

NEWS FOR PRAYER AND PRAISE

Board President, Larry Semel reports that his daughter Mrs. Tara Samuelsen, who had suffered a sudden aneurysm, has returned home to Pennsylvania and continues to make steady progress.

Please remember Pete Vosteen and his recovery from two surgeries on the same shoulder. Pete had to have the second surgery due to an infection in his shoulder possibly caused by an allergic reaction. He faces a long-term rehabilitation at home but would like to get back to his tennis game!

Please pray for our students that they will love the system of doctrine taught in our confessions; and that they will grow in grace as they study the church fathers, the Old Testament and Greek; and that they will learn to preach effectively.

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BOARD MEETING

The Board will meet on Monday, August 19, at 4:00 pm. Please pray for traveling safety for our board members.



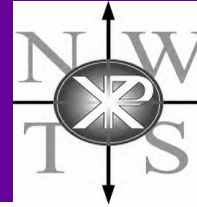
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NEWSLETTER

Our Story

Paul's letters usually include a "Thanksgiving" section. His first letter (and probably the first New Testament document to be written) reads: "we give thanks to God always for all of you, making mention of you in our prayers" (1 Thessalonians 1:2). Believers spontaneously express thanks to our Lord for his precious gift of salvation in Christ Jesus, his Son. Lifting up our hearts to heaven for him who has come down from heaven into our hearts is akin to breathing—it is a constant activity. But Paul's heart also overflows with thanks for the believers in the church he left behind at Thessalonica (Acts 17:10). His heart overflows with gratitude for the Christian brothers and sisters who make up the church (verse 1) in that pagan city—thanks to God for his Son; thanks to God for his church.

We confess our sincere thanks to God for delivering "us from the wrath to come" (verse 10). And this he has performed in Jesus who "died and rose again" (4:14). So it is on the crucifixion and resurrection of our Savior that our faith terminates. And in fixing upon him in his death and resurrection, we find that we have died together with him (to sin and its curse) and we have been raised up together with him (to life in the heavenly places). We, who make up the church, have been incorporated into the body of Christ "in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ" (1:1).

We are in the Father and in the Lord Jesus (and, also, in the Holy Spirit) by the wonderful union of being spiritually joined with the Triune God. Here are blessings for which to humbly give thanks—over and over and over again ("always").



But we also confess our sincere thanks to God for you who have received "God's message . . . not as the word of men, but for what it really is, the word of God, which also performs its work in you who believe" (2:13). And its work, in part, has been your prayers and expressions of love for our brother, John Lee and his family, over the past eight months. Many of you from west to east, from north to south, have written, e-mailed, called, inquired about John's battle with leukemia. Thanks be to God, John's most recent bone marrow biopsy (after his fourth round of chemotherapy) is negative. John does not need further chemo treatments. John and his family give thanks; we give thanks; the church here gives thanks—to God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit. We are grateful for each one of you who prayed for God's grace and mercy to John. "We give thanks to God always for all of you!" Thank you for your part in our story.

—James T. Dennison, Jr.

NORTHWEST PREPARES FOR YEAR TWO



On September 3, classes will begin for our second academic year. Our Fall schedule will include two evening courses: Westminster Confession of Faith and Patristics (Early Church History). The class on the Confession will meet on Tuesdays from 7:00-9:30 pm. With the exception of Greek, we are scheduling classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays (see the complete schedule below). Greek will be taught three days per week (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday).

We have admitted three Masters students so that our full enrollment may be six or more. With auditors requesting our night classes, we hope to have perhaps ten or more in the Westminster Confession.

FALL 2002 CLASS SCHEDULE

Classes begin September 3, 2002.
Classes end December 6, 2002.
Reading week is December 9-13, 2002.
Exam week is December 16-20, 2002.

Tuesday

3:00-4:30 pm Old Testament Introduction
3:30-4:30 pm Greek I
4:45-5:45 pm Vos Readings
5:45-7:00 pm Dinner Break
7:00-9:30 pm Westminster Confession of Faith

Wednesday

3:30-4:30 pm Greek I

Thursday

12:30-2:30 pm Homiletics
3:00-4:30 pm Old Testament Introduction
3:30-4:30 pm Greek I

4:45-5:45 pm Vos Readings
5:45-7:00 pm Dinner Break
7:00-9:30 pm Patristics

All classes will be held at our campus in the facilities of Lynnwood Orthodox Presbyterian Church (17711 Spruce Way, Lynnwood, WA 98037). The community is welcome to audit any of our courses for an audit fee of \$40.00 a course. Classes for credit are \$150.00 per credit hour. Detailed course descriptions can be found at our website, www.nwts.edu. Book lists for all Fall classes are available from the Registrar.

To register for classes or if you have any questions, please contact Ling Harrell, the Registrar, at (425) 787-5144 or at Registrar@nwts.edu. If you are planning on auditing, you may attend the first class session and register at that time.



SUMMER PASTOR'S INSTITUTE

We are eager to welcome Dr. Jeffrey Weima of Calvin Theological Seminary to our Summer Pastor's Institute, August 19-23. Dr. Weima will lead us in a study of I Thessalonians ("From Text to Sermon")—a book on which he is completing a commentary for Baker Book House.

The Institute is for any interested person—not just pastors. We sincerely hope that this conference will be a means of edification for the Christian community. Afternoon speakers will address other selected topics. Please contact Ling Harrell at (425) 787-5144 if you need accommodations or travel arrangements to and from the airport.

Conference Schedule

Monday-Friday

9:30-10:30 am—Morning Session 1, Dr. Jeffrey Weima on "I Thessalonians: From Text to Sermon"
10:30-10:45 am—Break
10:45-11:45 am—Morning Session 2, Dr. Jeffrey Weima
12:00-1:00 pm—Lunch provided all week for conference attendees
1:00-2:00 pm—Afternoon Session, Featured Speakers

Afternoon Session Speakers:

Monday—Robert Starke on "The Life of Samson"
Tuesday—James Lee on "The Biblical Theology of Worship"
Wednesday—Scott Hunter on "Biblical Theology and the Great Commission"
Thursday—Robert Broline on "Mary and Elizabeth"
Friday—James T. Dennison on "Irenaeus and Redemptive History"

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT



Challenging. There is no other word for the current state of the economy and of this nation. In this difficult time, the natural inclination is to withdraw or "hunker down." We are asking that you consider the opposite.

Summer is traditionally the slow season for contributions, but with the needs of the seminary in operating funds and the effort to hire a third professor, we truly need your special effort in contributions.

Why? Because the accomplishments and

work at hand are great. We would like to continue our efforts so that we can offer our own version of "home missions" in developing the next generation of effective ministers and laypeople.

When? We are asking for help now because as Christians we do not look at the present or the future with worldly eyes. We view THAT WHICH IS YET TO BE through faith in Christ to provide our EVERY need in this and all times.

Yes, it is easy to retract and pull back, but as Christian soldiers we must put on the armor and advance. At Northwest Theological Seminary, we need your continual prayerful and financial support in carrying out our mission. You have been instrumental in the establishment and continuance of this seminary. We are not a seminary of brick and mortar but one whose building materials are contributors such as you and whose bedrock is the undiluted Word of God.

It has been made abundantly dear to me as of late (due to my leukemia battle) that this world is full of challenges, but I am happy to report that the Lord has pulled me through it. I just received my latest biopsy result and there is NO cancer. In the midst of this challenge I could not see the eventual outcome, but God did and now it is made manifest.

When times are difficult the natural inclination is to stay put. But we are called to a higher standard and so we advance forward confident in the victory that is ours through Christ. That is why I humbly ask for you to consider contributing further to our cause and sharing NWTS with those of like mind. Challenging? Yes. Impossible? Never!
—John Lee