



STUDY UNDER PASTORS



## REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN TIMES

WINTER QUARTER, WEEK 6



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### ACADEMIC REMINDERS

Spring Registration Opens – Monday, January 22

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### ACADEMIC NEWS

**Registration for the Spring Quarter opens on Monday, Jan. 22.** Your account and any Library fines must be paid in full in order to register for classes. Contact your Faculty Advisor to schedule an appointment to review your degree audit and plan your Spring schedule. The Student Advising Sheet can be found under RPTS Links in the portal and Course Schedule which are attached to the email by which this newsletter was sent. The Spring schedule is also available on the RPTS website under Students.

**Note on Registration for the Summer Quarter:** The Summer Quarter will have its own registration period from March 5-31. All independent studies, *MS72 Church Planting*, and *SH44 Dynamics of Public Speaking* registrations will occur during this period. Independent studies must have the approval of the overseeing professor. Contact [Vicki Smith](#) for more information on how to register for Independent Studies.

**Internship Reminder:** It is not too early to begin thinking about internships for this summer. When Summer registration opens, you need to register for PT14 if this is your first internship for credit or for

PT24 if you will be doing a second internship for credit. Contact Vicki Smith to receive a course syllabus explaining the requirements for this class. If you have any questions about internships or are looking for suggestions on where you might serve, speak with Dr. O'Neill.

**Special class on the Psalms offered during the Spring quarter:** On April 18 & 19 from 1 - 5:40 pm, Dr. Michael LeFebvre, Adjunct Professor of Old Testament Studies, will teach a two day intensive course on the Psalms. This course will provide an orientation to the formation, structure, literary forms, content, theology, Christology, and current scholarly issues regarding the Book of Psalms. The course will be available as an online selection for distance students. Auditors are welcome as space permits.

**The Spring Booklist** will be sent to your RPTS email this week and will also be available on the RPTS website. Book orders are due by Friday, Feb. 9 to Vicki Smith. Payment is due with your order. Also note that the booklists for *MS72 Church Planting* and *SH44 Dynamics of Public Speaking* are included on this order form.

# RPTS ACTIVITIES

**Internet Issues:** If the Internet is out in Rutherford Hall or the Willson Center, call RPTS Tech Support (between 8 am and 8 pm, Mon.-Sat.) at 412-253-4246, option 2.

**Panera Bread Pickup:** Each quarter, 15 volunteers are needed to assist with this ministry one Wednesday morning each (6:15 at RPTS). Sign-up to help pick it up and arrange it each week. <http://s.rpts.edu/BreadHelp>.

**Announcing the First Annual RPTS Sermon Awards!** The RPTS Sermon Awards are given annually to current RPTS students who submit the best sermon manuscript based on the selected text. These generous awards, contributed by friends of RPTS, are given to promote excellence in preaching and will be judged by godly, retired ministers of the church. The award amounts this year are:

- 1st Place \$750
- 2nd Place \$500
- 3rd Place \$350

Students wishing to participate in this contest must sign up by February 15, 2018, by sending an email to [Mark Sampson](mailto:Mark Sampson). The selected text for 2018 is Psalm 46. Students should submit a double-spaced, type-written manuscript to [Mark Sampson](mailto:Mark Sampson) no later than March 15, 2018. The sermon will be judged on the standard criteria used at RPTS in sermon evaluation, with the exception that this sermon is in written rather than oral form.

**With winter weather upon us, how do you know if you have class or not?** The answer is easy: RPTS is almost always open. Use your best judgment on driving conditions. RPTS only posts closures, so if you don't see a closing announcement, we are open. Check your email, the "News/Events" section on the Seminary website, listen/watch KDKA radio/TV, or check their website at [www.kdka.com](http://www.kdka.com), for official RPTS closing information.

**FEAST:** The next Seminary FEAST (Friends Eating At Seminary Tables) takes place on Thursday, Feb. 8, at 5 pm. In this colder season of the year, join us for warm fellowship with friends, old and new. All students, staff, and faculty -- with your families -- are invited for dinner and fellowship at RPTS. Bring a dish to share. People bring everything from pizza, pot roast, and noodles, to salads, dessert, and nachos. Cuisine from your country is also greatly welcomed. The sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board outside the Main classroom. Sign up

to confirm your attendance and to reveal the delicious food item you will bring. Your willingness to help with set-up or clean-up is also appreciated. See you there!

**Amazon Smile:** There is a unique way for you to help RPTS through your purchases on Amazon. Using [this link](#), you can designate the Seminary, which will be listed as 'Trustees of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America', as your charity and a portion of your purchases will be donated to RPTS.

**Snow Removal:** RPTS saves \$1000s each winter by clearing all the snow we can. This keeps your rent in seminary housing lower and your tuition lower. So, if it snows, come help. Dorm and Seminary owned housing residents are expected to help. Friends-of-Seminary housing residents and other students are very welcome!

**Join faculty, students, and staff for a time of prayer** every Tuesday at 1 pm in the 2nd floor classroom. All are welcome.

## NEWS FROM STUDENTS

**Table Tennis Tournament:** The first WINTER Table Tennis Tournament (2018 Winter Classic) will commence shortly. The sign-up sheet is posted on the basement bulletin board. Sign up if you would like to play!

### Weekly Activities:

- ⇒ Walk/Run: Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6:30 am
- ⇒ Faculty/Student Prayer: Tuesdays at 1 pm in 2<sup>nd</sup> floor classroom
- ⇒ Workout Sessions: Wednesdays & Fridays at 6:30 am at the Battiatos' apartment (7417 Penn Ave)
- ⇒ Bite Sized Theology: Wednesdays at 12:20 pm (order lunch in Office by Monday if desired)
- ⇒ Tea/Prayer Time for Women: Fridays at 12:30 pm in Willson Center
- ⇒ World Missions Prayer Time: Fridays at 2:30 pm in the chapel.

## CHAPEL SCHEDULE

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| January 16 | Joseph Dunlap   |
| January 17 | Prayer & Praise |
| January 18 | Frank Du        |
| January 19 | Andy Byers      |

## BEYOND OUR WALLS

**The Center for Urban Biblical Ministry** at Geneva College (CUBM) will be having an Alumni Brunch Fundraiser on Saturday, Jan. 20, from 10 am –1 pm, at the Comfort Inn in Penn Hills. Tickets are \$35. To purchase yours, call 412-247-9010.

**Scholarship Money Available!** Will you be a full-time student in 2018-2019? Do you plan to serve in full-time ministry in the U.S. after graduation? Do you have a GPA of at least 3.0? If so, you might qualify for [this scholarship](#): Church Mutual Insurance Company will be awarding fifty \$5,000 scholarships. One of them could be yours!

## BREAKING BREAD TOGETHER

Lunch is served each Tuesday through Friday of the quarter in the basement dining area. If you desire to purchase lunch, you can do so in the Office at least two days in advance for \$6 per meal.

### Menu for Jan. 16-19

**Tues:** Pork Cutlet with Rice

**Weds:** Formosan Fried Cabbage over rice

**Thurs:** Curry, Rice, chicken, salad

**Fri:** Chicken Tetrazzini

To our friends in CH 12 Theological Research and Writing...

