

PRAYING FOR POST-COVID PREPARATIONS

PRAYING FOR WISDOM, SOBER-MINDEDNESS, AND PROTECTION

DR. PIPA'S PLANS

WITH THE TITLE PRESIDENT EMERITUS, DR. PIPA WILL CONTINUE TEACHING FULL-TIME AS PROFESSOR OF SYSTEMATIC AND APPLIED THEOLOGY



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PRAYER POINTS



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As our current fiscal year comes to a close (on June 30, 2020), we are looking forward to the coming fall semester with eagerness and anticipation. One of the unique issues we are facing as we approach Convocation (August 21) is how best to prepare ourselves for instruction in a post-Covid context.

There are many conflicting opinions on how schools can best instruct and protect their students while also safe-guarding the health and well-being of their instructors and staff members. While we resist the phantasmal fears of the sluggard of Proverbs 26:13, we must likewise avoid the arrogance and carelessness of the fool of Proverbs 14:16. Therefore, we are planning to conduct classes both in-person and online (as normal) in the fall, though with certain reasonable

The Board of Trustees has named the Seminary's main building "Pipa Hall" in honor of Dr. Joseph A. Pipa, Jr.



precautions to mitigate the spread of airborne pathogens. We have instituted new - but not burdensome - protocols for staff, students, faculty, and visitors over the summer, and members of the Seminary community are comfortable with the measures.

There remain some open questions, such as,

~ *Where do we conduct chapel?*

~ *Should we enforce social distancing requirements in classrooms?*

~ *What is the best way to communicate new rules so that nobody is left out of the loop?*

As Seminary staff members deliberate and form plans for the fall, please continue to pray for wisdom, understanding, sober-mindedness, courage, and appropriate care.

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As of July 1st, Dr. Jonathan Master will be President of Greenville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. At the recent spring meeting of the Board of Trustees (May 22nd), Dr. Joseph A. Pipa, Jr. accepted the title of *President Emeritus*.

In his capacity as President Emeritus, Dr. Pipa will continue to labor full-time at the Seminary as Professor of Systematic and Applied Theology, teaching his normal full-time course load and advising students. His regular courses include *Introduction to Reformed Theology; Creation, Man, & Sin; Christ & Salvation; Reformed Worship; Homiletics Practicum II*; and the occasional *Sermon Analysis* elective. He will continue to support the Seminary as a member of the Advancement team.

We thank God that He has seen fit to grant Dr. Pipa the strength and resolve to continue teaching at the Seminary while serving the church as an active Teaching Elder in the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA). Over the years, Dr. Pipa has modeled to our students what it means to be a preacher, pastor, and churchmen for Christ's Kingdom among the nations.



To read the Board's formal Resolution honoring Dr. Pipa, visit gpts.edu/honoring-dr-pipa.

Dr. & Mrs. Pipa at our 2018 Spring Scholarship Banquet honoring Dr. Pipa for 20 years of leadership and service to the Seminary.