



“AFRICA AND THE BIBLE”

2003 SUMMER CONFERENCE WITH
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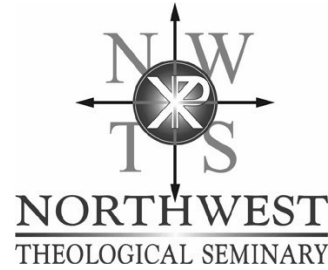
August 18-22, Monday-Friday from 9:30
am to 12:00 noon. Lectures will be on
the NWTS campus. Cost is \$10 per day.

- Aug. 18: “The Curse of Ham” & “Moses’ Cushite Wife”
- Aug. 19: “Solomon and Africa” & “Tirhakah and Other Cushites”
- Aug. 20: “Rome and Meroe” & “Why the Ethiopian Eunuch Was Not from Ethiopia”
- Aug. 21: “Cyrene in Libya” & “Afrocentric Biblical Interpretation”
- Aug. 22: “Mandaic and Manichaean Texts and Gnosticism” & “The Nag Hammadi Library and Gnosticism”

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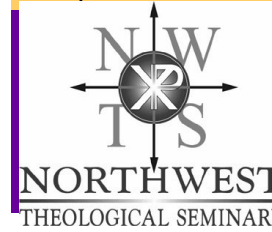
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OUR LOGO

The NWTS logo represents the centrality of Christ in the history of redemption. The XP (Greek letters *chi rho*) are the first two letters of the name Christ (*Christos-Χριστός*). The vertical (eschatological) arrow represents the intrusion or revelation of God's Word into history. The horizontal (temporal) arrow represents the line of redemptive history. The intersection of revelation and history is centered in Christ Jesus, our Savior. From Creation to Consummation—Christ Jesus. At every point where God's revelation touches history, Christ Jesus is preeminent—Christocentrically, eschatologically, soteriologically (Lk. 24:44-47).

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NEWSLETTER



Our Story

The husband and wife are sitting in the doctor's office anxious to hear the results of the tests. As the doctor enters the room, the news is already announced by his body language. The words just drive it home, “The biopsy shows cancer. It has spread throughout your body. The prognosis is not good.” The wife turns to her husband for words of comfort, for hope. He lovingly looks into her eyes and says with great conviction, “It will be all right. I know it will be.” I should have known what was coming the moment the scene began. But caught off guard, I start yelling at the television, “How do you know it will be all right? Are you God? Do you know the future? Can't you give your beloved wife more than that?”

The words of this actor tell us the truth of the situation for so many people. When times of frowning providence appear in the lives of those they love, they have no real hope or comfort to give. The world of the flesh can only pretend to be god and spout worthless platitudes and give blind predictions about the future. They have no one to bring them the true words of comfort and hope.

These types of situations should clearly show the difference between the world of the flesh and the world of the Spirit. In the world of

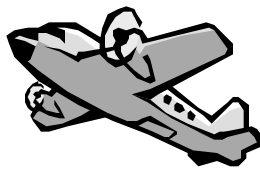
faith, the believing wife can turn to her Christian husband for comfort, and he can compassionately say, “It will be all right. For Jesus has promised to never leave us or forsake us. His rod and staff will comfort us as we go through the valley of the shadow of death.” The Christian husband does have

hope and comfort to give. That Christian wife does have hope as she faces cancer and probable death. She has Christ and all the promises of his kingdom which give comfort in this life and hope for the life to come.

But this scene should not be limited to the doctor and the couple. For the burden that this couple is facing is so heavy that it should not be faced alone. The minister should also be present. The Form of Government of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church states that a pastor is to “minister to the poor, the sick, the afflicted and the dying.”

Frowning providence often hits so hard that the sick, afflicted or dying and their loved ones need the support of the shepherd lest they stumble under the weight of the burden. The pastor comes equipped with the Word of God which is sufficient for every circumstance. For the sick, afflicted and dying, there can be no other balm but Christ.

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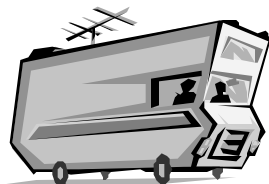
For it is His life, death and resurrection which brings hope and comfort. The minister comes to help his sheep find their life in Jesus and not in this world. He comes to remind them of what they already know, that their union with Christ makes them heavenly citizens and that the sufferings of this earth will soon pale when compared to the glory of their heavenly citizenship with Christ for all eternity (Phil. 2:20; 2 Cor. 4:16-18; Rom. 8:18).

Northwest Theological Seminary is striving to equip men with the ability to handle rightly the Words of the Good Shepherd, that they might be pastors who will properly minister to the poor, the sick, the afflicted and the dying. Men who understand that true pastoral care involves helping the Christian find their hope and comfort in Christ Jesus alone. Men who believe that true pastoral care involves taking the time to care for each member individually in their time of distress. Pray that God will raise up compassionate pastors who will reflect the eschatological shepherd, Jesus Christ.

—Randall Bergquist

SUMMER PREACHING AND TEACHING ACROSS THE U.S.

We are grateful for the gracious and warm receptions in churches across the U.S. and Canada for our faculty as they preached and taught of Christ in all his glory and sought to encourage the church in the grace from heaven above. Our faculty and development staff also traveled extensively this summer to raise awareness of the existence and mission of NWTS.



Jim Dennison has been teaching and preaching in churches in Salt Lake

City, UT, Denver, CO, Houston, TX, Lookout Mountain, GA, Sewickley, PA, Moon Township PA, Heminie, PA, Morgantown, WV, Ligonier, PA, Columbus, OH, Grand Rapids, MI, and Topeka, KS. He will be in Denver Aug. 3 at Covenant PCA (Wheat Ridge) and at Covenant OPC in Pasco, WA, Aug. 10 before heading back. Along with Jim, adjunct professor, Bill Dennison, and development team, Tony Hamstra and John Lee, met in Grand Rapids for a wonderful conference on Biblical Theology hosted by Trinity URC.

While continuing his full-time ministry at Lynnwood OPC, Pete Vosteen, our Homiletics professor, also spoke in Ontario, Canada for the 50th anniversary of Emo CRC, his former pastorate.

At each destination, the educational mission of the seminary was explained and our new color brochures (produced for us with thanks by a generous donor) were distributed to raise interest in supporting NWTS. Thank you for your prayers and support. From the Cascades to the Rockies; from the plains of Kansas to the bayous of Louisiana; from the Blue Ridge Mountains to the lush Laurel Mountains of Pennsylvania, we have been carried in the loving hand of our God and Savior.

FALL PRAYER REQUESTS

Please keep in prayer our new professor, Scott Sanborn, as he moves from California on Aug. 11 to take up his duties as Systematics Professor. Also please remember our Board of Directors in your prayers as they travel and prayerfully conduct the decisions of NWTS this August. Finally, please keep in mind our students and staff as they begin the Fall semester of classes.

NEW BEGINNINGS IN THE OFFICE OF DEVELOPMENT

As the fall term approaches, NWTS is blessed with new beginnings. New students, new faculty, new partners and supporters. The office of development is no exception. While John Lee continues working toward the expansion of our base of support on the East Coast, he will also start working part-time as a consultant in the field of supply chain management. Meanwhile, the work that I have been doing on the West Coast will be expanded nationwide and I will make the transition to full-time Director of Development for NWTS—a new beginning for both John and me!

We thank the Lord for the years of outstanding full-time nationwide service that John has given to Christ's Kingdom through

NWTS. John has been an exceptional asset to the seminary through difficult times and great personal health challenges. Please keep us both in prayer as we continue to work together to promote the work of the seminary.

As our support base grows, I am delighted to make connections with more members of the NWTS family than ever before. Do you have a group at your church that would be interested in meeting with me to learn more detail about the ministry of NWTS? Are there nagging questions that you would like to ask, but never had the chance? By all means, please call or e-mail me anytime.



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2003 FALL CLASS SCHEDULE

Ever want to learn more about Reformed theology, Biblical studies and church history? Come and join us this Fall! We have twice as many classes this year and we are offering five of them in the evenings. Adult members of the community can audit courses at just \$40.00 per course.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Patristics: 12:30-1:30	Homiletics II & Church Polity: 12:30-1:30	Patristics: 12:30-1:30	Homiletics II & Church Polity: 12:30-1:30
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	Doctrine of God and Man: 3:00-5:00		Doctrine of God and Man: 3:00-5:00
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Classes begin Sept. 8, 2003. Classes end Dec. 5, 2003. Reading Week is Dec. 8-12 and Exam Week is Dec. 15-19. All classes are held at the NWTS campus (at Lynnwood OP Church) located at 17711 Spruce Way, Lynnwood, WA 98037. Please contact Ling Harrell, Registrar, at (425) 787-5144 or at Registrar@nwts.edu for more information or visit our website: www.nwts.edu.