

Howes' Happenings – May 2026

January and February were busy. Richard spent a week at NOBTS speaking at the Defend! Apologetics conference. We both spoke in Sarasota at an Apologetics conference. Rebekah recorded a podcast with Teasi Cannon; and she also spoke to an American Heritage Girls group.

Much of our ministry is mentoring and supporting students, former students, and others in ministry. To that end, Spring was filled with phone calls, Zoom sessions, and hosting people in our home to offer counsel and respite.

In March, Rebekah spoke at a Ladies' Forum in Charlotte and Richard taught a 'semester-in-a-week' module. In April, we were both back in the Carolinas where Richard spoke at an Apologetics Conference in Fort Mill, SC. Rebekah was also able to make an additional trip to Charlotte to consult with a surgeon who developed a specialized procedure.

We were blessed to spend Easter with Rebekah's parents. Her dad preached the Easter Sunrise service and her mom played the keyboard. It was extra special to have one of our nieces with us for the weekend. Later in the month, we had a few hours with other nephews and nieces, and Rebekah was able to spend a few hours with her brother and some of his family. We are thankful for godly families and cherish the moments we have with them.

Once all of the Ph.D. dissertations were defended and the doctoral projects completed, we returned to the Carolinas for SES graduation. We were thrilled to host a family from South Africa who graciously host us annually. This was the first time one of our South African graduates has made the trip to the U.S. for graduation and it was fun to show them American things. They brought a new appreciation for the things we take for granted – the grown daughters asked to walk a block "because they could." Walking is not safe in their country and they expressed wonder at the freedom we have to simply walk knowing they were safe.

As we close out May and approach June, Richard has one more module to teach and we have several more road trips to fit in as we prepare to return to South Africa. We are grateful that the Lord has provided the means for us to take over twenty books to the team in South Africa to use in the fight for truth. Please continue to pray for our physical stamina and safety as we travel and minister to those in need.

As always, thank you for your faithful prayers and support,

Richard & Rebekah