

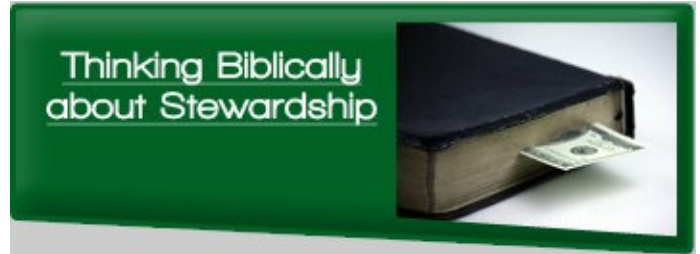
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You are called to the bedside of an elderly member of your congregation and asked for counsel. Despite being well into his eighties, he was painting his garage when he suddenly fell unconscious. He was rushed to the hospital and found to have a massive stroke. Now 48 hours later, he has not regained consciousness and is obviously unable to eat or drink anything. His doctors offer very little hope for improvement and want the family to make a decision regarding the placement of a feeding tube or to consider taking him home to die. The family knows that he has always been very clear that he did not want extraordinary measures done in the case where he was incapacitated. Some want to follow his wishes, but others are not willing to starve their father to death. What would be your advice?

“All of us will interact with the medical system in one form or another and most of us will end up in situations where ethical decisions need to be made,” states Dr. Del Bailey, a gastroenterologist (digestive diseases) and ruling elder from Kingsport, Tenn. “These will involve our family, friends and fellow believers. Doctors, pastors and lay people must be prepared to give an answer that glorifies God. The Church has abdicated its responsibility in this area to an unbelieving medical community. For example, the A.M.A. code of conduct makes it ethical to murder unborn children through abortion, but it is unethical for a physician to participate in a lawful execution.”

Dr. Bailey notes that he has developed a passion for a distinctively Christian medical ethic through teaching and mentoring medical students and residents. “There is minimal if any training in ethics (and most of that is poor) for medical students and



This is the third 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 3: Good and Faithful

Jesus taught us that we can learn a great deal about people by how they use their resources. In fact, He told a parable that addresses this very issue in Matthew 25. It is the Parable of the Talents. It is about being faithful with what God has given to each of us.

What is the standard for success in managing God’s gifts to us? God’s standard is faithfulness. We have a responsibility to handle our wealth effectively.

Listen to the voice of the Master: “Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful...” (vs. 21); and again in vs. 23, “Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful...” Understand that God is not looking for quantity as the measure of success here. God gave to each according to his ability ... to one He gave five talents of money, to another two talents, and to another one talent” (vs. 15).

The master knew his servants well. He knew what they were capable of managing. The faithful steward is responsible for what he or she has, whether it is little or much. As someone once said, “It’s not what I would do if one million dollars were my lot; it’s what I am doing with the ten dollars I’ve got.”

physicians. In one group of residents that I surveyed, over two-thirds of them thought that there were no absolute ethical standards or truths.” His desire to bring Christians to the forefront of the discussion and to train pastors, doctors and laymen has resulted in Greenville Seminary’s 2010 Summer Institute (August 2-6). “Dr. Pipa and I have been discussing this for over two years and this is the culmination of a great deal of planning and study. The goal of this course is to help many people to think biblically in this area and to equip them to also teach and counsel others.”

This course promises not be just an academic experience; rather Dr. Bailey will endeavor to take real life scenarios and work through them individually and as a group and then look at the Scriptural and scientific context. Although a class setting cannot create the pressure of the ICU as it would be at 2 o'clock in the morning, Dr. Bailey’s intention is to allow the participants to feel that they would be ready to help in a variety of routine and difficult situations. Although the scenario described in the first paragraph above is an end-of-life issue, there is a great deal more to medical ethics than death and dying, *e.g.*, issues of confidentiality, patient sovereignty, cost and payment, alternative medicine, conflict between science and the Bible, reproductive issues, how to be a better patient, and many others. Dr. Bailey says of the course: “I expect this to be fun, yet challenging, and look forward to growing through these interactions, for I certainly do not have all of the answers.”

Dr. Bailey would be glad to answer questions about the course. You can reach him via e-mail at biblicalmedethics@gmail.com. To register for the course, please go to <http://www.gpts.edu/pastorsor> call the seminary at 864-322-2717.



Greenville Seminary's 2010 Summer Theology Course will feature an in-depth examination of the Apostle Paul's Epistle to Titus. The course will be presented by GPTS Board Chairman Dr. George

It is interesting that the servant who was given two talents received the same reward as the servant who was given five talents. They used those talents in their master’s best interest. It was the third servant who did not act in the master’s best interest. He did nothing to increase his master’s money.

The way we handle our wealth should honor God. Honor the Lord with your wealth...” Prov. 3:9. How do we do that best?

We honor God by managing what we have: timely payment of bills, prudent management of debt, saving for emergencies, saving for retirement and wise investing. We also honor the Lord by generous giving. Giving a cup of cold water in His name is demonstrating His love to those in need.

A final way we can honor God at the end of our lives is in the distribution of our estate. This is a time we can make a significant statement to our loved ones about our priorities, while continuing to support the work of God’s kingdom after we are gone.

Are you effectively handling your wealth? Open your checkbook. It is the ultimate test of your heart’s desire. Are you honoring God by your investments in eternity? Your answers will shape the direction of your life and the character of your final reward.

What Does Scripture Say?

Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful. 1 Cor. 4:2

Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents of money, to another two talents, and to another one talent, each according to his ability. (Parable of the Talents — Matt. 25:14-30)

Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. — Matt. 6:19-21

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W. Knight III. In this short but substantive epistle, Paul finds his pastoral advice on the fact that "the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people" — a fact which he says must inspire God's people to "live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives." The class runs from 1 p.m. Monday, July 26 through 11:30 a.m. on Friday, July 30. More information and specific class times are available at http://www.gpts.edu/pastors/summer_class

DR. SID DYER AWARDED FULL PROFESSORSHIP



Hearty Congratulations to Dr. Sidney Dyer, who has been promoted to Full Professor of Greek and New Testament. Dr. Dyer will be giving an inaugural address on Friday, December 3rd. All are invited to attend. More details will be sent in a future e-newsletter and made available on our website.



July 7 – July 14 – Dr. Knight – OPC General Assembly, Palos Heights, Illinois
July 11 – Dr. Pipa – Neon Reformed Presbyterian Church (OPC), Neon, Kentucky
July 18 - Dr. Dyer - Reedy River PCA, Conestee, South Carolina
July 23 – Dr. Pipa – Installation of John Belden, First Presbyterian Church (OPC), Sunnyvale, California
July 25 – Dr. Pipa – First Presbyterian Church (OPC),

Please Pray With Us July Prayer Requests:

- Please continue to pray for God's provision of all needed resources for the seminary.
- Continue to pray for the several GPTS students who are doing internships this summer. (See specific list below.)
- Please pray for Dr. McGoldrick's wife who is undergoing treatment for severe arthritic pain. Please pray for safety during the procedure and that the procedure will be effective in significantly relieving pain.
- 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 travel together to South Africa. Please pray specifically for protection for the whole family as they travel, for Mrs. Carrick's health, and for God's blessing upon the ministry of His Word during this visit.

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, South Carolina
 Jeff Downs - Calvary Presbyterian Church (PCA), Traveler's Rest, South Carolina
 Kevin Olivier - Lakeview Presbyterian Church (OPC), Rockport, Maine

Sunnyvale, California

July 25 - Dr. Dyer - Shiloh OPC, Carey, North Carolina

July 26-29 – Dr. Smith – Ministry Conference,
Machen Retreat Center, Highland County, Virginia

July 27-29 – Dr. Carrick – Pastors Conference,
Durban, South Africa

July 30-August 1 – Dr. Carrick – Family Conference,
Durban, South Africa

August 1 – Dr. Pipa – Shiloh OPC, Carey, North
Carolina

August 1 - Dr. Curto - Covenant Community OPC,
Taylors, South Carolina

August 8 – Dr. Pipa – Dillingham PCA, Banardsville,
North Carolina

August 15 - Dr. Curto - Geneva OPC, Woodstock,
Georgia

August 15 – Dr. Carrick, Shiloh Presbyterian Church
(OPC), Raleigh, North Carolina

August 19-20 – Dr. Pipa – Family Conference, Shelter
Reformed Presbyterian Church (RPCNA), Edmonton,
Alberta

August 22 – Dr. Carrick, Shiloh Presbyterian Church
(OPC), Raleigh, North Carolina

August 29 – Dr. Pipa – Free Reformed Church,
Chatham, Ontario

September 25-26 – Dr. Pipa – Conference on The
Means of Grace, Grace Reformed Church, Greeneville,
Tennessee

Jegar Chinnavan - Bible Presbyterian Church (BPC),
Grand Island, New York

Todd Seay - Grace Presbyterian Church (OPC),
Lynchburg, Virginia

Breno Macedo - Fellowship Presbyterian Church
(PCA), Greer, South Carolina

Louis Cloete - Mission trip to Ethiopia

Mark Kozak - Mount Calvary (PCA), Roebuck, South
Carolina

Jeremiah Montgomery - Westminster (OPC),
Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania

Ongoing:

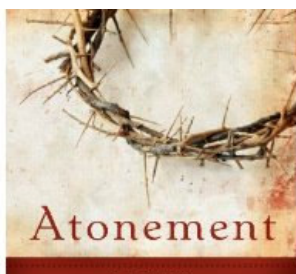
Dr. Smith is teaching an Adult Sunday School class at
Cornerstone Presbyterian Church in Brevard, North
Carolina.

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



Alumni Publications

Atonement,
edited by
**Gabriel N E
Fluhrer. \$12.90.**
The doctrine of
atonement is

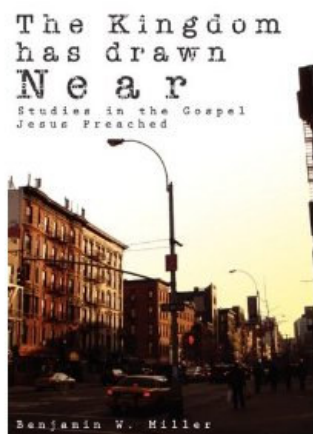


The **2010 Greater Atlanta Pastor's Conference** will
be held **July 29-31** at **All Saints Redeemer Church**,
Stone Mountain, Georgia. The conference theme is
"**The Pastor as the Divinely Called Under-Shepherd
of God's Flock.**" Speakers include **Terry Johnson
and Michael Leach**. Greenville Seminary will have a
book table at the conference. For more information
and registration go to

under debate. Evangelical publishing houses are releasing books that purport to change our understanding of this central Christian doctrine; some church leaders are asking for the emphasis to change away from Christ as sin-bearer to Christ as exemplar of God's love. This collection of presentations on the atonement from recent PCRT conferences makes a strong case for the Reformed view of atonement.



***The Kingdom has drawn Near: Studies in the Gospel Jesus Preached* by Ben Miller. \$12.00.** This first work by Sensus Divinitatis Publishing is a four-part exposition on the Kingdom of God. The really exciting news on the world scene is that the kingdom of God



has arrived! And as noted above, we are living in the historical unfolding of that kingdom, whether we believe it or not, whether we like it or not. We are living in the historical unfolding of that

kingdom today. This means that our lives are not just happening. Life is not just happening. Our lives are unfolding as one small part of God's kingdom plan. And this, in turn, means that our lives are fraught with moral significance, because at every moment we are either actively serving the King or we are actively warring against Him.

Orders for either of these books may be placed [online](#) (or by contacting the Presbyterian Bookshop (bookstore@gpts.edu or 864-322-2717, ext. 306.)

www.allsaintsredeemerchurch.org.

Fall Registration

The schedule for fall classes at GPTS is now available [online](#). Members of the community are welcome to register for classes, either for credit or on an audit basis (audit fee is \$20/credit hour). Of particular interest this coming semester are the following classes:

Islam - taught by Pastor Anees Zaka of Church Without Walls, Philadelphia, Penn.

Introduction to Reformed Theology - taught by GPTS founding professor, Morton H. Smith.

To register, send an e-mail to registrar@gpts.edu or call the seminary at 864-322-2717.

Katekōmen

GPTS's Online Scholarly Journal

The seminary's scholarly publication is been revived as an online journal. Katekōmen 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.

[READ IT HERE](#)

[Katekōmen Online](#) Since it ceased publication several years ago, many scholars and others have expressed interest in resumption of Katekōmen, Greenville Seminary's scholarly journal. Although resources are not available currently for revival of Katekōmen 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. Katekōmen can be found on the web by clicking [here](#) or entering katekōmen.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.



Below are tables showing our financial condition as of the end of June. Thank you to all who responded so generously to our appeal last month. Although we do not have a surplus entering into these first few months of the fiscal year we are look forward to God's continued provision. 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](#).

General Fund Update

	June Budget	June Actual	Difference Compared to Budget for June	Fiscal Year to Date Budget	Fiscal Year to Date Actual	Difference Compared to Budget for Fiscal Year to Date
Expenses	\$ 66,785	\$80,625	\$ 13,840	\$ 826,210	\$ 845,063	\$ 18,853
Donation Income	\$ 56,232	\$ 69,577	\$ 11,345	\$ 676,414	\$ 676,771	\$ 357
Other Income	\$ 12,710	\$ 9,666	- \$ 3,044	\$ 152,530	\$ 194,415	\$ 41,885
Total Income	\$ 68,942	\$77 243,	\$ 8,301	\$ 828,944	\$ 871,186	\$ 42,242

Capital

Funds Update

Goal	\$ 3,500,000
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Receipts	\$ 2,409,044
Outstanding Pledges	\$ 743,545
New Income Needed	\$ 347,411
Outstanding Bills	\$ 38,500
Monthly Note	\$ 7,300
Remaining Mortgage	\$1,138,794

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