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Scholarship Established in Honor of Dr. Charles Ware of the College of Biblical Studies

Houston, TX – The Rudolph-Ware Scholarship has been created to highlight the power of relationships that span ethnic and cultural divides.

The friendship of Dr. Charles Ware and Mr. Ken Rudolph began in 1969 at <u>Clarks Summit University</u>. Through the years, their friendship has grown deeper despite racial division from the 60's through today. A model of what multiethnic friendship should be, Ware and Rudolph see their friendship as a privilege and blessing.

"The day I stepped foot on campus, I met Charlie Ware," Rudolph said. "It became obvious that he was someone who loved God. I knew this was a man of character, and I wanted to be his friend. God knit our hearts together."

A common thread for this pair is a commitment and passion for ministry. Both men have made it their life's work to evangelize the lost and improve issues of racism, inequity, and disunity with believers and to exchange conversations between "us and them" for "us and us."

Ware is the executive director of <u>Grace Relations</u>, a ministry of the College of Biblical Studies which exists to equip pastors and other Christian workers to engage in meaningful conversation and collaboration to bridge racial, ethnic, and cultural divides.

" In the midst of the divisions and racial strife in our country, I met Ken," Ware said. "In 1968 when I stepped foot on campus, our country was going through civil rights struggles. To have a black and white friendship that has only grown over the years is something very special and a testament to what the grace of God can do."

In an interview for Clarks Summit University, it states Rudolph's son is the person who wanted to see this scholarship established. "I wanted to form this scholarship to honor these men of godly character and highlight their friendship," Chris Rudolph said. These graduates of CSU are godly men who have had a huge impact on many lives. They are a good example of allowing their connection and identity in Christ to be the highest unifier."

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