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Greenville Seminary's
News & Needs



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Financial Update

These are serious days in the life of the Church in the United States and around the world. Many important doctrines are being questioned: justification, sanctification, and the requirement for male office bearers. Moreover, there is a dearth of ministers who both preach well and give pastoral oversight to their congregations. Greenville Seminary is committed to training pastor-preachers.

Recently, I received a couple of encouraging testimonials about graduates from Greenville Seminary. After one of our graduates was examined by a Presbytery, one man commented that it was the best sermon he had ever heard on the floor of presbytery. Then a couple of weeks ago I received a letter from a seminary supporter. He wrote me, after hearing one of our graduates preach: "This was the first we had heard him since last summer and I think his preaching has improved greatly. His sermon was on Psalm 73 and he did a wonderful job of exposition. You and the rest of the professors need to know how good a job you did educating that young man."

The Lord continues to bless us. We have graduates serving in twelve foreign countries and in at least six reformed denominations in the United States. We had a profitable spring conference with over 400 in attendance; and we had an excellent graduation ceremony. Rev. Richard Holst (father of graduate, Mathew Holst, and previous graduate, Jon Holst) from Cardiff, Wales was our speaker. We graduated thirteen divinity students, one MA student, and one Th.M. student. We anticipate a large reenrollment in

Contributions for the first 10 months of the fiscal year are \$575,738. Compared to this time last year, donations have increased by \$90,000. We are currently over budget by approximately \$1,200.00, and our general expenses are \$30,900 over budget. In the month of April, we received \$23,255. This was \$27,528 under budget for the month. Income for the Capital Campaign has reached \$1,918,011 and we anticipate another \$1,058,425 in outstanding pledges.



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the fall.

As you know, we've been using this monthly e-newsletter as an opportunity to introduce you to our faculty and staff. We hope that has been of interest and encouragement. It has also been an opportunity to keep you informed about our financial situation throughout the year and the progress of our Capital Funds Campaign. We are overwhelmed with God's kindness in allowing us to occupy the building in February of this year. Currently, we are at budget, but we are praying that we will exceed our budgeted giving this year by \$200,000. This amount will enable us to repay the Capital Funds Campaign the money borrowed over the last three years. If you are able, please prayerfully consider a special gift to Greenville Seminary this June. Donations can be mailed to the Seminary at PO Box 690, Taylors, SC, 29687. If you prefer to give by credit card or electronic funds transfer please call Brenda Benson at 864-322-2717, ext. 318 or send an e-mail to development@gpts.edu.

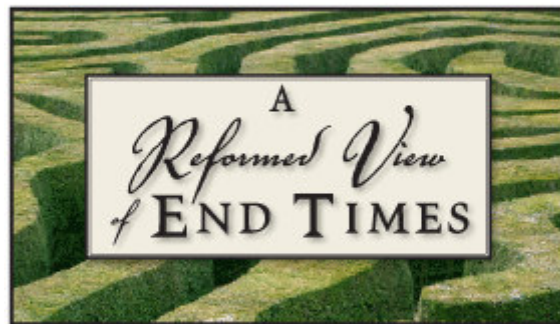
Regardless, whether or not you are able to send a gift at this time, as you are able, please pray that the Lord will provide for our needs. Please also pray for our students that they will grow in faithfulness to the Word of God. We appreciate your care and concern for this school. Thank you and God bless. With warm regards, I am

Yours in Christ,

Joseph A. Pipa, Jr.
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