that the foundation is dependent on all of us doing what we can, while we can. Tonight's recipient has modeled that for us."

Before revealing the identity of the award recipient, Thompson shared with those in attendance about his life. "Early on, he embraced the value of working hard for your dreams and recognized the importance of financial resources in making those dreams come true," she said. "His heart was captured by the possibility of the Stegall Foundation, and he did what he could, while he could."

A graduate of Auburn University, Lindsey was a CPA and became a principal at Jackson Thornton, where he worked for 45 years. Simultaneously, Lindsey served in civic and church leadership positions. In his home church of 52 years, Whitfield Memorial United Methodist Church of Montgomery, Ala., he served in almost every leadership capacity a lay person could. He also proudly served as a member of the Stegall Foundation Board of Directors until Alzheimer's disease prevented his continuance.

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He emphasized the thoughts from other speakers by saying that, "I believe the most important knowledge being dispensed in the world today is theology, what people believe about God. When you make an investment in a seminarian, when you make an investment in the Stegall Seminary Scholarship Foundation, what you are investing in is good theology; ...a theology of love and grace."

In accepting the award, Lindsey was honored by the over 400 guests with a standing ovation. The award was accepted on his behalf by his son, Daniel Lindsey, Jr. He was also joined at the head table by his wife, Kate; their daughter, Molly; their daughter-in-law, Genie; a host of grandchildren; and many other family members and friends.

Accepting the award, Lindsey, Jr. said, "On behalf of my dad, my mother, and our family we want to express our most sincere thanks and appreciation for this special honor for my father. I truly wish that Dad could express his gratitude for all of you, for your generous and unceasing support of this Foundation."

"I don't know exactly what Dad would say tonight, but I think it would go something like this...I really don't deserve any special credit. Thanks to all of you who have so generously supported the foundation over these many years. Don't grow weary of doing good!"

Reflecting on what his father would have said in closing, Lindsey, Jr. ended his remarks with the following: "Knowing my Dad, he would definitely challenge us all to consider digging a little deeper, renewing our commitment to this foundation and continuing to support these seminary students." Then he added, "I also believe my dad would finish out by saying that anything he's accomplished, he owes much of it to his wife of 55 years, Kate."



Kate and Dan Lindsey, Sr.

In closing, Dr. Stegall invited all of the seminary students present to come forward and asked Bishop Leeland to offer a blessing over the students.

A full recap and photos from the Dinner of Celebration may be found at stegallscholarship.com.





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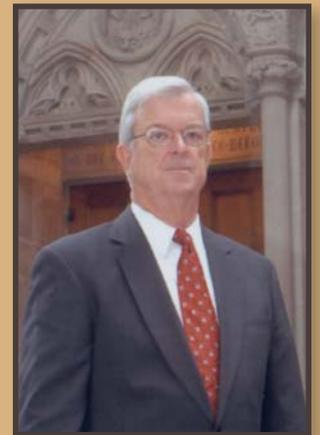
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Extravagant Generosity

One of the fastest growing areas in all of Alabama is Baldwin County. It holds the distinction of not only being the largest county in Alabama (2,027 square miles), but also the 12th largest county east of the Mississippi River. Baldwin County is larger than Rhode Island! There are so many wonderful United Methodist churches scattered throughout Baldwin County in towns like Bay Minette, Daphne, Fairhope, Foley, Gulf Shores, Loxley, Orange Beach, Robertsedale, and Spanish Fort. However, one of the strongest United Methodist Churches in all of Baldwin County is the Lillian United Methodist located just off Highway 98 almost halfway between Foley and Pensacola.



Founded in 1980 as a mission outreach of the Foley United Methodist Church 14 miles to the west, the Lillian United Methodist Church has grown continually over the past 35 years. In 2011, the Reverend Daniel W. Randall was appointed as the pastor, and it was a match made in heaven. Daniel and his wife, Tay, have provided great leadership for that vital congregation. Members who have been long-time residents of Lillian have joined hands and hearts with members that have moved from other states and have chosen to live in the Lillian area. This combination has infused a great sense of enthusiasm and vitality into the life of the church.

Several weeks ago, I received an invitation from Daniel to come and speak at the Lillian Church and share the story of our great need to support seminary students. I was simply overwhelmed when I drove down on August 9, in the midst of the summer, and saw that the church was filled at the 11 A.M. worship service. Daniel shared with the congregation his personal story of the scholarship assistance that he had received while being a ministerial student at both Huntingdon College and Candler School of Theology at Emory University. In so doing, Daniel encouraged his congregation to support our present seminary students. At the close of the service, with no previous announcement, Daniel took up a special offering for our seminary students, and over \$3,400 was given.

As Brenda and I left to come back to Montgomery, we both were amazed at their extravagant generosity. Every penny that they gave will go directly to our record number of 46 seminary students. Your individual and church gifts will do the same!

Karl K. Stegall

Pictured on the front cover are Rev. and Mrs. Daniel Randall