



Covington Informer

V.P. of Operations



Dr. Bret Sullivan

As we begin our preparations for the class of 2017 to receive their diplomas we are conscience of the Lord's grace towards us in another academic school year. We are conscience of those faithful partners who sacrifice their time not in service to Covington Theological Seminary, but to the Lord Jesus Christ. We realize that CTS is just the conduit through which the Lord is preparing the next generation of leaders for His Church. The amazing thing is that He is using us and doing this throughout the whole world. Through the leadership of Dr. Eddie Ildefonso and the sacrifice of many volunteer leaders CTS is training leaders and impacting eternity on a large scale. I am just returning from Romania where we gathered with thirty plus church leaders in a small village called Susani. The presence of the Lord was overwhelming at times and the clarity of the teaching was powerful and impactful for the church there. Strongholds

of tradition and religion are being torn down and the Gospel of Jesus Christ is being openly shared to the leadership there through those who raise their own support and provide their own travel expenses.

Dr. Bob Craven is one such brother who year after year travels multiple times to train leaders of the church there. It is men and women like Dr. Craven who have sustained the long and successful ministry of Covington Seminary. At our last graduation, our President Dr. Steve Sullivan was honored for thirty years of volunteer service to our Lord through CTS. These type of men are the cornerstone of our training ministry and without men like these we would not have had this wonderful opportunity that we have been given. This 2017 graduating class will be our fortieth graduating class and our fortieth year of partnering together for this most important and significant responsibility. It is our goal that men will stand in confidence in the Holy Spirit and the living Word of God in their pulpits week after week proclaiming the truth of the one true living God. It is our goal that men and women everywhere will be experts of the Gospel of Jesus Christ understanding it in all of its essential parts with the ability to package it back up and communicate it to others around the globe.

It is our passion to do this for the glory of God and of Christ Jesus in His church just as we are commanded to do. We may be a small part of what God is doing in the world, but it is none less of a significant part and a part that we will give an account for. So, we encourage you to study, that you may be approved by God and that you may stand in confidence as you proclaim the Word of God wherever it is that He has assigned you. Be strong in the power of His might and take up your cross daily as a proclaimer of the truth. We ask you to study that you may not only know the truth, but that you might stand for it in this day of its attack. Truth is under attack; we can be certain of that. Our faithfulness is of the essence. Covington needs your prayers and support more now than ever. Our partnership is a blessing from the Lord. To Him be the glory!

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TRAINING LEADERS, IMPACTING ETERNITY

Graduation Banquet 2016

An evening of fun, food and fellowship was enjoyed by all the graduates and their friends and family
Music was provided by the Clay family and Taylor Poe

Award winners for the graduating class of 2016

President's Female Award



Wilhemenia Hogg

Pioneer Award



Troy Nichols

Scholastic Award



Harry B. Graham

Academic Award



Kenneth Bryan Ward

President's Male Award



Shannon Brewster

2017 Graduation Information

The New Year 2017 is here and we are quickly approaching graduation time. We hope you are progressing well in your studies and your work for the Lord. We are asking all students and alumni of Covington to please make note that graduation has been scheduled for **July 27th and 28th, 2017**. As you will notice, this is on Thursday and Friday. Due to the size of our graduation class and the time required, we have a two phase program at graduation. On Thursday, July 27th, at 1:30 P.M., we will have our photo session (in caps and gowns) followed by a rehearsal at 2:30. The photo session and rehearsal will both be held at the Oakwood Baptist Church and we ask that you men wear black slacks, socks, and shoes with a white collar and that you ladies wear black slacks or a dress. Then at 6:00 P.M., our Alumni Association will be sponsoring a Covington Alumni Banquet and Awards Ceremony for our 2017 Graduating Class. The banquet will be held at the Colonnade located conveniently near the school. There will be a \$30.00 fee per guest to attend this banquet. Pertinent information will be given concerning our Alumni Association and our International Missions project "Impacting Eternity" at this time. On Friday, July 28th at 7:00 P.M., we will have a worship service followed by the Commencement Ceremonies. Graduates must be present by 6:20 PM on that evening

GRADUATION POLICY

The Graduation Policy for Covington Theological Seminary is as follows: The student will not be able to graduate until all work and financial obligations are completed. Failure to meet these deadlines means that you will have to wait until the following year to graduate. New fees would then apply. A new policy has been adopted that no student will be able to graduate unless he has completed all of his/her work for graduation by June 1st, 2016 (with the exception of a thesis, Exposition or Ministry Project, which should be in our hands no later than May 1st for grading and binding), and all financial obligations must be met by July 1st, 2016. Our current policy allows us to print diplomas once per year. We do not have a mid-year graduation. To be **ELIGIBLE FOR AN AWARD**, all work must be both **COMPLETED** and **RECEIVED** by us no later than **JUNE 1st, 2017**

IMPORTANT NOTE

Those intending to graduate must fill out and mail a **GRADUATION INTENT FORM** to us at:
1168 Cross Street
Ft. Oglethorpe, GA 30742

Forms can be downloaded here: <http://www.ctsstudents.org/Graduation-2017>

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Award Winners Continued:

Professor of the Year



Kevin Dennis

Dean of the Year



Richard Benjamin

Lifetime Achievement



Steve Sullivan

Alumni of the Year



Eddy Rushing

Advisor of the Year



Ray Warren

Academic Award



Kim Whetstone

Impact For Eternity On The Move

Dr. Gary Fleetwood



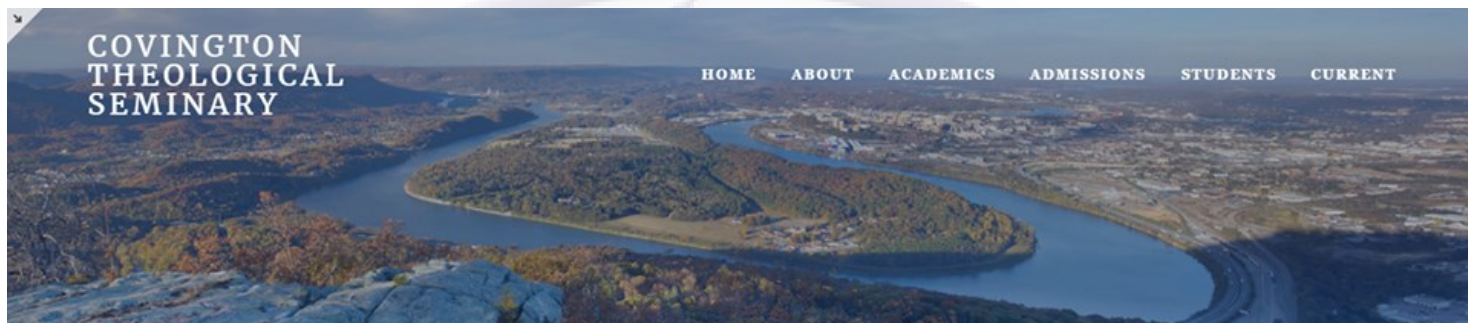
Impact Eternity, which is the missions arm of Covington Theological Seminary (CTS), has experienced a phenomenal growth. Over the last decade, the number of opportunities that CTS has had to open new international extensions has increased dramatically. It all started with an extension in Zimbabwe and has grown to 17 extensions all together. What makes all of this so remarkable is the simple fact that the expenses and funding for these international extensions is generally absorbed by those who travel to teach in the various locations. CTS does not receive any financial remuneration from any of the international extensions, yet both the need and requests continue to grow. CTS has international extensions in Central America, South America, Europe, Africa, and the Far East, with applications for additional extensions awaiting. At the present moment, the requests far exceed the physical ability that CTS has to actually initiate new extension requests.

Obviously, most of the extensions are in second and third world countries. The most significant hurdle that CTS often faces is the simple fact that these kinds of countries never have the textbooks and academic resources needed. So, the dilemma is how to educate without textbooks. The model that CTS has created is for the professors to have their class notes translated and then provided to the students. This, in and of itself, is generally a monumental task. Just recently, CTS has been able to work with WORDsearch to provide resources through their Bible software to those students who can read English. Many of the students cannot, but for those who can, the WORDsearch program provides a relatively inexpensive method for helping provide a biblical educational tool that can be utilized to develop their study skills. In fact, CTS has just initiated providing a class on how to use the WORDsearch program for those students who are able to actually read English. CTS does not provide the software program to the students, but is able to help facilitate getting it to them at a relatively low and affordable cost. CTS has found that when things are given to the students free of charge that very often they develop an expectation that more should be given. The CTS model is to do the legwork necessary for the students to get the material at a reasonable expenditure, but for the students to actually pay for the program. Additional resource packages are being developed to help the students continue to add to their program on a quarterly basis when the classes are in session. In some small way, this strategic effort is helping bridge the resource gap that is generally very large.

When travelling to these other countries, nothing is simple or easy. In essence, CTS has to find creative and unique ways to teach and promote a quality biblical education in the setting in which these extensions are located. The exciting part is that God is still very much at work and helping provide meaningful insight in how to teach pastors worldwide. His words that the harvest is great, but the laborers are few still rings with great clarity. For anyone who may be interested in actually helping in some of these various countries, simply contact CTS for further information.

- Dr. Gary Fleetwood

Website Update 2017

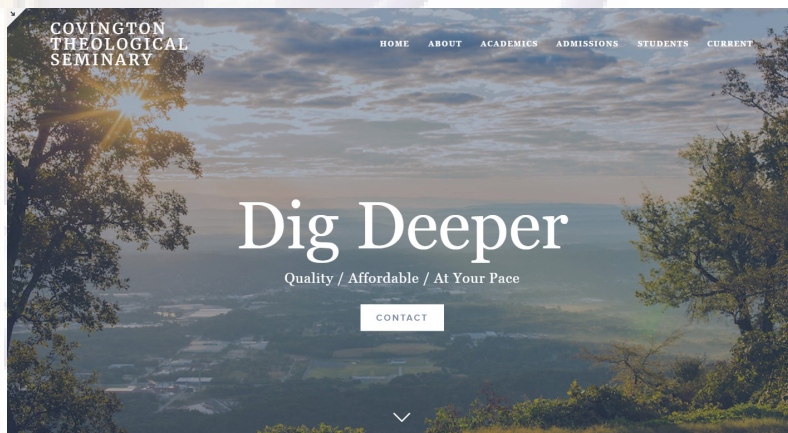


Master Degree Programs

Covington Schools offer the following advanced degree programs to those who are college graduates and desire to seek an advanced degree. The student must maintain a "C" average and complete the requirements specified for each degree. Covington Schools will work with a student who desires to specialize in a particular area of study such as Pastoral Studies, Biblical Counselling, Missions, or Bible. Changes to a Seminary Division degree curriculum to reflect a specialty area of study must be first approved by Covington Schools.

Master of Ministry

The Master of Ministry degree requires the candidate to complete forty (40) semester hours of work at the graduate level beyond the Bachelor's degree. The student must have completed 128 hours of work at the Bachelor's level and possess a degree from Covington or an acceptable college or seminary.



We are excited to inform you that www.covingtonseminary.com has been redesigned! We believe the update to give a fresh new look to the site as well as adequately represent the school. The site is now live, and we would love any input you may have. If you find any issues while using the new site please inform Cody Horne at chorne@covingtonseminary.org The old site has been transformed into a student portal/information site. All students may access the old site for any materials they may need by visiting www.cststudents.org or by clicking on the "Student Portal" button under the "Current" tab on the new

2017 Tuition

Total Cost Per Course

Certificate Programs

PerCourse Fee	\$200
Tuition	\$50
Graduation Fee	\$175

Bible Institute Division (All Programs)

PerCourse Fee	\$225
Tuition	\$57
Graduation Fee	\$175

College Division—Associate/Bachelor Degree

PerCourse Fee	\$250
Tuition	\$63
Graduation Fee	\$200

Seminary Division—Master Degree

PerCourse Fee	\$300
Tuition	\$75
Graduation Fee	\$225

Seminary Division—Doctor Degree

PerCourse Fee	\$350
Tuition	\$88
Graduation Fee	\$250

Transcript Fee (Each additional transcript \$5)	\$10
Change of Program Fee	\$125
Reinstatement Fee	\$150
Change of Course Fee	\$30 per course
Auditing Fee	\$150
Distance Learning Notebook	\$25 (plus S&H)
Thesis Binding Fee	\$100

Our number one priority has always been and always will be providing a quality and affordable biblical education. This page is to inform our partners and students of a tuition increase for that quality Bible education. Effective January 1, 2016 everyone will be required to pay the new tuition rate **please see this page for details.**

With the tuition increase, our tuition still remains 40-60 % less expensive than most biblical educators. This increase is necessary for several reasons as the school works to remain financially healthy.

As always, families with multiple members attending, incarcerated brothers and sisters in Christ, and CTS professors and deans will continue to receive discounted tuition. CTS will no longer administrate a payment option, but we are working to ensure that one is provided for you of some variety.

As a reminder please be advised that if you switch programs or start a new year of study the new tuition would apply. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have questions concerning these changes. We are here to serve you.



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