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GOD'S TRUTH IN A CHANGING GENERATION

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."-John 3:16 (ESV)

EDITOR'S NOTE

Scripture is persistent in keeping our attention on things of primary importance to God. In John 3:16 we are reminded of the straightforward and timeless truth He provided to us. When sharing God's powerful truth, it is important to note that He is faithful, unchanging and timeless. We must remember that the truth we share today is just as faithful, unchanging and timeless as the one by whom it was created.

In a classic play titled "The Last 5 Years" there is an old folk song that begins with an older gentleman named Schmucl. Schmucl made a living as a tailor in a small town called Klimovich. As the tale goes he had one desire: to create a dress sought after by those near and far because of its magnificent beauty. When he received the opportunity to create this dress, he spent an entire evening ensuring every aspect of his creation would be perfect for all

to see. When the dress was completed it was shown to those in the local town. In awe and wonder they took note of his designs and the intricate nature of his creation. It was remarkable to them because the finished product reminded them of a dress they had seen some time before. It was like a dress that Schmucl's long lost wife had worn on the day she promised to love him forevermore.

This tale presents the idea that the things which we aspire to originally began with a timeless treasure. That treasure must be shared in a manner that causes others to remember the astounding nature of the original creation. As you read through this newsletter, take note of the things that the College of Theology is doing to share the treasure of God's truth within a changing generation of students, instructors and local connections in the Phoenix Valley.

ACADEMIC SPOTLIGHT

The following course has been recognized as one which supports the vision of this newsletter. Please take a moment to read the academic spotlight outlined below.

Christian Worldview – 316

COT offers a course aimed at applying the student's Christian faith to their individual life and career path. The below course topics will give you an idea of what to expect in the class.

- The Way of Life and Peace introduces a vision for what it means to answer Jesus's call with one's entire life and live a life spiritually, socially, academically and vocationally centered in Christ.
- Christ's Vision for a Human Life explains how to see all people – both self and others – as Christ sees them. Drawing on biblical themes of creation, dominion, redemption and the Kingdom of God, the topic will present a vision for human flourishing, highlighting the implications of this for living out a Christ-centered life in a variety of social environments and career paths.

- Christ's Values in Your Life helps apply Christ's vision for humanity toward reorienting the theoretical structures of ethical decision-making and grasping a vision for practically enacting Christ's values in one's own social environments. The topic will present an integrated, holistic approach to thinking about values and decision making, with heavy emphasis on living life in the Spirit and allowing Christ to live in and through one's life.
- Christ in Your Discipline and Vocation helps students apply the Christian view of human value, human dignity and ethical reasoning as they live out a Christ-centered paradigm in their discipline and vocation.

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NEWS FROM COT

The College of Theology has a blog! Take a moment to access our articles below!

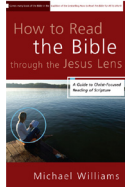
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PUBLISHED WORKS

The College of Theology encourages the continuous development of theological knowledge amongst our students. This development is evident through the following publications:

How to Read the Bible through the Jesus Lens (by Michael Williams)

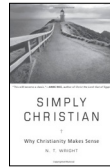
If you sometimes feel as if the Bible teaching you receive comes as puzzle pieces you do not know how to fit together, this book is for you. All these pieces connect in Christ to form a coherent picture. Author Michael Williams shows you how in this tour that covers each book of the Bible. In addition to showing how relevant each biblical book remains today, Williams enlivens other Christian disciplines such as Bible reading, Scripture memory and evangelism. An excellent tool for Bible teachers, ministry leaders and students, *How to Read the Bible through the Jesus Lens* is an invaluable guide for reading, studying and understanding the Bible. This publication can be found



in the Theology Commons collection under "Biblical Studies, Biblical Background, and Hermeneutics" section. It can also be accessed here: [How to Read the Bible through the Jesus Lens](#).

Simply Christian: Why Christianity Makes Sense (by N.T. Wright)

Simply Christian walks the reader through the Christian faith step by step and question by question. With simple yet exciting prose, Wright challenges skeptics by offering explanations for even the toughest doubt-filled dilemmas, leaving believers with a reason for renewed faith. For anyone who wants to travel beyond the controversies that can obscure what the Christian faith really stands for, this book is the perfect vehicle for that journey. You can purchase a copy of this publication here: [Simply Christian: Why Christianity Makes Sense](#).



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STUDENT CLUBS – COLLEGE OF THEOLOGY

The following campus clubs highlight our desire to cultivate gratitude as we educate students to communicate the Gospel effectively, serve the church faithfully and minister with integrity both at home and abroad. For more information, please contact cot@gcu.edu.

Philosophy and Film Society

The mission of this club is to engage with philosophy as expressed in film, art, literature and music from a Christian perspective. In addition to watching films, visiting museums, listening to music and reading together, the society also provides a space for the creation of film, art, literature and music that explores philosophical and theological themes. Students from any major and college are welcome to join.

opportunities to build friendships and community during their time at GCU. The club provides students with activities that promote cooperation, communication, critical thinking, leadership, strategic and tactical planning, dedicative thinking and team management.



Modern Boardgamers Guild (MBG)

The vision of MBG is to provide a wholesome and exciting environment that provides students with

THE CENTER FOR WORSHIP ARTS

The College of Theology is proud to incorporate ministry-based worship through The Center for Worship Arts. This past quarter has been met with exciting musical releases and developments as the program seeks to expand its horizons around the globe. Take a look below to find out more!

Center for Worship Arts (CWA) – Songwriters Showcase

The Songwriters Showcase is a special event that takes place every semester. Students submit songs and the top 12-15 are chosen to perform in the Showcase. This is an opportunity for God-honoring songs to be shared in a public setting, displaying the comradery and support of fellow Worship Arts students. Although the primary purpose of a CWA degree program is to equip students for ministry

in a church context, we still encourage creativity in writing songs to glorify the Lord. It is exciting to see how God continues to use GCU students for this purpose. [Watch the showcase here](#).

Center for Worship Arts Landing Page

The wait is over. Both students and faculty joyfully embraced the new CWA Landing Page as their digital home for information regarding the program. Featuring Canyon Worship Music, event information and so much more, the new landing page was well worth the wait. Check it out at: www.CenterforWorshipArts.com

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ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

NICK ELY

Former student, Nick Ely, is currently working for Christ Church in the east valley as the Director of Student Ministry. He is also excited about an opportunity to be involved in a church plant at the start of 2021. We asked about his current experiences, his pursuit of ministry and its role sharing "God's truth in a changing generation." [Learn More!](#)



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

COURTNEY WELKER

Recently, we were able to catch up with Courtney Welker and ask about her time as a worship arts student and her future career goals. [Learn More!](#)



FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

DR. RICH HOLLAND

Dr. Rich Holland has only lived in Arizona for a year and a half, has a passion for exploring the state! [Learn more](#) about the work the work that he is currently doing with COT.



DIG DEEPER

The concept of sharing "God's truth in a changing generation" was developed with a recognition of the rewarding pursuit of a relationship with God. An interview instructor Chip Lamca, prompted the understanding of things offered through the pursuit of this relationship. [Learn More!](#)

