

Greenville Presbyterian Theological Seminary

November E-Newsletter

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Dear Friends,

Many of you are on our regular mailing list and will receive a letter in the mail later this week that is very similar to what I have to say below. I hope you will overlook the redundancy – we are eager to get the word out to as many people as possible and we are able to reach more people at less cost by sending this message electronically as well as through the mail.

These are days of unsurpassed opportunities for Reformed institutions such as Greenville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. Recently, I read two books on Calvinism. The first, *John Calvin Contemporary Prophet* was written to commemorate the four hundred and fiftieth anniversary of Calvin's birth. In this book Dr. John Gerstner has a piece about the future of Calvinism in America. Needless to say, the future was not bright in 1959. The second is a recently published book entitled *Young, Restless, Reformed*, chronicling the current resurgence of Calvinism among young people throughout North America. (We would not agree with some things that some people are doing, but it is exciting to see what God is doing.) As I read the book, I was struck by how well-suited Greenville Seminary is to meet the emphases of this resurgence. The current enthusiasm is marked by a whole life commitment to God, passionate preaching, a rediscovery of the Puritans, and a re-invigorated evangelism and missions. These are the very things that mark Greenville Seminary. For example, we have graduates and students serving

In the month of October we received donations totaling \$27,062. The contributions were \$28,842 under budget. Donations for the first four months of the fiscal year are \$134,739. Contributions for the fiscal year are \$1,098 more than this time last year. Donations so far this fiscal year are currently under budget by approximately \$94,677, and our general expenses are \$5,112 over budget.

Income for the Capital Campaign has reached \$2,109,702 and we anticipate another \$969,272 in outstanding pledges. Please continue to pray for God's provision. For monthly giving we are now set up for electronic funds transfer (EFT). Monthly gifts provide us with a dependable cash flow throughout the year, enabling us to plan more efficiently. A [form](#) for monthly giving is now available on the [Financial Support](#) pages of our website. For more information, contact Brenda Benson at bbenson@gpts.edu or (864) 322-2717, ext. 318.

God in sixteen foreign countries and our philosophy of preaching emphasizes passionate, articulate expository and applicatory preaching. We want to attract and educate men coming to the Reformed faith and we believe that God has uniquely prepared us to provide training faithful to the Scriptures and the Westminster Standards.

The current opportunity comes at a time of significant financial challenges. As we hear every day on the news, the financial landscape is shifting and no one seems certain of what the future holds. We are very aware that individuals and churches committed to this ministry are impacted significantly by these changes. Our dependence on partnership with the Body of Christ is intentional: gifts to Greenville Seminary help to underwrite 70% of our annual costs. We rely on the benevolent giving of supporters to fulfill our mission. Donations to this ministry have a lasting influence in the lives of our students and their families. We know that God can and will bring good out of the current financial situation for all His children.

Normally, we receive about 20-25% of our operating income in December. This year we are under our donation budget by over \$94,000. If you have been on our list for a while then you remember that this is not the first time that we have reported being under budget and in urgent need of funds. However we are coming to this year's end significantly further behind than we have been in the past. 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 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 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.)

Regardless, whether or not you are able to send a gift before the end of the year, please pray that the Lord

Please Pray With Us

November Prayer Requests:

- Please pray for God's provision of financial resources for Greenville Seminary, particularly for funds to cover the current budget deficit.
- Please pray for students as they finish up the semester and take final examinations.
- Pray for government leaders at the federal, state and local levels. Pray that those who are known to be hostile to biblical principles will be converted.



Nov. 30 – Dr. Dyer - Westminster Presbyterian Church (OPC) in Carrollton, GA

Nov. 30 – Dr. Shaw – Redeemer Presbyterian Church (OPC) in Mathews, NC

Dec. 7 - Dr. Carrick - Covenant Presbyterian Church (PCA), Houston, TX

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

will provide for our needs. We appreciate your care and concern for this school. Thank you and God bless. With warm regards, I am

Yours in Christ,



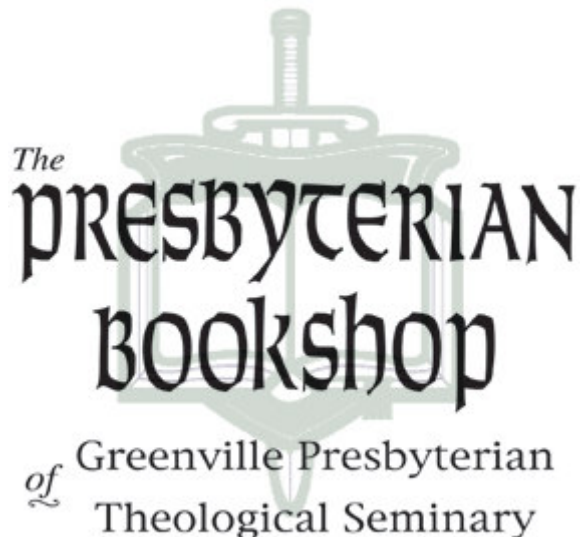
Dr. Joseph A. Pipa, Jr.
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Jan. 30-Feb.1 – Dr. Pipa – Southwest PCA, Houston, TX, Bible Conference

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



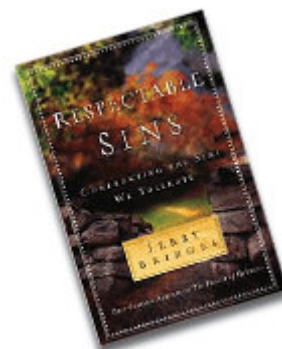
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Respectable Sins: Confronting the Sins We Tolerate

As Christians, we believe that all sins are considered equal in God's eyes. Yet while evangelicals continue to decry the Big Ones--such as abortion, adultery, and violence--we often overlook more deceptive sins.

Acclaimed author Jerry Bridges believes that just as culture has lost the concept of sin, the church faces the same danger. Jerry writes not from a sense of achievement, but from the trenches of his own personal battles. Drawing from scriptural truth, he sheds light on subtle behaviors that can derail our spiritual growth. Throughout, Jerry encourages victory over personal sin through the gospel's transforming power. This release is perfect for readers who long to examine



their lives thoughtfully and discover a deeper walk with God.

The Gospel Mystery of Sanctification

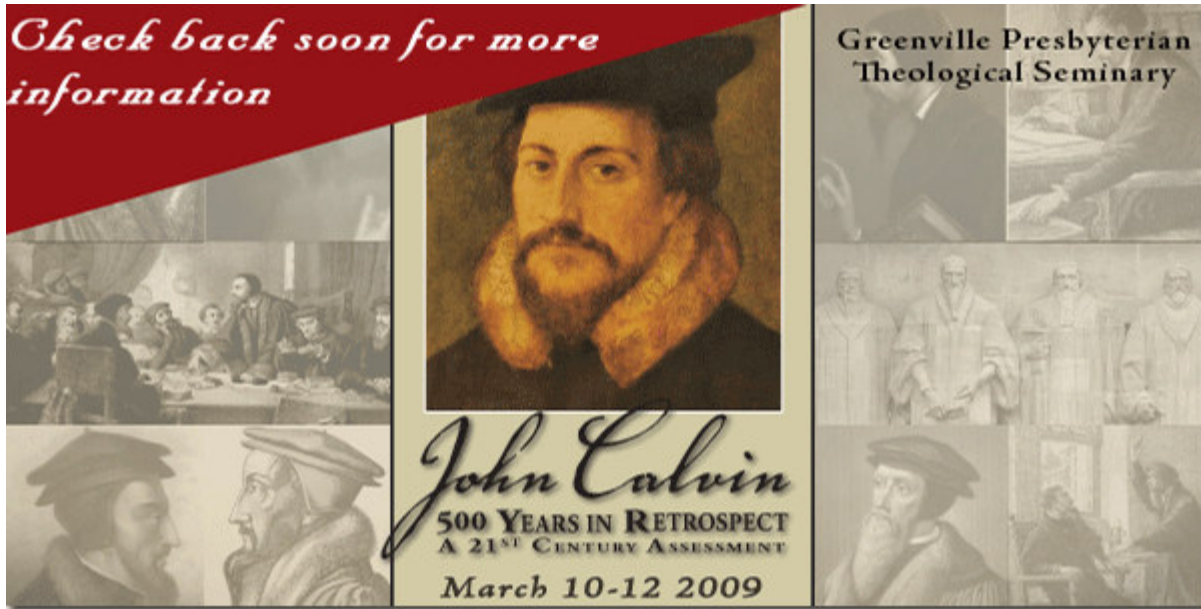


Walter Marshall (1628-1680) served as fellow at New College, Oxford and Winchester College, and ministered at Fawley, Hursley, and Gosport, England. His *Gospel Mystery of Sanctification* shows us that sanctification is essential to

spiritual life and inseparable from union with Christ, union with Christ means that justification and sanctification are inseparable, holiness involves both the mind and soul of the believer, and Christians must aim for spiritual holiness and balance in all of life. A biographical and theological introduction by Joel Beeke is included.

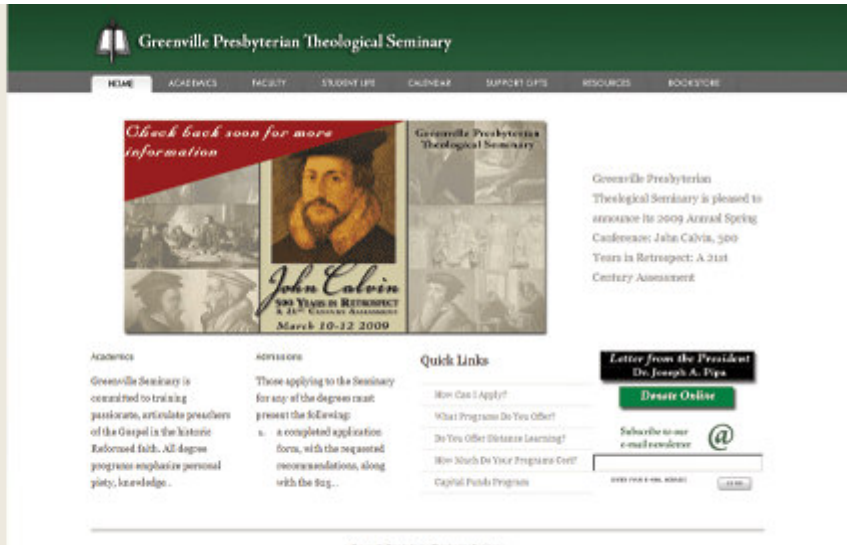
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