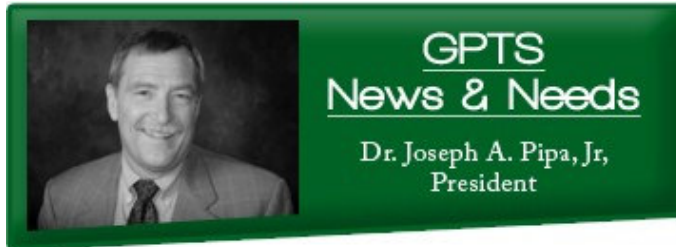


Greenville Presbyterian Theological Seminary

June E-Newsletter

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Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. As reported in last month's e-newsletter, a few weeks ago five new graduates joined the ranks of Greenville Seminary alumni: four Master of Arts and one Master of Divinity (a number of men who would have graduated this year have had to take courses part time and push their graduation into the next couple of years). Our graduation ceremony, was, as always, an encouraging time for all. Dr. Ben Shaw, our Associate Professor of Hebrew and Old Testament, gave the address entitled "Holding Fast Our Confession" based on the text of Hebrews 10:19-25. The sermon is available on our website through sermonaudio.com.

As we complete this academic year, we have much over which to rejoice. Over this past year we have seen God continue to expand our missionary influence. We now have graduates serving God in Albania, Brazil, Canada, the Czech Republic, Haiti, Italy, Mexico, New Zealand, Scotland, South Africa, South Korea, Switzerland, Uganda, and Wales. This next year, we expect to have students either on campus or in our distance program from Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Eritrea, South Korea, Haiti, Scotland, Singapore, Peru, Italy, and possibly other countries. We have men serving in over twelve denominations and associations and in three countries doing missionary work with the goal of forming national presbyteries. Lord willing, the first Presbytery of Haiti will be organized by the end of December, 2010.

We remain committed to historical, biblical Presbyterianism on all the issues that are facing the Church today. We have asked God to keep us faithful to our distinctives, and we acknowledge His

For several years Greenville Seminary has been blessed by a partnership with Orchard Communities of Houston, Texas. The following article describes this unique senior living community. Proceeds from the community have been a substantial source of support for our Capital Funds Campaign. Funds donated by Orchard Communities have also been used to develop Greenville Seminary's Masters of Ministry for Deacons (M.M.D.) degree program. Below the article are pictures that provide a virtual tour of this beautiful facility. Additional pictures are available on [our website](#).

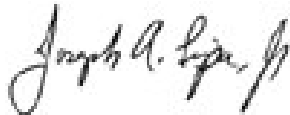
The apostle James admonished the church to be "doers of the word, and not hearers only," evidencing pure and undefiled religion by visiting orphans and widows in their affliction and keeping oneself unstained from the world. Unfortunately many today have a truncated and unbiblical notion of holiness that is passive and neglectful of God's commands to love our neighbor. Though our best efforts are mixed with much weakness and imperfection, faithfulness in serving our neighbor is the evidence of a true and lively faith, by which we manifest our thankfulness, strengthen our assurance, edify the brethren, adorn the profession of the gospel, stop the mouths of the adversaries, and glorify God.

Seeking in a small way to promote such biblical holiness, Orchard Communities was founded in 2006 by Stephan Fairfield to provide quality affordable homes and care to low-income seniors and their caregivers in Houston and Greenville. Fairfield, who became an Old School Presbyterian through Dr. Pipa's teaching at Covenant PCA in Houston, seeks to achieve this mission by developing

answer to that prayer, not for any virtue of our own, but according to His own good pleasure.

We are very thankful to the many people God has raised up to support this ministry in prayer and giving. Would you prayerfully consider making a donation to the on-going work of Greenville Seminary? Because we really have unparalleled opportunities before us, we would like to raise \$160,000 from churches and individuals by June 30. Whether or not you are able to send a gift at this time, please pray that the Lord will provide for our needs. Please also pray for our students and alumni that they will continue to grow in faithfulness to the Word of God. We appreciate your care and concern for this school. With warm regards, I am

Yours in Christ,



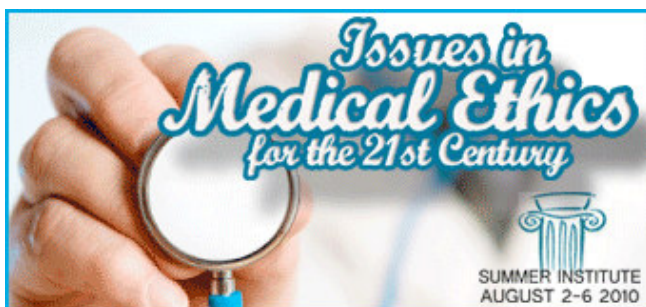
Joseph A. Pipa, Jr.
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amenity-rich senior independent living communities and by helping elders and deacons build more effective diaconal skills in local congregations.

The first senior living community of 195 residences was completed in Houston last summer, and a second started construction in March. Rents are on a sliding scale from \$279 to \$638. Orchard uses design to complement the neighborhoods surrounding its communities. Amenities include a library, salon, accessible pool, coffee bar, fitness center, arts and crafts studio, raised vegetable gardens, trellised picnic patio with gas grill and fireplace, limited access gates, and a community room and kitchen for parties and gatherings. Free scheduled transportation is provided to an array of retail and health care services. The events calendar includes Bible studies, wellness programs, fitness classes, water aerobics, potluck dinners, holiday parties, bunko, bingo, bridge, health screenings, financial planning assistance, arts and crafts classes, and organized outings.

Individual residences feature private porches, ceiling fans, large closets, built-in desks with free high-speed Internet, individually controlled A/C and heating, Energy Star appliances, laundry centers, and bookshelves. Some residences include mobility and hearing disability features.

In Greenville, Orchard is helping the seminary to be salt and light through both its community presence and teaching. Orchard has provided significant financial support to help the seminary expand its teaching capacity in a way that also serves as a catalyst for renewal of the historic Taylors mill community. Orchard's ongoing support will help the seminary develop curriculum, publications and online resources that help churches and their members to be effective caregivers.



Application of Biblical Principles to Medical Ethics with Emphasis on Apologetics and Counseling.

August 2-6. This year's GPTS Summer Institute is designed for pastors, ruling elders and medical professionals. The Institute will be taught by Dr. Del Bailey a ruling elder at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Kingsport, TN. Registration and more information are available on the [GPTS website](#) or by calling the seminary at 864-322-2717.



Through June 23rd – Dr. Curto – Missions trip to Belgium, Switzerland & Ethiopia
June 21-28 – Dr. Pipa – Haiti
June 29th – July 2nd – Dr. Shaw, Dr. Smith, Dr. Pipa, Mr. Moes – PCA General Assembly, Nashville, Tennessee
July 7-14 – Dr. Curto, Dr. Knight – OPC General Assembly, Palos Heights, Illinois
July 4th – Dr. Carrick – Grace Reformed PCA, Greeneville, Tennessee
July 21 – August 10th – Dr. Carrick – John Wycliffe Theological College, Johannesburg, South Africa
July 26-29 – Dr. Smith – Ministry Conference, Machen Retreat Center, Highland County, Virginia
August 19-20 – Dr. Pipa – Family Conference, Shelter Reformed Presbyterian Church (RPCNA), Edmonton, Alberta

Ongoing:
Dr. Smith is teaching an Adult Sunday School class at Cornerstone Presbyterian Church in Brevard, North Carolina.
Dr. Shaw is leading a Men’s Bible Study at 2nd PCA in Greenville, South Carolina.
Dr. McGoldrick is serving as stated supply at Grace PCA in Dacusville, South Carolina.

Please Pray With Us
June Prayer Requests:



- Please continue to pray for God's provision of all needed resources for the seminary.
- Please pray for the several GPTS students who are doing internships this summer (see specific list below).
- Please continue to pray for Leon and Charles Amicy, Octavius Delfils, their churches and their families as they continue to minister in Haiti. Many volunteers are traveling from the U.S. and Canada to provide help. Please pray specifically for wisdom in managing these teams and for the gospel to go forth in the midst of practical aid. Additional details supplied by the PMH board are available on the PMH website:
www.presbyterianmissioninhaiti.org
- Please pray for Dr. John Carrick and his family as they prepare to travel together to South Africa. Dr. Carrick is making this trip at the invitation of the John Wycliffe Theological College in Johannesburg and will be preaching at a Pastors' Conference, a Family Conference, and several churches. Please pray specifically for protection and for God's blessing upon the ministry of His Word during this visit.
- Please pray for Development Director Garry Moes and his family as they drive from California to South Carolina June 14-19, and seek to get settled in their new home in Greer, SC.



Attention PCA General Assembly Delegates:

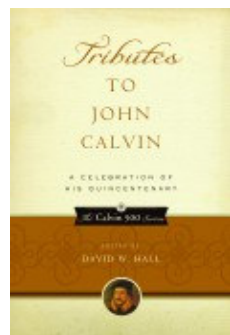
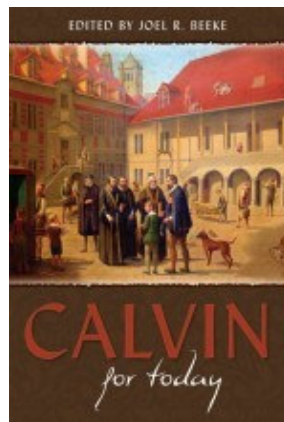
Greenville Seminary will host a breakfast at the PCA General Assembly in Nashville, Tennessee on Wednesday, June 30, 7:00 a.m., at First Baptist Church, 108 Seventh Avenue South, Nashville. If you wish to attend the breakfast, please RSVP to the GPTS Development Office (bbenson@gpts.edu).

[Katekomen Online](#) Since it ceased publication several years ago, many scholars and others have expressed interest in resumption of Katekomen, Greenville Seminary's scholarly journal. Although

resources are not available currently for revival of Katekomen as a printed publication, we are happy to announce the creation of a free online version of this journal. This journal is designed to acquaint prospective students, supporters, scholars and all other interested persons with the perspectives and theological thought of Greenville Seminary, its faculty and affiliated learned thinkers. Katekomen can be found on the web by clicking [here](#) or entering katekomen.gpts.edu into your Internet browser's address bar. Be sure to bookmark this site or add it to your "favorites" for ease of access in the future.

Faculty Articles

Calvin for Today, a book recently published by Reformation Heritage, includes a chapter written by Dr. Pipa, entitled "Calvin on the Holy Spirit." This book is available from the Presbyterian Bookshop for \$17.50 (there is no additional shipping charge for orders within the U.S.).



Dr. James McGoldrick and Dr. George Knight both have articles in **Tributes to John Calvin: A Celebration of His Quincentenary**, published by P&R Publishing. Dr. McGoldrick's chapter is entitled: "Calvin and Luther: Comrades in Christ." Dr. Knight's chapter is entitled: "Calvin's New Testament Commentaries and His Work as

an Exegete." This book is available from the Presbyterian Bookshop for \$28.80 (there is no additional shipping charge for orders within the U.S.).

Orders for either of these books may be placed online (or by contacting the Presbyterian Bookshop (bookstore@gpts.edu or 864-322-2717, ext. 306.)

Student Internships

The following current students are participating in student internships this summer. Please pray for these men as they participate in this important aspect of their training.

Nick Napier - Westminster Bible Presbyterian Church (PCA), Sydney, Nova Scotia
 Josh Cochran - Reedy River PCA, Conestee, South Carolina
 Jeff Downs - Calvary Presbyterian Church (PCA), Traveler's Rest, South Carolina
 Kevin Olivier - Lakeview Presbyterian Church (OPC), Rockport, Maine
 Jegar Chinnavan - Bible Presbyterian Church (BPC), Grand Island, New York
 Todd Seay - Grace Presbyterian Church (OPC), Lynchburg, Virginia
 Breno Macedo - Fellowship Presbyterian Church (PCA), Greer, South Carolina
 Louis Cloete - Missions trip to Ethiopia
 Mark Kozak - Mount Calvary (PCA), Roebuck, South Carolina
 Jeremiah Montgomery - Westminster (OPC), Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania



Below are tables showing our financial condition as of the end of May. As indicated in Dr. Pipa's letter above we hope to bring in sufficient funds in June to carry us through the summer. If you are not currently giving monthly, please prayerfully consider this change. Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) enables monthly giving without having to write and mail a check each month. You can sign up for EFT on the [donation pages of our website](#) or by contacting Brenda Benson (bbenson@gpts.edu or 864-322-2717, ext. 318). We now also can receive both one-time and recurring donations online through Paypal on the [support pages of the GPTS website](#).

General Fund Update

	May Budget	May Actual	Difference Compared to Budget for May	Fiscal Year to Date Budget	Fiscal Year to Date Actual	Difference Compared to Budget for Fiscal Year to Date
Expenses	\$ 66,783	\$62,033	\$ 4,751	\$ 759,426	\$ 764,800	\$ 5,374
Donation Income	\$ 56,273	\$ 27,885	- \$ 28,388	\$ 618,539	\$ 602,632	- \$ 15,907
Other Income	\$ 12,709	\$ 6,417	- \$ 6,292	\$ 139,820	\$ 184,749	\$ 44,929
Total Income	\$ 68,982	\$ 34,302	- \$ 34,680	\$ 758,359	\$ 787,381	\$ 29,022

Capital

Funds Update

Goal	\$ 3,500,000
Receipts	\$ 2,407,702
Outstanding Pledges	\$ 744,342
New Income Needed	\$ 347,956

Outstanding Bills	\$ 38,500
Monthly Note	\$ 7,100
Remaining Mortgage	\$1,178,794

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