Arthur Edmund Vail and Anna Elnora Albright were united in marriage on October 15, 1908 in Brewster, Kansas. Right away a family altar was set up in their new home where it was used three times a day.

The Vails had nine children: Oren, Marion, Harley, Zola, Charles, Velma, Elmore, Virgil and Lois. Sundays began an hour earlier than usual to get the milking done and everyone ready to drive the seven miles to Sunday School by horse and buggy.

A friend informed the Vails about a Christian school in Nampa, Idaho, where classes opened with prayer. They started taking the Messenger and were impressed that the school not only had a high school but a grade school, which seemed to fit the Vail’s needs. Mr. Vail visited the school and when he went home was fully persuaded that if the way opened, Nampa, Idaho would be their new home. On September 18, 1929 the family moved to Nampa where their children could get the Christian education their parents desired. Mr. Eugene Emerson, founder of NNC, helped them find their first home. All of the children attended school on the NNC campus.

Arthur died May 8, 1965; Elnora died on January 6, 1968.

Criteria for awarding of scholarship

1. Student must be a sophomore or above.

2. Full-time students status, including a 2.0 GPA, is required.

3. Student should have a major in Religion or Religious Education.

4. Nominations for the scholarship are to be made by the Department of Religion for approval by the Scholarship Committee.

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