

Chi Alpha Campus Ministries, USA
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Dennis Gaylor (Springfield, MO) is a nationally appointed missionary with the Assemblies of God and the national director of Chi Alpha Campus Ministries, the Assemblies of God ministry to students on secular college and university campuses in America.

Seventeen million collegians are pursuing degrees on campuses nationwide. Chi Alpha Christian Fellowships are established at more than 247 major colleges and universities throughout the United States, involving more than 15,000 students in weekly evangelism and discipleship.

Under Gaylor's leadership, national appointment for men and women called to serve in university ministry was introduced in 1992. Today there are 268 nationally appointed Chi Alpha campus missionaries.

Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship also serves international students studying on U.S. campuses through friendship and conversational English partners, Bible studies, retreats and social events. Almost a million international students and scholars, representing 200 nations of the world, attend campuses in the United States.

Gaylor speaks at retreats, campuses and missions conventions. He authored *Reaching the College Near You* and edited *Reach the U: A Handbook for Effective Campus Ministry*. He has traveled to Asia, Europe, Africa and South America – participating in university ministry training.

Born and raised in Texas, Gaylor attended the University of North Texas in Denton, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in psychology. He also holds a Master of Science degree in behavioral sciences from the University of Houston, Clear Lake.

Gaylor, an ordained AG minister, began his ministry as a youth pastor at Lindale Assembly of God, Houston, Texas. In 1974, he was appointed Chi Alpha director for the South Texas District Assemblies of God.

In 1978 he was appointed to serve in the national youth department as Chi Alpha training coordinator. Chi Alpha became part of the U.S. Missions department of the AG in 1986 in order to enhance the mission to America's colleges and universities. With this reorganization, Gaylor was appointed as the first national director for the newly established Chi Alpha Campus Ministries Department. He has served as national director for over 29 years.

Gaylor is married to Barbara Hardee, a graduate of Southwest Missouri State University in Springfield, MO. They are the parents of two children, son Jason (31) married to Lindsey and daughter Jennifer (deceased).

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