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Please Pray For Us

by
George W. Knight III,
Board Chairman



Pray that We May be an Instrument to Spread the Gospel

The Westminster Shorter Catechism in its answer ninety-eight aptly describes prayer by saying it “is an offering up of our desires unto God, for things agreeable to his will, in the name of Christ, with confession of our sins, and thankful acknowledgment of his mercies.”

We boldly ask of you, our beloved friends and fellow believers, that you pray for us as one of your desires just as the apostle Paul asked the Ephesian Christians that they would pray for him (Eph. 6:18-19). We know that in all our activities, whether teaching, preaching, or in the day to day running of our school, we are completely dependent upon the enabling grace of God’s presence and Spirit (just as our Lord said in John 15:5, “apart from me you can do nothing”). And so we not only ask him directly for his enabling grace but also ask you to join with us in asking for that same provision. Our Lord Jesus Christ, in teaching that prayer which we call “the Lord’s,” taught his disciples, and also us, to pray for the hallowing of God’s name, the coming of his kingdom and the doing of his will, just as he reminded us to be thankful for our daily bread and to be kept by Him from the evil. He taught us in that prayer to rely upon God and seek his will in all things. Paul had learned well from his Lord that we must pray together (“our” Father, give “us”) and so he asks the churches to pray “at all times in the Spirit, making supplication for all the saints, and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my

Report from Dr. Pipa on November Request for Assistance: Praise God with us for God’s continual provision for Greenville Seminary. We are so thankful for those who were able to give in November; donations totaled almost twice the amount budgeted for the month. These donations enabled us to meet our obligations at the beginning of December. Both long time supporters and new friends have given generously. Several of our supporting churches are planning to take up a special offering this month on behalf of the seminary. Our goals for December are \$200,000 from individuals and \$68,000 from churches. So far this month we have received \$22,908 from individuals and \$7,126 from churches. If you have not yet responded to our request, please prayerfully consider a donation before the end of the year. Although we have made similar appeals at the end of other years, the need this year is significant. We know that God uses our times of need for our benefit as well as His own good purposes and so we continue to rejoice in Him. He also uses means to meet those needs and so we ask you to partner with us as you are able.

As mentioned last month, for all who are able to pledge \$50 a month, we would like to give a copy of the book *Young, Restless, Reformed* or the CD of our 2008 Spring Theology Conference on The End Times. For a year end gift over \$1000 we will give our special ten conferences

mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel” (Eph. 6:18-19).

So since in training men for the gospel ministry we do so with a clear conscience, we may ask you again with the words of Hebrews 13:18, “Pray for us, for we are sure that we have a clear conscience, desiring to act honorably in all things.” We are seeking to prepare men for the ministry, whether at home or abroad, and we have seen men go out from this school ready to be under-shepherds to God’s people or to reach the lost. Pray with us that this service of Greenville Presbyterian Theological Seminary to the gospel may continue and flourish – to the glory of God! And we will continue to pray for you and your marriages, families, and churches as well.

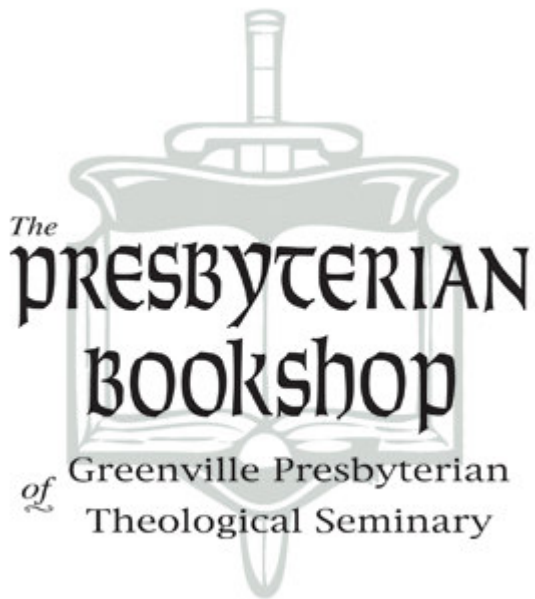
CD package or Dr. John Carrick’s new book, *The Preaching of Jonathan Edwards*. Please include a note with your check indicating which item you would prefer.

Here are the details for donations in the month of November: we received donations totaling \$103,613. The contributions were \$46,258 over budget. Donations for the first five months of the fiscal year are \$238,352. Contributions for the year are \$37,434 more than this time last year. Donations so far this fiscal year are currently under budget by approximately \$48,419, and our general expenses are \$8,629 over budget. Income for the Capital Campaign has reached \$2,110,532 and we anticipate another \$969,017 in outstanding pledges.

Please Pray With Us

December Prayer Requests:

- Please join us in praising God for His gracious answer to our need for funds in November.
- Please pray for God's continued provision of financial resources for Greenville Seminary.
- Pray for GPTS students finishing their exams this week and many traveling to spend time with their families.
- Pray for GPTS students from Brazil including Samuel Vitalino and Claudio Albuquerque both currently ministering as pastors in Brazil.
- Please also pray for the ongoing work of the Puritan Project dedicated to translating Reformed works into Portuguese and holding conference for Brazilian believers.



A Method for Prayer by Matthew Henry



Many know of Matthew Henry for his astute and richly devotional commentary on the Bible. In this volume on prayer, Henry continues to enrich our hearts through warm and thoughtful prodding in the discipline of prayer. Prayer is an essential aspect of the Christian life. Without prayer, we are at a tremendous loss. Matthew Henry's classic work, *The Method for Prayer*, supplies wonderful examples and guidance for praying. Whether the prayer is one of thanksgiving, of request for mercy, or devotional engagement with God, Henry provides us with patterns through which we may elevate our hearts and minds in devotional adoration of and prayerful petition to our great God.



Dec. 21 – Dr. Curto- Covenant Reformed Presbyterian (OPC), Mount Airy, NC

Dec. 21 – Dr. Carrick - Grace Reformed Church (PCA), Greeneville, TN

Dec. 28 – Dr. Carrick – Covenant Presbyterian Church (RPCUS) Buford, GA

Ongoing – Dr. Willborn – Stated Supply at Covenant PCA, Oakridge, TN

Ongoing – Dr. Smith – Adult Sunday School, Cornerstone Presbyterian Church (PCA), Brevard, NC

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Jan. 4 – Dr. Pipa- Covenant Presbyterian Church (PCA) , Houston, TX

Jan. 9-16 - Dr. Curto – Reformed Church of South Africa General Synod

Jan. 17-27 – Dr. Curto – Ethiopia, Africa

Jan. 30-Feb.1 – Dr. Pipa – Southwest PCA, Houston, TX, Bible Conference

March 10-12 – Dr. Pipa, Dr. McGoldrick, Dr. Knight - Greenville Seminary Spring Theology Conference, Woodruff Road Presbyterian Church (PCA), Simpsonville, SC

March 20-22 – Dr. McGoldrick - Bible Conference, Crosspoint Community Church in MO

March 27 - Dr. McGoldrick- Kuyper College, Grand Rapids, MI

April 3-4 – Dr. Shaw-Southeast Regional Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Seminary

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Please note that since we moved to our new building, we now receive mail only at PO Box 690, Taylors, SC 29687. The address of 200 East Main Street should be used only when planning a visit or sending an overnight package.

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