

DESIRING NORMALCY OR DESIRING GOD?

PRAYING TO RECEIVE OUR
HIGHEST GOOD: GOD HIMSELF

ADMISSIONS UPDATE

REGARDLESS OF THE CURRENT
CRISIS, OUR ADMISSIONS TEAM IS
WORKING DILIGENTLY AS
PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS
COMPLETE THEIR APPLICATIONS



PANDEMIC RESOURCES
FROM PIPA & WILLBORN



PRAYER POINTS



Dr. Ian Hamilton speaks with
young attendees at the 2020
Spring Theology Conference

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After having experienced a weeks-long shutdown of your regular routines and practices (church-related and otherwise), you would be completely justified in desiring a return to normalcy. Certainly at the Seminary, professors and students look forward to the day when the “all-clear” is given for us to reunite in classroom settings and for things to “return to normal.”

How does the legitimate yearning for fellowship, corporate worship, work, and play fit into the Christian life? We must order the desire for normalcy under the desire for the Triune God and His presence. What is the Scriptural pattern given to Christians in trying times? Paul’s words in Philippians 4:11-13 are instructive: *I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am. I know how to get along with humble means, and I also know how to live in prosperity; in any and every circumstance I have learned the secret of being filled and going hungry, both of having abundance and suffering need. I can do all*



things through Him who strengthens me. Whatever our current moment may be or indicate, it is not the time for discontent.

As we pray for you - our friends around the world - and your congregations, please pray that the faculty, staff, and students of the Seminary would heed the words of King David in Psalm 37:3-7a:

*Trust in the LORD and do good;
Dwell in the land and cultivate faithfulness.
Delight yourself in the LORD;
and He will give you the desires of your heart.
Commit your way to the LORD,
Trust also in Him, and He will do it.
He will bring forth your righteousness as the light
And your judgment as the noonday
Rest in the LORD and wait patiently for Him.*

ADMISSIONS UPDATE

During last month's GPTS EXPLORE prospective student open-house, we welcomed ten prospective students and their families to sit in on classes, share meals with us, ask questions of our faculty, and get to know the Seminary community. These men represent to us not only potential student body growth as we begin preparing for the fall semester, but also another generation of pastors, preachers, and churchmen.

In addition to these ten, we are in contact with over 175 prospective students for coming years. Eighteen prospective students have at least begun the application process, with ten of those students having been accepted for the fall semester, to-date. We give thanks to God for drawing students to Greenville Presbyterian Theological Seminary.

Despite the disruptions associated with the COVID-19 pandemic, right now is "prime time" for our admissions department. Please pray for our team as counselors handle the many admissions inquiries coming in by phone, email, and gpts.edu. Pray for our team as the pandemic has complicated the process of making plans and advising prospective students. If there are any young men in your congregation (or family) who are considering pastoral ministry, please direct them to contact us at admissions@gpts.edu or to visit gpts.edu for more information. Thank you!

Resources from Dr. Pipa & Dr. Willborn



*Willborn: Pastoral Letter
on Worshipping in a
Pandemic*



Pipa: The Lion Roars



Pipa: The Deer Pants



Pipa: The Dove Mourns

*click on the titles to go to
online resources*

