

RTS Charlotte

CHAPLAINS MINISTRY INSTITUTE



A mind for truth. A heart for God.™



REFORMED  THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY



"Brethren, if the saving of souls be your end, you will certainly intend it out of the pulpit as well as in it!"

~ Richard Baxter



RTS Charlotte

The Charlotte campus of Reformed Theological Seminary (RTS) trains students for many areas of ministry, from the local church to the chaplaincy. Grounded in the rich heritage of the Reformed tradition, our aim is to build every student's foundation upon the Word of God. We want to prepare our students to preach and teach the word faithfully in various contexts while exemplifying our motto, "A mind for truth. A heart for God."

Our Program


Our program, modeled after Calvin's Academy, focuses on developing Pastor-Scholars. We emphasize training our students in biblical and theological studies, not only enabling them to exposit the meaning of the Bible, but also equipping them to preach, teach, and counsel people in a way that both applies Scripture to their lives and builds up their faith.

Our Community

Our campus is located in the beautiful city of Charlotte, which is on the border of the Carolinas and one of the fastest growing areas in the South. We are surrounded by 3,000 churches within an hour's drive from the campus. Consistently ranked as one of the best places to live and relocate, Charlotte is a great place to live, study, and raise a family!



*For more information on RTS Charlotte, check out www.rts.edu/charlotte



"And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching?"

~ Romans 10:14b

The Chaplains Ministry Institute

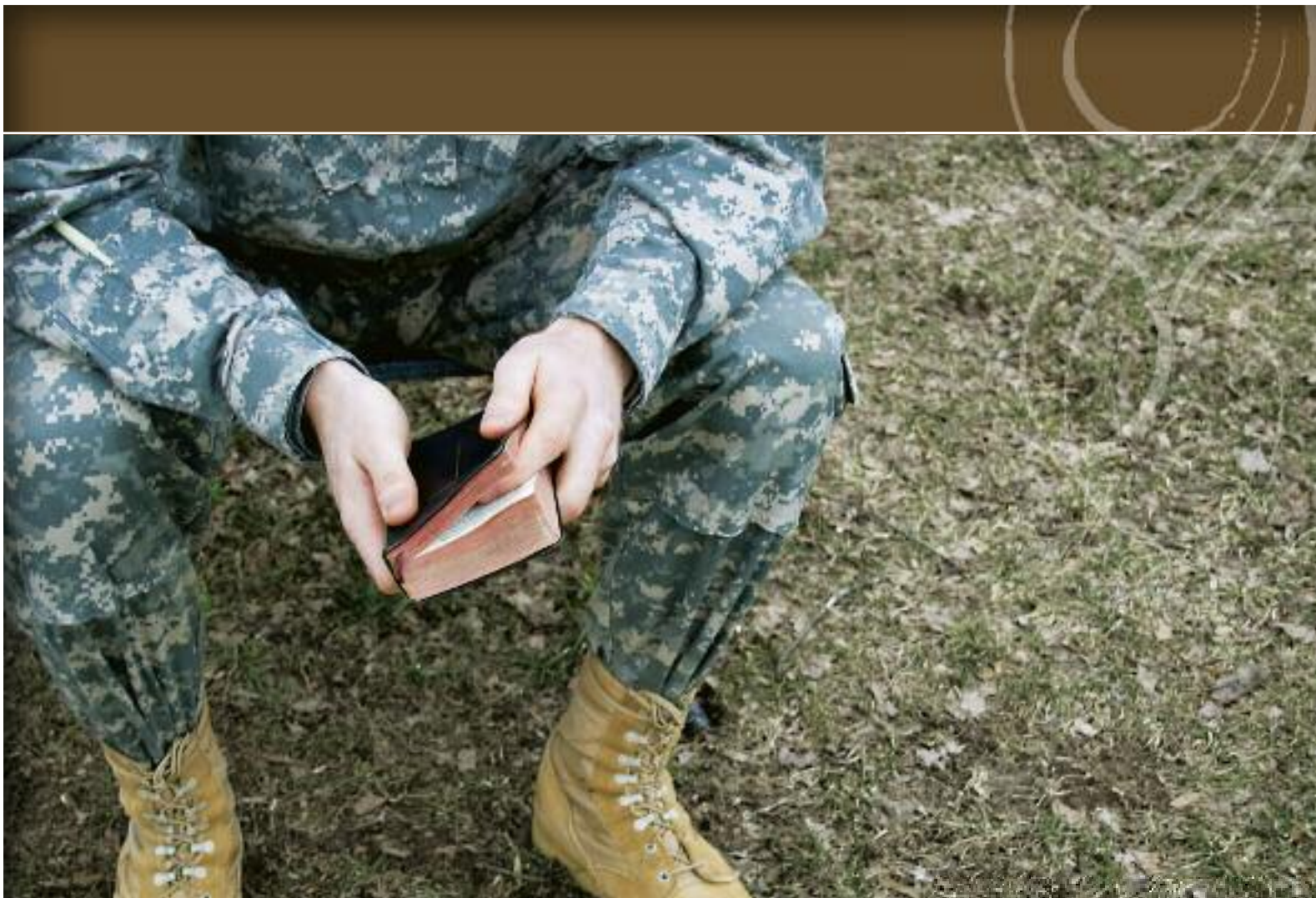
Due to the incredible opportunities and need for chaplains in all sectors of American life, both domestically and internationally, RTS Charlotte is pleased to unveil the new Chaplains Ministry Institute (CMI). The focus of the CMI is to prepare men and women for service in many settings: military, institutional, airport, hospital, corporate, and more. Briefly, our program will be marked by a distinctively Reformed approach to the chaplaincy and will embody the following characteristics:

- ♥ **Theologically Informed Ministry:** Committed to Reformed theology as defined in the Westminster Standards, we believe that a ministry practice flows from a theological center and that chaplains should be equipped to think theologically about issues that their ministry will encounter.
- ♥ **Centrality of Preaching and Teaching the Word:** While chaplain ministry involves many aspects, we are committed to the supremacy of preaching. Whether preaching on the battlefield or giving the Word privately in counseling, we believe our chaplains are "physicians of the soul," and their medicine is Word, Sacrament and Prayer. Our chaplains, regardless of their ministry context, must be able to exegete and exposit the primary means of grace: the authoritative Word of God.
- ♥ **Faithful Gospel Witness in a Pluralistic Culture:** As most chaplain ministry takes place in pluralistic settings, our aim is to teach chaplains how to conduct ministry that is faithful to the Word of God in that context. Chaplaincy candidates will explore the ministry framework of several cultures, including the military and various institutions, and be taught faithful methods for presenting the Gospel in those contexts.
- ♥ **Apologetics and Evangelism:** We endeavor to prepare our chaplains as evangelists and apologists to be ready to give an answer for the hope that they have in Christ, according to the Scriptures.
- ♥ **Family Focus:** Chaplains will be prepared to minister by integrating Biblical truth to the whole family, not just the soldier, prisoner, or businessman alone.
- ♥ **Attuned to Personal Calling:** Our institute is focused on preparing chaplains with specific callings, thus directing them to supplemental learning resources and mentors who can help them achieve their personal goals of ministry.
- ♥ **Biblical in Principle and Practice:** While thankful for the good work of other national agencies and institutes, our approach to preparing chaplains will be grounded in a commitment to the inerrant and infallible Word in all things.

Distinctives of the CMI:

1. A Chaplaincy Degree Emphasis
2. An Experienced, Accomplished and Involved Advisory Council
3. Numerous Chaplain Ministry Opportunities
4. Yearly Conferences and Lectures
5. Mentorship with Chaplains in the Community
6. An Active Fellowship within the Seminary Community and Beyond

*For more detailed info on these areas, check out www.rts.edu/CMI



"Soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines, guardsmen, as well as prisoners, patients, and even businessmen, are in need of ambassadors of God! Now is the time for the Chaplains Ministry Institute."

~ Dr. Michael A. Milton

Degree Emphasis

The CMI will include a degree emphasis within the M.Div. program that offers distinctive courses and electives in the area of chaplain ministry. These courses will be taught in place of other courses already in the M.Div. curriculum at RTS Charlotte. The courses in the CMI include:

Leadership and Chaplain Ministry
Pastoral Theology for Chaplains
Counseling and Chaplain Ministry
Evangelism, Chaplaincy, and Pluralism
Applied Apologetics

Courses will usually be taken with other students in the pastoral program, but mentorships, lectures, reading and papers will focus on the chaplaincy emphasis.



*For more detailed info on the emphasis, please visit our website at www.rts.edu/CMI

Selected Council Profile



Dr. Michael A. Milton

Chancellor/CEO Elect and James M. Baird Jr. Professor of Pastoral Theology, RTS; Founding Director of the CMI

Dr. Milton is the founding director of the CMI. Prior to his call to RTS, Dr. Milton served as senior pastor of a historic downtown congregation, planted two churches, and founded a Christian school. Formerly a top secret Navy linguist, upon his call to the ministry Milton became a US Army Reserve chaplain, where he has served since 1992. He continues that ministry as an instructor at the US Army Chaplains' School at Ft. Jackson, SC and as he regularly ministers to chaplains around the world.



Rev. Douglas Lee

CH (BG) Douglas Lee, USA (Retired), Alexandria, VA; Director, Presbyterian and Reformed Joint Commission on Chaplain Ministry; Chairman of the Advisory Council of the CMI

CH (BG) Lee currently serves as the Executive Director of the Presbyterian and Reformed Joint Commission on Chaplains and Military Personnel (PRJC). CH (BG) Lee received his M.Div. degree from Covenant Theological Seminary and served as a Presbyterian pastor in three churches. He also served as an Army chaplain for over 30 years. CH (BG) Douglas Lee retired from the Army in September 2008.



Rev. Michael Stewart

Head of Chaplain Ministries at Columbus Regional Medical Center, Columbus, GA

Reverend Stewart serves as the Director of Pastoral Care for Columbus Regional Healthcare System, which consists of three hospitals and the John B. Amos Cancer Center located in Columbus, Georgia. He has been a board certified health care chaplain for the past 10 years.

Advisory Council

The Advisory Council is a central component of the CMI. Its members use their many years of chaplain ministry experience to provide vision, direction, and guidance to future chaplains at RTS Charlotte. In addition, some of the Advisory Council members regularly teach a number of the specialized courses that focus on chaplain ministry. This advisory group includes the following people:

The Honorable J. Scott Redd, Vice Admiral, United States Navy (Retired); Member of the Board of Trustees of Reformed Theological Seminary

CH (COL) Ken Bush, US Army, Director of Curriculum, United States Army Chaplain School

CH (LTC) Pete Sniffin, US Army, Assistant to the Chief of Chaplains of the US Army, The Pentagon

Dr. Samuel H. Larsen, CDR, CHC, USN (Retired); Professor of Missions Emeritus, RTS Atlanta

CH (COL) Chris Wisdom, US Army, Germany

CH (LTC) Michael Cannon, US Army Reserve

Dr. Andrew Peterson, President, RTS Virtual Campus, Charlotte, NC

Dr. Hutz H. Hertzberg, LCDR, CHC, USNR; Executive Pastor, The Moody Church; Senior Protestant Chaplain, Chicago O'Hare and Midway Airports



*For more detailed info and biographies of the Advisory Council, please visit our website at www.rts.edu/CMI

RTS Charlotte Professors, Visiting Lecturers, and Conferences

RTS Charlotte is blessed to have an outstanding faculty, as well as numerous guest lecturers to teach intensive classes or speak at various conferences and lectures on campus. Students in the CMI will be privileged to study under some of the leading preachers and teachers in the world. Some of our RTS Charlotte professors include:



Dr. John Currid

Carl W. McMurray Professor
of Old Testament



Dr. Douglas Kelly

Richard Jordan Professor
of Theology



Dr. Michael Kruger

Associate Professor of
New Testament
Academic Dean

To see the full RTS Charlotte faculty and their bios check out charlotte.rts.edu

Recent Lecture Series Speakers and Visiting Lecturers have included:

Dr. Ken Boa, Dr. D.A. Carson, Dr. John Frame, Dr. Wayne Grudem, Dr. Michael Horton,
Mr. Ken Myers, Dr. Thomas Oden, Dr. Mark Ross, Rev. Alistair Begg and:



Dr. Sinclair Ferguson

Senior Minister, First
Presbyterian Church (ARP),
Columbia, SC



Dr. Richard Pratt

President, Third
Millennium Ministries



Dr. G.K. Beale

Kenneth T. Wessner Chair
of Biblical Studies &
Professor of New Testament,
Wheaton Graduate School

*For more information on
upcoming speakers and
lecturers, please visit our
website at www.rts.edu/CMI

Resources

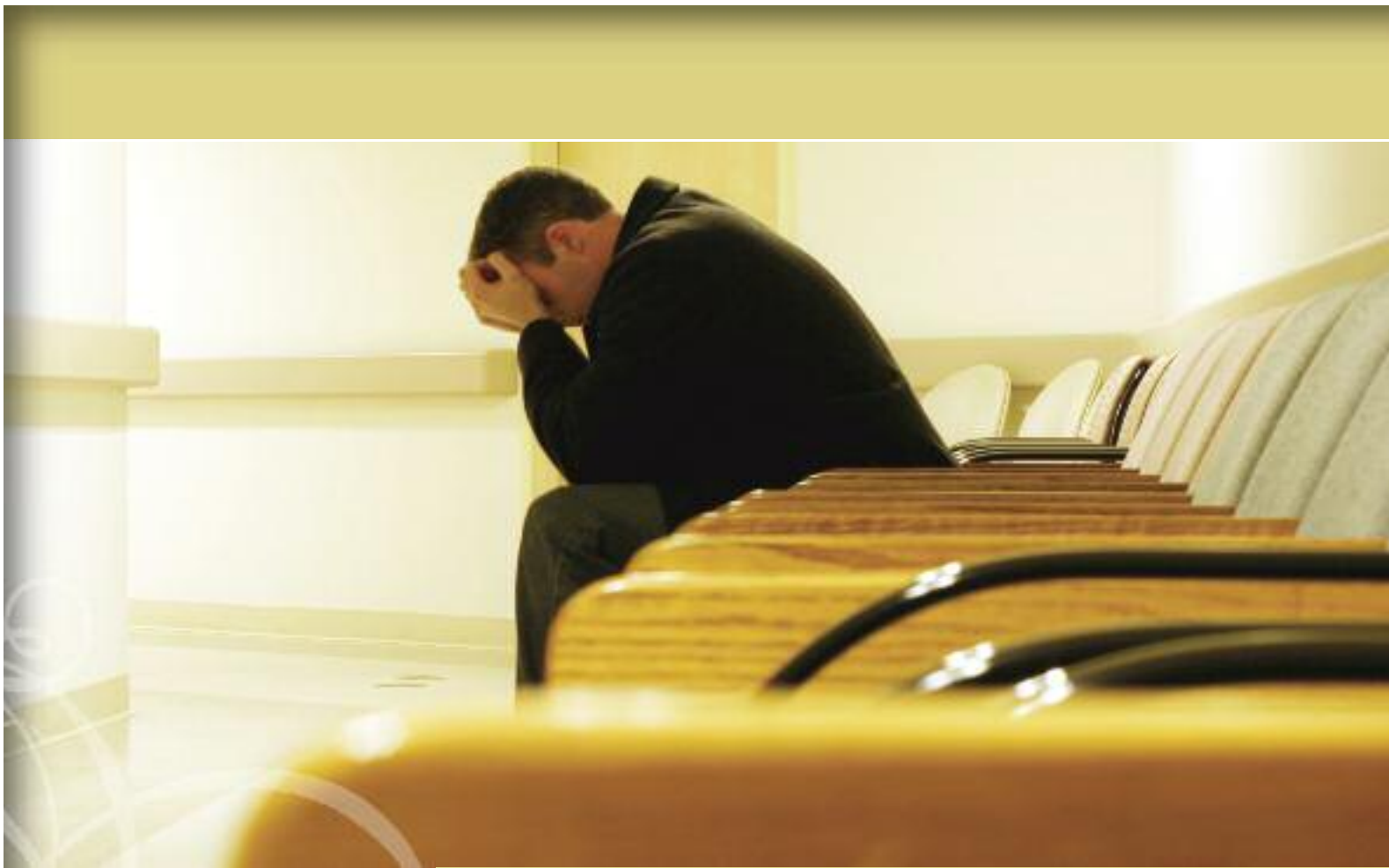
RTS Charlotte provides a number of generous scholarships for qualified students. CMI students will be eligible for scholarships and grants which include our Matthew 9:37 Leadership Scholarship, as well as Basic Tuition Grants, Minister's Family Grants, the Church Partnership Program, the Military Assistance Fund, Transition Grants, and our Ministry Partnership Scholarships. Our Ministry Partners include RUF, Campus Crusade for Christ, Campus Outreach, Reformed Youth Movement (RYM), and Young Life. More information on scholarships is available through the Admissions Office at RTS Charlotte.

In addition to financial aid, the admissions office provides assistance in locating housing, as well as help finding church and ministry jobs or internships. Currently, 80-85% of RTS Charlotte students are doing some type of formal ministry while attending seminary.

Library resources that deal specifically with issues and topics related to the practice of chaplain ministry are available for students in the CMI.



*For more detailed info on financial resources, please
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*"For I was hungry and you gave me food.
I was thirsty and you gave me drink.
I was a stranger and you welcomed me.
I was naked and you clothed me. I was
sick and you visited me. I was in prison
and you came to me."*
~ Matthew 25:35

Chaplain Ministry Opportunities

The campus' proximity to the United States Army, Navy, and Air Force Chaplain Schools at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, as well as the abundance of military bases in the region and institutional chaplaincy opportunities at hospitals, prisons, and other agencies make this a rich field of opportunity.

RTS is committed to mentoring students who are in the CMI, giving them individual direction and guidance as they prepare for the blessings and challenges of ministry in the chaplaincy setting.

During their time as RTS students, the CMI will provide opportunities for each student to apply what they learn in the program through practical ministry experience in the area.



*For more detailed info on opportunities in the area, please visit our website at www.rts.edu/CMI



"The CMI is the first of its kind among reformed seminaries in the nation. We need more seminary-trained students to accept the challenges of this intense but exciting ministry."

– CH (BG) Douglas Lee, USA (Ret.)

Fellowship

CMI Fellowship: Future chaplains and leaders enrolled in the CMI will regularly meet for the purpose of developing a community of fellowship, as well as for creating an environment where ideas and strategies about chaplain ministry can be freely developed, discussed, and exchanged.

RTS Charlotte Fellowship: Weekly events on campus for all RTS students include a chapel service, a prayer chapel, and a breakfast fellowship.

RTS Family Fellowship: RTS Charlotte emphasizes the importance of ministering to the whole family through the Women of RTS Fellowship and other community events each semester.

*For more information on our community activities, please visit our website at www.rts.edu/CMI

Contact us and Come Visit: If you are looking for a God-glorifying place to prepare and equip you for chaplain ministry, please visit us at www.rts.edu/charlotte, email us at admissions.charlotte@rts.edu, or call us at 1-800-755-2429. Our admissions department is here to serve you by answering questions and helping you follow the Lord's call on your life. We look forward to hearing from you!

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