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Dear Friend of RTS Orlando,

We train students in biblical wisdom in a world that is drowning in information. We root them in the most important knowledge of all – the knowledge of God – which not surprisingly gives us a better knowledge of ourselves. We deal in a kind of power that our culture is unacquainted with – the power of the gospel. And by God’s grace, we aim to connect our students to the source of life and light – Jesus Christ. In so doing we create a spiritual capital that is a vital force in our churches and culture.

Here in this flier are some of what is planned for this semester: plenty of opportunities to learn, interact, worship and experience life together. May God use each of these to form in us a *mind for truth, a heart for God and a life for ministry.*



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SPEAKING SCHEDULE (As of January 1)

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| Jan. 1 | New Hope Presbyterian Church (EPC) | Ft. Myers, FL |
| Jan. 27 | Trinity Presbyterian Church (PCUSA) | Venice, FL |
| Jan. 31 | Acts 29 Members Conference | Orlando, FL |
| Feb. 7 | Moody Founder’s Week Plenary | Chicago, IL |
| Feb. 12 | Missions Conference, Village Seven (PCA) | Colorado Springs |
| Feb. 19 | Memorial Presbyterian Church (PCUSA) | West Palm Beach, FL |
| April 4 | Holy Week Chapel at RTS Orlando | Oviedo, FL |
| June 1 | The Changing Role of American Seminaries on Global Theological Education | South Hamilton, MA |
| June 3 | First Presbyterian Church | Orlando, FL |
| June 10 | First Presbyterian Church | Orlando, FL |

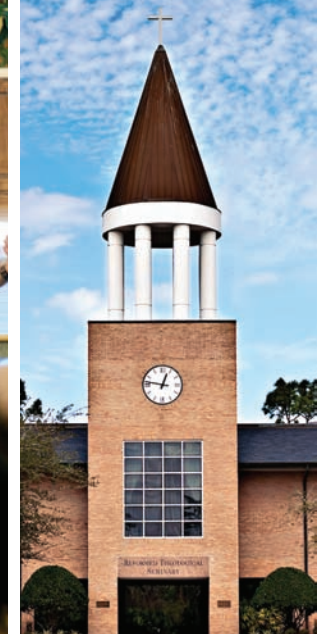


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2012 SPRING EVENTS

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Training events

PRESIDENT'S COMMUNITY FORUMS

Wednesdays | 12:00n - 1:00p | Fellowship Hall

Join us for an informal Q&A session with President Don Sweeting interviewing ministry leaders, pastors, missionaries and theologians. Lunch will be served for a nominal fee or bring your own. RSVP to Heather: hdefrancisco@rts.edu



FEBRUARY 22 Multi-Ethnic Ministry

Rev. Rufus Smith, Preaching Pastor for Hope Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Memphis, TN



MARCH 14 Three Free Sins: A New Book and Thoughts on Radical Grace

Rev. Dr. Steve Brown, Key Life Network Radio Personality, Author, RTS Faculty



MARCH 15 Christ and Creativity

Michael Card, Singer, Songwriter, Theologian



APRIL 4 The Opportunities and Challenges of Fulfilling the Great Commission

Steve Douglass, President of Campus Crusade for Christ

PASTORS (and Ministry Leaders) IN TRAINING (PIT) A weekly forum covering "all those things they never taught me in seminary"

Mondays during the semester, February 13 - April 30
12:00n - 1:00p | Faculty Conference Room

We desire that our students enter ministry with the best preparation possible. PIT is a weekly training and brown bag lunch forum that tackles all those practical issues that hit you in ministry. With almost 50 years of combined pastoral ministry, Don Sweeting and Bob Orner will address key issues and facilitate discussions with any students interested in ministry.

CHURCH PLANTER READINESS SEMINAR

April 13: 7:00p - 9:00p | April 14: 9:00a - 4:00p

Church planting is in the DNA of RTS Orlando. This is one opportunity we co-sponsor every spring on campus. Sponsored by Mission to North America (PCA), Florida Church Planting Network and RTS Orlando. Completed paperwork must be in by February 20. Contact Ann at apowers@pcanet.org.

For more information go to rts.edu/orlando/newsevents

Community events

CONCERT OF PRAYER

February 6 | 9:00a - 10:00a | Pamplin Chapel

What better way to start the year than with faculty, staff, students and families gathering to pray asking for the Lord's blessing on the semester. Join us.

CHAPEL

Wednesdays | February 8 - May 16 | Pamplin Chapel
(excluding March 28th, which is Spring Break)

The seminary chapel service provides a weekly opportunity for worshiping God as a community in word, song and prayer. The spring semester chapel services will continue the theme of "Seek the Lord" through a series of messages on The Great Commandment (Deuteronomy 5:5). In addition to this series, other chapels will feature several guest speakers addressing ministry issues and a select number of graduating M.Div. students preaching senior sermons.

For information on speakers and to download audio, go to: rts.edu/orlando/chapel

PREVIEW DAY

March 10 | 10:00a - 2:00p | Fellowship Hall

Interested in seminary education? Experience a day on campus, hear from professors and students, and visit classes. For more information and to register, contact Admissions Coordinator Tim Trouten, ttrouten@rts.edu.

WOMEN IN MINISTRY

Women in Ministry (WIM) is a ministry for all women affiliated with RTS that provides fellowship, fosters connection to the broader seminary community, equips each woman to build the kingdom in her respective calling, and encourages women to live passionately in submission to Christ.

For information on events and small groups contact:
Heather: hdefrancisco@rts.edu | rts.edu/orlando/wim

COMMUNITY CONCERTS IN PAMPLIN CHAPEL

Concert Pianist Huntley Brown | March 11 | 7:00p
Calvin College Orchestra Spring Tour | March 22 | 7:30p

For more information on these events go to:
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Academic events

UPCOMING CLASSES

View all classes: rts.edu/orlando/academics/upcomingclasses

Winter one-week intensive classes | January 9 - 28



Dr. Richard Pratt
Old Testament Theology
January 16-20 | 9:00a - 4:00p

Spring Classes | February 7 - May 16

This spring we offer 32 classes providing avenues for spiritual renewal and growth for the new year (audit or take for credit). The two featured below are offered in the evenings. Join us!



Dr. Keith Johnson
Engaging Religious Pluralism
Mondays | Feb. 7 - May 16 | 6:00p - 8:00p



Dr. Steven L. Childers
Spiritual Formation
Thursdays | Feb. 7 - May 16 | 6:00 - 9:00p

COMMENCEMENT

May 25 | 7:30p | St. Andrew's Chapel | Sanford, FL



William Armstrong, president of Colorado Christian University and former United States Senator, will be the speaker for our 21st graduation service.



KISTEMAKER ACADEMIC LECTURE SERIES The Origins of the New Testament Canon: Issues, Problems, and Possibilities

March 20 and March 21
11:00a - 12:00n & 1:00p - 2:00p
(on both days)
Pamplin Chapel

Named in honor of Dr. Simon J. Kistemaker, these annual lectures offer scholarly insight into diverse topics in Biblical and theological studies as well as practical theology. Given the recent discoveries of apocryphal books like the Gospel of Judas and the critical writings of scholars like Bart Ehrman, there is a need for evangelicals to have clear biblical thinking about the canon of the New Testament. The 2012 lecture series seeks to address contemporary issues in modern canonical studies and to show why Christians can have confidence that the New Testament contains the right twenty-seven books. No more, no less.



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Professor of New Testament and academic dean at Reformed Theological Seminary in Charlotte, North Carolina.

For more information, go to: rts.edu/orlando/2012kals