

May 2024



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Words from the President...

Betty and I are beginning to be more excited for our future and the future of Holmes. Please note I said, “more excited.” Our time here at Holmes has been such a blessing. We have been in the center of His will. We have been here seven (7) years. He has another door for us.

We will leave around the end of July. The new president, Rev. Kevin Sneed, hopes to be in place by July 29th. I am so excited about his coming. He and his wife, Summer, are full of energy and vision. They will lead the College well.

These are **His** words to us, “My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.” Exodus 33:14. For **He Himself** has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you. So, we may boldly say, “The Lord is my helper; I will not fear, what can man do to me?” Hebrews 13:5b-6.

I am working very diligently to have everything in order for President Elect Sneed and in preparation for the 127th term. “The best is yet to come!”

Betty and I felt so honored to see many of you at the reception Friday night before Graduation. We were so blessed by the many kind words, the food, and the gifts. Long will that night be remembered. We express deep appreciation to Chairman W.A. Mills, Committee Chairman Ray Boggs, and Alumni President Bill Rose.

I felt so privileged for the College Trustees to award me an Honorary Doctor of Ministry Degree. I have an accredited Bachelor of Arts, Master of Ministry, and a grand total of nearly nine (9) years of accredited study. This Degree means so much to me. Betty and I love Holmes so deeply. We both have worked at the College for over ten (10) years. I have taught all ten (10) of those years along with doing many other jobs. We are deeply in debt to this College. Our early Christian lives were formed here. Praise His Name!

We look forward to an expanded speaking ministry and time with our three (3) sons and their wives and those seven (7) grandchildren. Our numbers are (Chris) 405-397-7111 and (Betty) 405-401-3181.



Reception, May 3, 2024, following the Hooding Ceremony



President Thompson, with Mrs. Betty, receiving an Honorary Doctorate of Ministry from Chairman W.A. Mills and Treasurer Eddie Allen, representing the Board of Trustees.



Alumni Committee presentation of the Alumnaus Life-time Achievement Award to President Thompson.



Presentation of the Holmes flag from the
Faculty and Staff of Holmes.
(Shadow box built by Dale Huff.)



President Thompson with Mrs. Betty, their
three sons, two daughters-in-law, and five
of their seven grandchildren.

To see more pictures of the Hooding Night and Reception on May 3, 2024,
click this link to [Facebook](#).

(All pictures were taken by our student photographer, Andrea Corea)

**Here are some pictures of this year's graduation.
We successfully closed 126 years.**



Holmes Bible College
2024 Graduating Class
(three missed the picture)



Holmes Bible College
2024 Graduating Class
being inducted into the International
Holmes Bible College Alumni Association.



Holmes Bible College
Faculty & Staff



Alain Matonde, Valedictorian
Holmes Bible College
2023-2024



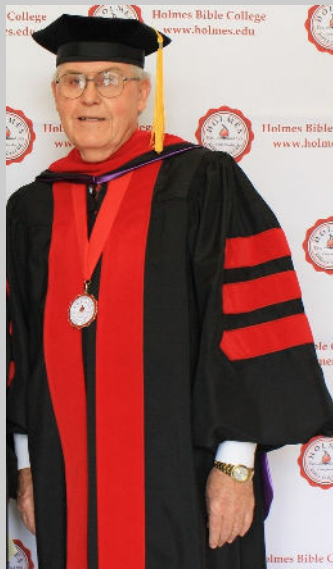
Jack Howell, Salutatorian
Holmes Bible College
2023-2024

To see more pictures of Graduation, May 4, 2024.

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**History was made on May 4, 2024.
Four men received
Honorary Doctor of Ministry Degrees from Holmes.
They are:**



President D. Chris Thompson -
"president, pastor, academic dean,
professor, dean of students, sustainer."



Dr. Terry Tramel -
"a sustainer, often speaker, an encourager,
prayer warrior, friend, worked faithfully with
three presidents."



Dr. Dan Woods -
"adjunct professor, encourager, prayer
warrior, friend of students, friend,
confidant."



Dr. Stan York-
"author of recent History, archives worker,
sustainer, researcher, encourager, prayer
warrior, friend, and speaker."



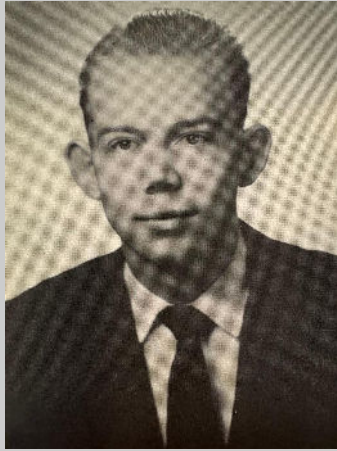
Four (4) Honorary Graduates

Archives Director

As Archives Director for Holmes Bible College, I would like to ask any former student, or child of a former student of Holmes, to send us a testimony of how you or a relative came to Holmes. Also, I would like to have a testimony of how your life and ministry was enriched by your time at Holmes. Please include the years of attendance also.

Betty Thompson, Archivist
mountgirlb@aol.com

Alumnus Testimony



Allen M. Dawson

I attended Holmes **1956-1959**. I thank my God upon every remembrance of the College! The three best years of my life were the time I spent there. Holmes taught me doctrine and principles to live by and I have endeavored to live by them. I still preach what I was taught. Sitting in my services you will have a lesson from Holmes, for it is a part of me. Holmes is my rock and my foundation. I will always be indebted to Holmes. I am turning 88 years old, and I still preach in the Fairview PH Church in Stuart, VA every Sunday. They don't want me to stop, and I don't want to stop. Holiness is the basis of it all. Holiness is the sweetness of our salvation and I love it. Holmes instilled that in me, and I thank the Lord Jesus Christ for it. The best decision of my life was choosing to go to Holmes. I was following the Lord's will and was so thankful. I turned down a good job to come to Holmes and I have never regretted it.

The Lord bless Holmes and all the students and use us all for His Glory.

Allen M. Dawson
Fairview PH Church
Stuart, VA

SPECIAL NOTE:

On arrival at the Alumni Meeting in February, Pastor Dawson noticed the front entrance floor of the Church needed replacing. He immediately gave Pastor Thompson a substantial check. He did so to honor his departed wife, Lillie Faye Dawson.

The Church and I express our deepest appreciation

-Pastor Thompson

Here they come!



The Sneed Family

President Elect Kevin Sneed, Summer, Abby, and Nate

The Lord is at work at Holmes.
Come and see us!



D. Chris & Betty Thompson,
President & First Lady of
Holmes Bible College

Seize the Day! Seize God!
Colossians 3:23-24

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