

2016: News, Musings, and Exploring our APSC Artefacts

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AC Alumni Focus – Don Badham

After he converted to Christianity, Don Badham grew increasingly dissatisfied with his profession as an accountant, having been impacted by the preaching of James Wallace and Leo Leo at Glad Tidings Tabernacle, as well as Reg Klimionok's Saturday door-knocking training and Commonwealth Bible College (CBC) treks to Toowoomba. Don decided to enter CBC (now Alphacrucis College – AC) in 1960, and subsequently became college treasurer and head student, as well as running the student canteen, assisting in the Stafford Assembly of God then pastoring at S



andgate Assembly of God. Although Badham had not even considered missionary service, after graduation in 1963, the Assemblies of God in Australia missions council asked him to become a temporary field accountant in New Guinea, until they could find a permanent replacement. Once there, he began assisting Tommy Evans in Maprik Bible School, becoming principal in 1966. He and his wife Pearl served in New Guinea for the next 24 years, training many of those who would later lead the independent Assemblies of God Papua New Guinea. In 1987, David Cartledge invited Don to become principal of Rhema Bible College which ultimately placed over 100 Assemblies of God pastors in Queensland.^[1] He served there for 11 years, developing a very successful Bible College Extension Course, with enrollments of over 400 students at any one time throughout Australia. At that time, the College was the only major distance provider of external courses within the Assemblies of God. Don has a Bachelor of Theology with I.C.I., a Master of Arts in Biblical Studies from Luther Rice Seminary, has written numerous subject materials, papers, study guides and courses, and has extensive experience as a Bible teacher. He also has considerable experience as a church pastor, board member, accountant, administrator, and committee member.^[2] Attached here is one of his most recent studies: BADHAM, Don – GOD's Lead-up to Christ's Coming Limited Edition.

^[1] Denise Austin, *Our College: A History of the National Training College of Australian Christian Churches (Assemblies of God in Australia)* (Sydney: Australasian Pentecostal Studies Supplementary Series, Volume 5, 2013), 82, 147.

^[2] Don and Pearl Badham, *Personal Interview with the Author* (Redland Bay QLD: 16 September 2011).

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History of Gateway Church by Denis and Gwen Smith

On Saturday 18th June 2016, the historic Gateway Church celebrated the opening of a new state-of-the-art facility. This church was planted, in 1951, through the efforts of staff and students at Commonwealth Bible College (now Alphacrucis College). Under the leadership of Chris and Beverley Aiton (2002-current) it has grown to become one of the leading Pentecostal churches in Brisbane. In honour of the official dedication of the new complex, Denis and Gwen Smith have written a detailed history of the founding and development of Gateway Church. Read it [here](#).

