

Greetings!

While student and faculty activities slow down a bit during the summer, the Seminary moves along at a very brisk pace. DMin classes take place for a few weeks in early August. Theological Foundations for Youth occupies three weeks in July (see the article in this issue of the Enews). Students move out and students move in. The REmaker Work Conference tackles building and grounds projects. Whew! And there is much more.

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## FACULTY UPDATE

Dr. Jack Kinneer underwent extensive surgery as a continuation of cancer treatments from which he is recovering well. The Kinneer family thanks you for your continued prayers in this time of recovery over these coming weeks.

## KEITH EVANS ELECTED NEXT PROFESSOR OF BIBLICAL COUNSELING



The 186th Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America elected Keith Evans as Professor of Biblical Counseling beginning in July, 2018.

Keith was among the first students to be trained at RPTS by Dr. George Scipione starting in 2008. Dr. Scipione will continue at RPTS in a mentoring relationship with Rev. Evans, providing overlap and transition time. Additionally, Keith will be commencing a PhD in Counseling at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, the only seminary in the States to offer such a program. Keith also anticipates certification by the Association of Certified Biblical Counselors (ACBC) to be granted in the very near future.

Pastor Evans is currently the pastor at the Lafayette Reformed Presbyterian Church in Lafayette, Indiana, where he has served the past five years. Keith is married to Melissa and they have four daughters.

# THEOLOGICAL FOUNDATIONS FOR YOUTH (TFY)

TFY was founded in 1999 as a program to encourage Reformed Presbyterian youth to commit their lives more intentionally to the Lord Jesus Christ. A kind of "theological boot camp," this three week intensive program provides the opportunity for rising high school seniors to learn more about evangelism, theology, missions, apologetics, systematic theology, church history, worship, sacraments, denominational distinctives, Christian living, and much more. One of the highlights of the program is a week spent with a local Pittsburgh congregation to worship and fellowship.

[These videos](#) give an excellent overview of the program and testimony of some participants through the years. Participants are nominated for participation by their RP Sessions and come to RPTS every July. Please be in prayer for this year's attendees (July 10 to 28) that they would grow for their love of Jesus and His Kingdom!

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## SAVE THE GABLES

Built in the late 1800's, the 'Gables' (called so for its many gable architectural features) home of Durbin Horne, was one of many mansions in the eastern part of Pittsburgh. The Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America purchased that home in 1923 to house the Seminary. For almost 100 years, this building has faithfully served its constituents while they train to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the nations of the earth.

Really more of a home than a school building, the Gables has protected the students from the elements. Significant restoration and renovation is needed to extend the life of the building. With a strong foundation, work on the roof and gable ends, along with several key areas. [Click here](#) to learn more about how you can support the work that will enable this building to faithfully serve generations of Kingdom Workers in the future.



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## SAVE THE DATE

For the past two plus decades, Jerry O'Neill has faithfully served the Lord as President of RPTS. As the Lord wills, he plans to retire at the end of June, 2018. The Seminary Board of Trustees has set the evening of Friday, April 20, 2018, as the date for a celebration of the Lord's ministry here at RPTS through the labors of Jerry O'Neill. Everyone is invited to share in

this special evening at the Sheraton Station Square in Pittsburgh. More details will be forthcoming but mark your calendars now!

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## WESTMINSTER CONFERENCE

This year's esteemed panel of speakers will look at the life and influence of Martin Luther.

Speakers include William Vandoodewaard, Richard Gamble, C. J. Williams, John Bower, and Barry York. Mrs. Rebecca Vandoodewaard will also have a presentation on the struggles and contributions of Luther's wife.

For more information, [click here](#).



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## ALUMNI IN ACTION



There are many ways to serve in Christ's Kingdom; some traditional and some not. One RPTS alumnus has figured out how to merge both. Mitch Haubert (MDiv, 2011) is the pastor of Brent Presbyterian Church (PCA) in Brent, Alabama. A vision for prison ministry has led to several ways to reach men incarcerated in a tough prison in Alabama. Christ Behind the Walls is a worship service every Lord's Day. Mitch reports requests for Spanish language services as well. The group pictured (Rev. Haubert on the left, standing) is also participating in a multi-year seminary level training program offered in conjunction with a seminary in the local area. Men are finding a tremendous blessing in spending their time in God's truth, countering the false teaching so prominent in prison culture. The world's solutions are vague and empty. God's truth brings repentance and salvation. Keep this work in your prayers.

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## ATLA RECIPROCAL LIBRARY PROGRAM

The RPTS Library has enrolled in the ATLA Reciprocal Borrowing Program! Students now have borrowing privileges with one hundred theological libraries in North America, a great benefit for the Seminary's online students.

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# REMAKER 2017

A handful of very gifted men and women gathered at RPTS during the week of June 19th to dedicate their time and talent in accomplishing several key building projects. A concrete stairway was demolished and replaced with decking, floors were refinished, and various plumbing, electrical, and painting projects were complete. Spending the week at the Seminary, participants labored during the day and professors taught various topics during the evening hours. Cassie Wallace from Phoenix, AZ, provided delicious and nutritious meals during the week.



Dan Cutter instructs Ethan O'Neill and Titus LaMay on the use of a jackhammer



Chris and Krista Dahar tackle a paint project

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