

2008 SEMINARS By Topic

Bible Study and Spiritual Growth

Seminar Title: PrayerLife Seminar
Seminar Speaker: TE Bob Allums, SeeJesus Trainer

If you struggle with having a consistent prayer life, then you'll be delighted to learn step-by-step how to begin a life of private prayer in fellowship with your heavenly Father. By experiencing the training, you'll be introduced to the 11-week *PrayerLife* study for your small group or Sunday School.

Seminar Title: The Gift of Honesty
Seminar Speaker: Julie Courtney, SeeJesus Trainer

This seminar, geared specifically for women, will take a close look at how Jesus lived a life of honesty, surrounded by compassion as seen in this lesson taken from *The Person of Jesus* inductive Bible study. The participant will come away with a deeper understanding of "speaking the truth in love."

Seminar Title: GOSPEL TREASURE: Durable Value; Sacred Trust
Seminar Speaker: Carol J. Ruvolo, women's Bible study leader and Sunday School teacher, and author

Jesus contrasted "treasure in heaven" with "treasure on earth" by emphasizing durability over location. He tells us to "lay up" eternal treasure that cannot be corrupted, polluted, or stolen. The Gospel of salvation by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone is certainly included in that kind of treasure. Although it is *located* on earth, it's value *endures* through all manner of worldly assaults. Paul, in his second letter to Timothy, reveals that the Gospel is also *entrusted* treasure - treasure committed to us by faithful saints who have gone before us. As recipients of this rich deposit, we are to guard it, preserve it, and pass it on to others complete and intact. In this seminar, we will look at the durable value of Gospel treasure as well as our privileged responsibility of regarding and handling it as a sacred trust.

Seminar Title: Person of Jesus
Seminar Speaker: Tim Strawbridge, Director of Community Groups, Trinity Presbyterian Church, Lakeland, FL

The Person of Jesus inductive Bible study, used extensively through the PCA, will be the means for discovering afresh the wonder of Jesus. By participating in a sample lesson you'll get a feel for the material and why it has been so effective with both Christians and non-Christians.

Christians and Culture

Seminar Title: **Hollywood, the Arts, and the Church,
Can we be friends?**

Seminar Speaker: **Joel Pelsue, TE, Pacific Presbytery/Founder of
Arts and Entertainment Ministries, Los Angeles**

Some people despise Hollywood the way Jonah despised Nineveh. Others believe art and artists are useful only as tools for evangelism or worship. The real challenge comes when we talk about Christians being salt and light within the mainstream worlds of art, film, and media. How can the church play a pivotal role in these issues? What biblical principles can guide us for such a task? How can a Christians make an impact without becoming compromised?

Church Ministries

Seminar Title: **The Master Model of Men's Ministry**
Seminar Speaker: **Pete Alwinson, Sr. Pastor, Willow Creek Church, Winter Springs, FL**
Tommy Boland - Director of Men's & Sports Ministries, Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church
Discipling Leaders/ The Brother Brigade

Developing lay leaders is a primary calling of ministers of the gospel. Pete Alwinson will share his experience investing in the lives of other men to bring them into a more mature relationship with Christ and discipling them as leaders in their families, the church, the community and the world. Tommy Boland takes the approach that ministry is a *team sport* whether you minister to 5 or 5000. He will give you **The Brother Brigade** formula that has been successfully impacting the lives of men at the Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church since 2003. Walk away with a field-tested model that will encourage, equip and empower your men to answer the call of Christ in every area of their lives. There will be a question and answer session after the two presentations.

Seminar Title: **English As A Second Language for Outreach and Evangelism**
Seminar Speaker: **Nancy Booher**

Hear how churches in the PCA across the nation are reaching their International neighbors with the Gospel of Jesus Christ in both Word and Deed through ESL Ministries. Find out how your church can start one of these exciting and fruitful ministries too.

Seminar Title: **Serving and Challenging Seniors**
Seminar Speaker: **George Fuller, Consultant for Seniors Ministry, Christian Education and Publications Committee**

An introduction to the vast array of issues impacting senior life. Biblical information and imperatives. The importance of encouraging seniors to do ministry. A call for intentional intergenerational interaction. Baby Boomers become seniors; life is extended; radical growth in senior population calls for response.

Seminar Title: **How to minister to deployed and redeployed military personnel and their families**
Seminar Speakers: **CH (COL) Mack Griffith, CH (BG) Doug Lee**

The War on Terror is requiring many military members of your church or community to endure 2-3 long-term separations from their families. This impacts Reserve and Guard families particularly hard, since they are not always coming back to military communities: they are coming back to YOUR communities. This situation affords local churches tremendous ministry opportunities. "What," you say, "can we do?" Come learn from our trained PCA Chaplains what these folks are going through, and how the Christian community can make a difference for Christ in their lives.

Church Ministries, continued

Seminar Title: **All Things Possible: Calling Your Church Leadership to Embrace Disability Ministry**

Seminar Speaker: **Stephanie Hubach**

This seminar uses Colossians 3:15-17 as the framework for understanding how to encourage church leaders to understand the importance of outreach to and inclusion of people with disabilities and their families in congregational life. It presents the purpose, the process, and the posture required for calling church leadership to embrace ministry to and alongside people touched by disability.

Seminar Title: **Is the Emerging Church Changing How We Do Youth Ministry?**

Seminar Speaker: **Danny Mitchell, Coordinator of Family and Youth Ministries, Christian Education and Publications**

This seminar will look at the spiritual climate in America and the state of the Evangelicalism which has led to the rapid rise of the Emerging Church. We will trace the roots of this movement to its most current incarnation and attempt to look critically at the questions which the Emerging leaders are asking with a special emphasis being placed on how we in the PCA are ministering to 14-24 year olds.

Seminar Title: **Equipping And Mobilizing Your Church To Be Outward Focused**

Seminar Speaker: **Randy Pope, Sr. Pastor, Perimeter Church, Atlanta, GA**

As you seek to impact your communities, it is important to lead your church to look outside the walls and share the love of Christ in your community. Is it possible to lead in such a way that the "priesthood of believers" becomes a reality in your church? For 30 years Randy Pope, Pastor of Perimeter Church, has wrestled with this issue and in this seminar, he will share what he has learned about equipping and mobilizing God's people to reach a lost world.

Church Planting

Seminar Title: **The Missionary Church: Missional Ecclesiology and Church Planting In Today's Post-Everything Society**

Seminar Speaker: **Preston Graham, Jr.**

Post-liberal, post-modern, post-secular, post-colonial, post-literate, post-baby boom, post-9/11, post-organizational, but especially, post-"Christian" (or better "post-Christendom")-- these are, perhaps all too often, the clichés used to describe the emergent context for doing "church," and especially the craving for "church-NOT as usual." But is the post-everything context for doing church a good thing or a bad thing? And more especially, how has a post-organizational or "ecclesial" way of doing spirituality opened the way for the church to rediscover herself theologically as to be the "missionary church," even that church that is missionary by its very nature. The aim of this seminar will be to reconstruct a Biblical theology of the church as to make sense of Christ's statement, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you" which defines the very being or essence of the Church as mission. Special attention will be given to the a theology of Church planting and church renewal within the church's missional self-understanding.

Seminar Title: **Dynamics of Cross Cultural Ministry and Church Planting**

Seminar Speakers: **Randy Nabors, Pastor, New City Fellowship Chattanooga, TN**

What are the opportunities and obstacles in attempting to plant a church, or do a ministry, that combines various ethnic and socio-economic groups? Is this too hard for God? Is it too hard for you? Do we need Super Saints and Rocket Scientists to attempt such a thing? What are the real problems inherent in such ministries, and what kind of skills, and knowledge could help us be successful in this work? Randy Nabors shares 40 years of experience, and tons of mistakes, to help you.

Seminar Title: **Multi-Site Church Planting Strategies**

Seminar Speaker: **Doug Swagerty**

Multi-site churches are growing in number throughout the PCA and the broader evangelical church. This seminar will present various models of multi-site ministry currently in use, and will focus on the benefits and challenges of each model. Doug Swagerty is the Pastor of Harbor Presbyterian Church in San Diego, a multi-site church which was started in 2000 and currently has eight sites meeting each Sunday.

Church Vitality and Health

Seminar Title: **Unresolved Conflicts in Your Church?**

Seminar Speaker: **Ken Sande, President, Peacemaker Ministries**

When a church experiences conflict, the results can be terribly painful: couples divorce, families and friends are divided, and in extreme cases, a church may split. In each of these situations our witness for Christ is lost. But it doesn't have to be this way. Many churches are prayerfully developing a "culture of peace," where members truly live out the gospel in their relationships, thus bringing glory to God. The blessings of peace follow: strengthened marriages and families, unified churches, and a thriving ministry centered on the gospel. Building a culture of peace doesn't happen overnight, though. It takes perseverance, and Peacemaker Ministries is here to assist your church every step of the way.

Seminar Title: **Making Disciples: The Continuum of Evangelism and Discipleship**

Seminar Speaker: **Dr. Stephen Smallman**

Evangelism and discipleship should not be two separate activities or programs in our churches. Learn how our churches can become places where faith is birthed and nurtured at the same time. Stephen Smallman is part of CityNet Ministries of Philadelphia. He has written on the topic of new birth and conversion, and hosts the website, www.birthlineministries.com.

Seminar Title: **The Mission of the Church and The Prayers of God's People**

Seminar Speaker: **John Smed**

Apart from the regular and earnest prayers of God's people the mission of the church given to us by Jesus cannot be fulfilled. Amazingly, the success of the gospel in our world sovereignly hinges on the faithful prayers of God's people. This seminar will explore how to be more effectively mobilized as God's people for Kingdom prayer.

Seminar Title: **The Church: Too Many Unproductive People**

Seminar Speaker: **Paul Tripp**

The mobilization of the body of Christ is one of the chief problems facing the church today. Our churches are filled with people who do not understand the heart motivating and life transforming truth of their new potential in Christ. Because of this, they live with confusion in their personal lives and timidity in regard to ministry. How can we motivate people out of their passivity? How can we teach them the true nature of ministry? This workshop is designed for church leaders who want to see their people involved in what God is doing in the lives of others.

Direction for the PCA

Seminar Title: **Nobodies From Nowhere: *In Pursuit of Revival***
Seminar Speaker: **Al Baker, Sr. Pastor, Christ Community
Presbyterian Church, W. Hartford, CT**

This two hour seminar will present a vision for the pursuit of revival in the PCA as well as ask searching questions on the third use of the law, hopefully moving us earnestly to seek God for revival. There will be a lengthy time of prayer for repentance and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. This seminar is not *about* revival, rather it is meant to move us *toward* revival.

Seminar Title: **Where Do We Go From Here: Strategic
Opportunities and Challenges for the PCA**
Seminar Speaker: **Dr. Bryan Chapell, President and Professor of
Practical Theology, Covenant Seminary**

As the PCA celebrates its 35th anniversary, our churches stands at a time of unprecedented opportunity and challenge. Thinking through together what our past, present, and future may teach and offer us is vital for faithfulness to God's call for us to join him in his mission in the world.

Seminar Title: **Biblical Manhood and Womanhood in the PCA:
Where we've come from, and the way ahead**
Seminar Speaker: **Dr. Ligon Duncan, Sr. Pastor, First Presbyterian,
Jackson, MS**

The PCA is a solidly complementarian denomination (that is, its history, public and official theology, and its membership is unambiguously and overwhelmingly committed to leadership in the church by selfless, humble, strong, godly, qualified male elders, and to the godly spiritual leadership of Christian husbands in the home). Nevertheless, the role of women in the church is one of the hottest issues in the PCA today. Recently, the PCA has witnessed the defection of a few PCA ministers and churches to egalitarian settings, calls for a greater partnership of women in the ministry of the church, advocacy for women deacons and for women to be involved in teaching to mixed-gender groups (even in worship services), churches including women as non-voting members on Sessions and more – all these suggest that the PCA is struggling to find a way forward on this issue. This paper will review our history, outline the biblical issues at stake, and point the way ahead.

Seminar Title: **Engaging With Karl Barth: A Look At His Life,
Ministry, and Theology**
Seminar Speaker: **Cory Kloth, Associate Pastor, Trinity Presbyterian
Church, PCA, Covington, GA**

This seminar will examine the life of Karl Barth beginning with his liberal background through to his lasting impact on the Church. This study will also include a summary of his important doctrines (Trinitarian and Revelation included) as well as his dialogue with Cornelius Van Til. We will also begin to answer the question: "Does Karl Barth have anything to say to the PCA as it moves forward as a missional denomination in this new century?"

Evangelism, Missions, and Mercy

Seminar Title: **Reaching Mormons in Your Community**
Seminar Speakers: **Tim Barton, Daniel McKinney and Anthony Thomas**

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (LDS) is one of the fastest growing religions in the world. They have a presence in many communities across North America, with approximately 5.6 million Mormons living in the US and another 7 million around the world. In this seminar you will hear from the director of the Utah church planting network in the PCA and from pastors who are living among and ministering to Mormons regularly. You'll hear about the unique challenges that are involved in sharing the gospel, and some suggestions for reaching Mormons in your own community, including Missions-Oriented Sunday School lesson materials for understanding, appreciating and engaging Mormons in your neighborhood.

Seminar Title: **Do Seminars on Islam Help or Hurt?**
Seminar Speaker: **Dr. Nelson Jennings, Professor of World Mission, Covenant Seminary**

Since September 11, 2001, many U.S. local churches have sought to become more familiar with Muslims and world events by holding seminars on Islam. How accurate is the information gained? Is it possible for outsiders to understand Islam? Should churches even touch the subject?

Seminar Title: **Short Term Missions - One of our greatest tools to advance the gospel in the changing cultures of North America**
Seminar Speakers: **Brian Kelso and Dony St. Germain**

In the context of short term missions, the three parts of the cord are PCA communities that can be reached with the Gospel, the sending agency, and PCA short term missionaries. When we work together to reach communities with the Gospel of Christ we can not easily be defeated. If you have been wondering what the value of short term missions is, or how you can encourage your church to become involved in multicultural ministry, you should attend this session. If you are serving on a mission committee, are a church leader looking for opportunities and training resources, a church in a community that is changing and becoming more diverse, or are just plain curious what others are doing and wish to network with other like minded folks, come see how the gospel is being advanced through short term volunteers.

Seminar Title: **Having a Global Impact for Christ Without Moving Overseas**
Seminar Speaker: **Dr. Al LaCour, Campus Minister for Internationals at Georgia Tech with RUF-International**

Did you know that you can have a global impact for Christ's kingdom - without moving overseas? Over 550,000 international scholars study on U.S. college campuses. These scholars represent future global leaders. They are the top talents from their home nations. In this seminar, you will learn the Biblical mandate for "welcoming the foreigners." And you will learn practical strategies for how you can reach international students with the gospel through Biblical hospitality.

Evangelism, Missions, and Mercy, continued

Seminar Title: **Reformed Perspectives in Jewish Evangelism**

Seminar Speaker: **Reverend Baruch Maoz**

The Biblical Mandate for Jewish Evangelism, Eschatology and Jewish Evangelism, Obstacles to Jewish Evangelism, Emphases in Jewish Evangelism, The Projects of Jewish Evangelism; Questions and Answers. Baruch Maoz is an American-born Jewish Christian converted in Israel while serving in the army in 1963. Mr. Maoz is the founder-pastor of Grace and Truth Christian Congregation in central Israel, where he has ministered since 1976. He and his wife Bracha live in Israel. He has authored 13 theological and expository books in Hebrew, Dutch and English, has contributed to numerous books, and authored numerous articles. Initiator of *Mishkan*, the International theological forum on Jewish evangelism. He has served as founder and chairman of the International Jewish Evangelical Fellowship and of Keren Tkuma, the national social aid fund in Israel; founder of the Fellowship of Hebrew Speaking Congregations in Israel; instructor at the Israeli College of the Bible; founder of the Messianic Action Committee which led the successful international protest against proposed anti-Christian legislation in Israel. Baruch continues to preach and teach in Israel and abroad.

Seminar Title: **Jesus the Evangelist: Learning to Witness from the Gospel of John**

Seminar Speaker: **Rick Phillips, Senior Pastor, Second Presbyterian Church, Greenville, SC**

Based on the 2007 book, *Jesus the Evangelist*, this seminar examines Jesus' own approach to evangelism and applies it to our church situation today. Focusing on material from John chapters 1-4, in which we view the evangelistic efforts of John the Baptist, the calling of the first disciples, Jesus' meeting the Pharisee Nicodemus, and Jesus' conversation with the Samaritan woman. Attention is given to both the message and the methods employed by Jesus as they provide insight into evangelistic strategies for our churches. This seminar will be presented with an aim to its reproduction in attendees' churches, with an aim to guiding and motivating local evangelism.

Seminar Title: **God's Heart for the Poor/Urban Ministry**

Seminar Speakers: **Danny Wuerffel and the Desire Street team**

Urban America. Otherwise known as "the bad part of town" – we go out of our way to avoid it. After all, it's full of problems like poverty, crime and drug use. But God is at work in inner-city communities across the U.S. and around the world. Every day we see the desire of others to engage in urban ministry and bring God's hope and restoration to urban communities. Danny Wuerffel and leaders of Desire Street Ministries' works in New Orleans and Baton Rouge will discuss ways to become involved in urban ministry, and some things to avoid!

Leadership

Seminar Title: **Grace-Centered Leadership: A framework for leading wherever God has you**
Seminar Speaker: **Dr. Sean Michael Lucas, Chief Academic Officer and Associate Professor of Church History, Covenant Seminary**

In a maze of leadership books, seminars, and conferences, those who lead find little sustained biblical and theological reflection for the nature and practice of leading. Together we will explore how our union with Christ and the redemptive-historical framework of Scripture shapes the way we approach leading our families, businesses, and churches.

Seminar Title: **Growing Up Believers And Developing Leaders**
Seminar Speaker: **Randy Pope, Sr. Pastor, Perimeter Church, Atlanta, GA**

Does your church lack the leaders you need to effectively do the ministry to which God has called you? How do you develop mature and equipped believers and leaders in your church? The key is life-on-life missional discipleship. In this seminar, Randy Pope, Pastor of Perimeter Church, will share what he has learned and observed in over 30 years of pastoral leadership.

Seminar Title: **The Church As a Leadership Factory and Distribution Center**
Seminar Speaker: **Dr. Harry Reeder, Sr. Pastor, Briarwood Presbyterian Church, Birmingham, AL**

This seminar is designed to recapture one of the essential Biblical strategies that established a vibrant and vital church in the 1st century and also “turned the world upside down.” Our outcome is to recapture the role of the church in *defining* leadership for the world, *developing* leaders to impact the world and *deploying* those leaders throughout the world.

Marriage and Families

Seminar Title: **The Church: Why so many messed up marriages?**

Seminar Speaker: **Paul Tripp**

The key to marital unity and love is not romance; rather, it is worship. It is only when I worship God as Creator, Sovereign, and Savior that I will ever love as I should. Have you ever wondered what really produces a long term good marriage? Have you ever wondered why some couples reach a place of unity, love, and understanding in their marriages while other couples seem trapped in the same struggles year, after year, after year? The surrounding culture would lead us to believe that a marriage of unity, love, and understanding is rooted in romance. If somehow, somehow, you can stir up that romance you will end up with a good marriage. The bible would propose something radically different. That a good marriage doesn't start with the way that a husband loves a wife, and the way that a wife loves a husband. Scripture would rather say that a good marriage is the result of worship. Does this confuse you? Then, this workshop is for you. What the bible teaches is that it is only when I am keeping the first great command first, will I be able to keep the second great command in my marriage. Learn how practical these insights are for the everyday issues and situations of a real marriage; and, learn the practical steps that will help couples know how to get from where they are to where God wants them to be.

Seminar Title: **Longing for Home: A Vision for Adoption and the Local Church**

Seminar Speaker: **Rev. Andrew Vander Maas, Adjunct Professor, Covenant Seminary, and Senior Pastor, Crossroads Presbyterian Fellowship, St. Louis, MO
Mrs. Lisa Vander Maas, wife and mother of five**

The statistics are staggering. The Bible is clear. You've thought of adopting ... but you've got questions. Join Andrew and his wife, Lisa, for a time of discussion on the joys, trials and opportunities that exist in your community, as together we strive to lead our churches in meeting the plight of orphan in obedience to God's call.

Stewardship and Finances

Seminar Title: **How to increase your general giving by developing a culture of stewardship**

Seminar Speakers: **Joe Brand and Dave Anderson**

This seminar will address both stewardship education and how to increase general giving.

Seminar Title: **A Spiritual Journey with Financial Implications: A Look at Capital Campaigns, and why Your Church Probably Needs One**

Seminar Speaker: **Joe Brand**

Building a culture of generosity in your church is a challenging undertaking. A capital campaign can be a critical tool in developing more than needed funds. It will also deepen your members' commitment to stewardship and spiritual maturity.

The Church Facing Sexual Sin and Abuse

Seminar Title: **Minimizing the Opportunities / Maximizing the Response - *equipping the church to biblically confront the growing sin of child sexual abuse***
Seminar Speakers: **Part I: Legal & Practical Steps by RE Basyle 'Boz' Tchividjian, Esquire**
Part II: A Pastoral and Theological Perspective by Dr. W. Duncan Rankin

In 2003, approximately 90,000 children were victims of child sexual abuse. The Department of Justice estimates that on average, there is one child molester per square mile in the United States. Sadly, the Church is not immune from this destructive sin. A recent survey indicated that American churches report approximately 3,500 sexual abuse allegations each year! In recent years, this growing epidemic has worked itself into the heart of the American Protestant Church. What can the church do to proactively protect itself from sexual predators who seek out and attempt to destroy His people? What practical measures can the Church take in responding to child sexual abuse that will draw the hurting and abused into the arms of our Lord as well as be a biblical example to a lost world?

Seminar Title: **Avoiding Falls of Sexual Immorality: Positive Accountability within the Church - "The fence at the top of the cliff."**
Seminar Speakers: **John Freeman, Executive Director, HARVESTUSA**
David Longacre, Educational Resources Coordinator, HARVESTUSA

This seminar addresses developing a climate of openness and accountability within a church (or Presbytery) that would be able to deal with sexual sin before an individual is totally ensnared and destroyed. This seminar addresses how to prevent the impact of a major sexual transgression within the church. This is "preventative" medicine.

Seminar Title: **Dealing with Sexual Immorality in Presbytery: Guidelines for a Pastoral Care Committee - "The M.A.S.H. unit at the bottom of the cliff."**
Seminar Speaker: **Dr. Dan Wilson, Men's Ministry Coordinator (Mid-South Region) HARVESTUSA**

This seminar addresses how to deal with "addicts" who are normally liars with a vested interest in not being exposed or defrocked. It will address how to address a breach in covenant and how to develop a ministry strategy for restoration.

The Pastors Life and Ministry

Seminar Title: **Sustained Ministry: How To Survive and Thrive**
Seminar Speaker: **Dr. Bob Burns, Dean of Lifelong Learning and Associate Professor of Educational Ministries, Covenant Seminary**

For the past four years Bob Burns and his associates at Covenant Seminary's Center for Ministry Leadership have been conducting a study with sixty pastors and their wives on what it takes to survive and thrive over a lifetime of ministry. Bob will be sharing the initial findings of this study and what it means for you (or your pastor).

Seminar Title: **Seek And You Shall Find - Churches Seeking Pastors and Pastors Seeking Churches.**
Seminar Speaker: **Dr. Don Clements, Director of Metokos Ministries**

Suggestions for Pastoral Search committees on how to proceed in sorting through the many prospective candidates for ministry positions. These suggestions are also helpful for those candidates who are looking for a place in a church. Through his ministry to smaller churches, Dr. Clements has helped many congregations set up their pastoral search committees and has been able to recommend to search committees candidates with carefully defined profiles.

Seminar Title: **The Insecurities of a Minister**
Seminar Speaker: **Brian Habig**

If you are a minister (or married to one) and have thought to yourself, "I should feel more together than this, shouldn't I?", you are in good company. A *lot* of people in ministry will be asking this question -- silently -- even during the week of General Assembly.

Brian Habig is a church planter, which is something of a laboratory for exploring insecurity. Having sampled almost every version of it, and having lost a good deal of his hair, he is uniquely qualified to speak on the subject (insecurity, not hair). Please join us as we take a look at ourselves, then look away from ourselves to Jesus Christ.

Seminar Title: **The Pastor as Evangelist in the Small Town**
Seminar Speaker: **Richard Wiman**

Drawing from his own experience over 26 years of ministry in a culturally diverse community, Richard Wiman will discuss the successes, failures, and frustrations of leading a congregation in evangelism as well as the struggles that come with taking outreach seriously. Practical steps that can be taken in any context, especially that of ministry in a small church or a small community, will be shared.

Theology and Preaching

Seminar Title: **Fresh Wind, Full Sails: Preaching the Whole Gospel to Whole People**

Seminar Speaker: **Dr. Jimmy Agan, Associate Professor of New Testament, Covenant Seminary**

It is not uncommon for pastors to get frustrated with their own preaching, sensing that they are losing a sense of passion, urgency, and joy in the pulpit, or that they are somehow “stuck in a rut.” The aim of this seminar is to help pastors recover (or to prevent the loss of) a sense of the majesty of Jesus, and the joy of proclaiming him, by remembering how to apply the full range of his redeeming work to the full range of human need. The tool we will use to accomplish this aim is Romans chapter 8.

Seminar Title: **Preaching: God’s Major Medium**

Seminar Speaker: **Dr. Joseph Pipa, President, Greenville Presbyterian Theological Seminary**

I will seek to answer some basic questions: What is preaching? We all think we know the answer to that, but can we give a Biblical definition? Is preaching different from other forms of gospel and doctrinal communication? If it is, what is distinctive about it? Wherein lies the authority of preaching? What does it do and how does it do it? In answering these questions, I am laying the biblical foundation that preaching is the primary means of grace. I will examine four distinctives of preaching: it is a unique form of communication; it possesses a unique authority; it has a unique function; and it has a unique power.

Seminar Title: **A Biblical View of Suffering**

Seminar Speaker: **Dr. Derek Thomas, The John E. Richards Professor of Systematic and Practical Theology, Minister of Teaching, First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, MS, and Editorial Director, Alliance of Confessing Evangelicals**

A biblical view of suffering in relation to current theological and pastoral concerns (from “Health and Wealth” to Open Theism or “Risky” views of providence) provides the dynamic of a Reformed understanding of the Christian Life. How should the church in both its preaching and educational ministry and well as its pastoral emphasis prepare the people of God for “the way of the cross”? Cross-shaped Christianity, with its twin emphases of mortification-vivification and meditation on the future life (to take Calvin’s analysis) alone is adequate for the task.

Worship

Seminar Title: **The Transformational and Missional Purposes of God-Glorifying Worship**

Seminar Speaker: **Dr. Mark Dalbey, Vice President for Student Services/ Assistant Professor of Practical Theology, Covenant Seminary**

By the power of the Holy Spirit, God-glorifying worship transforms worshipers into greater Christ-likeness while also equipping and motivating the people of God to missional living in all of life.

Seminar Title: **Why We Still Need Hymns In A Postmodern World**

Seminar Speaker: **Kevin Twit**

Rev. Kevin Twit has been a campus minister with RUF at Belmont Univ. for 13 years. He is a graduate of Berklee College of Music and producer of the Indelible Grace series of recordings which feature old hymn texts set to new music. This seminar will be a discussion of the ways hymns can nurture our faith and provide connections that our postmodern world yearns for. There are good reasons so many younger evangelicals are resonating with these rich texts and this seminar will explore some of them.