The
Forrest Dale Bailey
“Run for the Crown”

SCHOLARSHIP

“I have fought the good fight. I have finished the race. I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day. And not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.” — II Timothy 4:7-8

Forrest D. Bailey ran that race for 55 years before the Lord set the crown on his head in 1977. Oldest of four children in a single-parent home, he assumed lifelong leadership for his family. Fort Dodge, IA Church of the Nazarene was his home church. Forrest would hurriedly change clothes after work and join others working routinely till midnight to finish the structure. He did not hesitate to mortgage his own home to secure financing for the church. Forrest’s sister Beverly is still active in that very church; his brother Clayton ran the race as a Nazarene evangelist until 1978.

The race took Forrest to Tarawa and Saipan in the Pacific theatre of World War II, where he was battlefield promoted to 2nd Lt. and left the 2nd Marine Division as a 1st Lieutenant upon receiving his second Purple Heart. Through 31 months of service he ran the race by holding Bible studies and mentoring young recruits. On the troop ship to Saipan his meager Bible study grew from three on the first night to 61 Marines the night before the beach assault. Parents of Marines who found the Lord in those studies wrote Forrest for years after the war to express appreciation.

Forrest obtained his engineering degree from the University of Iowa in 1951 while working full-time and, tragically, lost three small children during that time. Yet he served the Lord. God blessed his career and he worked as Vice President of Manufacturing at New Idea Farm Equipment, Galion Iron Works and Gehl Manufacturing. His job never slowed him in his race. He proclaimed the good news as a Sunday school teacher, lay preacher, public speaker, and neighbor. Near the end of his race, Forrest focused on encouraging young pastors and faithfully supported his regional Nazarene college even while bearing tuition costs for his own children as they attended Nazarene colleges.

Forrest’s wife Margaret resides in Clarion, Iowa and attends the Church of the Nazarene. Daughter Connie Hoffert and husband, Wayne, live in Staples, MN. They met at ONU and served in ministry for 15 years. Connie now works with challenged children in the school system. Mark Bailey lives in Wichita, KS with his wife Sandra, and as a senior manager of Catholic Charities is responsible for assisted living communities in Colorado and Kansas. Timothy Bailey and his wife Nancy (Taylor, NNU ’75) live in Frankfort, IL where Tim is President of TCF National Banks in Chicago and Milwaukee. Tim and Nancy helped charter a church in Andover, MN and are now helping in the Frankfort work.

As sponsor of this scholarship, Timothy and Nancy Bailey desire to come alongside students who are serving the Lord and encourage them as they become equipped to obtain the crown about which Paul wrote to Timothy.

Criteria for the Award

1. Recipients are to be students who are demonstrating that “Running the Race” occurs throughout life and is not postponed until after graduation
2. Nominations for the award shall be made by the faculty of the Department of Business & Economics and/or the Department of Education
3. A minimum GPA of 3.0 is required for nomination
4. Recipients are to be no more than fourth year students
5. Financial need should be demonstrated and evaluated by the Office of Financial Aid
6. Lineal descendants may apply for the scholarship but must meet or exceed the preceding criteria.

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