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Grace Trustee Bob Tebow shares an inspiring message at the "I Believe in Grace" Fall Banquet



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A WORD TO THE WISE

Interesting how the material and the spiritual intersect. Surely the greatest intersection on the highway of human history occurred at Bethlehem, when the Word became flesh. But after that, another less obvious but still significant intersection came on the camels of the wise men.

The Bible tells us the Magi were men from the East. In biblical narrative, the East invariably referred to what we call Saudi Arabia today -- or Transjordan. It was not Babylon. When people came from Babylonia, they came from the north. And these men claimed that a light in the sky announced the birth of the awaited Messiah, something these Arabs had heard about centuries before, going all the way back to their heritage in Abraham.

The wise men came to pay homage to the little king. They did so with material things: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. But it is unlikely that there were just three of them; probably a whole caravan made the trek. And then it happened—the material intersected with the spiritual.

An angel warned Joseph that Herod was going to be killing little children—two years and under—in Bethlehem. If he did not get out of Dodge, Herod would try to kill Jesus. So Joseph flees with his little family to Egypt and waits there until the coast is clear (the death of Herod).

But how could Joseph afford such a journey (round trip tickets)? And how could he provide for his family while they were in Egypt for as long as two years? Well, of course—the gold, frankincense, and myrrh. These precious material things from the wise men provided for our Savior while He was being protected from Herod. The wise men were wise indeed.

Daniel 12:3 tells us that those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the firmament. But who is that? He goes on to say

the wise are those who turn many to righteousness. They, he claims, will shine like the stars forever and ever.

We too can be like the wise men during this Christmas season. The material can intersect with the spiritual. Our gold, frankincense, and myrrh may help protect the name of Jesus in lands where cruel tyrants would snuff it out. In so doing something material, which can never last, will intersect with something spiritual, which can never be lost.

As always, we thank you for your support of GRACE. With your help, we are raising up a new generation of wise men and women willing to lay down their gifts and their lives for the glory of God.

May He richly bless you this Christmas season!

Dave Anderson

Dr. Dave Anderson, President
Grace School of Theology



WHY I BELIEVE IN GRACE

Q & A with GRACE Seminary Student **Robert Ferow**



Q: Where are you currently serving?

A: Currently I am the new pastor at Harlingen Bible Church in Harlingen, Texas, located just north of Brownsville. Before this, I was working as a hospital counselor for mental health. I have a M.Ed. in counseling and am a Licensed Professional Counselor in the state of Texas, but that is only my "tent making." I am married to Nancy, and we have two boys soon to be ages 12 and 15.

Q: How did you hear about GRACE?

A: I found GRACE via my pastor in Sugarland. He knew I was looking for a seminary but was both financially strapped and very conservative. I place a high emphasis on LGH (*Literal, Grammatical, Historical Biblical Interpretation*) with the dispensations front and center for today's doctrinal positions. As such, the move to GRACE was a good one due to the solid conservative position that GRACE takes.

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

A: The Gospel must be what I like to call clean - not mottled up with worldliness and all the liberal junk that comes from so many pastors in this current generation. This is what I think has been so very beneficial at GRACE. The teaching is solidly founded in the Word and not from extra-biblical (external) sources.

Q: Why do you believe in/support the work of Grace School of Theology?

A: The belief I have in GRACE is founded in the clarity that each professor holds to. Each professor has eliminated confusion that so many institutions promote. I have found in each class that instead of allowing the student to flounder on a topic, the professor slows down and then the instruction really begins. Most colleges and universities I have been to seem to make the student more lost than when they started. Here I have gained in clarity as well as application for my ministry. I have also found the staff and professors very accessible, which is just refreshing in today's postmodern world.

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GRACE GOES GLOBAL

This year GRACE staff served around the world, including missions to:

- Bulgaria
- Burundi
- Ecuador
- Philippines



Merritt Johnston in Ecuador



Dr. Bruce Baker preaching to the people in Burundi (Africa)



CLASS
OF
2011

Inaugural Graduation

GRACE honored our first six graduates in May at the Lanier Theological Library.

A YEAR IN PICTURES



RECORD ENROLLMENT:

We achieved our highest student enrollment this fall: 111 credit students and 48 non-credit students. Credit student enrollment jumped 29% from Fall 2010 to Fall 2011.

SAN ANTONIO TEACHING SITE

GRACE partnered with Bandera Road Community Church and began offering GRACE programs in San Antonio in Fall 2011.



Dr. Mark Haywood, VP of Student Services



LOCAL IMPACT:

GRACE provided a series of pastor's luncheons and other networking events throughout 2011 to invest in the spiritual leaders within the communities we serve.

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 1338	NT Survey: Hebrews, General Epistles, Revelation	Loken	M	7:00-9:30 pm	January 23 - March 12	8 Weeks	
BI 1311	OT Survey: Pentateuch	Loken	M	7:00-9:30 pm	March 26 - May 14	8 Weeks	
MAIN CAMPUS: NORTH HOUSTON (THE WOODLANDS) - 29801 1-45 North (Suite 205) - Shenandoah, TX 77381							
TH 2311	Theology Proper (<i>Study of God</i>)	Hixson	M	7:00-9:30 pm	January 23 - March 12	8 Weeks	
TH 2323	Soteriology (<i>Study of Salvation</i>)	Hixson	M	7:00-9:30 pm	March 26 - May 14	8 Weeks	
BEAUMONT TEACHING SITE 2 (FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH) - 900 Calder Avenue - Beaumont, TX 77701							
TH 2323	Soteriology (<i>Study of Salvation</i>)	Moody	M	6:30-9:00 pm	January 23 - March 12	8 Weeks	
TH 2324	Sanctification and Pneumatology	Moody	M	6:30-9:00 pm	April 2 - May 21	8 Weeks	
MIDLAND TEACHING SITE (MIDLAND BIBLE CHURCH) - 2800 North A Street - Midland, TX 79705							
BI 1338	NT Survey: Hebrews, General Epistles, Revelation	Campbell	M	7:00-9:30 pm	January 23 - May 14	15 Weeks	
TUESDAYS							
MAIN CAMPUS: SOUTHWEST HOUSTON - 7100 Regency Square Boulevard (Suite 263) - Houston, TX 77036							
BI 1323	OT Survey: Wisdom Literature (<i>Job-Song of Solomon</i>)	Anderson / Haywood	TU	7:00-9:30 pm	January 24 - March 13	8 Weeks	
BI 1324	OT Survey: Major Prophets (<i>Isaiah-Daniel</i>)	Anderson / Haywood	TU	7:00-9:30 pm	March 27 - May 15	8 Weeks	
MAIN CAMPUS: NORTH HOUSTON (THE WOODLANDS) - 29801 1-45 North (Suite 205) - Shenandoah, TX 77381							
TH 2324	Sanctification and Pneumatology	Baker	TU	7:00-9:30 pm	January 24 - March 13	8 Weeks	
TH 2312	Christology and Ecclesiology (<i>Study of Christ and the Church</i>)	Baker	TU	7:00-9:30 pm	March 27 - May 15	8 Weeks	
MIDLAND TEACHING SITE (MIDLAND BIBLE CHURCH) - 2800 North A Street - Midland, TX 79705							
TH 2311	Theology Proper (<i>Study of God</i>)	Anderson	TU	7:00-9:30 pm	January 24 - May 15	15 Weeks	
WEDNESDAYS							
SOUTHEAST HOUSTON TEACHING SITE (CLEAR LAKE BIBLE CHURCH) - 622 El Dorado Boulevard - Houston, TX 77062							
BI 1311	OT Survey: Pentateuch	Choate	W	6:30-9:00 pm	January 25 - May 16	15 Weeks	
THURSDAYS							
MAIN CAMPUS: SOUTHWEST HOUSTON - 7100 Regency Square Boulevard (Suite 263) - Houston, TX 77036							
TH 2310	Introduction to Theology and Bibliology	Anderson	TH	7:00-9:30 pm	January 26 - March 15	8 Weeks	
MS 5334	Basic Biblical Counseling	Choate	TH	7:00-9:30 pm	March 29 - May 17	8 Weeks	
MAIN CAMPUS: NORTH HOUSTON (THE WOODLANDS) - 29801 1-45 North (Suite 205) - Shenandoah, TX 77381							
MS 5348	Principles and Practices of Fundraising	TBD	TH	7:00-9:30 pm	January 26 - March 15	8 Weeks	
BI 1351	Daniel and Revelation	Anderson	TH	7:00-9:30 pm	March 29 - May 17	8 Weeks	
BEAUMONT TEACHING SITE 1 (ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH) - 3920 W. Cardinal Drive - Beaumont, TX 77705							
BI 1323	OT Survey: Wisdom Literature (<i>Job-Song of Solomon</i>)	Anderson / Haywood	TH	7:00-9:30 pm	January 26 - March 15	8 Weeks	
BI 1324	OT Survey: Major Prophets (<i>Isaiah-Daniel</i>)	Anderson / Haywood	TH	7:00-9:30 pm	March 29 - May 17	8 Weeks	
SAN ANTONIO TEACHING SITE (BANDERA ROAD CITY CHURCH) - 9355 Bandera Road (Suite 124) - San Antonio, TX 78250							
TH 2336	Dispensationalism and Eschatology (<i>Study of the End Times</i>)	Baker	TH	7:00-9:30 pm	January 26 - March 15	8 Weeks	
TH 2311	Theology Proper (<i>Study of God</i>)	Baker	TH	7:00-9:30 pm	March 29 - May 17	8 Weeks	
ONE WEEK ACCELERATED							
MAIN CAMPUS: NORTH HOUSTON (THE WOODLANDS) - 29801 1-45 North (Suite 205) - Shenandoah, TX 77381							
BI 1110	Bible Study and Technology	Hixson	M-F	9 am-1 pm	January 9 - January 13	1 Week	
ONLINE ONLY							
NT 3331	Greek 1	Eckman	Online	Online	January 23 - March 12	8 Weeks	
TH 2336	Dispensationalism and Eschatology (<i>Study of the End Times</i>)	Hixson	Online	Online	January 23 - March 12	8 Weeks	
MS 5335	World Missions	Choate	Online	Online	January 23 - March 12	8 Weeks	
BI 1310	Bible Study Methods	Hixson	Online	Online	March 26 - May 14	8 Weeks	
NT 3332	Greek 2	Eckman	Online	Online	March 26 - May 14	8 Weeks	
MS 5320	Spiritual Life	Choate	Online	Online	March 26 - May 14	8 Weeks	

PARTNERS IN GRACE: Ministry Report



QUOTABLE QUOTE:

“HAS IT EVER DAWNED ON YOU THAT NOTHING HAS EVER DAWNED ON GOD?”

- Keynote Speaker Bob Tebow -

The “I Believe in GRACE” Banquet on November 15 was a great success. A special “thank you” to all sponsors, table hosts, silent auction donors, volunteers, and all of our guests for your partnership in this strategic ministry.

ACCREDITATION UPDATE

Grace School of Theology is now a member of the Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools (TRACS), having received Candidacy Status November 8, 2011, as a Category III Institution. TRACS is recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA), the U.S. Department of Education (USDE), and the International Network for Quality Assurance Agencies in Higher Education (INQAAHE).

Candidacy indicates that the institution is in basic compliance with the Standards and Criteria of TRACS accreditation, has been evaluated by an on-site peer team, and in the professional judgment of the Accreditation Commission, the institution provides quality instruction and student services.

We praise God for this step in our seminary's growth, and we press forward with our goal to receive Fully Accredited Status as soon as possible.

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2011-2012 YEAR-TO-DATE		ACTUAL	BUDGET
TUITION & FEES	Received YTD:	\$71,176	TOTAL: \$198,620
	Remaining Expected:	\$127,444	
ANNUAL FUND GIFTS	Received YTD:	\$509,753	TOTAL: \$2,415,727
	CURRENT NEED:	\$1,905,974	
OPERATING EXPENSES	Ministry Budget for July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2012		TOTAL: \$2,614,347

As 2011 draws to a close, we want to say thank you for your support of GRACE over the last year. You are investing in eternity, and we are grateful to serve alongside you.

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