

## City Seminary Announces Fall Courses

City Seminary's Board of Governors announced the course schedule for the Spring 2005 semester. To accommodate working students, all courses will be held during evening hours and on Saturday.

Monday, Thursday 6:30-7:45 PM  
**Elements of Greek Grammar II:**  
A continuation of Greek I.

Monday 7:50-9:30 PM  
**History of Israel and the Nations:**  
A study of the history of the covenant people from Abraham through the close of the Old Testament canon. Attention will be given to the relationship between Israel and its neighbors, focusing on the influences of one upon the other. The instructor will be Rev. Michael Voytek.

Tuesday, 6:30-8:10 p.m.  
**Introductory Homiletics:** A look at the Biblical approach to preparing sermons, including a study of the types of sermons, outline structure, illustrations, applications and to the dynamics of delivery. The instructor will be Rev. Jim West.

Thursday, 7:50 - 9:30 p.m.  
**Theology Proper:** A study of the existence and knowability of God, his attributes, the Trinity and the decrees of God. Attention will be given to the doctrine of creation and its importance for Biblical study. The instructor will be Rev. Frank Walker.

Saturday, 9:00 - 10:40 a.m.  
**Evidences:** An investigation into the use of evidences in apologetics. Issues of concern are the value of evidences, the historical reliability of the Bible and textual criticism. Attention will be given to the philosophical deficiencies of the theory of evolution. Professor to be announced.

Saturday, 10:50 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
**Modern Church History:** A study of doctrinal developments since the Reformation. Attention will be given to changes with Lutheranism, Calvinism, Evangelicalism and Romanism. An examination of modern theological liberalism will be included.. The instructor will be Rev. Frank Walker.

## Faculty Affirmations

During the Convocation Service, each City Seminary professor — in the presence of the students, the board of Governors, and visiting pastors and church members — is required to publicly affirm and sign the following "Affirmations":

Q. Do you believe and confess, without reservation, that the Bible is the Inspired, Inerrant and Infallible Word of God?  
A. I do.

Q. Do you believe and confess, without reservation, that God has eternally existed as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and has so revealed Himself in His Word?  
A. I do.

Q. Do you believe and confess, without reservation, that man is fallen in sin and without hope, apart from the love and mercy of God, Who gave His only begotten Son as a propitiation for sin, that our salvation rests in nothing less than the blood of Christ shed to deliver us from both the power and the penalty of sin?  
A. I do.

Q. Do you take exception to any doctrine historically held by the believing church throughout the ages, including the Incarnation, the Virgin Birth of our Lord, His atoning death and literal Resurrection, His Ascension into Heaven, the certainty of His promised return, our own bodily resurrection, the Final Judgement, or the promise of Life Everlasting to all who embrace Christ with a believing heart? If so, declare it now.

A. I affirm the historic Christian faith, without exception.

# The City Seminary Review

## City Seminary Begins Fifth Year With Convocation Service and Graduation

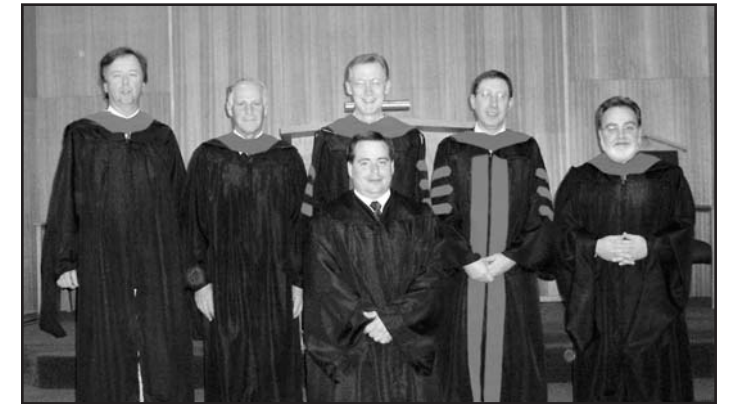
This year, a blessed addition to the Annual Convocation service was the Seminary's first graduation ceremony.

The September 10th service began with the singing of the hymn, "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates." The hymn was recently adopted by the Board of Governors as the official hymn of the Seminary. The Board voted to adopt this hymn because it is thoroughly trinitarian and speaks to serving God in the city.

In keeping with its mission of training men for the ministry who come from a wide variety of backgrounds and denominations, City Seminary invited two local pastors to deliver a sermon during the Convocation Service. First, that a charge be given to the faculty that they might

remain faithful to Scripture as they train up the next generation of ministers. Second, that a charge be delivered to the student body that they might be faithful to their calling to study and apply God's word.

"When the name 'City Seminary' was chosen for the school, we had several things in mind," commented board member Al Esquivel. "First, we desire to train men for the Gospel ministry who, upon graduation, will be willing to stay and serve in our city. Second, our purpose is to serve the congregations of our home town. Part of the responsibility in serving the local Body of Christ is to be will-



City Seminary's first graduate with the faculty. From left to right back row: Associate Professor Michael Voytek, Professor Jim West, Dr. Chuck McIlhenny, Dr. Frank Walker, Associate Professor Dennis Roe. Front row: graduate Doug Schlegel. Schlegel left for a teaching mission to Kenya in November, 2004.

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## Open House Set for December 16, January 6

City Seminary has announced two Open House events.

Students may pick up course syllabi, review textbooks and discuss course content with the instructors. Students may also apply for admission to the seminary, fill out registration forms and apply for financial aid.

The first Open House is scheduled for Thursday, December 16th, from 7 to 9 PM at the **Clunie Community Center** located in McKinley Park.

The second Open House is scheduled for Thursday, January 6, 2005, from 7 to 9 PM at the **DoubleTree Inn**. The DoubleTree Inn is located just east of Highway Bus-80 at the Arden exit.

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, visit the web site at [www.CitySeminary.org](http://www.CitySeminary.org), or send us an email at [admissions@cityseminary.org](mailto:admissions@cityseminary.org).

## City Seminary Sacramento

**City Seminary Open House**  
**December 16, Clunie Community Ctr.**  
**January 6, DoubleTree Inn**

2020 Sixteenth Avenue  
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The purpose of *The City Seminary Review* is to keep the ministry and mission of the seminary before the church community of Sacramento.

It is the express goal of the seminary to be the servant of the Church, properly recognizing the seminary's subordinate role. To that end, all degree candidate students must agree to remain under the authority and oversight of their home church as a condition of enrollment.

Our stated mission 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."

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## First City Seminary Graduate Undertakes Missionary Journey to Kenya, Africa

Doug Schlegel, City Seminary's first graduate, did not hesitate in putting his new City Seminary degree to use. Upon receiving his Associate of Theological Studies degree, he was granted a sabbatical from his work in the telecommunications field to serve the Lord in Africa.

Along with another pastor in his denomination, Mr. Schlegel left November 23, for Nairobi, Kenya. After the thirty-hour flight, he took take a ten-hour bus ride east to Kiesi. For the next month, he will be involved in preaching and sharing the Gospel. His main duties, however, will be training pastors and seminary students for the ministry.

"It is always a blessing to serve the Lord, wherever he calls. I must admit, though, that I am very excited about this trip. It is a privilege, as a recent seminary graduate, to turn right around and teach other seminary students. I am humbled that the Lord would give me such an opportunity."

He will spend a month teaching Prologomena, the doctrine of first things, and focusing on the Bible as the foundation of faith.

"I am taking many of my seminary books, and I have rounded up all the notes I have taken in class over the last few years. I hope I do justice to the excellent instruction I have received from the professors at City Seminary."

The Seminary recently received an email from its first graduate. He



Doug Schlegel prepares to receive his diploma

reports that he has been too busy to get homesick, and that the hospitality of the people of Kenya has been very generous... "The people here are so warm and loving toward us. I was brought to tears yesterday when I saw and heard the reaction to the most elementary Bible instruction. How humbling it is to be received this way.

"...I am very surprised at how many people live in the rural areas. There is very little open space. It is so fun to pass by on the roads and the little kids jump up and down pointing to me saying 'Mzungu', 'white man'. We are in some remote places; I wonder if they have ever seen a Mzungu before."

Please remember our first graduate in prayer. He asks specifically that he may have discernment in communicating the Gospel message and strength to carry out his tasks.

### Semester Calendar

December 16 – Open House

January 6 – Open House

January 15 – Semester Begins

March 21-27 – Easter Vacation

(No classes)

April 3- May 5 – Finals

## "Mission to the City" Scholarship Program Spotlight

### 2005 Golf Tournament Plans Shaping Up

Mark your calendars for the Third Annual City Seminary Golf Tournament, scheduled for May, 2005. The golf tourney team is headed by Tom Lagomarsino, Executive Vice-President of PianoDisc. "The last two years have been a great success for the Seminary," commented Tom. "We are constantly looking at ways to improve the

event, so this year we are looking to host the tournament at The Ridge in Auburn." Local businesses can become "hole sponsors", and participate in other ways to promote the "Mission to the City" scholarship fund for minority students from throughout the Sacramento region.

The tournament has received very strong reviews from participants



and sponsors. For further details, call Tom at 567-9999, or email him at [toml@pianodisc.com](mailto:toml@pianodisc.com).

### Convocation Service (continued from page 1)

ing to be held accountable by those whom we serve. That is why we invite local pastors to preach during the Convocation Service."



Rev. Shaun Bryant, pastor of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church in Modesto, delivered the charge to the faculty.

This year, the charge to the faculty was delivered by Rev. Shaun Bryant, serving a congregation of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church in Modesto. Usually, the pastors invited to preach at the Convocation Service have come from congregations in the city of Sacramento. The Board of Governors, however, decided it was appropriate to invite Rev. Bryant. He has encouraged and supported several of his congregants to make the hour-long trip to Sacramento to attend City Seminary.

The charge to the students was delivered by Rev. Wesley Ong, pastor of the Sacramento Chinese Baptist

church located on Laguna Blvd.

The Convocation Service ended with the Seminary's first graduation. The President of the Board of Governors, Kurt Snow, awarded the Seminary's first diploma to Doug Schlegel, who graduated cum laude (3.5 GPA). He earned an Associate of Theological Studies degree with a concentration in New Testament.

"It is a tremendous honor for me to be City Seminary's first graduate. Six years ago, when I was looking at attending a seminary, it did not look like things would work out. For me to attend a traditional seminary would have meant leaving my local church, quitting my job and uprooting my family to move to another city. Thanks to City Seminary, I did not have to undergo any of those trials."



Rev. Wesley Ong, speaking with Professor Jim West, presented the charge to the students.

### City Seminary Awards Scholarships at Convocation Service

During the convocation service, Dr. Frank Walker, Professor of Historical Theology, announced the Horst and King scholarships.

Clayton Rich was awarded the Horst Scholarship, while Sacramento pastor Mike Denna was awarded the Aaron King Scholarship.

### Bequests and Annuities

Interested in establishing a Charitable Gift Annuity and receiving a guaranteed income for life? Visit the seminary's Annuity web page: [www.CitySeminary.org.an/htm](http://www.CitySeminary.org.an/htm)

Our staff can also help you arrange wills and bequests to benefit the work of the Kingdom. For information, email our financial advisors at [annuity@CitySeminary.org](mailto:annuity@CitySeminary.org)