

Greenville Presbyterian Theological Seminary

May E-Newsletter

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The tables at the end of the newsletter outline the seminary's financial picture for the month of April. Although we started the month of May with income over our expected expenses, we have had some extraordinary costs including moving our new director of development and recruiting from the West Coast – an expense much larger than anticipated. To cover the moving fee and our upcoming payroll, we need to raise \$5,000 by Wednesday June 2nd. Please prayerfully consider sending a gift to help cover these needs.

As we head into the summer months, we are already experiencing the typical downturn in donation income. In order to maintain sufficient resources through the summer, we are seeking to raise \$100,000 from individuals and \$60,000 from churches by the end of the fiscal year. Many who read this newsletter are already giving sacrificially to support Greenville Seminary's mission. We share this need with you, bearing witness to God's faithful provision in the past and looking to Him for continued blessing on our endeavors.

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](#).



Congratulations to the Class of 2010!

Master of Divinity

Jason Housewright

Master of Arts

Simone Claudia Buob

Charles P. Johnson, III

Steven Alan Ludwig

Christopher Eric Zodrow

On Friday, May 21, Greenville Seminary held its 20th Commencement Exercises. Dr. Ben Shaw, GPTS associate professor of Hebrew and Old Testament, gave the address entitled "*The Confession of Our Hope*," based on the text of Hebrews 10:19-25. An audio recording can be heard on SermonAudio.com.

Jason Housewright is considering opportunities to minister in New Zealand (after his upcoming wedding to Sara Dise). Simone Buob has already begun teaching in Switzerland. Steve Ludwig is waiting on God's leading in regard to teaching or other opportunities. Charlie Johnson will be pursuing some additional training and education toward a long-term goal of teaching at the university level. Charlie offered the following



[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.

Attention PCA General

Assembly Delegates: Greenville Seminary will host a breakfast at the PCA General Assembly in Nashville, TN 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).

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, SC
 Jeff Downs - Calvary Presbyterian Church, (PCA), Traveler's Rest, SC
 Kevin Olivier - Lakeview Presbyterian Church (OPC),

comments on his time at Greenville Seminary: "I found a nurturing environment for growing in the Reformed faith. Through classes, chapels, and personal interactions, I explored the depth and richness of Reformed theology, worship, and practice. Although my time at GPTS was one of academic and intellectual development, I will remember it primarily as a period of spiritual formation." Chris Zodrow is continuing on as an art director and musician. Chris, who did his studies via our distance-learning program, made the following comments: "The education I received from the great men at GPTS has provided me with a solid theological foundation that will guide me in my calling, in both the service of the church and in the field in which I work, to His glory."

Please join us in rejoicing and praising God for the work of His grace in the lives of these GPTS graduates.



This is the second in a series of articles on biblical stewardship. We hope these are helpful as you consider investing in the ministry of Greenville Presbyterian Theological Seminary.

HANDLING OUR WEALTH

Part 2: A Little Bit More

"Dear Lord, bless the labor of our hands, because you know, Lord, if we had just a little bit more, we could give more to those in need."

If and when God answers that prayer positively, He is likely to be "disappointed." Polls suggest that as the income of Christians goes up, the percent of giving goes down. The dreams of society collide with the vision of God's kingdom. Sometimes we get caught up in the idea of a little bit more. "If I just had a little bit

Rockport, ME
 Jegar Chinnavan - Bible Presbyterian Church (BPC),
 Grand Island, NY
 Todd Seay - Grace Presbyterian Church (OPC),
 Lynchburg, VA
 Breno Macedo - Fellowship Presbyterian Church
 (PCA), Greer, SC
 Louis Cloete - Missions trip to Ethiopia
 Mark Kozak - Mount Calvary (PCA), Roebuck, SC
 Jeremiah Montgomery - Westminster (OPC),
 Hollidaysburg, PA



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 of 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.

more, I could afford to be more generous.” However, true generosity is rooted in habits of the heart, not in the bank balance.

God, however, remains undeterred. Again and again, He floods us with blessings. May it be that His blessings would trigger a hearty, generous and exuberant response to His love. It is such a joy for Him to give that He wants us to experience that same sense of joy and fulfillment – the excitement of living in His image.

You see, He really doesn't need our money. It is all His anyway. If He needs a program funded or a need fulfilled, He can just as easily make it happen without us, but when that happens, we are the losers. We have lost the opportunity to experience the joy and fulfillment of helping one of His children or a Kingdom activity, the kind of experience He finds so thrilling. We have carelessly thrown away an opportunity to become more like Him.

There is much work to be done that will be accomplished with your generous giving. We at Greenville Seminary are privileged to be a part of God's work in His church and world, but we know we cannot accomplish it without your help.

Our prayer is that as many recognize that He has given “a little bit more,” they will keep in mind the kind of joy He hopes that little bit more will bring.

What Does Scripture Say?

“Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,” says the Lord Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it.” Malachi 3:10

In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: “It is more blessed to give than to receive.” Acts 20:35

Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7

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May 24th – June 23rd – Dr. Curto – Missions trip to Belgium, Switzerland & Ethiopia

May 30th – Dr. Carrick – Providence Church, Duluth, GA

June 6th – Dr. Dyer – Sandy Springs OPC, Maryville, TN

June 6th – Dr. Shaw – Reidville PCA, Reidville, SC

July 4th – Dr. Carrick – Grace Reformed PCA, Greenville, TN

July 21-28 – Dr. Pipa – Haiti

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, VA

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, NC.

Dr. Shaw is leading a Men's Bible Study at 2nd PCA in Greenville, SC.

Dr. McGoldrick is serving as stated supply at Grace PCA in Dacusville, SC.

Please Pray With Us

May Prayer Requests:

- **Please continue to pray for God's provision of all needed resources for the seminary.**
- **Please continue to pray for students considering GPTS for the Fall semester. Please pray for a clear sense of God's call.**
- **Please pray for the several GPTS students who are doing internships this summer (see specific list above).**
- **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 14-18 and seek to get settled in their new home in Greer, SC.**

General Fund Update

	April Budget	April Actual	Difference Compared to Budget for April	Fiscal Year to Date Budget	Fiscal Year to Date Actual	Difference Compared to Budget for Fiscal Year to Date
Expenses	\$ 66,784	\$74,790	\$ 8,006	\$ 692,643	\$ 702,150	\$ 9,507
Donation Income	\$ 56,273	\$ 91,518	\$ 35,245	\$ 574,796	\$ 562,308	- \$ 12,488
Other Income	\$ 12,712	\$ 5,325	- \$ 7,387	\$ 127,111	\$ 152,109	\$ 24,998
Total Income	\$ 68,985	\$ 96,843	\$ 27,858	\$ 701,907	\$ 714,417	\$ 12,510

Capital

Funds Update

Goal	\$ 3,500,000
Receipts	\$ 2,406,045
Outstanding Pledges	\$ 745,557
New Income Needed	\$ 348,398
Outstanding Bills	\$ 38,500
Monthly Note	\$ 7,100

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