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Dr. Jason Hiles

OPEN HORIZONS (INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS)

“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you and surely I am with you always to the very end of the age.”

Matthew 28:18-20

A MESSAGE FROM DEAN HILES

This is the inaugural edition of the College of Theology's newsletter. We offer it as a way of keeping you up to date on developments within the college and seminary and as a way of keeping you in contact with other current students and alumni. I hope you enjoy the content we've put together.

The theme of the newsletter is open horizons, which touches on our concern to stay mission-oriented in all we do. The concept of open horizons can be both exciting and daunting, but remaining open to the Lord's leading in all areas of our lives and ministries is an important part of following Jesus. In an effort to display the hope

to which we have been called, sometimes we find ourselves in situations that are uncomfortable and challenging. Regardless, the One who calls us also provides for our every need. As you read through this newsletter, take a moment to see what God is doing in the lives of others within the theological community. We share their stories and other news to inspire and encourage you in your ministry and as you pray for and participate in mission efforts at home and around the globe.

Blessings,

Dr. Jason Hiles

*Dean, Professor of Theology
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OPEN FELLOWSHIP

The College of Theology seeks to encourage all students, teachers and alumni to participate in the development of the Christian faith within our world today.

John Piper

The Grand Canyon Theological Seminary was pleased to welcome John Piper, alongside the Gospel Coalition of Phoenix, to the GCU Arena! As the founder and teacher of desiringGod.org, John has written and published best-selling books, including “A Peculiar Glory,” “Don't Waste



Your Life” and “Reading the Bible Supernaturally.” Pastor Piper presented two inspiring sessions titled “Reading the Bible Supernaturally” ([access here](#)) and “Don't Waste Your Life” ([access here](#)). Each session began with inspiring praise music from the Canyon Worship Band, and attendees were encouraged to pursue ministry and faith in a whole new way!

» Access a reflection of the event [here](#)

» More information about GCTS [here](#)

Reformation 500

This year marks the 500-year anniversary of the Protestant Reformation! In honor of this historic milestone the College of Theology hosted an evening of celebration and reflection on the significance of the Reformation. Five faculty members (including Joshua Greever, Steve Duby, Justin McClendon, Brett Berger, Mark Kreitzer, & Amanda Jenkins) presented the five Solas in consideration of the historical and theological elements surrounding the Reformation. This event was a strong reflection of GCU's desire to encourage students and staff to find their purpose in Christ. As the College of Theology, we were proud to encourage an effective understanding of the Gospel in faith and in ministry.

» More information about COT [here](#)

NEWS FROM THE COLLEGE OF THEOLOGY

The College of Theology is pursuing some new and exciting developments this upcoming semester! Take a moment to access our blog on one of the topics below.

- Trending Faith
- Theology Thursday
- College Corner
- Seminary Updates
- Dear Theophilus
- Faith & Living
- Dean's Corner

- » Access all publications [here](#)
- » To receive additional information, e-mail cot@gcu.edu
- » Join us on [Facebook](#) and follow us on [Twitter](#)

PUBLISHED WORKS

- "Worship in the Way of the Cross" by John Frederick, PhD
- "Are Riches and Righteousness Necessarily at Odds?" by Dr. Joshua Greever & Dr. David Kotter
- "Truth From the Trenches – Using God's Word to Illustrate Timeless Truths" by Pete Charpentier, DMin
- "Precious Enemy" by Toby Jennings, PhD

» For more information [click here](#)

THE CENTER FOR WORSHIP ARTS

The College of Theology is proud to incorporate ministry-based worship through the Center for Worship Arts. This upcoming quarter will be met with exciting musical releases and developments as the program seeks to expand its horizons around the globe. Follow the links to find out more about the information listed and much more!

- [2017 Canyon Worship LP Release](#)
- [Artist Spotlight: Katie Brown](#)
- [GCU Recording Studio](#)

- » Access the Canyon Worship promo video [here](#)
- » Like us on [Facebook](#) and follow us on [Twitter](#)
- » More information/ blog posts [here](#)



STUDENT CLUBS

The Global Missions Club: Keeping God's call to evangelism in mind, the Global Missions Club seeks to enhance the global ministry experience, encourage strategic thinking and enlighten members with biblical foundations.

Explore More Sessions: These sessions are designed to further develop online and ground students within the College of Theology (COT)

in a communal way. Each session is developed by COT instructors in an effort to further develop the knowledge of concepts addressed within their courses. It a great way to gain additional face-to-face time with your instructor as you further develop your theological perspective in a relaxed setting.

» More information on COT clubs [here](#)

CHURCH CORNER

The College of Theology desires to minister towards world in a manner that reflects the core values and principles of the University. Take a moment to explore the ways in which you can be praying for the College of Theology as we strive to educate students to communicate the gospel effectively, serve the church faithfully, and minister with integrity both at home and abroad.

- Center for Worship Arts: First Graduates
- College Connections with Local Ministries
- Seminary Developments
- Christian Studies Students/ Alumni

DIG DEEPER

The College of Theology seeks to encourage the expansion of theological wisdom among our students and modern scholars. There are few publications that promote the expansion of wisdom in light of the theological perspectives in our world today. The Journal of Biblical and Theological Studies is one of those resources. Here are a few excerpts that we found to be profound sources of insight.

- "The Journal of Biblical and Theological Studies Volume I" Daniel S. Diffey, Ryan A. Brandt and Justin L. McLendon: Access this publication [here](#)
- "A Traditional Protestant Formulation of Sola Fide as the Source of Political Unity" by Jonathan Leeman: Access this publication [here](#)



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

AMANDA CORELLA

In the eyes of Grand Canyon University's College of Theology, Amanda Corella is an individual of outstanding character and academic pursuit. Corella holds a great level of admiration for the Bible and its role within the Christian community. Read her full article [here](#).

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

MEG HAYES

Meg Hayes is a current student of Grand Canyon University pursuing her bachelor's degree in Christian studies with an emphasis in youth ministry. She hopes to minister to young children within a non-profit organization. Read her full article [here](#).



INSTRUCTOR SPOTLIGHT

MARK KREITZER

Mark Kreitzer is a well-known professor within the College of Theology at Grand Canyon University. He recently traveled to Indonesia in an effort to encourage the Christian pastors of Indonesia. We were able to ask him a series of questions with regards to the missional mindset and his personal faith. Read his full article [here](#).



PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

MASTER OF DIVINITY

The Master of Divinity is the standard degree for professional ministry preparation and is designed for students who intend to serve in local churches, Christian organizations, and other ministerial roles. The Master of Divinity program offers comprehensive biblical and theological knowledge while developing skills necessary for effective Christian ministry. Learn more [here](#) or email Ken.Montgomery@gcu.edu.