

NEW SCHOOL YEAR BEGINS THIS MONTH

**NEW STUDENTS,
RETURNING STUDENTS,
FACULTY PREP**



FACULTY SPOTLIGHT
PASTOR BRENO MACEDO

YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN US!

CONVOCATION
FRIDAY, AUGUST 23 | 7PM



ALUMNI UPDATES



PRAYER POINTS



NEW SCHOOL YEAR TO BEGIN

Our new school year will begin with Convocation (open to the public) on Friday, August 23 at 7PM in the auditorium of the Academy of the Arts (behind the Seminary building in Taylors).

A group of our graduates during the annual Alumni Association meeting at the Spring theology Conference (March 2019)

Please pray for the Seminary community (faculty, staff, and students) as we all prepare for the new term. This Fall semester will be Dr. Benjamin Shaw's final semester with us as a full-time member of the faculty. Dr. Morales is taking a sabbatical for the Fall term, in order to work on his writing projects. Dr. McGraw has stepped into the Academic Dean role, succeeding Dr. Shaw. The Board and Faculty are busy in their search for a new Professor of Biblical Studies to replace Dr. Shaw on the faculty.



We thank the Lord for the growth of our library (at around 16,000 volumes), and the recent increased success of our bookstore. We also thank the Lord for providing for our needs last fiscal year (July 2018 through June 2019). We reduced our mortgage by over \$400,000, and established a modest endowment of more than \$125,000. Operational expenses were kept below budget, and annual fund revenues last year were *just enough* to cover our expenses. **Please pray for our Board, staff, and faculty as we work together to raise the necessary funds for the upcoming semester.** We hope to bring in about **\$200,000** between now and the end of September.

We are preparing to welcome at least 22 new students this Fall. There are five additional applications currently in process with our admissions committee. Of our current (returning) students, 53 are studying with us through our Main Campus in Taylors, 1 through Westminster Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Gateshead, England, and 16 through John Wycliffe Theological College in Randburg, South Africa. Thus, we expect to have at least 92 students enrolled with us this Fall. We praise God for an exceptionally strong re-enrollment rate from last year to this year. Sixteen students will be recipients of our Foreign Student Scholarship, and two new students will be the first to receive Student Ministry Fellows Awards. Please pray for all of our students' preparations in these final weeks of Summer.



**FACULTY SPOTLIGHT:
PASTOR BRENO MACEDO**

Pastor Breno Macedo (MDiv, 11) is Adjunct Professor of Applied Theology. In that capacity, he teaches our Introduction to Homiletics course each January. After completing his MDiv at GPTS, he earned a ThM at Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary, where he is currently working

on a PhD in Historical Theology. He pastors Messiah's Independent Reformed Church in Holland, Michigan. Previously, he pastored in Brazil. He is married with three children. Please pray for his PhD work, as well as his labors as a pastor and professor.

Alumni Updates



From Top: Bennie Castle (right) was ordained as Pastor of Grace OPC in Lynchburg, VA; Ethan Bolyard (pictured with his wife, Catherine) was ordained as Organizing Pastor of Heritage OPC in Wilmington, NC; Andrew Wann (center) was ordained as Assistant Pastor at the Bible Presbyterian Church of Grand Island, NY; Nick Batzig (kneeling) was installed as Assistant Pastor at Wayside PCA in Signal Mountain, TN.

