

Doing Your Part

Did you have a rural minister, like Bro. Dale, who was your pastor, mentor, camp counselor, or friend?

- Honor his or her life and memory with a contribution.
- Include the fund in your advanced financial planning.

Do you attend or have roots in a rural Cumberland Presbyterian Church?

- Encourage your church to pledge as an investment in their future pastors.
- Hold an annual fund-raiser with the proceeds going to the endowment.

How Can You Contribute?

Send your tax deductible contribution to:

Board of Stewardship, Foundation
and Benefits of the Cumberland
Presbyterian Church
8207 Traditional Place
Cordova, TN 38016
#901-276-4572 (x207)

Make checks payable to:
"Board of Stewardship"
Note "Gentry Scholarship"
in memo line.



Rose Hill Cumberland Presbyterian Church
2133 Hwy 83 North
Monticello, AR 71655



The Dale Gentry Program of Alternate Studies Scholarship Endowment for Rural Ministry



Seth, Steve, and Sean Gentry 2022

Established in 2018 by the
son and grandsons of Bro. Dale



Three generations of Gentrys:
Bro. Dale, Steve, Seth, Sean - 2000

The Need For Rural Ministers

75% of Cumberland Presbyterian Churches in Arkansas serve rural communities. Many struggle to find ordained CPC pastors to preach and to provide for their congregations.

Rural pastors are often bi-vocational, or are called to preach as a second career. Candidates find their seminary education a financial challenge.

To become ordained these men and women are required to take master degree level course work, often while supporting a family and working full time.

The vision of the Gentry Scholarship Endowment is to use the interest from the fund to award scholarships to PAS candidates who have a heart for rural ministry.



Program of Alternate Studies

The Cumberland Presbyterian Church offers two tracts for ordination as a ministry. The primary method is a Master of Divinity degree (MDiv) from an accredited seminary.

Because some candidates from the ministry hear God's call when an MDiv is very difficult to earn, for example, when called in the prime of their careers, when they are raising a family, or when nearing retirement. For those, the church offers a second tract for ordination, the Program of Alternate Studies.

The Gentry Scholarship Endowment nurtures PAS candidates so that they are able to complete their education and begin serving a church.

A Heart For Rural Churches

Churches served by Rev. Dale Gentry:

- Mt. Moriah CPC, Moriah, AR
- Shell Chapel CPC, Pine Bluff, AR
- 1st CP Church, Pine Bluff, AR
- Rose Hill CPC, Monticello, AR
- Pine Ridge CPC, Grapevine, AR
- Campground, Hampton, AR
- Camden CPC, Camden, AR
- Newton Chapel, Cornerville, AR
- Mt. Zion Presbyterian, Relfs Bluff
- 1st Presbyterian PCUSA, Star City AR



**Rev.
Dale
Gentry**

Rev. Dale Gentry, a Cumberland Presbyterian minister, started his preaching at the age of 18. His ministry to rural churches spanned 74 years.

He served as many as eight churches in southeast Arkansas, simultaneously. In the 1950's he was the only active minister in Bartholomew Presbytery, at one time serving every church in its bounds.

Much of this time, Bro. Dale was a postal worker, teacher, coach, and school principal, in addition to preaching.

He continued his ministry until the age of 91. He preached his last sermon at Newton Chapel in Cornerville, AR.

Bro. Dale held revivals throughout the summer anywhere he was called.