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# The Flame



# FOUNDERS DAY 2010

Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup> was the second annual Founders Day for Urbana Seminary. We recognize that God has worked in extraordinary ways in the last years in order to establish Urbana Seminary. In looking back, a number of those events occurred in the springtime. So each year in the spring, we pause and celebrate what God has done. This also provides us with a chance to say a hearty "Thank you!" to those who have supported our ministry by praying and giving. The student testimonies and video program will allow people to have a sense for the vision and heartbeat of the Seminary and its life. Founders Day was marked with a dinner reception at the Hawthorn Suites in Champaign, IL. The evening was inspiring, colorful, and uplifting.

### From the President..

I love spring! The weather is warmer (finally!), nature revives, and we enter the home stretch for the 2009-2010 school year. Spring is significant for Urbana Seminary. April 24th was Founders Day, a dinner and evening celebration of God's work in the establishment and development of a new Seminary. This provides a chance for us to share vision ("What's next?"), raise awareness, and say "Thank you!" to those who pray for and give to the Seminary. Classes are winding up and students are writing papers and taking tests. May 18th will be the Seminary's 6th Annual Commencement Ceremony. And we're on into a summer with a great set of course offerings for the term, time to tend to faculty research and writing, as well as the next steps in accreditation. An exciting time, but one in which we need the Lord's hand guiding us and plenty of prayer.

Ken Cuffey

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! 2 Corinthians 5:17

# HONOR ROLL OF DONORS

to the Seminary's Annual Fund for 2009... Thank You!

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[Jesus Christ] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. Colossians 1:15-17

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# WE'LL CALL!



If you supported Urbana Seminary in 2009, you should soon receive a call. It's Urbana Seminary calling. That is, our Board members. They will be calling each person or family who was part of our ministry through financial giving. The Board members do this of their own accord. Their goals are simply 1) to say "Thank you for giving!" and 2) to ask if you have any needs for which we could pray. There is no additional agenda in making these calls. Board members commit to pray for your requests after their call. Thank you again for your financial support.

## **PRAYER**GUIDE

Urbana Theological Seminary

SPRING 2010

Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. Colossians 4:2

#### Praises

- For a good <u>spring semester</u>.
- For the added <u>gift from the Brotherton Foundation</u> for the scholarship endowment.
- For our graduating class.
- For the granting of <u>Applicant status for the accreditation process</u> by the Association for Biblical Higher Education.

#### Students

- For <u>finishing the spring semester</u>—papers, tests, learning, peace in the midst of stress.
- For activities over the summer-jobs, travel, missions trips.
- For <u>the incoming class</u> to begin in the fall—for a quality group of new students, to become part of our excellent student body.

#### For the Seminary

- For sharing Urbana Seminary's visions and "What's next?" over the next couple of years.
- For *Graduation, May 18th*. For the details, the speaker, Randy Boltinghouse, and those who will graduate.
- For <u>Summer session classes</u>.
- For the intense <u>work that needs to be accomplished over the summer</u>: research and writing, preparation for the upcoming academic year, and work on the accreditation process.
- For the flow of <u>giving through the year</u> to be sustained and keep increasing.
- That we would consistently and excellently <u>fulfill our mission</u> of providing graduate theological education which prepares people for Christian ministry and leadership, equipping them to love, know, and serve God.

## HAVE YOU..

#### named Urbana Theological Seminary in your Will?

Do you have a will? And is Urbana Seminary listed as a beneficiary? When people do include the Seminary in their planned giving for the long-term future, this is so appreciated, and a great way to keep expanding our impact. If you have included Urbana Seminary in your Will, it would help us to know that you have done so. Please indicate this on the card which is enclosed and return it to us with that information. If you do not have the Seminary as a beneficiary, would you be interested in doing so? If so contact Joe Thomas, VP of institutional Advancement at 217-365-9005.

## ACCREDITATION REPORT

Accreditation is a multi-year process of self-accountability and quality control that allows a school to prove its quality and durability. We are delighted to report that Urbana Seminary received Applicant status with the Association for Biblical Higher Education (ABHE) in February. This allows us to enter the next stage in the process, which will culminate in a major self-study and an exacting site visit by representatives of the ABHE. The Seminary has four years in which to complete this stage of the process. Praise God! We're delighted to have passed this next hurdle and begin running towards what is upcoming.

## BROTHERTON FOUNDATION

Scholarship Growing...

In response to a further application, the Brotherton Foundation (Ringwood, NJ) gave Urbana Seminary a grant in the amount of \$25,000 towards the scholarship endowment created by the Foundation in 2008. The interest earned off the endowment is used to provide a significant scholarship each year for a student who is in one of the Master's degree programs. The recipient is distinguished by academic ability and spiritual depth. Last year the Seminary awarded the first Brotherton Scholarship to Brent Dickman.



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