

continued from front

sound advisor, the one who baptized you, an inspiring preacher, a compelling author, and a deep Bible teacher. As his family, when we picture him, we see him walking out to the woods behind our house to go on a prayer walk with his heavenly Father. Now, we know that his dream of walking with God side-by-side has become his reality. And though we mourn him in the most profound of ways, we will strive to follow his example. Sam leaves behind his wonderful wife, Geri, the love of his life, his partner in everything, and his devoted caretaker in his final years. He also leaves behind four children, their husbands and wives, and 14 grandchildren.

Please join us in honoring his life on Saturday, February 15th in Durham, NC, with worship directed by Sherwin Mackintosh. Flowers can be sent to the Triangle Church on February 14th, or in lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Camp Swamp.

Memorial arrangements:

Date: Saturday, Feb 15, 2025

Time: 2pm, followed by dinner provided at the Triangle Church. All are invited

Location: The Triangle Church, 2103 Page Rd, Durham, NC 27703

Airport: RDU Raleigh-Durham International Airport

Livestream: <https://www.youtube.com/@Triangle-ChurchofChrist>

Hotel: TBD. Special rate being arranged. (Sam was a romantic; he would have loved the idea of many Valentine's dates happening in the city he raised his family the night before his memorial.)

All up-to-date information can be found at www.trianglechurch.org



LATEST STORIES ON www.DisciplesToday.org:

Go to www.DisciplesToday.org to read the latest News articles and to access the archives for all channels.

> 2025 Climb Small Church Conference:

Oct 1-4 in Lansing, Michigan

December 21, 2024 • Rob Skinner, Joel Peed, and Joel Nagel
We're excited to announce that next year's Climb Small Church Leadership Conference will be held Wednesday, October 1st, through Saturday, October 4th, 2025, in Lansing, Michigan. We're looking forward to...

> Chance of a Lifetime Applications Close Dec. 31

December 18, 2024 • Isaiah Young – Chance of a Lifetime
We are excited to announce that applications are now open for Chance of a Lifetime (COAL) season 5! Season 5 begins May 2025 – August 2026. Over the last four years, we have seen 50 young men and women take on an exciting adventure to serve God...

> New DT Heart & Soul Marriage: Donell & Kalesita

December 17, 2024 • DT Heart & Soul

Donell (48 years old) and Kalesita (44 years old) met on DT Heart & Soul (DTHS). Donell is an educator from Houston, TX and Kalesita is a stylist from Auckland, New Zealand via Suva, Fiji. In March 2023, Donell sent the first message to her through the...

> Register for 2025 HOPE worldwide Volunteer Corps

December 12, 2024 • HOPE worldwide

HVC 2025 trip registration is now open! Join us in 2025 for an unforgettable service-learning adventure with HVC! HVC works to partner with communities affected by material poverty: helping to train teachers, mentor youth, rebuild after natural disasters...



disciples today

To Inspire, Inform, Unify and Grow
the International Churches of Christ

INTERNATIONAL & LOCAL NEWS BULLETIN

WWW.DISCIPLESTODAY.ORG • ISSUE 989

Sam Laing Goes Home to the Lord

December 23, 2024 • The Laing Family

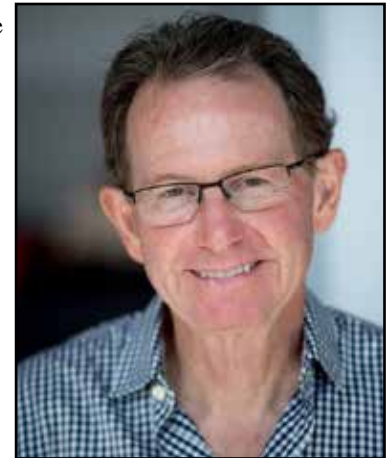
Our family is saddened to announce that on December 12th, the Lord called home our beloved husband, father, and grandfather, Sam Laing.

We wanted to share this news along with an open invitation to his memorial service on Saturday, February 15th.

In the winter of '69 Sam was baptized at University of Florida and soon became the campus minister for the Crossroads Church of Christ. What followed was a decade of spiritual revolution

seeing thousands of college students baptized into Christ and hundreds of leaders sent out to build campus ministries across the country during the discipling movement of the '70s. Many of these leaders and campus ministries came together to form what is now our current fellowship of churches. And Sam was there at the very start of it all. Throughout the years, he served as an evangelist in Atlanta, Boston, Miami, New Jersey, Raleigh, Athens, Fayetteville, and Palm Beach. He became a championing voice for godly marriages, building strong families, and a deep walk with God as an author of books like Raising Awesome Kids in Troubled Times, Friends and Lovers, Be Still My Soul, The Guilty Soul's Guide to Grace, and Mighty Man of God. For over 55 years he has helped guide our fellowship by serving as a kingdom evangelist, elder, and teacher. Our church family has lost one of God's mightiest men this side of heaven.

As for us, we knew him as the most loving husband, the best father, and the sweetest granddaddy. Many of you knew him as a best friend, a



UPCOMING EVENTS

Broward Singles NYE Party
Ft. Lauderdale, FL, USA
December 31, 2024

Teleios Conference
February 20-22, 2025
Abilene, TX, USA or online

DT Travel: Caribbean
February 23-March 2, 2025

Beloved & Dignified Conference
Online
March 28-29 2025

ICMC Europe
Tallinn, Estonia
April 18-21, 2025

DT Travel: Alaska
July 6-13, 2025

ICMC
Los Angeles, CA, USA
July 31-August 3, 2025

DT Travel: South Africa
September 20-October 2, 2025

ICOC Delegates Meeting
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
October 22-24, 2025

CONNECTING DISCIPLES IN
CHURCHES AROUND THE WORLD



International News reprinted
courtesy of Disciples Today
www.DisciplesToday.org
content@dtoday.net
All rights reserved ©2024