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Our Story

Our story begins with the protological Adam. This first Man was constituted our covenant head and represented each of us in the probationary garden state. Our Creator held out to him life greater than the life he then enjoyed on condition of complete and perfect obedience. Adam of the earth was promised more than the earth by means of his works. But our first father (and we in him) turned away from the proffered eternal inheritance by sinful unrighteousness and dement. He thus earned the curses of the covenant: guilt, condemnation, banishment.

But wonderfully, our story continues in the eschatological Adam. This last Man is the subject of a better covenant—or, more accurately, he undertook the conditions of the original Adamic covenant in our place. By his work, he has earned the title to life eternal on our behalf. The second Adam’s merit cancels the first Adam’s dement. His righteousness annuls that one’s unrighteousness. His all-sufficiency is the remedy for the former’s insufficiency. His justification reverses that one’s condemnation. His atonement removes that one’s guilt. His life is the remedy for that one’s death.

The eschatological Adam has perfectly prevailed where the protological Adam failed. Here then is grace for the elect sons and daughters of Adam. That grace is in the work of the Son of God, last man from heaven. Our story of misery in the one Adam is turned to grace in the final Adam. “Through his merit we inherit light and peace and happiness.” Praise the Lord! His story is now ours!

-James T. Dennison, Jr.

PRAYER FOR JOHN LEE

Since before Christmas, our Director of Development has been battling a rare form of leukemia which providentially is very responsive to treatment. John’s doctor has indicated that there is a high rate of remission and survival for this particular form of leukemia. At this writing, positive results in John’s blood levels have been achieved. John will continue to undergo treatment for several more weeks. Please join us in prayer for our brother in Christ, his dear wife, Sandy, and their son, Preston.

J. PETER VOSTEEN

In January, our Professor of Homiletics was an instructor at the Ministerial Training Institute (MTI) of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church (OPC) at Lake Sherwood OPC, Orlando, Florida. Pete worked with several preachers in order to encourage them in proclaiming the unsearchable riches of
Christ. Pete was also guest preacher at the Lake Sherwood church on Sunday, January 13. Rev. Larry Mininger and Rev. Eric Watkins labor for our Savior there.

LYNDEN, WASHINGTON

Our Academic Dean and Professor of Church History and Biblical Theology traveled to the United Reformed Church of Lynden on January 9 in order to present an address on the History of Evangelicalism. An audience of about 100 persons heard Rev. Dennison trace the roots of evangelicalism from the Reformation to the Postmodern era. Rev. Phil Gottenhuis is pastor of the Lyden congregation.

JAMES T. DENNISON, JR.

Rev. Dennison was guest preacher at Westminster OPC Church, Monroe, Washington (Rev. David Inks, Pastor); Trinity OP Church, Bothell, Washington (Rev. Marc Renuela, Pastor); Lynnwood OP Church (Rev. J. Peter Vosteen, Pastor); and Sovereign Grace OP Church, Oak Harbor, Washington (Rev. Robert Van Kooten, Pastor). At Sovereign Grace, he also presented an overview and interactive discussion of the history of the Council of Nicaea (325 A.D.). From this Council came the original version of the marvelous Nicene Creed.

Rev. Dennison will be preaching on Sunday, March 3, from the Song of Solomon at Lynnwood OP Church. This will follow the 7th Annual Lynnwood OPC Reformed Conference on March 1-2. Please see the next story for information.

ANNOUNCING THE 7TH ANNUAL LYNWOOD OPC REFORMED CONFERENCE

The Song of Solomon Structure and Biblical Theology

Speaker: Rev. James T. Dennison, Jr. Academic Dean and Professor of Church History and Biblical Theology at Northwest Theological Seminary

Date: March 1-2, Friday at 7:30 pm and Saturday at 9:30 am to 2:00 pm

Directions: Take the 164th St. exit off I-5 in Lynnwood; go west on 164th, pass the Shell gas station on the right; turn left on Spruce Way; go one mile to Lynnwood Orthodox Presbyterian Church on the left (the parking lot entrance is the first right on 176th Place adjacent to the church).

Cost: Free-will only, includes lunch on Saturday and a book table will be available.

Schedule: Mar. 1, Fri. at 7:30 pm, and Mar. 2, Sat. at 9:30 am-2:00 pm

Lectures on the Song of Solomon
I. Biblical Theology and Structure (Fri. night, 7:30 pm)
II. Interpretation 1:1-2:17 (Sat. morning, 9:30 am)
III. Interpretation 3:1-5:1 (Sat. morning)
IV. Interpretation 5:2-8:14 (Sat. afternoon)

Contact: David Inks at (425) 438-1347 for more information.

SECOND SEMESTER

Our second semester resumed January 8th. We have five students enrolled in various programs. Enthusiasm for our classes remains high.

We are also receiving applications and inquiries for the fall semester. If you know persons who are interested in theological education, please inform us (phone number) or direct them to our website (www.nwts.edu).

BOARD MEETING

The Board of Directors will meet via conference call on March 23. Please pray that the Lord will bless and direct our discussions.

FINANCES

We are providing a brief review of our finances for 2001.

Total 2001 Donations: $152,997.78
Total 2001 Expenditures: $90,565.66

With God’s gracious blessing, we are in the black, with no debt, no unpaid bills and encouraging prospects for 2002. The Lord has provided wonderfully through your generous gifts. As we “build the foundations,” we ask you to continue to remember us with your gifts and prayers. Please keep in mind our hopes for expanding our faculty for next year.

A special note of thanks to those who have pledged regular monthly support—you have been very helpful in our financial planning.

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REV. CHARLES DENNISON LIBRARY

The library of Charles Dennison has arrived (72 boxes) and is being stored temporarily in the basement of Trinity OPC, Bothell. We want to express our thanks to the pastor, session and deacons of Trinity for the use of this space. We pray for the day when Charlie’s books will again be out and used for study. Our gratitude also extends to Mrs. Charles (Virginia) Dennison, her family, and members of Grace OPC, Sewickley, Pennsylvania who helped in unpacking and transporting the boxes to the post office.

SUMMER PASTORS INSTITUTE

Mark your calendar for August 19-23, 2002. Dr. Jeffrey Weima will be at the seminary for a morning series on "1 Thessalonians: From Text to Sermon." The afternoon will be devoted to presentations by others including James T. Dennison, James Lee, etc. Although labeled "Pastors Institute," these lectures are open to all interested persons, but (we hope) especially helpful to pastors. More details will follow in our next issue.

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