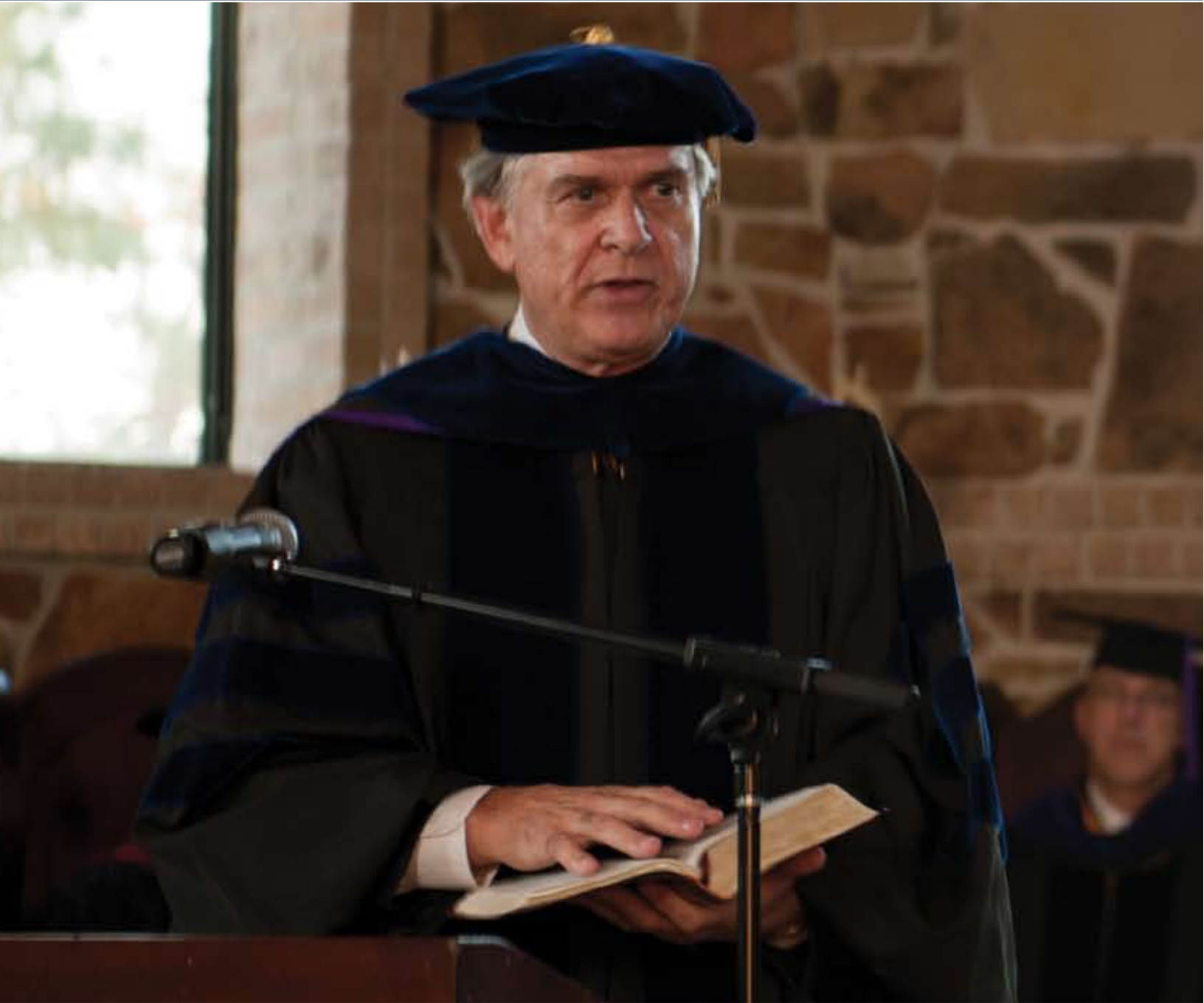


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GRACE President, Dr. Dave Anderson, shares a biblical challenge at Commencement 2011



Engaging the next generation in free grace and truth

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Taking the Grace Message to the World



Temporal versus Eternal Judgment, and the Gift of Eternal Life versus Rewards for Faithful Service. Sadly, most had never been taught to think in these categories.

I was privileged to teach 320 pastors and their wives during my trip. The people are very poor, so it was a great time of retreat and refreshment for them. International Impact (with Margaret Nikol) paid for the entire conference, investing more than \$200,000 to provide this training event. I was very humbled to teach such a sacrificial group of God's servants.

Landing in the birth-country of Alexander the Great leaves one with a sense of wonder and awe. Before heading to Greece for his tutelage under Aristotle, Alexander must have ridden horse-back over many of the hills I saw on my journey to Bulgaria. And with the weather between 55 and 75 degrees the whole trip, it looked and felt like a slice of paradise.

But paradise Bulgaria is not. Centuries of rivalry between the Slavs and the Turks has carved deep trenches of hatred on the landscape. Their former liberators from Turkish oppression (the Russians) became their persecutors when Communism took over. A generation of Christian men were wiped out before the Curtain came down. Bitterness from those days still bubbles up from time to time. Only a handful of pastors are left from that era.

The Protestants have pulled away from the Orthodox, but they still carry much of the old Orthodoxy with them. Most have been taught that we can lose our salvation and cannot know in this life if they will go to heaven. Of course, that is what the Orthodox and Roman Catholic churches teach until this day.

Fortunately, due to a study of dispensationalism and the free grace that is a corollary of the same, the majority of pastors I taught have found assurance of their salvation. I was able to build on that to teach them the fundamentals of *Position versus Condition, Relationship versus Fellowship,*

The free grace message is desperately needed in our world today. That's why I am excited to spend the majority of my days training GRACE students who have answered the call to share God's grace and truth. I thank you for your partnership with us as we take the gospel to the uttermost parts of the earth.

Dave Anderson

Dr. Dave Anderson, President
Grace School of Theology



experience the **GRACE CONNECTION**

GOD believed in the power of connection long before networking tools like LinkedIn and Facebook ever existed.

He created the body of Christ to be a place of unique and unifying fellowship, an environment where soul-level connection could thrive. At GRACE, we believe there is incredible potential in the church today. That's why we're excited about the opportunity to create a God-centered network of ministry leaders who are committed to reach their communities.

The **GRACE Connection** is a new resource to help God's servants lead, connect, encourage, and equip one another. Ministry leaders in Beaumont and Houston have already begun to network through the recent Pastors Luncheons hosted by GRACE, and this is just the beginning. GRACE is committed to be a trusted ministry resource, providing the highest quality theological training as well as ministerial support for our church and community partners.

Whether you are in need of pulpit supply assistance or workshop training sessions for your church leaders, GRACE is ready to serve. To find out more about the **GRACE Connection**, email tphillips@gsot.org or call 877.476.8674.



(Left to Right) Dr. Chris Moody, Dr. Mark Haywood, and Emerson Lee



Sonya Briscoe shares her GRACE experience at the Beaumont Pastors Luncheon

Why I Believe in GRACE

Q & A with GRACE Seminary Student **Phillip Yanda**



Q: Where are you currently serving?

A: I sing in a metal band for the LORD, teach and help lead the young adult Sunday School at Westside Fellowship Church, and also am involved in a college/young adult Bible study.

Q: What made you choose GRACE for your seminary education?

A: Their commitment to a literal, grammatical, historical reading of the Scripture is outstanding and is the main reason I have chosen GRACE. In addition to their firm commitment to biblical truth, they are affordable, local (here in Houston), and make receiving a master's degree as cohesive and simple as it can be with online classes and a clear and consistent purpose and doctrinal statement.

Q: Why do you believe in the ministry of GRACE?

A: Their commitment to the Scriptures and discipling others is noteworthy as well as their commitment to clear truth principles. I believe their focus on the free grace of God in Christ Jesus is something, unfortunately, rarely found in today's world. They refreshingly present the free grace of God as a free gift with no works attached. That's why I believe in GRACE.

Q: What part of your GRACE experience has benefitted you the most?

A: The professors' commitment to loving God and others is incredible as well as their purpose in discipling men and women of the Word for the growth of the Kingdom worldwide. They have trained me in the knowledge and experience of the Word.

Q: What long-term impact do you think GRACE will have on your life and ministry?

A: An increasing knowledge of the Word and obedience to it. I will have the foundation necessary to equip and disciple others.

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GRACE INAUGURAL GRADUATION

GRACE conducted its inaugural commencement in May at the awe-inspiring Lanier Theological Library in Houston, Texas. The seminary conferred four master's degrees and four biblical studies certificates. Each of the graduates represents a kingdom investment that cannot be measured in earthly terms. Each of their lives and ministries will have an impact on the world, and GRACE is honored to play a role in equipping them for a life of eternal influence. Join us in celebrating the hard work and dedication of GRACE's first graduating class.

Biblical Studies Certificate

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Mary Chen Schroeder **

Roger Dale Shillow **

Falethesa Carolyn Umbehr **

Master of Arts in Biblical Studies

Booker Tecumpsie Canty Jr.

Matthew Kenneth Koppelman *

Linus Nguyen **

Jonathan Phillip Preslar ***



*Graduated with Honors, **Graduated with High Honors, ***Graduated with Highest Honors



FALL 2011 COURSE SCHEDULE

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Visit gsot.org/register to register online or call 877.476.8674 for more information.

COURSE SCHEDULE LEGEND		Course Length Options: Compressed 8-Week Courses (with 1st Start and 2nd Start Options), Accelerated 1-Week Courses, and 15-Week Courses		
Course Offered in CLASSROOM or ONLINE <i>Students may attend class in person or participate via live web streaming</i>	Course Offered in CLASSROOM ONLY <i>Students must attend class in person; no online video/audio</i>	Course Offered ONLINE ONLY <i>No live classroom video; archived audio/video may be available in some cases</i>		

MONDAYS							
Location / Course		Instructor	Day(s)	Time	Dates	Length	Delivery Method
MAIN CAMPUS: SOUTHWEST HOUSTON - 7100 Regency Square Boulevard (Suite 263) - Houston, TX 77036							
BI 1336	NT Survey: Gospels	Loken	M	7:00-9:30 pm	August 22 - October 17	8 Weeks	
BI 1337	NT Survey: Acts and Pauline Epistles	Loken	M	7:00-9:30 pm	October 24 - December 12	8 Weeks	
MAIN CAMPUS: NORTH HOUSTON (THE WOODLANDS) - 29801 1-45 North (Suite 205) - Shenandoah, TX 77381							
BI 1243	Romans (<i>Comprehensive overview of the Book of Romans</i>)	Baker	M	7:00-9:00 pm	August 22 - October 17	8 Weeks	
BI 1338	NT Survey: Hebrews, General Epistles, Revelation	Baker	M	7:00-9:30 pm	October 24 - December 12	8 Weeks	
BEAUMONT TEACHING SITE 2 (FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH) - 900 Calder Avenue - Beaumont, TX 77701							
TH 2311	Theology Proper (<i>Study of God</i>)	Moody	M	6:30-9:00 pm	August 22 - October 17	8 Weeks	
TH 2312	Christology and Ecclesiology (<i>Study of Christ and the Church</i>)	Moody	M	6:30-9:00 pm	October 24 - December 12	8 Weeks	
MIDLAND TEACHING SITE (MIDLAND BIBLE CHURCH) - 2800 North A Street - Midland, TX 79705							
BI 1311	OT Survey: Pentateuch	Campbell	M	7:00-9:30 pm	August 22 - December 12	15 Weeks	
TUESDAYS							
MAIN CAMPUS: SOUTHWEST HOUSTON - 7100 Regency Square Boulevard (Suite 263) - Houston, TX 77036							
BI 1310	Bible Study Methods (<i>Hermeneutics</i>)	Haywood	TU	7:00-9:30 pm	August 23 - October 11	8 Weeks	
BI 1312	OT Survey: Joshua-Esther	Haywood	TU	7:00-9:30 pm	October 18 - December 6	8 Weeks	
MAIN CAMPUS: NORTH HOUSTON (THE WOODLANDS) - 29801 1-45 North (Suite 205) - Shenandoah, TX 77381							
TH 2335	Angelology, Anthropology, Hamartiology (<i>Study of Angels/Demons, Man, Sin</i>)	Baker	TU	7:00-9:30 pm	August 23 - October 11	8 Weeks	
BI 1311	OT Survey: Pentateuch	Baker	TU	7:00-9:30 pm	October 18 - December 6	8 Weeks	
MIDLAND TEACHING SITE (MIDLAND BIBLE CHURCH) - 2800 North A Street - Midland, TX 79705							
BI 1348	Johannine Epistles	Anderson	TU	7:00-9:30 pm	August 23 - December 6	15 Weeks	
WEDNESDAYS							
SOUTHEAST HOUSTON TEACHING SITE (CLEAR LAKE BIBLE CHURCH) - 622 El Dorado Boulevard - Houston, TX 77062							
BI 1338	NT Survey: Hebrews, General Epistles, Revelation	Baker	W	6:30-9:00 pm	August 24 - December 7	15 Weeks	
THURSDAYS							
MAIN CAMPUS: SOUTHWEST HOUSTON - 7100 Regency Square Boulevard (Suite 263) - Houston, TX 77036							
TH 2323	Soteriology (<i>Study of Salvation</i>)	Anderson	TH	7:00-9:30 pm	August 25 - October 13	8 Weeks	
MS 5332	Leadership	Choate	TH	7:00-9:30 pm	October 20 - December 15	8 Weeks	
MAIN CAMPUS: NORTH HOUSTON (THE WOODLANDS) - 29801 1-45 North (Suite 205) - Shenandoah, TX 77381							
MS 5320	Spiritual Life	Skinner	TH	7:00-9:30 pm	August 25 - October 13	8 Weeks	
TH 2310	Introduction to Systematic Theology and Bibliology	Anderson	TH	7:00-9:30 pm	October 20 - December 15	8 Weeks	
BEAUMONT TEACHING SITE 1 (ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH) - 3920 W. Cardinal Drive - Beaumont, TX 77705							
BI 1311	OT Survey: Pentateuch	Haywood	TH	7:00-9:30 pm	August 25 - October 13	8 Weeks	
BI 1312	OT Survey: Joshua-Esther	Haywood	TH	7:00-9:30 pm	October 20 - December 15	8 Weeks	
SAN ANTONIO TEACHING SITE (BANDERA ROAD CITY CHURCH) - 9355 Bandera Road (Suite 124) - San Antonio, TX 78250							
BI 1310	Bible Study Methods (<i>Hermeneutics</i>)	Hixson	TH	7:00-9:30 pm	August 25 - October 13	8 Weeks	
TH 2323	Soteriology (<i>Study of Salvation</i>)	Hixson	TH	7:00-9:30 pm	October 27 - December 22	8 Weeks	
ONE WEEK ACCELERATED							
MAIN CAMPUS: NORTH HOUSTON (THE WOODLANDS) - 29801 1-45 North (Suite 205) - Shenandoah, TX 77381							
TH 2336	Dispensationalism and Eschatology (<i>Study of the End Times</i>)	Hixson	M-F	9 am-5 pm	August 15-August 19	1 Week	
ONLINE ONLY							
TH 2336	Dispensationalism and Eschatology (<i>Study of the End Times</i>)	Hixson	Online	Online	August 22 - October 17	8 Weeks	
TH 2347	Church History	Scholl	Online	Online	August 22 - October 17	8 Weeks	
BI 1325	OT Survey: Minor Prophets	Loken	Online	Online	October 24 - December 12	8 Weeks	

On the Newsfront

ACCREDITATION REPORT:

The Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools (TRACS) conducted an on-site visit at the main GRACE campuses, July 19-22, for the purpose of evaluating GRACE for accreditation Candidacy Status.

GRACE was commended for its preparation and organization for the team visit. The Accreditation Commission of TRACS will make a decision regarding GRACE's request for Candidacy Status at the November 2011 TRACS Accreditation Commission Meeting.

GRACE is an applicant for candidacy with TRACS (PO Box 328, Forest, VA 24551; (434) 529-9539; www.tracs.org). TRACS is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education, the Council for Higher Education Accreditation, and the International Network for Quality Assurance Agencies in Higher Education.

Please join us in praying for God's continued favor and guidance as we continue our accreditation journey.

GRACE STAFF CHANGES:

GRACE is pleased to welcome **Hannah Beard** to our staff in the role of Administrative Services and Events Coordinator. **Dr. Steven Wright** resigned his position as VP of Advancement to return to pastoral ministry.



GRACE ON MISSION:

Please join us in praying for Dr. Bruce Baker, Director of Masters Degree Programs, and his wife, Bonnie, as they serve on mission in Burundi (Africa). During his trip, he will be preaching and training pastors. Be sure to follow their African journey on Dr. Baker's blog: becomingmature.org.



GRACE ADDS TEACHING SITE:

This fall GRACE will launch a new teaching site at Bandera Road City Church in San Antonio, TX.

SUPPORT GRACE TODAY: visit www.gcot.org/donate or complete the enclosed support envelope

2011-2012 FISCAL YEAR TO DATE (through August 4)			
THIS YEAR	TUITION & FEES	Received YTD:	\$9,308
		Remaining Expected:	\$189,312
THIS YEAR	ANNUAL FUND GIFTS	Received YTD:	\$119,587
		Urgently Needed:	\$2,296,140
OPERATING EXPENSES		Ministry Budget for July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2012	TOTAL: \$2,614,347

2010-2011 YEAR END REPORT (ending June 30)			
LAST YEAR	Though we ended last fiscal year roughly 25% under budget for gift income and operational requirements, we contained spending accordingly, and ended the year with a small net profit. Thank you for partnering with us in this strategic ministry of grace.	Tuition and Fees	\$122,070
		Gifts and Other Income	\$1,682,108
		Total Expenses	(\$1,653,792)
		Net Profit (Loss)	\$150,386

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FUNDRAISING BANQUET

Tuesday, November 15, 2011

The Woodlands Marriott Hotel

Keynote Speaker:

Bob Tebow

Mr. Tebow is the founder of the Bob Tebow Evangelistic Association, a Grace School of Theology trustee, a husband, and father of five, including NFL Quarterback Tim Tebow.

