



GROWING IN GRACE: A RECAP

The 2019 Puritan Reformed Conference was held on August 22–24, at the Prince Conference Center in Grand Rapids. Several hundred people attended the event. This year's conference theme was *Growing in Grace*.

Prior to the opening address, Dr. Michael Barrett, Vice President of Academic Affairs and Professor of Old Testament, was taken by surprise when presented with a festschrift in honor of his ministry legacy by his longtime friend and colleague, Dr. Rhett Dodson. Afterwards, Dr. Tom Nettles delivered an exceptionally moving address entitled, *The Holy Spirit as the Author of Spiritual Growth*. As in past years, the opening address set the tone for what would turn out to be a wonderful conference filled with many moving and soul-benefiting messages. Dr. Nettles also participated in the Q&A session on Friday night. The second and closing address of the evening was delivered by Dr. Joseph Pipa. His message was entitled *Growing in Repentance and Faith*. It is always a delight to have Dr. Pipa with us.

Friday morning, Dr. Stephen Myers spoke on *Why Spiritual Growth is Important*. This address laid the groundwork for what was to come in the remaining messages of the day. Shortly before lunch, Dr. Greg Salazar preached on *Growing in Christlikeness*.

After lunch on Friday, Dr. Tom Nettles delivered his second address, *Growing in Personal Sanctification*. Both addresses by Dr. Nettles were heartwarming and challenging. This was the first year for Dr. Nettles to join us for the Puritan Reformed Conference. We are delighted that he agreed to participate in the seminary's annual event.

Breakout sessions on Friday afternoon included *Growing in Holiness Through the Psalms*, by Dr. Rhett Dodson; *Growing in Good Works*, by Rev. Mark Kelderman; *Growing in the Fear of the Lord*, by Dr. Daniel Timmer; *Growing in*

Communion with the Divine Persons, by Dr. Bill VanDoodewaard; and, *Growing in Consciousness of our Personal Adoption*, by Pastor Rob Ventura.

The Jubilee Women's Ensemble provided special music after the dinner hour, which was followed by a stirring message from Dr. Joel Beeke. The title of his message was *Growing in Personal Assurance of Faith*. A lively Q&A discussion following Dr. Beeke's message closed the second night of the conference.

Saturday morning brought with it two greatly beneficial messages. The first, *Growing in Personal Evangelism*, by Rev. Ian Macleod, was a soul-searching address. Closing out the conference was Dr. Maarten Kuivenhoven. He masterfully drew our attention heavenward in his address, *Growing in Heavenly-Mindedness*. It was a perfect reminder of the believer's union with Christ.

The many exhibitors had a steady flow of individuals interested in their ministry opportunities. Reformation Heritage Books was onsite, offering a wide range of Christian titles at unbelievable prices, and many of the conference attendees were taking advantage of the opportunity to purchase these books and even interact with some of the authors who were on hand. A special thanks goes out to Sermon Audio for live streaming the event again this year. To listen to any of the conference addresses, visit the Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary page on sermonaudio.com.

The 2020 conference theme will be *The Grace of Law*. Mark your calendars and plan to be with us on August 27–29, 2020. To learn more about next year's event or to take advantage of early-bird pricing, visit <http://conference.prts.edu>.

—Chris Hanna,
Director of Development & Marketing

NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

- The Puritan Reformed annual conference went well (see p. 1). A highlight of this year's event was watching my dear friend and colleague, Dr. Michael Barrett, receive a wonderful festschrift in honor of his lifelong work as a professor of biblical languages and Old Testament theology. Presenting the publication was Dr. Barrett's longtime friend, Dr. Rhett Dodson. Dr. Dodson is the senior pastor of Grace Presbyterian Church, Hudson, Ohio. It was also a pleasure to have Dr. Dodson deliver a thoroughly heartwarming and encouraging breakout address at the conference on *Growing in Holiness Through the Psalms*.
- The new fall semester is off to a wonderful start at PRTS with students from a total of 19 countries. Pray for God's blessing upon faculty and students alike.
- The Student Housing Project is close to being paid off. Since its opening this past January, we have had full occupancy (50 students and family members in all). We are still looking to raise \$300,000 by the end of this year to finish paying for the project.
- The Operation Fund is at a six-week balance. A donation of any size, at this time, would be a great help in increasing our balance to the required two-month level set by our Board of Trustees.
- Your donations for either the Housing Project or the Operation Fund are very much needed and will be deeply appreciated at the present time. Please partner with us as soon as possible again. Many thanks for your heartfelt prayers and your generous and loyal support.

—Joel Beeke

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September 1: Walker URC
September 29: Sovereign Grace URC
October 20: Metamora, Michigan: Pilgrim OPC
November 1: Ontario: Reformation Service at Dundas FRC

Recent Publications

Completed Commentaries on Haggai and Zechariah for the Gospel Coalition's Concise Biblical Commentary Series
"Court in Session" for PRTS Journal

JOEL BEEKE | *Itinerary*

September 9–10: Minneapolis, Minnesota: Reception of Torah
September 13–15: Kinnelon, New Jersey: Reformed Heritage Conference (HRC)
September 20–21: Shorewood, Illinois: Conference, Westview Baptist Church
September 27–29: Northwest Iowa: Conference and HRC preaching (Hull)
October 5–6: Ontario: Conference and preaching for Carl Muller
October 11–13: Greenville, South Carolina: Conference/preaching for Rick Phillips, Second Presbyterian Church
October 15–23: New England PRTS Tour: Reformation, Puritan, Pilgrim sites
October 24–26: Ridgeville, North Carolina: NCFIC Conference
October 27: Los Angeles, California: preaching for Nathan Eshelman and NAPARC service
November 1–2: Laurel, Mississippi: Reformation conference for Jerry Marcellino, Audubon Bible Church
November 3: Jackson, Mississippi: Preaching, First Presbyterian Church (for David Strain)
November 7–11: Governador Valadares, Brazil: conference
November 14–17: Danilo Santa, Terra, Brazil: conference

Recent Publications

Works of William Perkins, vol. 7, gen. ed. (RHB)
The Beauty and Glory of the Last Things, ed. (RHB)
William Perkins, Architect of Puritanism, ed. with Greg Salazar (RHB)
Van Mastricht, *Theoretical-Practical Theology, Volume 2: Faith in the Triune God*, ed. (RHB/DRTS)
How Can I Benefit from the Lord's Supper?, with Ray Lanning (RHB)
Andrew Gray, *Be Reconciled with God*, ed. (RHB)
Numbers Journible, with Rob Wynalda (RHB)
Prepared by Grace for Grace, with Paul Smalley (Korean edition; Seoul: rMaeng2)
How Do We Plant Convictions in Our Children? (Hebrew edition; CMI)
How Should Men Lead Their Families? (Hebrew edition; CMI)
Knowing and Growing in Assurance of Faith (Portuguese edition; Sao Paulo: Vida Nova)
"Biblical Piety, The Heartbeat of the Reformation" and "Practical Applications for Chinese Churches from Calvin's Evangelism," in *Christian Theology, Evangelical Faith, and the Church in China* (Mandarin edition; Bangkok, Thailand)
Living for God's Glory: An Introduction to Calvinism (Mandarin edition; Hong Kong)
The Beauty and Glory of Christ's Bride, ed. (Indonesian edition; Surabaya, Indonesia: Penerbit Momentum)

JERRY BILKES | *Itinerary*

September 6: Fenwick, Ontario: Mark Wagenaar Installation, Zion FRC
September 9–10: Minneapolis, Minnesota: Reception of Torah
September 27–28: Salisbury, United Kingdom: Conference
September 29: Salisbury, United Kingdom: Emmanuel Church
September 30: Devizes, United Kingdom: Wessex Auxiliary Annual Meeting—Trinitarian Bible Society
October 22–23: Brantford, Ontario: FRC Committee Meetings
November 17: Hamilton, Ontario: Maranatha FRC

DAVID MURRAY | *Itinerary*

October 25–28: Sunnyvale, California: Conference
November 8–11: Raleigh, North Carolina: Conference

GREG SALAZAR | *Itinerary*

September 21: Michigan: Presbytery of Michigan and Ontario at Hillsdale OPC
October 4–5: Short Hills, New Jersey: Keynote Speaker, Covenant Short Hills (PCA) Annual Conference
October 6: New Jersey: Covenant Short Hills
October 11–14: Falls Church, Virginia: 25th Anniversary of The Falls Church Fellows Program
November 13–15: San Diego, California: Paper at Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society
November 24: San Diego, California: Providence Presbyterian Church

Recent Publications

Co-Editor with Joel R. Beeke, *William Perkins, The Architect of Elizabethan Puritanism* (RHB).
"William Perkins and the Puritan Tradition: The Primacy of Scripture, Preaching, and Piety," in Joel R. Beeke and Greg A. Salazar, eds., *William Perkins, The Architect of Elizabethan Puritanism* (RHB).
"The Beauty and Glory of the Puritan Millennium," in Joel R. Beeke, ed., *The Beauty and Glory of the Last Things* (RHB).

DANIEL TIMMER | *Itinerary*

September – December: Montreal: Esaïe at the Faculté de théologie évangélique
November 20: San Diego, California: Evangelical Society, lecturing on "Christ and/in the Old Testament: Reflections on the Interpreter, the Author, History, and the Canon."
November 23–26: San Diego, California: Society of Biblical Literature, lecture on "Retribution, Rule, Repas: YHWH's Luxuriant Feast in Isaiah 25:6–8 and Its Im/material Significance."

Recent Publication

"Beauty and Glory in Isaiah and in Revelation 21," in *The Beauty and Glory of the Last Things*, ed. Joel R. Beeke (RHB).

WILLIAM VANDOODEWAARD | *Itinerary*

September 25–27, 2019: Moncton, NB: Canadian Presbytery (ARP) meetings
October 27, 2019: Metamora, MI: Pilgrim Presbyterian Church

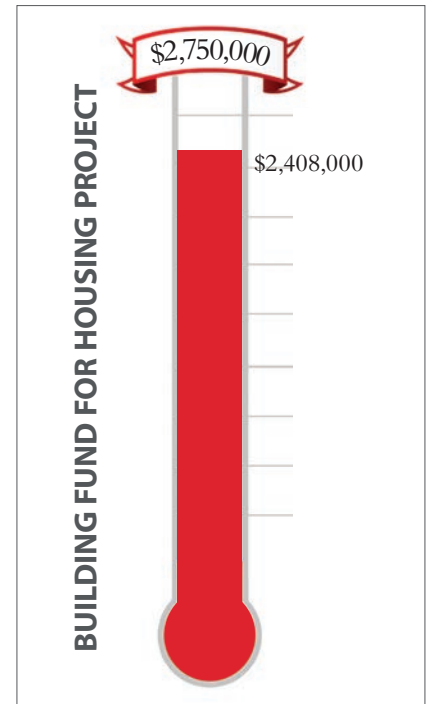
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For period 8/1/2018–7/31/2019

	Year to Date Actual	Annual Budget	Variance	Percent of Annual Budget
Income				
Donations	2,895,358	2,541,100	354,258	114%
Tuition Income	658,980	530,000	128,980	124%
Scholarship Donations	394,623	385,000	9,623	102%
Other Income	54,334	38,900	15,434	140%
Total Income	\$4,003,295	\$ 3,495,000	\$508,295	115%
Expenses				
Instruction	\$ 1,745,160	1,754,348	(9,188)	99%
Scholarships	534,863	385,000	149,863	139%
Administrative	1,273,984	1,355,652	(81,668)	94%
Total Expenses	\$ 3,554,007	\$ 3,495,000	\$ 59,007	102%
Net Income	\$ 449,288			

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—CHRIS HANNA



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