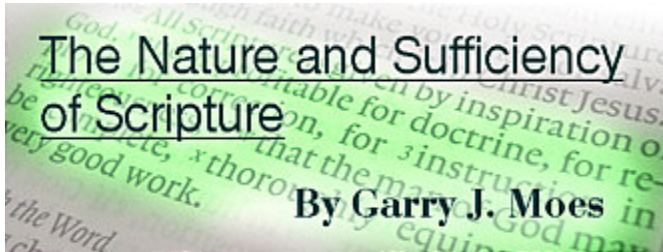


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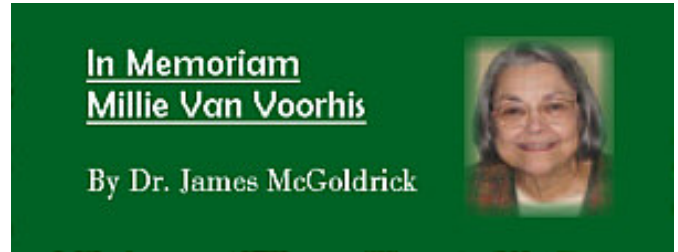
There is a crisis in the church concerning the Word of God, according to Dr. L. Anthony Curto, Associate Professor of Missions and Apologetics at Greenville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, and that crisis is seriously undermining the Faith.

Dr. Curto was one of a distinguished slate of lecturers at the 2010 GPTS Spring Theological Conference on “The Nature and Sufficiency of Scripture” held at Woodruff Road Presbyterian Church in Greenville, S.C. March 9-11. The conference was well attended, with a capacity audience at the Tuesday evening public lecture. Conference-goers also enjoyed opportunities for fellowship, networking and purchases from the extensive seminary bookstore exhibit.

The crisis concerning Scripture is due to the modern church’s failure to recognize the vital doctrine of the sovereignty of God, thus rejecting the consequent authority of His Word, Dr. Curto said, describing the Bible as God’s “powerful, authoritative self-expression.” This is a comprehensive expression, he said, noting that all of creation came into being by the decree of God’s Word.

God, in the person of the Holy Spirit, has condescended to speak to His creatures through holy men of old, divinely inspiring them in fullest detail, yet employing the “instrumentality” of the unique human personalities and experiences of the Scripture writers, said Dr. David Murray, professor of Old Testament and Practical Theology at Puritan Reformed Seminary, Grand Rapids, Mich.

A “Holy God” speaking through “Holy Men” to produce a “Holy Word” ought to generate a reverence for that Word, allowing its readers to find reliable



Greenville Presbyterian Theological Seminary acknowledges with heartfelt sympathy and gratitude the passing to Glory of Mildred "Millie" Van Voorhis, who went home to be with her Lord on Thursday, February 18, 2010. Millie and her husband John H. Van Voorhis, a seminary trustee and former board chairman, have been stalwart supporters of Greenville Seminary since its creation in 1987. Millie generously gave of her time, talents and resources in service to the seminary in the name of her Lord. She organized volunteers and provided hospitality for seminary visitors on many occasions, among her many devoted services. The following reminiscence by Dr. McGoldrick, GPTS Professor of Church History provides a small glimpse into Millie's life and character.

When my wife Betty and I arrived in Greenville in 2001, among the first people to befriend us were John and Millie Van Voorhis in a Sunday School class at Second Presbyterian Church. Because of their great cordiality, we soon learned that all of us had lived at some time in Philadelphia, where we had mutual friends. From that point forward Van Voorhis and McGoldricks began going places and doing things together. Octoberfest in Walhalla, concerts at Furman University, and several days in Florida are especially fond memories we share.

Betty and Millie seemed to be kindred spirits, perhaps because both experienced the crippling effects of polio when they were young, and both refused to allow those afflictions to dominate their lives. Two strong women did not succumb to their disabilities but rose above them to set a fine example for others.

answers for all of life's issues, to secure their faith against the onslaughts of the devil, and to give certainty to our knowledge of God and His world, Dr. Murray said, in the first to two evening devotional lectures open to the public during the conference.

Greenville Seminary's Dr. Benjamin Shaw, Associate Professor of Hebrew & Old Testament, guided conference attendees through the labyrinth of modern English translations of the Bible, questioning the "dynamic (or functional) equivalence" approach of many modern translators. This approach, contrasted to the traditional "verbal equivalence" (word-for-word) approach employed by some of the more reliable modern renditions of the original Hebrew and Greek texts, seeks to provide the reader with interpretive renditions which the translators believe best express the embedded thoughts of the original writers, he said.

The real issue is not the "translation philosophy" but the "translators' theology," Dr. Shaw said, adding, "Words are important," and only a faithful rendition of the actual words breathed by the Holy Spirit gives us the true mind of God.

Dr. Joseph Pipa Jr., GPTS president, addressed the issue of why creeds and confessions are essential even in light of the complete sufficiency of Scripture. Noting that the word "creed" comes from the Latin "*credo*" (I believe), Dr. Pipa argued that it is inevitable that all men will adopt some "belief" concerning the meaning of Scripture. Even those espousing "No creed but Christ" are making a statement of belief concerning Scripture, he said. Indeed, every translation of Scripture is a creedal statement of the translators as to what they believe the original words say, he said. Likewise, every sermon is the preacher's creed about what the Bible says.

The historic creeds of the church are merely standards of understanding about the teachings of Scripture, and when the church adopts these standards, the creeds facilitate "communion" (as "forms of unity") and "communication" through commonly shared interpretation of and instruction from Scripture, he said.

Dr. James White of Phoenix, Ariz., director of Alpha and Omega Ministries, a Christian apologetics organization, addressed two current heretical writers and teachers gaining a substantial foothold within and outside of the church. Dr. White presented an informative exposé of a favorite of the anti-Christian media, self-proclaimed agnostic and apostate Bart

One of my own early experiences with Millie occurred while she and John were working as volunteers at our seminary, a labor of love they performed with joy and dedication to a cause to which they were committed heartily. In our conversation that day we somehow began discussing higher education, and Millie asked my opinion of *Klimpson*, at least that was what I thought she said. Soon I learned that is the North Carolina dialectical way to pronounce *Clemson*. We all enjoyed a good laugh about my confusion. In fact, smiles all around often occurred when the four of us were together.

We, of course, have every reason to smile, since we share our common love for Christ and for one another. Millie's smile greeted us even after she learned her condition was terminal, and our last time together was a blessing and encouragement, as we talked about God's goodness to us and the prospect of a glorious resurrection, when our aging, declining bodies will be clothed with immortality, never again to experience pain. Millie cherished that truth, and it enabled her to face eternity unafraid. Her passing brings us the sorrow of parting, but since we know a grand reunion awaits us, when our Lord calls us home, our grief is for but a brief season, while our joy in our Savior is forever.

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord,... Yes, says the Spirit, They will rest from their labor, and their deeds will follow them.
(Revelation 14:13)

Millie has gone to be with Jesus, but the testimony of her deeds remains to inspire others to follow her splendid example.



March 26-28 – Dr. Pipa – Conference, Grace PCA, Stuart, FL

March 28 – Dr. Shaw – Geneva OPC, Woodstock GA

Erhman. And Dr. White challenged the controversial teachings questioning the inerrancy of Scripture being advanced by former Westminster Theological Seminary Professor Peter Enns.

Dr. Mark Herzer, pastor of Christ Covenant Presbyterian Church in Warminster, Pa., critiqued the modern Roman Catholic view of Scripture, questioning the increasingly accepted claim that the Vatican II church council had fully restored the primacy of the Word of God in Catholic teaching. Dr. Herzer acknowledged that the Roman church no longer looks to two separate sources of revelation: Scripture and Church Tradition, but he said that the new view, that there is a single source of revelation — a “dynamic tradition united to the living Word of God,” is not a vast difference. He described this dynamic view of revelation, advocated by Pope Benedict XVI, as essentially Barthian: that revelation becomes reality only through the experience of faith.

Dr. Chad Van Dixhoorn, associate pastor of Grace Presbyterian Church in Vienna, Va., and a scholar affiliated with the Westminster Assembly Project, outlined the 17th century assembly’s doctrine of Scripture as manifested in the Westminster Confession of Faith; namely, that Scripture is inspired, authoritative, holy, necessary and sufficient, and perspicuous (clear/understandable). He noted that while the Westminster scholars were utterly committed to the divine inspiration of Scripture, they also acknowledged the role of a God-given conscience (moral compass), gift of reason, and “light of nature” in the understanding of Scripture.

He said that the Westminster Confession recognizes “the hermeneutics of just and necessary consequence” — deductions from Scripture leading to legitimately biblical doctrinal statements, as well as the hermeneutics of “formal consequence” — the clearly expressed doctrines contained in Scripture.

Lectures presented at the conference are available on CD or in MP3 audio format from the [seminary bookstore](#). Selected lectures from Dr. Pipa, Dr. Murray and Dr. White are also available free of charge on [SermonAudio.com](#).

March 28 – Dr. Carrick – Grace PCA, Aiken, SC

April 4 – Dr. Smith – Cornerstone PCA, Brevard, NC

April 8-12 – Dr. Pipa – Conference, Covenant OPC and Village Chapel PCA, New Bern, NC

April 18 – Dr. Carrick – New Covenant PCA, Richmond Hill, GA

April 23-25 – Dr. Pipa Spring Conference: Knit Together in Love; God’s Model For Family, Marriage and Church. Bethel URC Grand Rapids. MI

Ongoing:

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

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

March Prayer Requests:

- **Please continue to pray for God's provision of all needed resources for the seminary.**
- **Please continue to pray for Leon and Charles Amicy, Octavius Delfils, their churches and their families as they continue to minister in Haiti. The Presbyterian Mission in Haiti (PMH) continues to minister to survivors many of whom are overwhelmed with grief. We recently also heard that the Amicy's house in Port-au-Prince was burglarized and burned. Additional details supplied by the PMH board are available on the PMH website: www.presbyterianmissioninhaiti.org**

Upcoming Events

April 22-23 - Development & Recruiting Director Garry Moes meets with Biblical and Theological Studies students at Providence Christian College, Ontario, California. Mr. Moes will also be representing GPTS at the Growing Reformed Churches conference, "Reformed Spirituality for the 21st Century," at First United Reformed Church, Chino, Calif., April 23-24.



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

GPTS on Youtube: GPTS has several videos now available on Youtube, including some interviews with faculty members Dr. Tony Curto and Dr. Ben Shaw.

Biblical Worldview Student Conference: We encourage all young people to consider attending this conference May 31 - June 5 at Milligan College outside of Johnson City, TN. The conference is sponsored by Westminster, PCA in Kingsport, TN. The purpose of the conference is to train young men and women (age 15 to college seniors) to grow in the faith and be better equipped to face the challenges of an increasingly hostile world. More information can be found at www.westminsterkpt.org.



The tables below outline the seminary's financial picture for the month of March. In the month of March we received \$100,000 in cash gifts toward our Capital Campaign and have been able to apply it all to paying down the principal on our loan.

April 23, 1 p.m. - "Is Man the Cause of Global Warming?" Michael Oard of Creation Research Society will give a lecture, at Greenville Seminary, on the fallacies of global warming. Homeschoolers and other members of the public are welcome to attend. The presentation will be held at the seminary. (Mr. Oard will also be the speaker at the quarterly meeting of the Creation Study Group on April 22nd at 2nd Presbyterian in Greenville. The topic will be How the Bible Explains the Ice Age and more information can be found at <http://www.creationstudygroup.org/>).

May 17-20 - Reformed Church in the U.S. Synod meeting, Ebenezer Reformed Church, Shafter, California. GPTS will be represented by Development Director Garry Moes.

June 28 - July 1 - Presbyterian Church in America General Assembly, Nashville Convention Center, Nashville, Tenn. GPTS will be hosting a breakfast for interested commissioners on Wednesday, June 30, 6:45 a.m., at First Baptist Church, 108 Seventh Avenue South, Nashville. If you wish to attend the breakfast, RSVP to the GPTS Development Office (bbenson@gpts.edu).

August 2-6 - Summer Institute Medical Ethics Conference with Dr. Del Bailey at the seminary.

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Greenville Seminary is committed to serving the church in preparing men for ordination to the Gospel ministry and both men and women for other Christian service in the church. Our web site has a new feature allowing churches, schools or other Christian organizations to list pulpit vacancies or open ministry positions. Click the [News & Resources](#) tab on our web site, then select [Church Connections](#) and click on [List Your Ministry Opportunities](#). To post a pastoral or other position

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).

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opening, complete and submit the form. Your data will be reviewed and, if approved, will be placed on the web site as a service to like-minded churches and other Christian organizations. Although the open pulpits and positions page is primarily for the benefit of Greenville Seminary students and alumni, others are welcome to search openings posted there. Please anticipate a short delay after you have posted your employment opening before the notice will be available for public viewing on our site as we review your information and update our page.

General Fund Update

	February Budget	February Actual	Difference Compared to Budget for February	Fiscal Year to Date Budget	Fiscal Year to Date Actual	Difference Compared to Budget for Fiscal Year to Date
Expenses	\$ 66,789	\$71,356	\$ 4,567	\$ 559,076	\$ 558,329	\$ 747
Donation Income	\$ 56,231	\$ 43,859	- \$ 12,372	\$ 449,845	\$ 437,820	- \$ 12,025
Other Income	\$ 19,916	\$ 26,813	\$ 6,897	\$ 101,687	\$ 142,824	\$ 41,137
Total Income	\$ 76,147	\$ 70,672	- \$ 5,475	\$ 551,532	\$ 580,644	\$ 29,112

Capital Funds Update

Goal	\$ 3,500,000
Receipts	\$ 2,384,795
Outstanding Pledges	\$ 775,317
New Income Needed	\$ 339,888
Outstanding Bills	\$ 38,500
Monthly Note	\$ 8,000

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