

## Alumna Karen Davis Connects with Her Students



Karen Davis (back right), Master of Theological Studies, 2006

When God called Karen Davis to MTS—Michigan, He did it through her car radio. As a veteran elementary teacher at Plymouth Christian Academy in Canton, Karen had been offered a job at the school teaching Bible to high-school students. Although she had spent 11 years teaching inductive Bible studies at nearby Calvary Baptist Church, she felt unprepared to teach Bible courses at a secondary level.

"I didn't know of any Bible schools in Michigan, so I thought I should take a correspondence course at Moody," she remembers. "Then one day I was in the car listening to Christian radio and an ad came on for MTS in Plymouth, about 2 miles away from where I work. I called MTS from my car and I went to visit and before I knew it, I had been accepted."

Karen's initial confidence in her extensive experience as a Bible teacher was put to the test on the first day of class, which she found so challenging that she "just about fell on the floor." But she says the prayers, grace, and support from her professors helped her to make it through.

"My professors really modeled humility to me", Karen says. "Often, with knowledge comes pride, but I watched them live a humble Christian life before me. I really appreciated the integrity with which the professors handled themselves."

In particular, she is grateful for the Hermeneutics class, because she uses those skills every day to help teach her students to read the Bible in context. She also appreciates Prof. Raju Kunjummen's Greek classes, which she found very difficult but through which she cultivated a deep respect for Scripture.

"Prof. Kunjummen cautioned us to be very careful in interpreting God's Word and to be very respectful," she says. "He had high expectations, but he saw my persistence and dedication. I feel like he appreciated that."

At Plymouth Christian, Karen delights in teaching God's Word in six classes every day. She is blessed with opportunities to build relationships with her students. She mentors a group of girls through lunchtime "Connect" groups, which are made up of two girls from each high school class. She disciples seniors, who in turn disciple the younger girls.

"I have a passion for cultivating these relationships," she says. "I have found over the years it is really difficult to teach Bible to high school students unless they respect you. They watch everything that you do and say. They see your life."

## Moody Concludes 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year

Moody Bible Institute marked 125 years of service to Christ with a year-long celebration of the founding by D. L. Moody and the bold legacy of Moody's ministries. Anniversary events began at a special President's chapel on Jan. 25, 2011, when students and employees viewed the debut of a five-part documentary series commemorating the bold legacy of Moody.

Other 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events included chapels with speakers like Gene Getz and Lyle Dorsett, the re-issuing of *The MBI Story* by Jim Vincent, Moody Radio featurettes focusing on segments of Moody's history, and 125 Hours of Prayer in August which concluded with a concert by Christian artist Aaron Shust.



Anniversary Luncheon  
October 1, 2011

The 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration culminated on October 1 with more than 3,000 guests in attendance at a luncheon in downtown Chicago. Dr. Chuck Swindoll, host of *Insight for Living*, delivered a poignant message as featured speaker. Moody's music ensembles performed and Reg Grant, professor of Pastoral Ministries at Dallas Theological Seminary, reenacted a D. L. Moody sermon.

"I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to those who helped put the various elements of Moody's celebration together this past year," Moody's President, Dr. Nyquist said. "I humbly ask

that you continue to pray that the ministries of Moody will continue to advance the gospel of Jesus Christ around the world."