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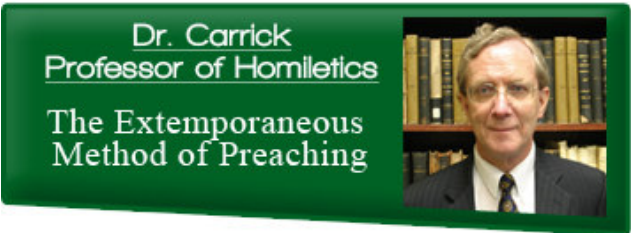
From its inception, Greenville Presbyterian Theological Seminary has been committed to training men for the mission field. Today students and graduates represent twenty foreign countries. Brazil leads all countries in the number of students and graduates. The Presbyterian Church of Brazil has more than 850,000 members. There are four factions in the denomination: liberals, charismatics, broad evangelicals, and the Reformed party. The reformed group is growing and by God's grace Greenville seminary in playing a role. I recently completed a seventeen day trip to Brazil, where I ministered in four different cities.

ThM student Samuel Vitalino organized the trip. I preached and lectured at the second annual conference on the Reformed Faith. The conference met in three different cities. The first meeting was in Teresina, where Samuel is pastor of the First Presbyterian Church. I arrived Saturday afternoon, Oct. 10 (without my luggage), and was told I was to speak that night to a large group of young people. I used the opportunity to give my testimony and used it to present the gospel and to derive some lessons for young people. Sunday I preached three times at three different churches (twice on 1 Cor. 1:30, 31, The Beauty of Grace; once on Mark 3:20-28, The Unpardonable Sin). I also taught a Sunday School class on how to listen to a sermon. The conference began on Monday evening. The theme was the Centrality of Christ. The other conference speaker was Pastor Hernandez Dias Lopes. (He is the television preacher for the Presbyterian Church of Brazil.) I gave five messages: The Kingship of Christ (Ps. 93); the Humiliation and Exaltation of Christ (Phil. 2:5-11); the Redeeming Work of Christ (Rev. 5:9, 10); Union with Christ (Col. 3:1-4); and Preaching Christ (1 Cor. 2:1-5). About five hundred people attended the conference.

The second conference began in Vitoria at the

- December 4** – Dr. Carrick – Inaugural Lecture, Greenville Seminary, Taylors, SC
- December 5** – Dr. Pipa – Ordination of Lou Veiga, Covenant PCA, Houston, TX
- December 27** – Dr. Carrick – Grace PCA, Aiken, SC
- December 27** – Dr. Curto – Covenant Community OPC, Taylors, SC
- January 17** – Dr. Carrick – Grace PCA, Aiken, SC
- January 24** – Dr. Carrick – Sovereign Grace Reformed Presbyterian (OPC), Hickory, NC
- January 31** – Dr. Carrick – Sovereign Grace Reformed Presbyterian (OPC), Hickory, NC
- February 28** – Dr. Carrick – Grace PCA, Aiken, SC

- Ongoing:**
- Dr. Smith** is teaching an Adult Sunday School class at Cornerstone Presbyterian Church in Brevard, NC
  - Dr. Carrick** is serving as stated supply at Geneva OPC in Woodstock, GA through January 10th, 2010
  - 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



**Dr. John Carrick will give his inaugural lecture as Professor of Homiletics on Friday, December 4th, at 7:00 at the Seminary. In the lecture Dr. Carrick will consider various methods of preaching and explain why the extemporaneous method constitutes, in his judgment, the only true method of preaching.**

First Presbyterian Church on Wednesday night, Oct. 14, but I did not speak until Friday. Pastor Hernandez Dias Lopes, who shared the conference with me in Teresina is pastor. At this conference I gave three lectures on Calvin: Calvin as a pastor; Calvin as a preacher; and Calvin on worship. Again about five hundred people attended the conference. I preached twice on the Lord's Day (about seven hundred in attendance) and gave the seminar on how to listen to a sermon.

On Monday, Oct. 19, we made our way to Recife, where I gave the three lectures on John Calvin. The lectures were sponsored by the Puritan Project. Monday and Tuesday night the lectures were at the newly renovated Puritan Project building; (picture) the Tuesday morning lecture was at the Presbyterian Seminary in Recife. In Recife, I was able to spend time with one Greenville alumni, Rodrigo Brotto, assistant pastor at First Presbyterian Church (Dr. Smith's uncle played a role in the formation of this congregation), and two advance degree students Claudio Albuquerque, a ThD student, who is senior pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, and Francisco Cardosa, ThM student, who pastors a newly formed congregation in Recife.

The last leg of the trip was in Belo Horizonte, where I preached at the First Presbyterian Church, pastored by Ludgero Bonilha Moraes, who is also the stated clerk of the Presbyterian Church of Brazil. Here I gave the messages on the centrality of Christ and also one lecture to seminarians and ministers on Calvin as a preacher. I preached twice on the Lord's Day to over seven hundred people.

Greenville Seminary has a keen interest in the spread of the gospel and the Reformed faith in Brazil. During the past few years Drs. Smith, Knight, Shaw, Scipione, and Curto have ministered in Brazil. In addition to the men who have returned to Brazil, we have one other graduate, Emilio Garafalo Neto, who is doing doctoral work at Reformed Theological Seminary in Jackson, Mississippi. Two men continue their work on campus: Paulo Brasil e Sousa, ThD in Old Testament, and M Div student, Breno Macedo. When I was in Brazil I made contract with two men who, God willing, will study with us.

By God's grace Greenville Presbyterian Theological Seminary is having an influence in the Presbyterian Church of Brazil. Your support allows us to train these men. They all receive full tuition scholarships and we help them with their living expenses. Please keep them and the church in Brazil in your prayers.



**Please plan now to join us for Greenville Seminary's Spring Theology Conference, March 9th through 11, 2010. The theme of this year's conference is The Nature and Sufficiency of Scripture. More information and online registration will be available soon.**



GPTS Professor of Hebrew and Old Testament, **Dr. Benjamin Shaw** was recently interviewed on the Reformed Forum.

An audio recording of the interview may be heard at: <http://reformedforum.org/ctc95/>

#### **Resource on Church Membership**

Many today deny the necessity of membership in the local Church. In fact, some are telling us that the Spirit of God has departed from the Church. The Reformed community has always had a high view of Ecclesiology, but many of us, if asked, could not make a case for the necessity of membership in local Church? At the 2005 Spring Theology Conference, Pastor Mark Herzer provided us with a biblical-systematic case for the necessity of local church membership. This lecture and paper are now available online via the following links:

#### [audio link](http://www.sermonaudio.com/sermoninfo.asp?SID=11909735245)

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## *Please Pray With Us*

#### **November Prayer Requests:**

- **Please continue to pray for God's provision of all**

needed resources for the seminary.

- Praise God for Dr. Pipa's successful and encouraging trip to Brazil.
- Pray for the continued expansion of the Presbyterian Church in Brazil
- Pray for GPTS alumnus, Charles Amicy and his ministry at the Presbyterian Mission in Haiti. Please also pray specifically for a meeting in Tampa on January 6, 2010 to form the first Presbytery in Haiti. Dr. Pipa and Dr. Tony Curto plan to attend this meeting.



Below are the financial numbers for the month of October. Thank you to each of you who are able to support the work of ministry at Greenville Seminary. Our monthly average expenses, including the interest on the building mortgage, are approximately \$78,000. We have made it a goal to increase regular monthly giving to this amount. 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 or EFT on the donation pages of our website or by contacting Brenda Benson ([bbenson@gpts.edu](mailto:bbenson@gpts.edu) or 864-322-2717, ext. 318).

## General Fund Update

	October Budget	October Actual	Difference Compared to Budget for October	Fiscal Year to Date Budget	Fiscal Year to Date Actual	Difference Compared to Budget for Fiscal Year to Date
Expenses	\$ 66,806	\$ 77,771	\$ 3,965	\$ 271,992	\$ 267,670	- \$ 4,322
Donation Income	\$ 49,508	\$ 41,675	- \$ 7,833	\$ 162,003	\$ 138,554	- \$ 23,449

Other Income	\$ 16,165	\$ 10,167	- \$ 5,998	\$ 81,421	\$ 108,521	\$ 27,100
Total Income	\$ 65,673	\$ 51,842	- \$ 13,831	\$ 243,424	\$ 247,075	\$ 3,651

## Capital Funds Update

Goal	\$ 3,500,000
Receipts	\$ 2,276,224
Outstanding Pledges	\$ 837,362
New Income Needed	\$ 386,614
Outstanding Bills	\$ 36,500
Monthly Note	\$ 7,850

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