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Upcoming Events

December 8
Last Day of Classes
Bloodmobile- DeMoss Hall

December 9
Reading Day

December 10-17
Final Exams

December 23
Final grades due

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Spotlight

- Congratulations to Assistant Professors of Worship and Music, Mr. David Hahn and Mr. John Kinchen successfully passed their qualifying exams for the DMA degree at Boston University. Both professors have begun writing their dissertations which represents the final phase of the degree.

Biblical Studies

Three members of the Department of Biblical Studies participated in the 2010 national meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, held in Atlanta during November 17-19: Dr. Wayne Brindle, Dr. David Croteau, and Dr. Donald Fowler. Dr. Brindle gave a presentation on Friday, November 19, titled "N. T. Wright, Romans 4 & 5, and Justification: Imputation and Works as Exegetical Nonsense." The presentation offered a selected exegesis of Romans 4 and 5 and compared it to faulty statements made by N. T. Wright in his various publications on the doctrine of justification.

Dr. Brindle's comments were well received, and a vigorous discussion followed during a question and answer time. Many of the presentations at the ETS meeting dealt with the theme of justification by faith, and the plenary messages by Drs. Tom Schreiner, Frank Thielman, N. T. Wright, and Eugene Merrill were the highlight of the conference.

Special Report!

Many have requested an investigative report on the recent claim by Noah's Ark Ministries International claim to a discovery of Noah's Ark. Dr. Randall Price has posted a critique based on his and Dr. Don Patton's analysis of their data (as well their first-hand examination of the site on Mt. Ararat). Find the report here.

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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!

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.

Pastoral Leadership

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!

Worship

Under the direction of Mr. Charles Billingsley, the Center for Worship has joined in partnership to establish Red Tie Records -- a publishing company that will manage the new congregational worship compositions from Thomas Road Baptist Church and Liberty University Students. The company launched with the signing of its first song, "God of the Ages", written by Center for Worship graduate and adjunct instructor, Travis Doucette.

Recent Publications

- Book by Dr. Gary Habermas: "Memories of Jesus: A Critical Appraisal of James D.G. Dunn's 'Jesus Remembered,'" co-ed. with Robert Stewart (Broadman & Holman, 2010).
- Article by Dr. Vernon Whaley: "The Story of Worship: What the Great Awakenings Tell us about Worship Today" in Worship Leader Magazine, the premier publication for worship leaders and pastors in America and Canada. View the article here (starts on page 36).
- Article by Dr. James Borland: "Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America" in the new Baker Handbook of Denominations and Ministries.