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As a new member of the GPTS staff I've been asked to introduce myself to you all.

My name is Rob Dykes. Only 23 years ago I was born in bonnie Scotland. Except for the weather, Glasgow was a delightful place to be raised, and it was there that I lived for 17 years. At the age of 17 my family and I moved to the South coast of Wales where I studied Industrial Design in Swansea University. From there I moved to London to work for a charity named Share Jesus, where I learned my trade as graphic and web designer. This provided the opportunity to work as a youth worker two evenings a week, which involved interacting with children who were involved in drugs and gangs and living with no hope. It was heartbreaking to see these young kids living in darkness, and this challenged me to go into full time ministry. I didn't know when or where, but I knew I wanted to be equipped with a heavier anchor in Biblical knowledge. I promised God, if He opened the door to train me for full time ministry, I would walk through it.

On returning to Wales I was blessed with full time employment in a local web design company. I had many friends and a loving family around me, Church was edifying, I found myself a lovely wee Welsh girl, I played for a local Church 'soccer' team, and it took two minutes to get to the beach with my dog Hamish where we walked for hours several times a week. Life was good! I started to get too comfortable and relied on my own strength instead of the Lord. It was all too easy to forget about the burden I had to enter full time ministry.

The Lord didn't forget my promise. In February 09 I started designing logos, leaflets, flyers etc. for local churches which led me to Peter Naylor; a pastor of a Presbyterian Church in Cardiff. I told him of my desire to train for full time ministry in the future and he recommended GPTS and urged me to enroll while I was still young. 'That is unrealistic' I thought, 'South



September 17 – Dr. Pipa – Sola Scriptura Conference, Toronto, ON, Canada

September 20 – Dr. Pipa – Landis Presbyterian Church (PCA), Marion, NC

September 20 – Dr. Shaw – Calvary PCA, Traveler's Rest, SC

September 27 – Dr. Pipa – Chalcedon RPCUS, Cumming, GA

October 4 – Dr. Pipa – Christ Reformed Church of the Carolinas, Anderson, SC

October 10 – October 24 – Dr. Pipa – Preaching and Lecturing in Brazil

October 11 – Dr. Shaw – Church Creek PCA, Summerville, SC

October 18 – Dr. Carrick – Providence Church, Duluth, GA

October 18 (Eve.) – Dr. Carrick – Chalcedon RPCUS, Cumming, GA

October 31 – November 1 – Dr. Carrick – Reformation Conference, Grace OPC, Sheboygan, WI

October 31 – November 1 – Dr. McGoldrick – Lectures on Calvin, New Covenant Presbyterian Church, Abingdon, MD

December 4 – Dr. Carrick – Inaugural Lecture, Greenville Seminary, Taylors, SC

December 27 – 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

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

Carolina is miles away'. About a week later Matt Holst (a GPTS alumnus) phoned to tell me that leaving the UK for Greenville was not so crazy after all. I decided to pray about it and save money to enroll in some years to come. God had other plans. Not long after, Matt phoned again. He had been talking to Dr. Pipa, who revealed that GPTS was looking for a new designer - to undertake graphic and web projects - and would be willing to provide a wage that would cover fees and living cost. It was not for me to break my promise to the Lord and so here I am – the latest addition to the GPTS staff and a first year student.

Looking back, everything seems to fit. Going to London to study graphics and my job in Wales as web designer seem ideal for training me to be able to work for GPTS. God opened the doors. My earnest prayer in London was Psalm 25 verses 4 and 5 and God always answers prayer. "Make me know Your ways, O LORD; Teach me Your paths. Lead me in Your truth and teach me, For You are the God of my salvation; For You I wait all the day."

South Carolina is beautiful. The staff and fellow students are as warm as the weather. Although slightly homesick and anxious about the intense academic path ahead, I know I can fully rely on God in everything.



As we on the staff are saying hello to Rob and his classmates, we are saying a fond "Farewell" to Daniel Wilson who has been GPTS' part-time graphic designer for the last five years. Daniel was also supported during his years of study by his home church, Sovereign Grace Presbyterian Church, in Charlotte, NC. Daniel met his wife Raewyn while they were both studying at Greenville Seminary. Raewyn received her MA in 2006 and Daniel received his M.Div. in 2008. They are now the parents of David (2 years old), and Benjamin (7 months). They are expecting a third covenant child in May of 2010. Daniel has recently accepted a call to the Reformed Church of Nelson on the South Island of New Zealand. He would appreciate prayers for the Lord's blessings on this transition and for a successful ordination exam on October 10th. He also asks us all to pray that God would send more laborers to the Reformed Churches of New Zealand, a field that is white for harvest.



Greenville Seminary is holding a book sale October 9th and 10th (from 3-8 p.m. on Friday and 9 a.m.-3 p.m. on Saturday). All proceeds from the sale will benefit the Smith/Singer Library of the Seminary. Donations of theological literature as well as general literature (including children's books, homeschool materials, coffee table books, etc.) are all welcome. Cash donations toward the purchase of books for the library are also welcome and may be sent to the attention of the Library, Greenville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, P.O. Box 690, Taylors, SC 29687. All donations need to be received by the Saturday before the sale (Oct. 3rd). We plan to make this an annual event, so if you are unable to help at this time, please keep us in mind for future donations. If you are willing to help with the sale (by collecting donations, setting up shelving and moving books the week of the sale, helping with checkout the day of the sale, etc.), please contact Andy Wortman (awortman@gpts.edu or 864-322-2717 x309).



Coming Events

The following special events will be held at the seminary and are open to all. For more information, please call the seminary.

Friday, Oct 2nd – 1pm to 3pm – Pastor Bill Shishko of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church in Franklin Square will lecture on Protestant Reformer Martin Bucer. (Pastor Shishko will also preach in Chapel at 11:15 that same day).

Friday, Oct 9th- 12 noon – Kerry Orchard from Wales Evangelical School of Theology (WEST) will give a presentation to students and alumni on the WEST doctoral program

Friday, Oct. 9th 1pm to 3pm - Dr Tom Holland from Wales Evangelical School of Theology will give a lecture on the New Perspective on Paul

Friday, Oct 30th 1 pm – The Creation Study Group will show a documentary film on Charles Darwin entitled *The Voyage That Shook The World*

Thursday, Nov. 12th, 11:15 am – GPTS alumnus, **Charles Amicy** of Presbyterian Mission in Haiti will be preaching in Chapel

Please Pray With Us

September Prayer Requests:

- Praise God again for His on-going provision for Greenville Seminary. Please pray for the continuation of incoming donations.
- Please pray that God would send more laborers to the Reformed Churches of New Zealand, a field that is white for harvest.
- Please pray for the upcoming events this fall. That God will use these to not only encourage and bless the students at GPTS but also members of the wider Christian community.
- Pray for GPTS Adjunct Professor, Anees Zaka as he travels to London September 18 - 28. Please pray that God will use the several scheduled events in a mighty way for His glory.

Schedule of Fall Chapel Sermons

We invite all who are living near Greenville or visiting in the area to join us for Chapel. Chapel is held at 11:15 Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday each week of the semester. During Chapel on Wednesdays, Dr. Pipa will be continuing a series on the book of Job. Tuesday sermons are generally given by pastors from the community. The specific schedule is posted on the GPTS website calendar and a one page version is available at

<http://www.gpts.edu/studentlife/events/chapel.php>

Faculty Publishing

Dr. McGoldrick has recently published two articles on John Calvin. An article entitled "John Calvin: Theologian and Pastor" will appear in the October issue of *New Horizons*, the magazine of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church. "John Calvin, Practical Theologian" was included in the June and July issues of *The Outlook*, a journal of the Reformed Fellowship.

Faculty Availability

For churches in need of pulpit supply, GPTS faculty and students are available. Dr. James McGoldrick and Dr. John Carrick are both available to serve as interim pastors or as on-going pulpit supply. For more information contact Dr. Carrick at 864-322-2717, ext. 310 or jcarrick@gpts.edu.



Below are the financial numbers for the month of August. Thank you to each of you who are able to support the work of ministry at Greenville Seminary. We are thankful to report that we have exceeded our budget so far for this fiscal year. Our monthly average expenses, including the interest on the building mortgage, are approximately \$78,000. To prevent cash flow deficits this coming year 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 or 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

	August Budget	August Actual	Difference Compared to Budget for August	Fiscal Year to Date Budget	Fiscal Year to Date Actual	Difference Compared to Budget for Fiscal Year to Date
Expenses	\$ 70,803	\$ 60,353	\$ 10,450	\$ 138,327	\$ 128,876	\$ 9,451
Donation Income	\$ 31,400	\$ 37,348	\$ 5,948	\$ 62,800	\$ 67,589	\$ 4,789
Other Income	\$ 28,872	\$ 70,765	\$ 41,893	\$ 82,400	\$ 93,984	\$ 11,584
Total Income	\$ 60,272	\$ 108,113	\$ 47,841	\$ 145,200	\$ 161,573	\$ 16,373

Capital Funds Update

Goal	\$ 3,500,000
Receipts	\$ 2,201,557
Outstanding Pledges	\$ 907,951
New Income Needed	\$ 390,492
Outstanding Bills	\$ 38,500
Monthly Note	\$ 8,893

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