

Seminary Creates New Scholarship Funds

At Greenville Seminary, it has always been our belief that students called by God to minister in His vineyard should not have to enter that calling with a mountain of debt created in the pursuit of their studies. Therefore, our tuition is one-half to a third less than other historically Presbyterian seminaries. Students who come from GPTS-supporting churches or Presbyteries often have their tuition waived, a valuable form of assistance to some.

Greenville Seminary does not have an endowment nor, until now, has it had a permanent scholarship fund from which we can routinely provide financial aid to incoming students. From time to time, gracious and generous donors have provided us with funds which they designate to be used to support students, for example as a memorial for a loved one. In some cases, the seminary has underwritten the expenses of certain needy students who come to our attention through faculty or administration relationships, but such arrangements are unique and have not been seen as generally available financial aid.

That is changing. GPTS has recently created several formal scholarship funds, administered professionally by the PCA Foundation. These funds include:

- **The President's Scholarship Fund.** This is a general purpose resource from which scholarships may be granted as determined by our scholarship committee.
- **The International Students Scholarship Fund.** This fund is intended to provide financial aid to foreign students, especially those from third-world countries where educational resources are limited.
- **The Islamic Studies Scholarship Fund.** With the recent addition of Islamic studies to our curriculum, the vital need to train pastors, missionaries and evangelists to Muslim communities at home and abroad has become increasingly apparent. This fund is intended to assist with tuition costs for students who enroll in our upcoming Master of Arts in Apologetics & Islam program.

All that remains now is to fund these scholarship accounts. Here's where you can help! The PCA Foundation can receive gifts of cash, appreciated securities, mutual funds and real estate on behalf of GPTS. Gifts to the Foundation are tax deductible, and when you make your gift, you will receive a receipt as well as any IRS forms you will need to claim your deduction directly from the PCA Foundation. If desired, your gifts can be credited to any of the GPTS funds ANONYMOUSLY.



A. To Contribute Cash

- a. Make your check payable to the **PCA Foundation, Inc.** and mail it to: PCA Foundation, Inc., 1700 North Brown Road, Suite 103, Lawrenceville, GA 30043-8143.
- b. Please indicate on the memo line of your check or by way of a note that the gift is for the benefit of:
 - Greenville Presbyterian Theological Seminary President's Scholarship Fund (#4074) or
 - Greenville Presbyterian Theological Seminary International Students Scholarship Fund (#4075) or
 - Greenville Presbyterian Theological Seminary Islamic Studies Scholarship Fund (#4076)

- c. **To Contribute Stock, Mutual Funds or Other Appreciated Assets**, please call the PCA Foundation directly at (800) 700-3221 to discuss the specifics of your gift.
- d. **To Make a Gift of Real Estate**, please call Randy Stair at (800) 700-3221 or email us at pcaf@pcanet.org to discuss your gift.

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The GPTS Revival of Old School Presbyterianism Marks 25 Years



For four years in the early 1970s, TV comedian

Flip Wilson satirized a certain segment of the church through his zany character, Reverend Leroy, the cartoonist pastor of the Church of What's Happenin' Now. Often, when caught in his questionable ways, Reverend Leroy was quick to protest: "The devil made me do it," a phrase which quickly entered the American vernacular.

If Reverend Leroy was irreverently amusing, his "church" has proved to be a sadly prescient portrayal of a vast portion of today's church scene, where fashionably hip young pastors and slick multimedia religious entertainment characterize the 21st century version of the Church of What's Happening Now, bent more on cultural relevancy than historic truth.

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Other major segments of the mainstream church today have become just plain irrelevant to anything, with weak, inoffensive messages that neither change lives nor advance the true Gospel.

There are signs, however, that the emerging empty-suit (no-suit) Churchianity may fall as out-of-fashion as old comic routines. Even as the happening-now churches grow to mega-proportions, a renewed interest in Old School Christianity and historic Calvinism



is arising. And Greenville Presbyterian Theological Seminary is poised to respond to that interest. In fact, it has been standing as an oasis in the desert of doctrinal demise for more than two decades.



With the advent of the 2011-2012 academic year, Greenville Seminary marks the beginning of its 25th season of "Building on an Old Foundation," to use a phrase employed in its capital construction campaign in recent years.

When GPTS was conceived, it was the conscious purpose of the founders to restore the great orthodox theological tradition so brilliantly advanced by the first influential Presbyterian seminary established in the United States in 1812 - Princeton Theological Seminary. As that date indicates, the 25th anniversary of Greenville Seminary coincides with the 200th anniversary of the founding of its prototype institution in New Jersey.

Praised, maligned, and misunderstood, the effects of Old Princeton Seminary have towered over theological discussion



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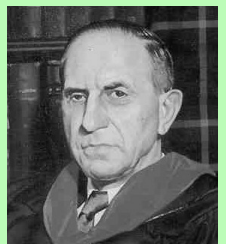
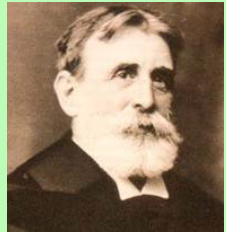
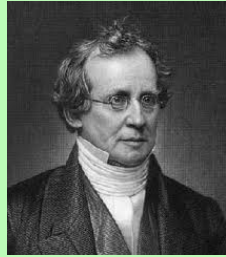
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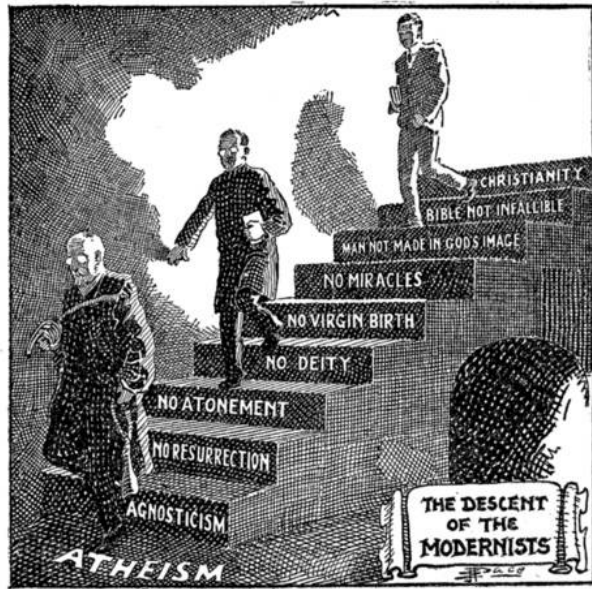


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for more than a century. From the time God raised up that school in 1812 until 1929, the Princeton theologians were the stalwarts of experiential Calvinistic theology. The founders of Greenville Seminary consciously adopted the Princeton Plan as the foundation of instruction at GPTS.

"Princeton Theological Seminary prior to 1929 was regarded by theologians of all shades of opinion as the citadel of historic Christianity. Such great scholars as Charles Hodge, William Henry Green, Francis L. Patton, B. B. Warfield, and Geerhardus Vos had made the theology at Princeton the standard presentation of orthodoxy in the Christian world. In the last years Robert Dick Wilson and J. Gresham Machen were among the best known professors, and carried the fame of the institution as a contender for the faith to every land where Christianity is taught. It was to this seminary that students came to receive instruction for the ministry so that they would be able to give "a reason for the hope" that was in them, while others

entered in order to discover whether orthodoxy had a reasonable case and could be accepted as true in the modern world. The young men emerged from the institution strengthened in the faith and convinced of the truthfulness of the Bible.



Fundamentalist cartoon published in the 1920s.

"Princeton Seminary was known not only as an institution which defended historic Christianity, but as one which stood firmly for the propagation and defense of the Reformed faith or the Calvinistic system of doctrine that is set forth in the Westminster Confession of Faith and is taught in the Bible." (americanpresbyterianchurch.org)

Since its founding, GPTS

has been distinctively confessional, "Old School" and Presbyterian in its outlook and philosophy, and because of this, it has placed a strong emphasis on the sufficiency and infallibility of the Word of God, on the faithful, heart-searching proclamation of that Word, and on obedience to the Great Commission as the sole mission of the church. "Faithful ministers and faithful churches": that continues to be our vision.

As our 25th freshman class was convened last month, its record size and the testimony of the new students concerning why they chose GPTS were clear evidences that this model is resonating with a new generation of men called to ministry in today's shallow theological milieu. Throughout the world, GPTS alumni are now bringing to the church their particular confessional emphasis on Scripture-centered preaching and Christ-centered practice learned at GPTS.

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As their predecessors have done, the new class attending our 25th annual Convocation, took a vow which was adapted from the student covenant contained in the original plan of Princeton Seminary:

"Deeply impressed with a sense of the importance of improving in knowledge, prudence, and piety, as I embark upon my course of study, I solemnly promise, in a reliance on divine grace, that I will faithfully and diligently attend on all the instructions of the Seminary, and that I will conscientiously and vigilantly observe all the rules and regulations specified in the plan for its instruc-

tion and government, so far as the same relate to the students; and that I will obey all the lawful requisitions, and readily yield to all the wholesome admonitions of the professors and trustees of the Seminary, while I shall continue a member of it."

For more on our Old School distinctives, visit the Academics section of our web site: www.gpts.edu.

The respective anniversaries of the two institutions provide an occasion to celebrate the powerful biblical traditions of both – and this will be the theme for Greenville Seminary's 2012 Spring Theological Confer-

ence March 13-15. Our Silver Anniversary will also be celebrated during a gala dinner on the eve of the conference at Greenville's prestigious Poinsett Club. Stay tuned for details on how you can join us and help ensure the next 25 years or more of GPTS's ministry.

By God's grace and the unswerving commitment of our administration and teaching faculty, when we celebrate our bicentennial, we will not have to note the eventual drift away from the faith of our fathers that Princeton experienced in the 20th century.



Poinsett Club

Building On An Old Foundation: Brick by Brick



When Greenville Seminary began its capital project to renovate the old Taylors High School several years ago, we offered supporters an opportunity to memorialize themselves, a loved one, historical figure, cause, church, business, or other favorite entity with an engraved commemorative brick. Many responded, and our campus is now graced with a brick memorial plaza near the front entrance of our beautiful building on Main Street in Taylors, S.C.

Now we are renewing this opportunity. There are still many spaces left for your brick. This is a wonderful way for individuals, families, churches and businesses to become a permanent part of our campus. Family, alumni, friends or church groups can request that their bricks be placed together. Each single brick can have up to three lines of text with up to 20 characters per line (including spaces).

Cost per brick:
Individuals or families = \$100.00
Churches, Businesses or Corporations - \$250.00

Download a printable mail-in order form from www.gpts.edu/support/capfunds/images/Brick_Flyer.pdf. For more information, please contact our Development Office (864-322-2717 ext 319). You can also order bricks online at: <http://bit.ly/pZxsKm>.

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