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ELMER TOWNS RELIGION HALL

Around the SOR

February 15, 2011

Upcoming Events

February 14-18

Missions Emphasis Week

February 24

Women's Health & Wellness Seminar

March 7

Spring Biblical Studies Symposium

March 7

Add/drop deadline- CSER

March 14-18

Spring Break

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εθνος

(orig. Greek; n. nation / people group / tribe)

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...repentance and forgiveness of sins should be preached in his name to all nations (εθνη) ... luke 24:47 esv

Dr. Gary Habermas



Dr. Gary Habermas spoke twice at Purdue University on Friday, February 4, brought in by a group called Faculty Commons. The first time he spoke was at a luncheon with 30-40 faculty members, some PhD students, and university staff. Dr. Habermas was asked to speak on the subject of professors ministering to students on a secular campus, to encourage the Christian faculty members to be open, speak of their faith, and share with students whenever possible.

For his second speaking engagement, Dr. Habermas spoke to a group of almost 1,000 students and some faculty on the subject of historical evidence for the resurrection of Jesus. They had a lengthy Q & A time afterwards, followed by another extended time of meeting with the students.

In about three weeks, on March 3, Dr. Habermas is scheduled to speak at Princeton Theological Seminary. He will be speaking on the topic of the historical Jesus.

Liberty Ministry Training Rally

On February 1st, the School of Religion held a Liberty Ministry Training Rally. The service was comprised of worship led by the YouthQuest Worship Team, and a challenging message from Pastor Jonathan Falwell. After the message, Dr. Matt Willmington from Thomas Road Baptist Church led the students in a time of group prayer and commissioning to go out and serve in ministry.

The event was created to provide an environment for School of Religion majors as well as any student with a passion for ministry to come together in fellowship and worship. The students are in classes right now, learning principles and ministry strategies, but Pastor Falwell challenged them to not wait until they graduate, but to do ministry **now**. They can be putting into practice what they learn in the classroom as they learn it.

A large representation of SOR faculty was present at the event, and as Dr. Matt Willmington led prayer, the faculty spread out and joined the student groups in prayer as well. The SOR hopes to do more Ministry Training Rallies in the future, to join the students together and create an environment of unity and fellowship. Keep an eye out on the calendar of events for more events like this to come!



Worship Summit 2011



Dr. John Benham just returned from teaching at the Worship Summit 2011, held in Riga, Latvia January 27-29. There were over 150 participants from the Republic of Georgia, Russia, Romania, Ukraine, Belarus, Latvia, Estonia, and Lithuania, as well as several of us from the US and Canada who were teaching. This is an outgrowth of the project that Music In World Cultures established in 1997, for developing leadership in the areas of music and worship for the Baptist churches of Ukraine. This was an historical event, bringing together for the first time believers from these countries that are free and those that are still in restricted access. The final evening session was an expression of the unified body of Christ as participants crammed into the choir loft singing common hymns of praises to God, each in their native tongue (English, Romanian, Latvian, Russian, Ukrainian). For more information on the background of this and similar projects go to: www.musicinworldcultures.com.