

### Fall Courses Set (cont.)

and its effects on creation. The instructor will be Rev. Jim West.

Thursday, 7:50 - 9:30 p.m.

#### New Testament Biblical

**Theology:** An intensive study of the history of redemption as found in the New Testament. Attention will be given to the use of the Old Testament by Christ and the apostles, as well as the development of apostolic doctrine. The instructor will be Rev. Frank Walker.

Saturday, 9:00 - 10:40 a.m.

#### Introduction to Apologetics: A

study of the presuppositional method of apologetics as the proper

Biblical strategy for defending the faith. Attention will be given to competing methodologies, including rationalism, irrationalism, and empiricism (evidentialism). The instructor will be Rev. Charles A. McIlhenny, D.Min.

Saturday, 10:50 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

**Medieval Church History:** A study of the doctrinal and organizational development of the church in the Middle Ages. The effects of scholasticism and the sacerdotal theology on European church and society will be considered. The instructor will be Rev. Frank Walker.

### Seminary receives \$25,000 memorial gift; announces "Vernon Horst Scholarship"

City Seminary has received an endowment gift of \$25,000 in memory of the late Vernon Horst of Ohio. The gift, arranged by one of Mr. Horst's grandchildren who lives in Sacramento, comes from the proceeds of the Horst estate and will be

used to establish a permanent scholarship fund in his memory. The scholarship may be awarded to any qualified student, regardless of denominational affiliation.

### City Seminary Open House Set for August 12

City Seminary's next Open House has been set for Monday night from 7 to 9 PM, August 12 at the Clunie Center in McKinley Park, Room A.

The Open House is a chance for prospective students to meet the professors and talk with members of the Board of Governors about the classes and mission of City Seminary.

At the Open House will be textbooks used by the professors in various classes, as well as course descriptions that list the required textbooks, readings, exams and papers for each class. Students can apply for admission to the seminary, fill out registration forms and apply for financial aid. A Financial Aid officer will be on hand to answer questions, as well.

If you have a question about the Open House, or know of someone who would like to attend, you may call the Seminary for more information at (916) 451-4168, send us an email ([admissions@cityseminary.org](mailto:admissions@cityseminary.org)) or visit the web site at [www.cityseminary.org](http://www.cityseminary.org).

# The City Seminary Review

## Enrollments climb, as local seminary begins third year

The verdict is in.

There is a huge demand for academically-challenging, locally-based theological training.

As City Seminary prepares for its third year of operation, the locally-funded and locally-operated institution is experiencing strong student enrollment. The attraction appears to be, not only the tough academic standards, but the accessibility. For many, City Seminary represents their only opportunity to earn a theological degree.

"We've been 'adopted' by a lot of local churches who share our commitment to academic excellence and faithfulness to the infallible Word," says Associate Professor of Pastoral Studies Jim West.

"Our classical Reformation curriculum actually helps us bridge the gaps of denomination distinctive that developed in later years. We concen-

trate on the solas: sola gratia, solus Christus, sola fides, sola scriptura — and therein we find enormous common ground in the believing church. There is a genuine thirst for a return to basics today, and it has resulted in a degree of cooperation that may not have been possible ten or fifteen years ago."

The seminary continues to confront the problems associated with rapid growth, particularly as it outgrows currently-donated classroom facilities.

"We've been able to meet the financial needs of every qualified student thus far," said Kurt Snow, a member of the seminary's Board of Governors. "Now, we're suddenly faced with finding a permanent facility that can house classrooms and the eventual library and resource center."

"We've had wonderful things happen at all the right times thus far,"



said fellow board member Al Esquivel, noting timely assistance last year from the local KFIA Foundation. "Our main emphasis has been raising the necessary scholarship funding, but now we also have to confront the very real facilities issue.

The seminary has also recently received a memorial endowment to fund scholarships, as well as several unrestricted gifts to help meet the needs of the seminary's rapidly growing program.

"We're always looking for help," said Esquivel, noting that in addition to the facilities and scholarship issues, the seminary is poised to embark on a library campaign, as well.

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## City Seminary Announces Fall Courses

City Seminary's Board of Governors announced the course schedule for the Fall 2002 semester. In keeping with City Seminary's goal to offer courses for all prospective students, especially those who work full-time, all courses will be held during evening hours and on Saturday.

Monday/Thursday, 6:30-7:45 p.m.

**Greek I:** A study of Koine (common) Greek, focusing on vocabulary,

grammar and syntax. The purpose of this class is to prepare the student to read and exegete the New Testament in its original language. The instructor will be Rev. Frank Walker.

Tuesday, 6:30-8:10 p.m.

**Systematic Theology II - The Doctrine of Man.** A study of the origin and nature of man, his creation in the image of God, the Fall

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The City Seminary Review is a publication of City Seminary intended to educate the church community of the Sacramento area about its mission and services.

The mission of City Seminary of Sacramento is to provide a sound theological education – in the conservative, classical Protestant tradition – for men called to the preaching ministry, and others who desire to improve their knowledge of God’s Word.

To this end, City Seminary offers evening and Saturday classes so students do not have to leave their home church and the oversight of their pastor, or leave their jobs, uproot their families and move away to a distant seminary, often incurring substantial debt in the process.

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**What students have to say about City Seminary’s academic program...**

“I am greatly encouraged by seeing brothers from diverse backgrounds gaining insight into the truths of God’s word. This is one of the

greatest aspects of the work the Seminary is doing.”

— C.R.

“I especially enjoyed the expository teaching through some of the passages in Genesis.”

— C.S.

“Excellent level of academic instruction. Professor Walker obviously brings a great deal of study to his classes.”

— N.B.



“Please believe me that if it were not for the scholarships I’m receiving, I would not be able to study and my future as a preacher would be questionable.”

— C.R.



“One thing that has stood out is the faculty’s high view of scripture. (The academic level is) challenging, yet made accessible by the clear, enthusiastic communication of the instructors.”

— J.S.

**2002 Fall Semester Calendar**

August 12 – Open House

September 6 – Convocation  
(Public is Invited)

September 7 – Classes Begin

October 31 – Reformation Day

(No classes)

November 28-30 Thanksgiving Break

(No classes)

December 14-19 – Finals

**Area pastors lead September 6 Annual Convocation**

Pastor Lee Toms, who for more than 40 years served as senior pastor of Arcade Baptist Church, will deliver the charge to the faculty at the Fall Convocation of City Seminary. He will be joined by Pastor Derek Matsunaka, from Grace Bible Church, who will deliver the charge to the students.

In what has become a City Seminary tradition, pastors not formally affiliated with the seminary are invited to bring the Convocation messages to the faculty and students. “Too many seminaries lose touch with the local church,” said Al Esquivel, a member of the semi-

nary’s Board of Governors. “This is just one of the ways that we can re-emphasize the proper role of a seminary as servant of the believing church.”

Rev. Toms served in the pastorate for fifty years, the last forty spent at Arcade until his retirement in 1992. A member of Fuller Seminary’s second graduating class, Dr. Toms was also awarded an honorary doctorate from Western Seminary. He will address the faculty on “The Necessity to Maintain Biblical Truth.”

Rev. Matsunaka’s message will be addressed to the students. “Students

need to hear from men who have preceded them in the ministry, and who understand the pressures that a minister and his family will face,” said Esquivel, “and having endured all, to remain faithful to the Word of God.”

The public and all area ministers are invited to attend the Convocation service, which will begin at 7:00 PM on Friday evening, September 6. The location will be the main worship area at Covenant Reformed Church, 2020 16th Avenue, located a block east of Freeport, near William Land Park.

**Christianity and Culture by J. Gresham Machen (1881-1937)**

*The following is an excerpt from “The Scientific Preparation of the Minister,” delivered September 20, 1912, at the opening of the one hundred and first session of Princeton Theological Seminary.*

Modern culture is a tremendous force. It affects all classes of society. What is to be done about it? In the first place the Church may simply withdraw from the conflict. There are still some men in the world who have been unaffected by modern culture. They may still be won for Christ without intellectual labor. If the Church is satisfied with that alone, let her give up the scientific education of her ministry. Let her give up the laborious study of Greek and Hebrew. In a day of increased specialization, of renewed interest in philology and in history, of more rigorous scientific method, let the Church go on abandoning her Bible to her enemies. Let her shorten the preparation of her ministry, let her permit it to be interrupted yet more and more by premature practical activity. By doing so she will win a straggler here and there. But her winnings will be but temporary. The great current of modern culture will sooner or later engulf her puny eddy. But the labor of centuries will have been swept away.

Yet the culture of today cannot simply be rejected as a whole. It is not like the pagan culture of the first century. It is not wholly non-Christian. Much of it

has been derived directly from the Bible. Some of modern thought must be refuted. The rest must be made subservient. But nothing in it can be ignored. He that is not with us is against us. Modern culture is a mighty force. It is either subservient to the gospel or else it is the deadliest enemy of the gospel. For making it subservient, religious emotion is not enough, intellectual labor is also necessary. And that labor is being neglected. The Church has turned to easier tasks. And now she is reaping the fruits of her indolence. Now she must battle for her life.

The situation is desperate. It might discourage us. But not if we are truly Christians. If we are really convinced of the truth of our message, then we can even rejoice that God did not place us in an easy age, but in a time of doubt and perplexity and battle. Then, too, we shall not be afraid to call forth other soldiers into the conflict. Instead of making our theological seminaries merely centres of religious emotion, we shall make them battle-grounds of the faith, where, helped a little by the experience of Christian teachers, men are taught to fight their own battle, where they come to appreciate the real strength of the adversary and in the hard school of intellectual struggle learn to substitute for the unthinking faith of childhood the profound convictions of full-grown

men. Let us not fear in this a loss of spiritual power. The Church is perishing today through the lack of thinking, not through an excess of it.

The great questions may easily be avoided. Many preachers are avoiding them. And many preachers are preaching to the air. The Church is waiting for men of another type. Men to fight her battles and solve her problems. The hope of finding them is the one great inspiration of a Seminary’s life. They need not all be men of conspicuous attainments. But they must all be men of thought. They must fight hard against spiritual and intellectual indolence. Their thinking may be confined to narrow limits. But it must be their own. To them theology must be something more than a task. It must be a matter of inquiry. It must lead not to successful memorizing, but to genuine convictions.

The Church is puzzled by the world’s indifference. She is trying to overcome it by adapting her message to the fashions of the day. But if, by the clear light of the gospel, she would seek an answer not merely to the questions of the hour but, first of all, to the eternal problems of the spiritual world, then perhaps, by God’s grace, she might issue forth once more with power, and an age of doubt might be followed by the dawn of an era of faith.