



*So flee youthful passions and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace,
along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart. 2 Timothy 2:22*

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ROOM 222

Thanks be to God that these men
train, live, and breathe the truth

Rev. Chuck Muether, Director of Advancement

Room 222 was a comedy-drama on ABC that aired from 1969 to 1974. Yes, I watched it occasionally, partly because my junior high homeroom was room 222. The series mainly focused on an American history class in Room 222 of the fictional Walt Whitman High School, which depicted the lives of students and faculty from a racially diverse school.

Recently, the number 222 has resurfaced for me again, as I meditated on 2 Timothy 2:22. In this portion of Paul's instruction to Timothy, the apostle is giving the young

evangelist quite an education on personal conduct that is rooted in Christ. I continually hear echoes of this instruction in the teaching of Drs. Koerner, Carroll, Larson, and others.



How thankful I am to witness the labors our of professors,



Rev. J.P. Mosley teaching Homiletics

who impart knowledge and experience that extend from the spiritual character Paul demands of his student. Heidelberg Theological Seminary does not have its own building or an impressive budget. It does not vaunt the scholarship of its professors, but it does seek to be known of its boast in Christ.

Although I graduated from HTS some years ago, I continue to be the recipient of many Pauline imperatives every time I interact with the seminary faculty. Thanks be to God that these men train, live, and breathe all that is good, noble, and true.

Provision in Christ

Dr. Maynard Koerner, President of Heidelberg Seminary

“Therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the LORD...”
(Ezekiel 34:7)

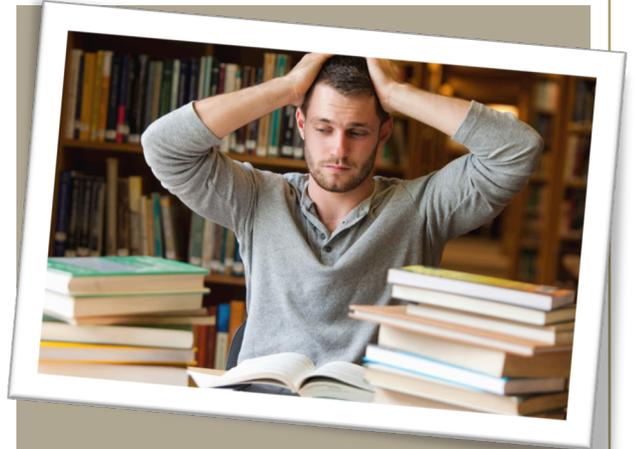
The ultimate message of God in Ezekiel 34 is the promise of the Shepherd, who will gather, save, and preserve His sheep, that is, the lost people.

Ultimately that Shepherd is Jesus Himself, as John 10 attests. Those who are truly His sheep, (those whom God predestined to save) will hear the Shepherd’s voice. This is critical in understanding the “what” and “how” of preaching.

The sheep are very clearly identified. He will go to where they have been scattered and find them and bring them in. This is, of course, clearly a picture of the sovereign grace of God at work, and this is the key implication for ministry of the Word. The challenge for the church, through its ministry of the gospel, is to reach the lost where they are at or have been scattered, and in the gathering to provide the glorious food of the Shepherd.

Certainly there is a lot of false teaching that exists in the world, which has misled people and perpetuated their lost condition. Regardless of the sheep’s wandering proclivities, these people are *still* sheep who need a shepherd. How the sheep have many needs and get themselves into seriously painful and perilous situations! And how these situations show the importance of a well-trained undershepherd!

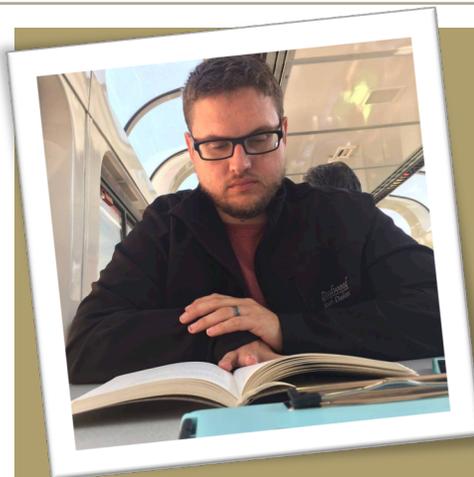
A faithful church understands its task in light of Ezekiel 34 in terms of not only preaching the Gospel, but also preparing and training men to do this work.



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“Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,” says the Lord.” – Romans 12:19

You have probably heard this statement before, “revenge is sweet!” Is this a true statement? Will getting payback on those who have harmed you really give you true happiness and joy? The answer is no. There may be a moment that seems pleasurable, but like all other sins, that sense of pleasure will fade away. In the end, you are left with an angry and bitter heart. It is not our place to seek personal vengeance. All sin will be punished. All our thoughts, words, and deeds will be judged by God. Either the sinner will be punished in hell for the transgressions he has committed in this life, or the sinner will be forgiven of all his sins by God because Jesus has already been punished in his place on the cross. God is just and true, therefore, leave vengeance to Him.

—Rev. Cody Schmichtenberg, Pastor of First Reformed Church,
Herreid, South Dakota. HTS Class of 2015



HTS in the Philippines

One of the great privileges of working with students in the Philippines (when we are not physically teaching there in the summer) is the ongoing contact that I have with them. Through the wonderful world of digital media, I am able to be in contact with students on a regular basis. By messaging on Facebook, as well as video conferencing, I am not only in contact with students, I have been able to become quite well acquainted with them. I have grown quite close to many of them, and I can attest with the pastor-advisors onsite that these students are committed to serving the Lord. They rejoice in the development they are experiencing in their training. They are ready to give of themselves in service to God in the building of His Church.

—Dr. Maynard Koerner



From the President's Desk

—Dr. Maynard Koerner

From January 14 through 18, seven pastors gathered at Heidelberg Seminary for the course, DM850 Ecclesiastical Office and Ministry Today. An additional pastor joined the group through video conferencing.

This particular course dealt with the challenges that pastors face in carrying out their ministry. Several topics were presented and discussed with Dr. Lee Johnson focusing on biblical counseling and Rev. J.P. Mosley specifically addressing PTSD (Posttraumatic Stress Disorder).

With the increasing challenge of the ministry today, it is critically important to understand the biblical role of pastors and elders regarding mental awareness. Pastors also struggle with depression and anxiety, and it is often assumed that spiritual leaders are immune to mental suffering and coping difficulties. To whom do pastors speak when they are hurting?

Dr. Johnson highlighted biblical characters who suffered from depression. He addressed the need to separate spiritual depression from that which may come from physical problems. Dr. Johnson also addressed the various approaches used by both secular and Christian counselors, specifically regarding use of medication.

Rev. Mosley laid out the symptoms of PTSD and the manifestations of stress. He explained that many who deal regularly with stress may have some of these symptoms. He offered the class guidance in how to counsel those with PTSD.



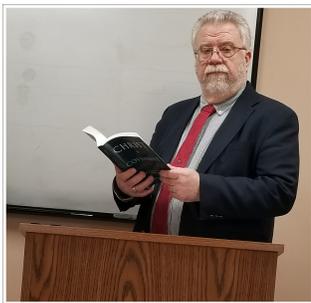
Being able to spend several days together to study Scripture, pray together and explore ministerial solutions, the D.Min. students found this course to be an encouragement and practical in their labors.

Heidelberg Seminary is committed to offer pastors, who are enrolled in the doctorate program or prefer to audit, courses that enrich their professional development.

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