

At the Arlington National Cemetery, as well as Buckingham Palace, is a time honored tradition. The Changing of the Guard is the formal ceremony of sentries exchanging their duties of keeping watch over their valuable institutions. This relief comes at scheduled intervals, and is pageantry to watch.

September 25 and 26 was a changing of the guard for our beloved GSST. Dr. Jim Parker, Dr. Stan Hay and Dr. Paul Graves, the former Presidents of Golden State School of Theology, were all present at the 2009 Commencement and 30th Anniversary of the ministry. At that time I was honored, and accepted the office of the President of the school going forward.

The rich heritage and tradition of our institution has been served admirably by these three great men. I am deeply humbled to serve in their shadow. So many lives have been touched and changed around the world because of their faithful stewardship to protect and proclaim the Word of God. Their dedication to spent their lives to disciple many others should be the example that each of us aspire to.

Today we have the tremendous privilege and opportunity to build on the foundation which has already been laid. Dr. Graves, who has mentored me over the past year, will continue to guide me through this transition. I hold his counsel in high esteem. I have a great vision for the growth and expansion of the School, which I will be sharing with you in the months to come.

I am calling on you to ready yourself for the work ahead. This is the time to step up by giving back to the Institution that has blessed you. May GSST continue to train and equip the saints of God as laborers into the harvest field of the world. May we endeavor to do all that is in our hearts to do for the Lord, in the mighty name of Jesus. And may we seek to find new ways of sacrificial service and generous giving, that God would use this ministry to touch many more lives in future generations, until He comes again.

The guards have changed. A new watch has begun. A fresh vision is dawning. I would ask that you prayerfully consider how you can be a part this work – offering your time, talents and treasures to reach the next generation.