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**Greenville Seminary's
News & Needs**

by
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Those of you on our regular US post office mailing list have received this information in a hard copy letter, and we are very grateful to those of you have already responded. As mentioned below we typically receive about 20-25% of our operating income in December. To check on progress toward our end-of-year goal please check the homepage of our website www.gpts.edu.

In Colossians 4:3 Paul asks the church to pray that God would open a door for the Word. He was in prison and was praying for opportunities to speak of Christ. Each of us, in fact, should be praying this for our ministers, but also for ourselves that God would give us opportunities to speak to others about him. Paul continues in v. 5, "Conduct yourselves with wisdom toward outsiders, making the most of the opportunity." Each morning before I leave the house I try to remember to pray for opportunities. It is exciting to see God provide them. I encourage you to do the same.

I ask you as well to pray that at Greenville Presbyterian Theological Seminary God will open to us doors for the Word. This entails His giving us students to prepare (our goal is twenty-five new students a years); calls for our graduates and church internships for our students; and opportunities for our professors to preach and teach. In our case, part of God's opening doors is His providing the funds we need to move forward with our ministry.

We rely on the benevolent giving of supporters to fulfill our mission. Our dependence on the partnership of individuals like you is intentional:

- December 27** – Dr. Carrick – Grace PCA, Aiken, SC
- December 27** – Dr. Curto – Covenant Community OPC, Taylors, SC
- December 30 (Wednesday)** – Dr. Carrick – Greenville Presbyterian, Greenville, SC (Free Church of Scotland, Continuing)
- January 11 – January 28** – Dr. Curto – Traveling in Ethiopia
- January 17** – Dr. Carrick – Geneva OPC, Woodstock, GA
- 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 17th, 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

Please Pray With Us

December Prayer Requests:

- **Please continue to pray for God's provision of all needed resources for the seminary.**
- **Please pray for Greenville Seminary's**

with your gifts to Greenville Seminary you help to underwrite about 70% of our annual costs. In a day of rising educational costs, the Seminary remains committed to affordable, accessible theological education. Our students are burdened to preach the Gospel; we do not want them to graduate with a burden of financial debt.

In the last fiscal year (July 1- June 30) we had serious cash flow problems and began the new fiscal year with back debts. By God's grace, we are current for the first five months of this fiscal year and have slowly been paying off debt. Normally, we receive about 20-25% of our operating income in December. Therefore our goal is to receive at least \$200,000 this December. I am writing to ask you prayerfully to consider helping. Would you consider pledging \$50 a month or giving an end of year gift? Consider how your investment now can be used of God to reach future generations with men trained in the richness of the historic Christian faith. Keep in mind that we are a non-profit organization; therefore every gift is tax deductible. . For all who commit to giving \$50 a month to our General Fund, we would like to give a copy of one of our recent conference books or an MP3 CD of our 2006 Spring Theology Conference on Evangelism; for a year end gift over \$1000 we will give our special MP3 CD package that includes 11 conferences or Confessing Our Hope, a book written several years ago in honor of Dr. Morton H. Smith, (Please use the memo line on your check or enclose a note to indicate your choice of book or MP3 CD.)

Regardless, whether or not you are able to send a gift before the end of the year, please pray that the Lord will open doors for us to press on with our ministry. We appreciate your care and concern for this school. Thank you and God bless. With warm regards, I am

Yours in
Christ,



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upcoming winter term, and specifically for adjunct faculty traveling to Greenville to teach classes.

- **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.**
- **Pray for Dr. Tony Curto as he prepares to travel to Ethiopia for two weeks in January.**



Professor of Homiletics, Dr. John Carrick gave his inaugural lecture on December 4th. In the lecture Dr. Carrick considered various methods of preaching and explained why the extemporaneous method constitutes, in his judgment, the only true method of preaching.

The sermon can be accessed from the GPTS home page (www.gpts.edu) or via Sermon Audio (www.sermonaudio.com)



Below are the financial numbers for the month of November. As we close out this year we are deeply thankful for God's continued sustaining of Greenville Seminary primarily through the generous donations of individuals and local churches. Thank you to each of you who are able to support the work of ministry here. As detailed above we are in need of \$200,000 in December to stay on track in meeting our annual needs. We are posting our progress toward this goal on our website each weekday. Please pray that God will continue to provide for the financial needs of this ministry.

As we have reported before, 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 EFT on the donation pages of our website or by contacting Brenda Benson (bbenson@gpts.edu or 864-322-2717, ext. 318).

General Fund Update

	November Budget	November Actual	Difference Compared to Budget for November	Fiscal Year to Date Budget	Fiscal Year to Date Actual	Difference Compared to Budget for Fiscal Year to Date
Expenses	\$ 66,792	\$ 60,542	- \$ 6,250	\$ 338,714	\$ 321,413	- \$ 17,301
Donation Income	\$ 56,231	\$ 35,865	- \$ 20,366	\$ 281,115	\$ 174,419	- \$ 106,696
Other Income	\$ 16,165	\$ 13,472	- \$ 2,693	\$ 97,586	\$ 123,956	\$ 26,370

Total Income	\$ 72,396	\$ 49,337	- \$ 23,059	\$ 378,701	\$ 298,375	- \$ 80,326
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Capital Funds

Update

Goal	\$ 3,500,000
Receipts	\$ 2,280,274
Outstanding Pledges	\$ 836,906
New Income Needed	\$ 382,820
Outstanding Bills	\$ 38,500
Monthly Note	\$ 8,108

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March 9-11 2010
The Spring Theology Conference

The Nature and Sufficiency of Scripture

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. Speakers include Dr. Chad Van Dixhoorn and Dr. Mark Herzer as well as GPTS faculty members Dr. Shaw, Dr. Curto and Dr. Pipa. The complete schedule of speakers and online registration are now available now at www.gpts.edu/conference

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