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ELMER TOWNS RELIGION HALL

Around the SOR

November 15, 2010

Upcoming Events

November 15-18

Bloodmobile- DeMoss Hall

November 22-26

Thanksgiving Vacation

December 8

Last Day of Classes

December 10-17

Final Exams

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Spotlight

- Congratulations to Mrs. Debbie Benoit, as she is in the final stages of completing her doctorate and defending her thesis.
- Congratulations also to Dr. David Baggett as he has been awarded a Spring Research Course Release for 2011.

Church Ministries

The Center for Youth Ministries experienced its largest turn-out for Scaremare in its 38 years of service. The all time record was set at 25,254, with a single night record of 4,550 on Saturday, October 23rd. 2,663 people made first time decisions for Christ. The team was blessed with no rain all 9 nights. "LUPD, Grounds, Electricians and Transportation have been a BIG help this year," said Dr. Steve Vandegriff, Chair of the Department of Church Ministries and Director of the Center for Youth Ministries. Thank you to everyone who contributed to Scaremare this year!



Biblical Studies

Several of our faculty members are heading to the ETS conference this week. Dr. Brindle will be giving a paper on Justification and Romans 4-5. This conference is a great opportunity for our faculty to stay on the cutting edge of what is being discussed in theological circles.

We are preparing for the Spring Biblical Studies Symposium, which will be held on March 7th. Dr. Robert Chisholm from Dallas Theological Seminary will be speaking. Mark your calendars now to attend this event. More details to follow.

Inter-Cultural Studies

Dr. Fanning has recently traveled to the Republic of Georgia to teach the book of Revelation for 7 hours a day, then an evening Couples Conference for five nights. This was the first course of the first Bible Institute in the country. There are 6 million people in the Republic of Georgia and only 2 missionaries. See a video report of this trip here. Dr. Fanning has a blog, "Truths to Live By" - a devotional Bible Study blog to daily meditate on the understanding and application of the commands of Scriptures.

Jesus said, "If you love me, obey my commandments" (John 14:15). Find Dr. Fanning's blog here.



Over Christmas break, Light Ministries will be taking students to India and East Asia. Don Fanning and Che Orman will be leading the India trip; and Tom Nylander, Holly Harrington and Jeremy Bourdon will be leading the East Asia trip. Please pray for their safety and for those who will hear the Gospel through them!

Christian/Community Service

The CSER office is coordinating with departments and centers across the University to partner with the Salvation Army for Bell Ringing outside of Walmart on Wards Rd. Each department will take a day or a block of days and faculty members will volunteer their time to ring the bell and raise money for those in need. If you would like to volunteer your time, they still need help!

The Bloodmobile will be held in the back hall of DeMoss November 15-18th. Visit www.givelife.org and use "Flames" as the sponsor code. Also, just a reminder: the deadline for turning in CSER Evaluations and Grades (Blue form) is December 6th.

**** Take note: the CSER office has extended its office hours to 8:00am-5:30pm on Mondays.**

Worship

The Center for Worship is busy with activity! They held the Fusion event for CFAW on November 5th and had Beth Porter in concert on November 9th. On November 11th they hosted the Handbell Concert, and coming up is the Worship Orchestra Concert on November 16th.

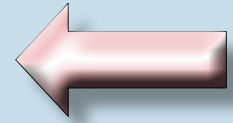
The Center for Worship Guitar Ensemble under the direction of Mr. Leon Neto will be traveling to Germany this December for a Christmas Concert and Missions Initiative. In preparation for this tour, this talented group of guitar faculty and students has recorded a Christmas CD, Acoustic Christmas. For more information about this CD or if you'd like to support them in their upcoming mission trip, please contact Mrs. Amanda Pohlmann at alpohlmann@liberty.edu.



Pastoral Leadership

Out of our EVAN 101 sections this fall (2,030 students enrolled) over 55 students have accepted Christ! Over a 1,000 students have involved themselves in servant evangelism initiatives through the PLED Department's EVAN 101 classes.

We are proud to announce the recommendation of a new course that will soon be required of all BS in Religion/Pastoral Leadership Specialization students for Fall 2011: BUSI 470- Church and Nonprofit Management Systems. It will be placed on the DCP in the fall, but students can enroll early this spring!



Philosophy & Theology

Dr. Mark Foreman is presenting at the EPS apologetics conference, which is a side conference in a local church put on by the Evangelical Philosophical Society. The title is: "Challenging the Zeitgeist movie". He has also been appointed by Governor McDonnell to serve on the Governor's Committee on Mandated Health Insurance Benefits as the medical ethicist. It is a five year appointment.

Dr. Thomas Provenzola will be presenting at the Evangelical Philosophical Society, with "What Does Participatory Evidence Have to Do with Warrant?" on Wednesday, Nov. 17, 2010, as well as moderating a session of the EPS on Thursday, Nov. 18, 2010.

Dr. Edward Martin will be presenting at the Evangelical Philosophical Society, with "What Hath South Bend to do with West Lafayette: Scoring the Plantinga-Rowe Debates through the Years" on Wednesday, Nov. 17, 2010, as well as moderating a session of the EPS on Thursday, Nov. 18, 2010.

Dr. David Beck will be moderating a session of the EPS, and has an article on God and the New Atheism that will appear in a collection, *God and Evil*, to be published by InterVarsity Press, and edited by Meister, Dew and Geisler.

Dr. Gaylen Leverett will be presenting at the Evangelical Theological Society, "Writing in the Shadow of the Apostle Paul: Clement and the New Perspective on Paul," on Wednesday, Nov. 17, 2010.

Dr. Craig Hinkson taught a new class in Spring 2010: THEO 502, Renaissance and Reformation Theology.

Dr. James Borland is contributing 18 articles to an encyclopedia of ecclesiology and church government to be published by Zondervan.

Recent Publications

- Article by Dr. Michael Jones: "Culture and Interreligious Understanding according to the Romanian Philosopher Lucian Blaga." In *Journal of Ecumenical Studies* 45: 1, winter 2010, 97-112.
- By Drs. Ed Hindson and Dan Mitchell, gen. eds. *Zondervan King James Commentary*, 2 vols. (Grand Rapids: Zondervan), 2010. (Also contributing: Dr. Harvey Hartman, Dr. Ron Hawkins, Dr. Fred Smith and Dr. Gary Yates.)
- Article by Mr. Leon Neto: "Contemporary Christian Music and the Praise and Worship Style." In *Journal of Singing*, the Official National Association of Teachers of Singing (NATS) Journal.