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IN YOUR CHURCH



Pg. 6 Last year, 84 churches provided financial support to Denver Seminary. Call today to learn how your small group or congregation can invest in one or more future leaders.

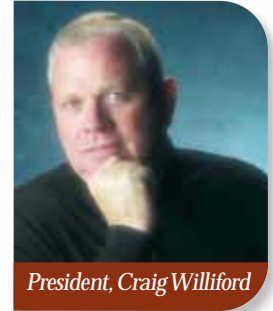
Pg. 12 Did you know that four different church plants currently use our chapel facility on weekends? This will continue on our new campus. How about your church or parachurch ministry? Do you have space that could be used to plant a new church?

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Relocating the Denver Seminary Community

During the summer of 2002, Carolyn and I relocated our household from Colorado Springs to the town of Parker after months of enduring the home buying and selling process. That move included two adults, the faithful family dog and way too much stuff! I still remember all of the work and our resulting levels of exhaustion. Next came the work to be done to live in our new community: finding a new church, changing auto licenses, completing voter registration, selecting a new bank and the change of addresses. (Ironically, all of the junk mail items found our new mailbox without ever receiving a change of address form from us... how did that happen?) Though we anticipated all the obvious work, in the end a host of forgotten or unanticipated items still had to be completed before our new house became our home.



Imagine moving 900 current students, all the students and their families who live in the apartments, 21 full time faculty, 60 adjunct faculty, 80 staff members, hundreds of mentors, 160,000 books, all of the archives, and truck-loads of furniture, files, computers, etc.! Equally important are the closure processes needed to move the memories of almost 4,000 alumni and the hearts of thousands of partners who have faithfully prayed and supported our mission over the past five decades.

The work of relocation is underway and has been for a number of months. We do not dread all these challenges because we believe God guides our move, has provided our new campus and will empower us in this process. We are not naïve; this will require lots of early mornings, evenings, weekends and restless nights as we think through all the details. With God's help and the continued dedication of all members of the seminary family, we will build a new home for Denver Seminary and thrive—not just survive—in the process.

Please continue to pray for God's leadership and strength for us. We hope to start classes in our new campus home for fall semester of 2005, and the official ribbon cutting ceremony for the new campus is tentatively planned for September 16, 2005. Please spread the word of what God is doing at Denver Seminary – and plan to visit us in our new home!

I hope that this issue of Focal Point will provide you with a comprehensive overview of all aspects of the *Equipping Leaders, Increasing the Impact* campaign: building a new campus, sustaining the *Seminary Fund*, and strengthening the endowment. In addition, I hope the articles on stewardship will provide a foundation and framework for this \$17 million campaign—truly a God-sized undertaking. And while this challenge is exciting, the campaign is merely a means to an end. Our greatest and most privileged undertaking still remains—and will remain—the equipping of Godly leaders for God's glory!

For His glory,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Craig Williford". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Craig Williford
President

Seminary Hosts Leith Anderson Leadership Conference

Denver Seminary hosted the Leith Anderson Leadership Conference Oct 1-2, 2004. The conference promoted the development of leadership teams within the church and was designed specifically for teams of church leaders: elder boards, church staffs, volunteer teams, deacon boards, or ministry teams. Over 147 people participated from 18 churches. Leith Andersen, senior pastor of Wooddale Church in Eden Prairie, Minn. and alumnus of Denver Seminary, taught plenary sessions titled "Effective Church Leadership," "Vision Casting and Communication," "Team Building," and "Spiritual Formation and Convergence." In strategic workshops, facilitators guided the teams through an understanding of each of these areas, challenging them to take action and apply their understanding to their unique church or ministry context.



Seminary Crisis Intervention Team Invited to Beslan, Russia

From Oct. 2-Oct. 12, four members of Denver Seminary's Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) Team traveled to Beslan, Russia to provide counseling for the families and victims from churches that were involved in the Beslan School tragedy in Russia. The team, consisting of Deb Ford, Chaplain Kevin Grenier, Marcia Osteros, and Stephanie Patapenka, also provided training for clergy and laity and Russian national counselors to be able to provide on-going credible counseling and crisis intervention. The Seminary received an official invitation from the Russian Baptist Union.

"As a newly certified CISM team, we never expected our first deployment to be of such an intense magnitude and need to be accomplished in an international setting with all the legal and cultural layers of complexity as well as the



spiritual and emotional needs of hurting families and friends! God certainly paved the way for us to share our team's talents and experiences with our Russian sisters and brothers in their 'hour of darkness and need' and provided a circle of safety around our team in the process," said Dr. Jan McCormack, Denver Seminary CISM team coordinator and Director of Chaplaincy and Counseling Training Centers at the Seminary.

Denver Seminary's CISM team is a unique, specialized crisis intervention team under the umbrella of Denver Seminary and the International Critical Incident Stress Foundation (ICISF). Most ICISF teams provide crisis intervention for emergency first responders including police, medical and fire personnel. Denver Seminary's team is the only ICISF team in the country that is specifically designed to provide crisis



intervention to religious organizations and institutions of higher education. Several members of the 15-person team are not only experts in providing crisis intervention, but are also highly experienced in providing training on pastoral crisis intervention. Some of these same team members also provided crisis intervention after the Columbine school tragedy, which the Russians identified as having many similarities to the Beslan school tragedy.

The church in which the CISM team served is located only 300 yards from the school (pictured above). In that church alone, of the 50-member Sunday school, 33 children and one teacher were taken hostage. The Sunday school teacher, along with fifteen of those children, are dead or missing. Six of those fifteen children were the children of the two brothers who pastor the church. "My heart went out to the two surviving teenage daughters of Pastor Sergei," said Stephanie Patapenka, "Having lived in the culture, I understand the great gift of hospitality that is foundational to the culture and the stress that visitors can

therefore place on people. With their parents in the States together with their brother who needed emergency surgery, having lost two siblings and four close cousins, these young women provided non-stop hospitality to an enormous number of visiting westerners, all who came to provide help after the school tragedy." Patapenka added, "The best way that I felt that I could minister to them at that moment was to take on some of the hospitality role and just do the dishes for them. I felt encouraged the next day when they attended our last training seminar and were able to fellowship with their friends. Sometimes it is through the simplest things that we can provide the best ministry."

At a final lunch together before the team left, the pastor, who lost four of his five children, had this to say, "You have come here and been with us in our weeping. I have one daughter left. When she gets married, you are all invited to come to the wedding and join us in our rejoicing."

Denver Seminary's Distance Learning in Demand

Due to student demand, two of Denver Seminary's four online courses this fall have two sections, and there are a total of 138 online students! This is up from the 107 online students in fall 2004. Denver Seminary currently has nine online classes that we offer annually. The educational technologies department hosts four classes in the fall and spring, and two in the summer session. Students use our course management system Moodle as their virtual classroom. (Please visit our Online Learning page at <http://www.densem.edu/aboutus/online.php>.)

Peterson's Distance Learning defines distance learning as "the delivery of educational programs to off-site students through the use of technologies such as cable or satellite television, video and audiotapes, fax, computer modem, computer and video conferencing, and other means of electronic delivery." The courses offered by the Seminary use a variety of media. Two of the classes use CDs, one uses a website, and the others use streaming media which is mostly Powerpoint with audio but in some cases includes video. Each class has a professor, and is not self-paced. Students interact with the professor and their fellow students through online discussion forums and email.

Many people assume that students take online classes because of their distance from campus, and we do have one student in Korea and one in New Zealand, as well as a number of students who live in other states and cities including Colorado Springs, Fort Collins and Longmont. Some of our online students even live on campus. However, for many students, their choice to enroll in distance learning is a time management issue. Sometimes there is a schedule conflict between two classes they need to take. Due to the convenience and increased demand, the Seminary would eventually like to have most of our core courses online, and we continue to add a class or two each year.



Dr. Joseph J. Edwards, 1907-2004



Former Denver Seminary professor, Dr. Joseph J. Edwards, passed away on May 23, 2004 in Newberg, Ore. at the age of 96. Upon his graduation from Northern Baptist Seminary and Iliff School of Theology, Dr. Edwards became one of Denver Seminary's first professors. He was a professor of first year Hebrew and Greek, as well as a professor of Old Testament studies. Dr. Edwards retired in 1971. His wife, Dorothy, passed away on Sept. 13, 2004. Mrs. Edwards served as the original librarian at the Seminary and continued to work in the library until the Seminary moved to the Hampden campus. The Edwards' celebrated their 76th wedding anniversary on April 30. Their only child was Marilyn Madsen who died of cancer while serving as a missionary in Africa. As a community, we acknowledge and are thankful for the foundation that Dr. Edwards laid for biblical scholarship at Denver Seminary. Please join us in thanking God for the legacy of Dr. and Mrs. Edwards.

God has been faithful to send thousands of leaders to Denver Seminary since its founding in 1950. With the implementation of an increasingly integrated educational model in 1998, the institution has experienced exponential growth. The *Equipping Leaders, Increasing the Impact* campaign aims to respond to unprecedented growth with strategic measures so that Denver Seminary is poised to continue to expand the scope of its mission for years to come. By planning for stable and healthy growth, Denver Seminary will ensure greater eternal impact.

OUR PROCESS Denver Seminary pioneered an educational model that integrates academic training, spiritual formation and leadership development in the context of training and mentoring relationships. This model, which is appealing to our students and allows us better to serve the church, has not only made Denver Seminary unique among theological schools, but has also helped us become one of the 20 largest seminaries in the world.

OUR POSITION Because of record enrollment, the student community has outgrown the 11-acre, 67,000 square foot campus and the Seminary is experiencing the welcome problem of insufficient classroom space and student housing. The increasing number of national and international students necessitates additional scholarship funds. This growth calls for wise stewardship to make certain the Seminary's long-term financial stability.

OUR PEOPLE In a 2003 study published in *Christianity Today*, Denver Seminary was awarded the distinction "one of the best Christian places to work" in America. We attribute this honor to the quality of our greatest asset—our faculty, staff and mentors. Together, they work tirelessly to equip

pastors, missionaries, counselors, educators, youth workers, chaplains, lay leaders, church planters and philosophers to be "thoroughly equipped for every good work" (2 Timothy 3:17). This

Equipping Leaders, Increasing the Impact

integrated team prepares our students to serve in the local church, the marketplace, and the mission field. To accommodate the needs of our growing student body, we must hire additional faculty and staff.

OUR PASSION Denver Seminary is committed to increasing the impact of servants of Christ by training them to live faithfully, think biblically and lead wisely.

After prayer, study and planning, the Board of Trustees of Denver Seminary approved a three-year comprehensive fundraising campaign, beginning July 1, 2003 and ending June 30, 2006, to accomplish the following objectives: sustain the Seminary Fund, strengthen the Endowment and build a new campus. On the pages that follow, we will give you an overview of these three campaign components.





Sustaining the Seminary Fund

The *Seminary Fund* is the most important part of the *Equipping Leaders, Increasing the Impact* campaign for Denver Seminary. It is our highest institutional priority because it provides support for our students. Endowment funds and a new campus are critical to delivering the highest quality theological education to more students than ever, however, without the *Seminary Fund*, many would be unable to attend. This year we have a record enrollment of 917 students.

Gifts to the *Seminary Fund* help bridge the gap between tuition payments and the actual cost of a Seminary education, which on a per student basis, would amount to a difference of more than \$1,635 per student this year. At \$1,500,000 this year, more than 20% of our annual operating budget of about \$7,250,000 is funded through gifts to the *Seminary Fund*.

Consider this *Seminary Fund* snapshot. A typical full-time student takes 12 credit hours per semester. That student's school bill would be about \$817.50 higher each semester without the *Seminary Fund*. To break it down further, each semester hour would cost \$68 more if it was not underwritten by gifts from alumni and friends through this vital source. The *Seminary Fund* has been integrated into the comprehensive campaign to encourage financial support and sacrificial giving at every level, big and small.

The *Seminary Fund* helps accomplish the mission of equipping leaders in the following ways:

- Subsidizes the cost of each student's education
- Provides annual scholarships for students with financial need or outstanding potential
- Resources the development and enhancement of educational programs
- Helps a global and diverse population of men and women afford their education
- Funds the recruitment, retention and development of quality faculty and staff

The *Seminary Fund* is to the Seminary as the Sunday offering is to a church. Without it, we simply cannot accomplish our mission and prepare students for lives of ministry and service. To make a gift today, drop a check in the mail using the envelope in this issue or call Melanie Eagar in the Advancement office at 1-800-922-3040 or 303-762-6949 to charge your gift by credit card.



Strengthening the Endowment

The benchmark for a healthy institutional endowment is a reserve approximating twice the size of the annual operating budget. With this formula, an endowment can provide annually about 10% of the budget which translates into lower tuition. Today our endowment, which stands just above \$4,000,000, only subsidizes our annual efforts at about the 3.5% level. Clearly we have work to do.

Through this campaign we hope to increase our endowment to approximately \$12,000,000, which is a crucial part of a long-term strategy for building a healthy financial model. The Seminary welcomes the establishment of new endowment funds within this campaign. Endowment gifts are sought in honor of former Denver Seminary presidents in the following areas:



**The Vernon C. Grounds
Chair of Pastoral Care**

The professor selected to occupy this chair will wear the mantle of this great man, exemplifying the qualities that best describe Dr. Grounds. Denver Seminary desires to perpetuate his legacy of pastoral care.



**Haddon W. Robinson
Chair of Biblical Preaching**

This chair will enable the Seminary to recognize outstanding teachers or scholars in the area of preaching and thereby maintain and elevate the high caliber and reputation of homiletics at Denver Seminary.



**Clyde B. McDowell
International Student
Scholarship Fund**

The purpose of this fund is to provide aid for full-time international students attending Denver Seminary.



**Edward L. Hayes
Presidential Scholarship**

This fund has been established to provide merit-based presidential scholarships for deserving students to enable them to attend and complete their degrees.

A strong endowment will enhance our overall educational program in the present and provide stability for the future in the following ways:

- Chairs to recognize accomplished faculty and strengthen academic disciplines
- Scholarships to generate funds for student aid in perpetuity
- Lectureships to enrich the academic environment and Christian community

Endowment funds strengthen the financial and operational foundation of this educational ministry. If you would like to contribute to these funds or start a new endowment fund, contact Brian Fort at 1-800-922-3040 or 303-762-6924 today.

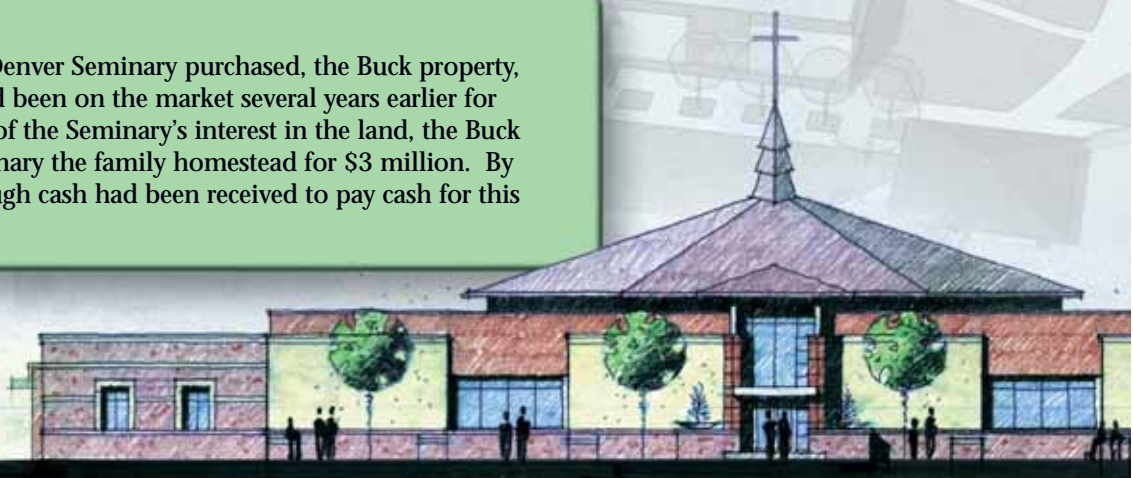
Building a *new* Campus

Upon relocation to a 20.3-acre site, Denver Seminary will create a 90,000 square foot educational environment with room for future expansion. The new campus will serve as the hub of a global network of teaching, training, mentoring and sending with these facilities:

- Chapel with a capacity for up to 550 to gather for worship and instruction
- Learning Center equipped with high-tech classroom space to serve 1200+ students
- Library, Bookstore and Student Center to make available resources and refreshment
- Administration building to house faculty, staff and counseling services
- 93 student apartments to develop fully a “community.”

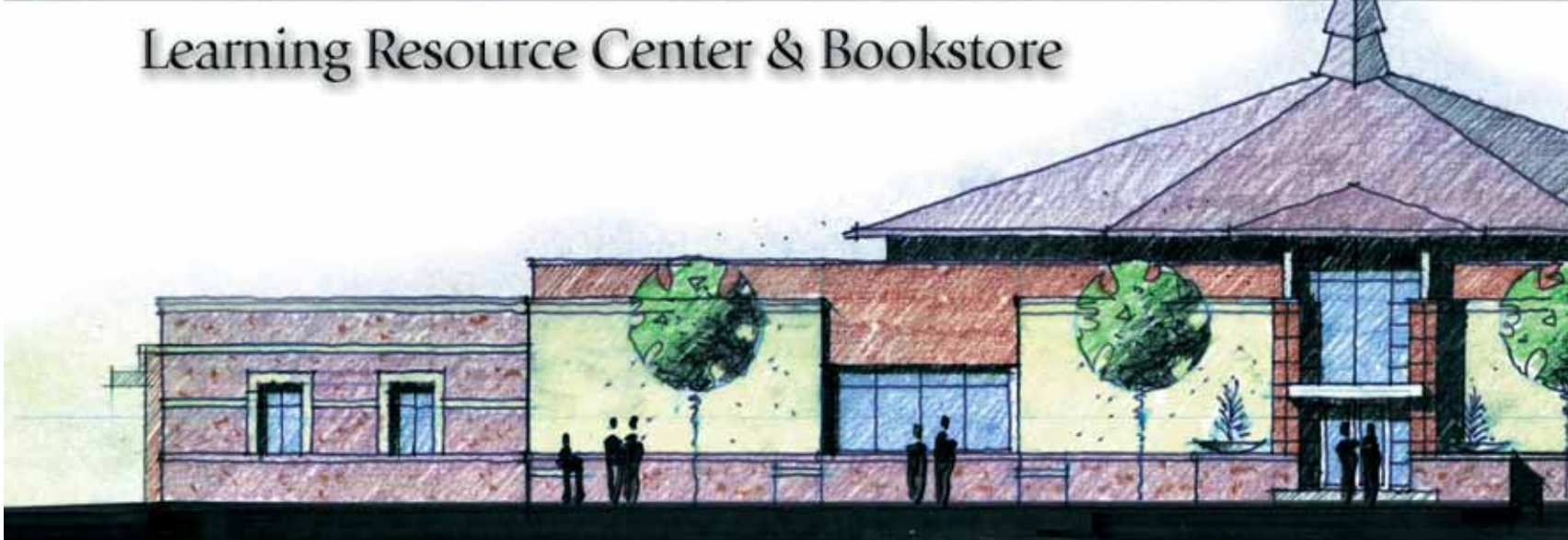
DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that the land Denver Seminary purchased, the Buck property, was not for sale, though it had been on the market several years earlier for \$4.5 million? Upon learning of the Seminary's interest in the land, the Buck family agreed to sell the Seminary the family homestead for \$3 million. By closing on May 21, 2004 enough cash had been received to pay cash for this very valuable piece of land!





Learning Resource Center & Bookstore



These and the following pages are designed to provide you with a fairly detailed look at the new Denver Seminary campus. You can see how this learning environment takes equipping leaders to a whole new level. All previous Denver Seminary campuses have been conversions of existing buildings which, while necessary, always includes some limitations. This is a breakthrough design from the ground up, and demonstrates what can be done with an entirely blank slate, and very strategic planning and coordination at all levels of seminary leadership.

Designed by M+O+A+ Architectural Partnership, the campus is modeled after the Frank Lloyd Wright "prairie style" of architecture with some modern accents. The materials used have been carefully chosen to accent this style, with sandstone and natural brick finishes. The color schemes throughout the campus feature earth tones and southwestern hues. The Campus affords us spectacular views of the Rock Mounatians, and the Platt River borders the campus on the west.

The Board of Trustees has approved the names on these three buildings, as you will see on the following pages. Like the buildings, the rooms on the new campus will be named after people who have played significant roles in the history of the Seminary.

We hope as you browse through the drawings, you'll be as excited as we are about the bright future of Denver Seminary! For current construction pictures, please visit www.denverseminary.edu.

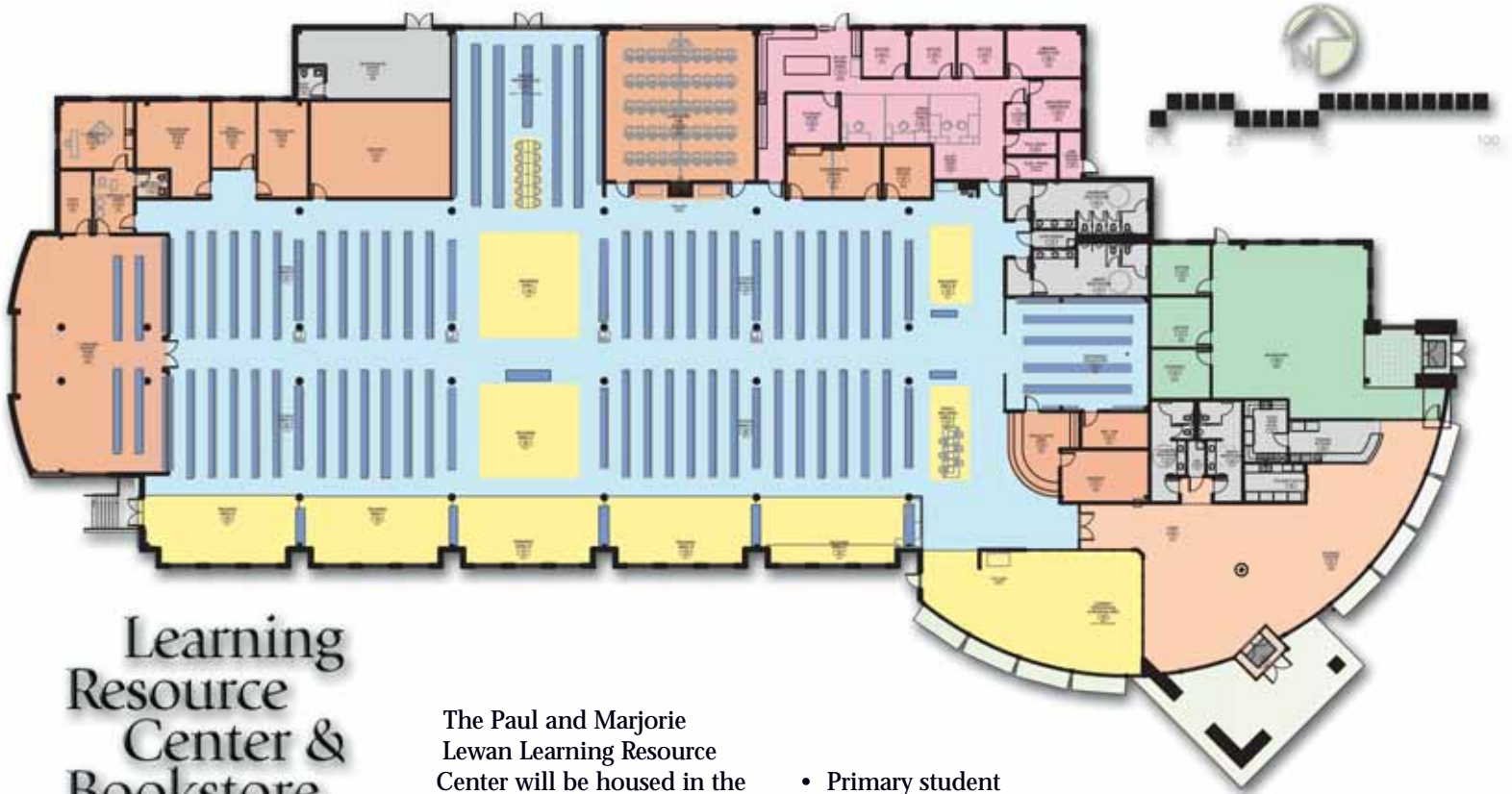




Leadership Center & Chapel



Administration & Counseling Center



Learning Resource Center & Bookstore

The Paul and Marjorie Lewan Learning Resource Center will be housed in the same building as the Student Center and Bookstore. Our goal

is to create an atmosphere that invites people to relax, study, meet and relate, eat, drink, browse and buy. Some significant features include:

- The Vernon C. Grounds Reading Room—this will be the signature room in the new learning center to house the library of Dr. Grounds and to provide adjacent offices for the Chancellor and his staff.
- Current periodicals area, windowed reading and study areas, and meeting rooms—each of these areas will provide environments for learning and study.

- Primary student center features will continue to be Potter's Café food service and Kurios Koffee coffee bar.
- The Student Center will have three large roll-up, garage-style doors that will open up to a patio.
- The Bookstore will be adjacent to the Student Center a door between the two for easy access and flow
- The new Bookstore will have 1500 square feet, a third more than our current facility.

Leadership Center & Chapel

The Harold and Virginia Simpson Leadership Center and the Harriet

Hazel Simpson Chapel at Denver Seminary's new campus will offer many new options for class scheduling and other amenities. While this facility is designed to meet our enrollment needs based on current growth patterns, the architects included options for expansion to add additional classroom space to this building when needed. The new building will provide:

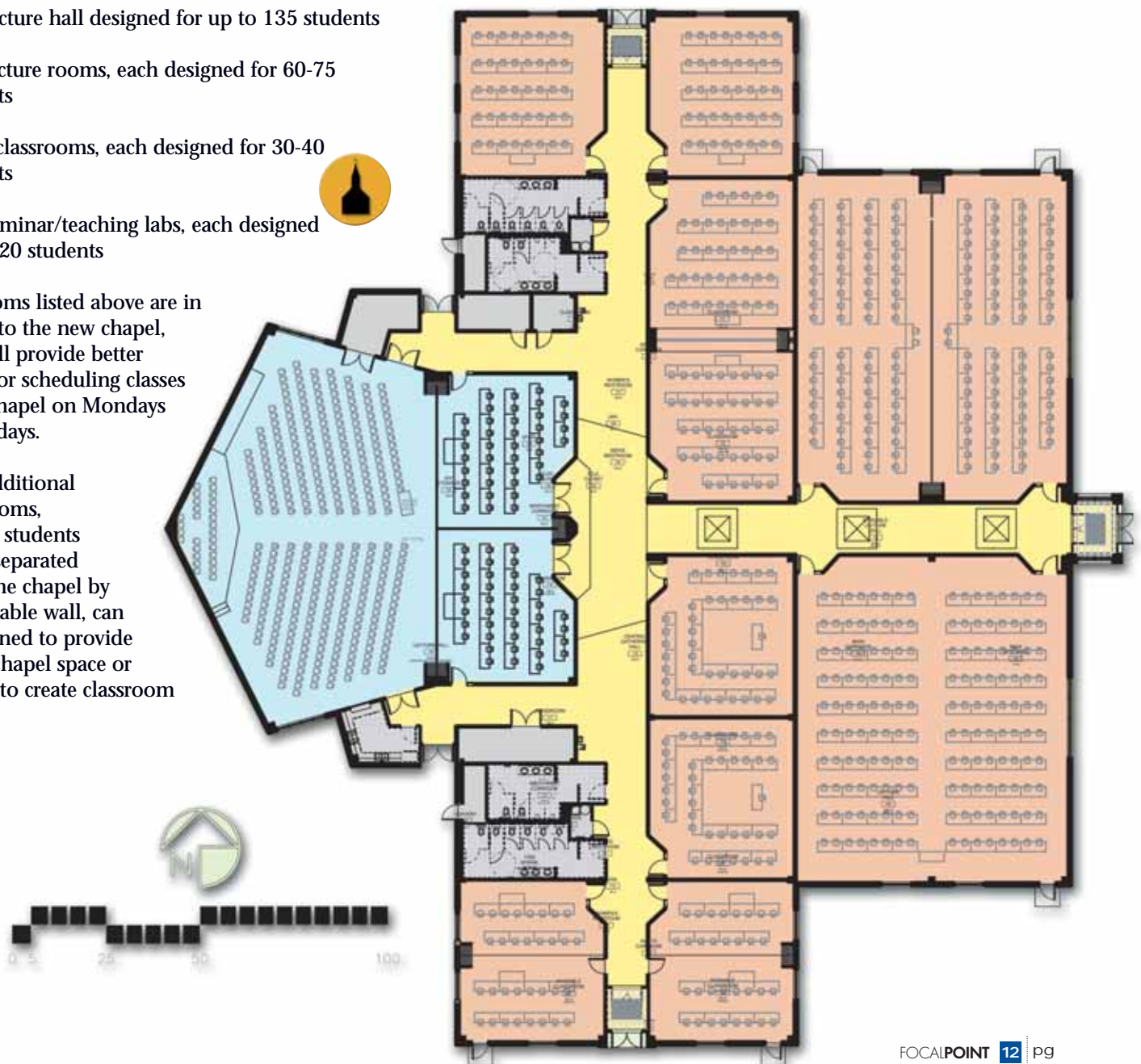
- One lecture hall designed for up to 135 students
- Two lecture rooms, each designed for 60-75 students
- Seven classrooms, each designed for 30-40 students
- Two seminar/teaching labs, each designed for 16-20 students

These rooms listed above are in addition to the new chapel, which will provide better options for scheduling classes around chapel on Mondays and Tuesdays.

- Two additional classrooms, (30-40 students each) separated from the chapel by a dividable wall, can be opened to provide more chapel space or closed to create classroom space

- A kitchenette adjacent to the chapel will allow us to use this room for orientation, seminars and conferences, and other meetings that include food service

Our architects, the audio/visual task force, and the design team from ElectroMedia are working hard to equip the classrooms with the technology needed for an excellent teaching and learning environment.



Administration & Counseling Center

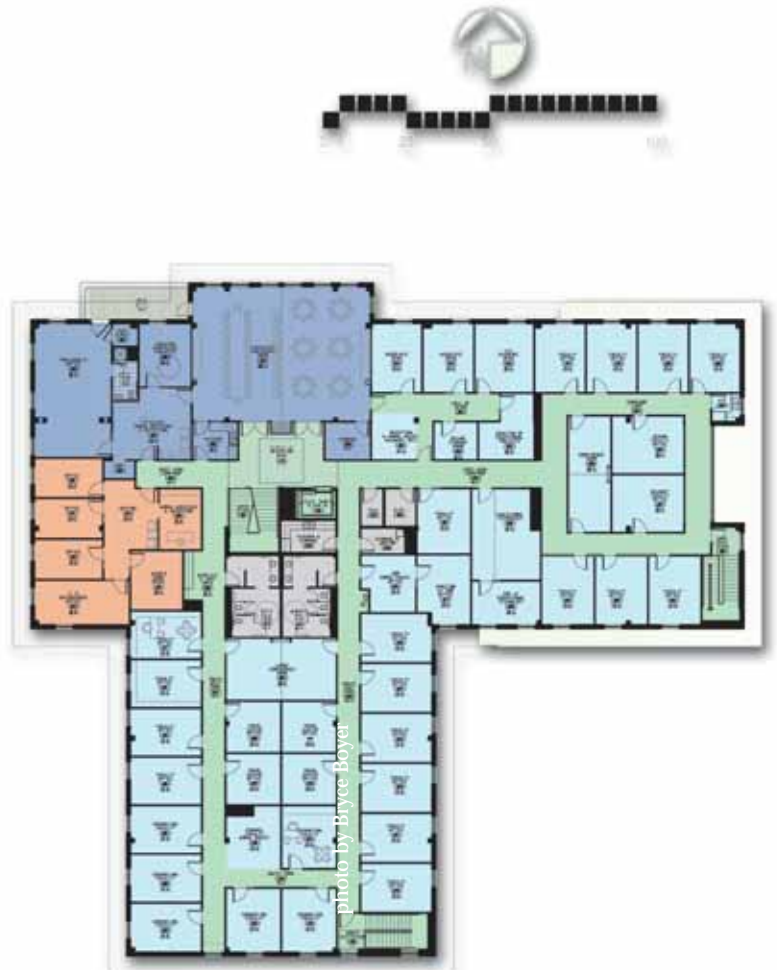
The Anita I. Graber Administration Building will house all of our administration, faculty and staff.

The Seminary's community Counseling Center will also be housed in this building, with a private entrance for the public. Notable features of the Administration Building and Counseling Center include the following:

- The President's office area includes a 1,200 square foot executive board room for conferences and dinners
- Enrollment Management and Finance offices and Business offices designed to better serve students
- Offices for Technology Services Advancement and other administrative functions
- Newly designed offices for faculty, furnished according to their teaching and study preferences
- Four conference rooms for small group meetings and spiritual formation groups
- The Counseling Center includes nine individual counseling offices, three play therapy rooms (two designed for child therapy and one for adolescents), three group counseling rooms, and a classroom
- Updated technology that will create the optimal teaching environment for students and faculty



Ground Level Floor Plan



Second Level Floor Plan

Campaign Progress Report

This three-year campaign was launched on June 30, 2003 with a goal of \$17,000,000. The chart to the right outlines the goal for each area and progress as of Nov. 30 2004. Pledges and gifts to the Campaign Fund are most appreciated as we can use them where needed most within the campaign.

In the first year of the campaign, 100% of our board, faculty and staff made pledges and/or gifts!

Progress by Comprehensive Campaign Project

	Goal	Pledges + Gifts
New Campus: Land / Educational Buildings	\$18,500,000	\$6,015,435
New Campus: Student Apartments	\$8,000,000	
Endowment	\$7,500,000	\$165,465
Seminary Fund: \$1,500,000/year x 3 years	\$4,500,000	\$2,078,841
Campaign Fund (where needed most)		\$2,416,646
Campaign Subtotal	\$38,500,000	\$10,676,388
- Net from Sale of Current Campus	(\$12,000,000)	
- Tax Free Bond Issue	(\$9,500,000)	
Campaign Goal / Pledges & Gifts to date	\$17,000,000	\$10,676,388

Denver Seminary Campaign Projects Update (11/30/04)		Equipping Leaders - Increasing the Impact	
Number of Gifts Needed	Range of Gifts	Total Gifts Needed	(#of Gifts/Pledges) and Amount
Builder Level Gifts			
1	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	(1) \$3,459,000
2	\$1,500,000	\$3,000,000	(1) \$2,025,000
3	\$1,000,000	\$3,000,000	(1) \$1,000,000
6		\$9,000,000	(3) \$6,484,000
Leadership Level Gift			
4	\$500,000	\$2,000,000	(1) \$508,950
16	\$100,000	\$1,600,000	(10) \$1,451,364
20		\$3,600,000	(11) \$1,960,314
Major Level Gifts			
20	\$50,000	\$1,000,000	(11) \$673,818
40	\$25,000	\$1,000,000	(14) \$448,602
60	\$10,000	\$600,000	(34) \$471,270
120		\$2,600,000	(59) \$1,593,690
Seminary Level Gifts			
100	\$5,000	\$500,000	(29) \$186,333
200	\$2,500	\$500,000	(35) \$123,168
400	\$1,000	\$400,000	(112) \$166,662
700		\$1,400,000	(176) \$467,163
Participation Level Gifts			
Many	Less than \$1,000	\$400,000	(960) \$162,221
Campaign Goal / Pledges & Gifts to date		\$17,000,000	(1,209) \$10,676,388

As December 31, 2004 marks the halfway point in the campaign, we plan to shift from the "private" phase to the more "public" phase of the campaign. Up until this point, we have invited the board, faculty, staff and long-time supporters to make financial commitments. From here, we plan to give each of our alumni, mentors, students and friends an opportunity to participate in this historic effort. Gifts are needed at all levels. The gift chart at left illustrates how every gift and giver are important in helping Denver Seminary successfully complete this campaign.

From January 2005 through June 2006 when we anticipate the completion of this campaign, you will be invited to participate via phone, mail or a personal call. At this point, 1,209 members of our extended Seminary community have participated in this effort and we hope each of the 8,800 constituents who receive this magazine join them.

As we believe your giving decisions are a prayerfully considered act of worship, please start praying now about how you may invest in this effort. If you would like to make a commitment today at one of the levels listed to the left, contact Vice President of Advancement Gary Hoag at 1-800-922-3040 or 303-762-6941. If you would like make a year-end gift toward this effort, an envelope is provided in this issue of FOCAL POINT for your convenience. Just be sure your gift is postmarked by December 31, 2004 for your tax purposes.

What Would Jesus Do

WWJD? WITH ALL YOUR STUFF?

by Craig L. Blomberg, distinguished professor of New Testament

Despite some of the kitsch marketing, I thought the “WWJD?” bracelets were a great idea. I just don’t know how many people seriously tried to answer the question represented by the acronym around their wrists. Take material possessions, for example. When American evangelical Christians continue to average barely over 3% of their annual incomes in giving to the Lord’s work, it’s hard to believe very many have a clue what Jesus would do. Add to that the frequent heresy propounded in certain “Christian” circles that, if one just has enough faith (and sends enough money to the person or organization proclaiming this principle!), one can be both healthy and wealthy—all the time! With one group of believers apathetic or entrapped by materialism and another group rightly suspicious of the prosperity gospel, it’s no surprise that people are both confused and disobedient in the arena of stewardship.

The Bible discloses a quite different model concerning possessions. The patriarchs who were rich were also generous in helping others (Gen. 13; 41:56-57; Job 29:11-17). The Mosaic Law enshrined private property as a fundamental good, but for that very reason created checks and balances so that hopefully every Israelite would have a chance to own some (Num. 26). The sacrificial system, laws against interest, Sabbath days or years and Jubilees, taxes and tithes, and numerous laws concerned with justice for the poor all provided safeguards against the idolatrous use of possessions. While wandering in the wilderness, the Israelites received manna, which required different individuals with varying needs and abilities to collect it six times a week. Exodus 16:18 (NIV) records the miraculous result: the one “who gathered much did not have too much,” while the one “who gathered little did not have too little.” Although this was a temporary desert arrangement, Paul quotes these words centuries later to guide the Corinthians in taking up a collection for the needy believers in Judea (2 Cor. 8:15). God is not asking us to trade places with the poor, merely to give from our sur-

plus, but to be ruthlessly honest how much is surplus.

A similar “golden mean” appears tucked away in Proverbs 30:8—“give me neither poverty nor riches, but give me only my daily bread.” Why? “Otherwise, I may have too much and disown [God] and say, ‘Who is the Lord?’ Or I may become poor and steal, and so dishonour the name of my God” (v. 9). Many scholars believe this text lies behind the petition in the Lord’s Prayer for God to give us but our daily bread. What then of the “prosperity gospel”? It is based on the uniquely Old Testament arrangement between God and

Israel that, as his people were largely obedient to the Law they would be materially blessed and as they were largely disobedient they would be cursed. No text in either Testament ever suggests that this arrangement was duplicated with any other nation or in any other era.

So what would Jesus do? Call everyone to sell all like he did with the rich young ruler (Luke 18:22 pars.)? Of course not.

Again, that is a unique command addressed to no one else in the entire Bible. Zacchaeus gives up only half and a bit, and that voluntarily (19:8). The servants in the parable of the pounds are praised when they invest their master’s money and make more, but they recognize that it all remains the property of their master (vv. 11-27). So maybe Jesus would have tithed? As a Jew obedient to the Hebrew Scriptures, he probably did, but then the two annual tithes for the Lord’s house and his workers and the one triennial one for the poor and needy averaged out to 23 1/3 % giving each year for the faithful Jew in Jesus’ day (cf. Lev. 27:30-33 with Deut. 14:22-29).

In the era of the new covenant, however, no command to tithe ever appears. Instead, we read of models of generous, even sacrificial giving (see esp. 2 Cor. 8:1-5). The problem with 10% for most middle-to-upper-class Westerners today is that it is often too little to



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RAISING UP STEWARDS

by Gary Hoag,
Vice President
of Advancement

Most people think that as Vice President of Advancement, I raise money for the Seminary. Others go a step further and express that I build relationships with people who support or may be interested in supporting our mission of equipping leaders. Both of these comments are true, but to describe more accurately the ministry of development, I consider my role a calling to “raise up stewards” to be rich toward God. In a sentence, my role is challenging one person at a time to pray, “Lord, how can I use all that I am, my gifts, and all that I have, my goods, to make known all that You have extended to me, grace?” (Lk. 12 and 1 Pet. 4:10). Certainly, this ministry is not a new one. I seek to model my activities after godly characters like Moses, Paul and the ultimate advancement leader, Jesus.

Moses is a fascinating example as he successfully led God’s people through the tabernacle “building campaign” (Ex. 25-36). Ironically, though he was not an eloquent communicator, Moses was instructed by the Lord to “ask” the people to give and to “receive” the offering from them as they were prompted in their hearts to give. The rest is history. God worked in the hearts of His people and more than enough was given as the people gave “willingly.” From the pattern of Moses, I gather that my responsibility is to ask and receive, while trusting God to move people to give from that which he has entrusted to them.

A key component of Paul’s ministry was raising up stewards as well! He used the example of the Macedonians to urge the people of Corinth toward generosity and to exhort them to “excel in the grace of giving” (2 Cor. 8-9). In his letters to the churches in Rome, Ephesus and Corinth, he listed spiritual gifts that each believer is given to be used “for the common good” (Rom. 12, Eph. 4, 1 Cor. 12). In mentoring young Timothy along the same line, Paul outlined that Timothy’s role was to “instruct” those who were rich not to put their hope or confidence in their money but to share and be generous givers

(1 Tim. 6). To fund his own church planting efforts, Paul worked “night and day” so as not to put a burden on those among whom he was serving. However, he did ask the churches, once established, to give in order to support the advancement of the gospel to other places.



Saving the best for last, Jesus incarnated generosity and instructed His disciples regarding stewardship through His parables, preaching and passion. There is not space here to summarize His teaching regarding our money or our relationship to our possessions, but a summary sentence attributed to Jesus

by Luke speaks volumes. “It is more blessed to give than to receive” (Acts 20:35). And give Jesus did! He gave all that he was and all that he had to make a way of salvation for us. To me, raising up stewards is all about challenging people to follow His example of generosity.



For Denver Seminary, the *Equipping Leaders, Increasing the Impact* campaign is all about raising up stewards. Participation does not entail investment alone. We encourage participation in our mission of equipping leaders through intercession, involvement and investment. Without an army of people joining forces with us in these areas, we will not succeed. In the remaining months of this campaign, which ends June 30, 2006, we will ask alumni and friends to consider how God’s grace could be demonstrated through their participation by using their gifts and giving their goods. With the same passion that we invite people to be a part of this campaign, we will trust God for the results.

To join the prayer team, learn volunteer opportunities or give to Denver Seminary, please visit www.denverseminary.edu or call 1-800-922-3040.

Stewardship Resources



God and Your Stuff: The Vital Link Between Your Possessions and Your Soul

by Wesley K. Willmer and Martyn Smith (Navpress, 2002)

Wesley Willmer addresses the link between your eternal soul and earthly possessions. Willmer challenges the thinking that what we do with our stuff has no effect on the Christian life. Instead, he lays a biblical foundation for the crucial connection between our spiritual growth and the use of our possessions. Learn how our use of possessions is a good barometer of our character, and how our giving practices develop our faith and shape us into the stewards God intended us to be.



Growing Givers Hearts: Treating Fundraising as a Ministry

by Thomas H. Jeavons and Rebekah Burch Basinger (John Wiley and Sons, Inc., 2000)

Your church needs to raise money, but you also want to encourage your donors' spiritual development. Is it possible to do both at once? A nationwide study of successful Christian organizations proves it is—learn how they do it! Discover the six characteristics of fundraising as a ministry, and meet your financial and spiritual goals. With this innovative approach, *Growing Givers' Hearts* empowers readers to work in spiritually grounded, deeply creative, and professionally satisfying ways. Fundraisers in any Christian organization will find extraordinary insights in this important guide.



Heart, Soul and Money

by Craig L. Blomberg (College Press, 2000)

Part of College Press' "Studies for Small Groups" series, this book was written because many Christians today are not willfully choosing to be disobedient to the Scriptures in the area of financial stewardship; they are merely unaware of the Bible's teaching on the subject. This study will take you on a journey through the entire Bible as each passage on stewardship is analyzed. This book will be a blessing and encouragement to you to give God all your heart, soul and money.



Neither Poverty nor Riches: A Biblical Theology of Possessions

by Craig L. Blomberg (Intervarsity Press, 2001)

Give me neither poverty nor riches, but give me only my daily bread. (Proverbs 30:8) One of the most difficult questions facing Christians today is that of the proper attitude toward possessions. Craig Blomberg asks what the Bible has to say about these issues. Avoiding easy answers, he instead seeks a comprehensive biblical theology of possessions. And so he begins with the groundwork laid by the Old Testament and the ideas developed in the intertestamental period, then draws out what the whole New Testament has to say on the subject, and finally offers conclusions and applications relevant to our contemporary world.



Stewards in the Kingdom: A Theology of Life in All Its Fullness

by R. Scott Rodin (Intervarsity Press, 2000)

This in-depth study examines the sacrificial, selfless, joyous life of a steward in God's kingdom. The focus is on understanding God through Christ and living in relationship to Him, others, oneself, and creation. Rodin, a seminary president, was a professional fund-raiser for more than 15 years. He insists that biblical stewardship means handling another's resources with integrity. After dealing with how stewardship is taught and modeled in homes and churches, he examines ethical, professional Christian fund raising. This is an excellent resource for ministry leaders, people involved in fund raising, and anyone wanting to study biblical stewardship.

Faculty Travel Spring 2005

Dr. Craig Blomberg

Feb. 18-19: Speaking at Maclaurin Institute, University of Minnesota, Seminar on Biblical Reliability, Minneapolis, Minn.

Feb. 20: Preaching at Grace Church, Roseville, Minn.

Dr. Terry Burns

Feb. 21-25: CBInternational Training for Trainers Workshop, Littleton, Colo.

March 18-26: Spring Ministry Outreach, Rome, Italy

Dr. Danny Carroll R.

Jan. 14-15: Board meetings of Caleb Project, Littleton, Colo.

Jan. 23: Southern Gables Evangelical Free Church, Perspectives on the World Christian Movement, Littleton, Colo.

Jan. 25-26: CBInternational, annual spiritual life conference, Littleton, Colo.

Feb. 4-5: Denver Seminary, annual biblical studies conference, Englewood, Colo.

Dr. Bruce Demarest

Jan. 7-11: School for Spiritual Directors, Pecos, N.M.

Dr. Rick Hess

Feb. 3-4: Asbury Seminary Consultation on Old Testament Historiography, Wilmore, Ky.

Feb. 18-20: Midwest Regional American Oriental Society Meeting, "Ugarit at Seventy-Five," presentation on "Arrowheads and Questions on Authenticity," Deerfield, Ill.

April 8-9: Society of Biblical Literature Rocky Mountain Regional Meeting, presentation on "Ancient Israelite Religion: The Evidence from Names in the Archives," Denver, Colo.

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Dr. Larry Lindquist

Dec. 28-Jan. 1: Speaking for Student Mobilization's Christmas Conference, Springdale, Ark.
 Jan. 28-30: Crooked Creek Young Life Camp - Sr. High Snow Camp, Fraser, Colo.
 Feb. 25-27: YMCA of the Rockies - Jr. High Snow Camp, Estes Park, Colo.

Dr. Jan McCormack

Jan. 12-13: Raceway Ministries National Conference, Kansas City, Kans.
 Jan. 27-29: ABC-USA "Statement of Concerns" Task Force, Valley Forge, Penn.
 Jan. 29-30: Grand National NASCAR Race, Phoenix, Ariz.
 TBA: US Air Force Retired Chaplain Service Task Force on Mentoring, San Antonio, Texas
 Feb. 16-20: International Critical Incident Stress Management World Congress, Baltimore, Md.
 March 8-14: Association of Professional Chaplains, Albuquerque, N.M.
 March 15-16: ABC Rocky Mountains Area II Meeting, Ft Lupton, Colo.
 March 22-23: ABC Rocky Mountains Area III Meeting, Pueblo, Colo.
 March 28-30: ABC Rocky Mountains Region Board Meeting, Black Forest, Colo.
 TBA: Grand National NASCAR Races

Dr. Randy MacFarland

Feb. 10-12: Evangelical Seminary Dean's Council/ITS, Phoenix, Ariz.
 March 31-April 2: Chief Academic Officers Society Conference, Savannah, Ga.

Dr. Don Payne

Jan. 11-14: Mentoring consultation with CBI national leadership, Madrid, Spain
 Jan. 19-22: Association of

Theological Field Education, Toronto, Ontario

Dr. Philip Towner


Jan. 4-9: Meeting of the Ethics of Bible Translation Working Group, United Bible Societies, Reading, England

Dr. Craig Williford

Jan. 4-8: Fellowship of Evangelical Seminary Presidents, Scottsdale, Ariz.

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truly qualify as generous and sacrificial, given all our assets. The "graduated tithe," by which one gives away a higher percentage the more one makes may well better reflect biblical priorities. That at least is what my wife and I have attempted to do in our twenty-five years of marriage. Starting with 10% to our church and to other Christians and Christian organizations particularly concerned with ministering a holistic gospel, addressing people's physical as well as spiritual needs at home and abroad, we have incrementally increased that percentage every year since. Yet our comfortable middle-class lifestyle suggests to me that we all still have much more to learn in our lifetime about truly sacrificial giving. Regardless of the dollar amount, when was the last time you were truly generous?



Chancellor's Corner

A New Campus but the Same Commitment

Dr. Vernon Grounds

With prayerful anticipation, we have been watching the development of the Seminary's new campus. It's a thrill to see blueprints and sketches transformed into reality. How grateful we are for the creative leadership of our administration! And how thankful we are for the funds which God's generous stewards are providing!

But buildings are simply a means to the end of fulfilling a purpose, and once that purpose has been abandoned, those buildings might as well be demolished. That is why I find few things more pathetic than empty churches whether in rural areas or crowded cities. Those houses of God were built and dedicated for spiritual purposes, but now they are merely decaying shells.

I applaud wholeheartedly all that is being done to provide adequate, even impressive facilities for our Seminary. But what if with the passing of the years, Denver Seminary were to be taken over by the kind of liberalism that has shifted many theological schools off their biblical moorings? What if the Gospel of saving love were to be replaced by the pseudo-evangel of human philosophy, psychology or even specious spirituality? Then obviously this Seminary would be denying the purpose for which it was founded.

Let me say with utmost emphasis that I am positively persuaded such a tragedy is not going to take place. President Williford and his administrative colleagues, together with our faculty and board of trustees, are resolutely committed to the redemptive Christianity of our forbears. Their unwavering faith commitment is in all essentials that of (to name a few arbitrarily) Augustine, Calvin, Luther, John Bunyan, J. Gresham Machen, Francis Schaeffer, Clyde McDowell, and the men who drafted the doctrinal platform on which we still stand and will stand in the future.

A new campus for which we thank God but the same unchanging, Bible-anchored purpose!

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ministry needs and the emerging church

Erwin Raphael McManus will address area pastors, church staff and lay leaders Monday, January 10, 2005. McManus is lead pastor and cultural architect of Mosaic, a uniquely creative and international congregation in Los Angeles, Calif. Mosaic is best known for its extraordinary ethnic diversity, its radical innovation and its conviction that creativity is the natural result of spirituality.

McManus will speak on the ministry needs in the church today and the emerging church. There will be time for questions. Questions submitted in advance to the Doctor of Ministry office will have priority.

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