



“For the prime characteristic of Calvin as a theologian is precisely the practical interest which governs his entire thought and the religious profundity which suffuses it all. It was not the head but the heart which made him a theologian, and it is not the head but the heart which he primarily addresses in his theology.” B.B. Warfield

We cordially invite you to attend this year’s Institute on Biblical Preaching. On the 500th Anniversary of John Calvin’s birth, we are offering an opportunity to reflect on Calvin and ministry. He is well-known as a theologian and reformer, but this year’s conference will focus on his ministry as a preacher and pastor. Our prayer is that our time together will encourage you as you seek to serve His people.

Timothy Z. Witmer Coordinator, Department of Practical Theology

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SPECIAL EVENTS

Alumni Reunion Dinner

Alumni are invited to a Reunion Dinner on **Wednesday evening at 5:00**, prior to the evening plenary session. Please indicate your plans to attend on the registration form or contact Jason Peterson at jpeterson@wts.edu to RSVP.

Prospective Student Luncheon

Prospective students are invited to a luncheon on **Wednesday**. Lunch will include interaction with faculty members. Please contact the admissions office today at admissions@wts.edu or (800) 373-0119 to sign up.

Hotel Information

Rooms have been reserved at the Best Western in Ft. Washington, \$95 plus tax. Interested parties call (215) 542-7930 and request the Westminster Theological Seminary Preaching Conference rooms. Reserve by October 1st to receive this special rate.

Directions

Westminster is located in Glenside, Pennsylvania, a suburb approximately one mile northwest of Philadelphia city limits, at the corner of Church Road (Rt. 73) and Willow Grove Avenue.

From the Pennsylvania Turnpike:

Exit at the Fort Washington Interchange (#339). Exit right onto Rt. 309 South (immediately after passing under the turnpike overpass). Take the first exit - PA 73/Flourtown (about 1.2 miles). Turn left onto Church Road (PA 73 East) and go about 1.7 miles. After passing through the third traffic light (crossing Willow Grove Avenue) the Seminary entrance will be on your right at the top of the hill.

From the South Via I-95: Take Rt. 476 North to the PA Turnpike (about 20 miles) and proceed East. See directions from PA Turnpike (above).

From the Philadelphia Airport: Get on I-95 South, travel approx. 5 miles to Rt. 476 North, travel approximately 20 miles to the PA Turnpike (proceed East), and then follow the directions from the PA Turnpike.

By train: Take the R1 Express Line from the airport to the Market East Station. From there take either the R1, R5, or R2 Line to the Glenside Station and then a taxi 1.5 miles to Westminster. (Call Montco Suburban Cab at 215-572-6100.)



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Derek Thomas is the *John E. Richards Professor of Systematic and Practical Theology* at Reformed Theological Seminary, Jackson, Mississippi. Originally from Wales, he spent seventeen years pastoring in Belfast before moving to the United States in 1996. In addition to his work at RTS, he serves as the Minister of Teaching at First Presbyterian Church in Jackson. A graduate of RTS in 1978, he gained a Ph.D. from the University of Wales, Lampeter in Calvin's preaching on the book of Job. He has written and edited numerous books, including *The Storm Breaks: Job Simply Explained*, *Wisdom: the Key to Living God's Way* and *God Strengthens: Ezekiel Simply Explained*. His most recent publication is a joint venture with his wife, *A Biblical Guide to Love, Sex and Marriage*. He and his wife, Rosemary have been married for over thirty years and have two adult children and two grandchildren.



Carl R. Trueman (M.A., St. Catharine's College, Cambridge; Ph.D., University of Aberdeen;) is Vice President for Academic Affairs and Professor of Historical Theology and Church History at Westminster Theological Seminary. He also is a monthly columnist for Reformation21.com and regular columnist for the monthly publication of the Free Church of Scotland. He has authored numerous books, including, *The Claims of Truth: John Owen's Trinitarian Theology*, *The Wages of Spin: Critical Writings on Historic and Contemporary Evangelicalism* and *Minority Report: Unpopular Essays on Everything from Ancient Christianity to Zen Calvinism*. He is also an ordained minister in the Orthodox Presbyterian Church.



William Edgar (M.Div., Westminster Theological Seminary; Dr. Théol., Université de Genève) is Professor of Apologetics at Westminster Theological Seminary, coordinator of the Apologetics Department and Chairman of the Faculty. He has authored several books, including *Reasons of the Heart: Recovering Christian Persuasion*, *Taking Note of Music* and *In Spirit and In Truth*. He is also an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church in America.



Timothy Z. Witmer (M.Div., Westminster Theological Seminary; D.Min., Reformed Theological Seminary) is the coordinator of the Practical Theology Department, Professor of Practical Theology, and Director of Mentored Ministry at Westminster Theological Seminary. In addition, he is the Minister of Preaching at Crossroads Community Church in Upper Darby, Pennsylvania.

Tuesday, October 27

7:30 pm Opening Meeting
Romans 11:33-36
Bowing Before the Majesty of God
Dr. Derek Thomas

Wednesday, October 28

9:00 am Plenary Address
Calvin's Perspective on Romans
Dr. Derek Thomas

10:00 am Coffee Break

10:30 am Plenary Address
Calvin's Pastoral Theology of Job
Dr. Derek Thomas

12:00 pm Lunch (in local restaurants)
Prospective Student Luncheon*

2:00 pm Seminars (repeated at 3:30 p.m.)

Seminar 1
The Preacher as Prophet
Dr. Carl Trueman

Seminar 2
The Effect of Calvin's Preaching on the City of Geneva
Dr. William Edgar

Seminar 3
John Calvin the Shepherd
Dr. Timothy Witmer

3:00 pm Coffee Break

3:30 pm Seminars (repeated from 2:00 p.m.)

5:00 pm Dinner (in local restaurants)
Alumni Dinner*

7:00 pm Closing Meeting
Twittering Calvin?
Dr. Derek Thomas

* See reverse side of brochure for details.

RSVP by October 26, 2009

There is no fee to attend, but registration is required.

I plan to attend the 2009 Institute on Biblical Preaching

Please check all that apply:

I am a current student

I am a prospective student

I will attend the luncheon with _____ guests

I am an alum of Westminster

I will attend the alumni dinner with _____ guests

I am a mentor in Westminster's Mentored Ministry program

Send registration to:

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