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A NEWSLETTER FROM REFORMATION BIBLE COLLEGE

In Everything, A Model



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ONE OF THE GREAT REALITIES of the Christian life is that we learn not only through instruction but through imitation.

Certainly, we learn from books, sermons, and classroom discussions. We learn from catechisms, confessions, and theological study. Yet God has also designed us to learn by observing the lives of others. We watch how faithful Christians pray, worship, suffer, serve, and persevere. Long before we can explain everything we believe, we often learn what it means to follow Christ by seeing the faith lived out before us.

That is why the Apostle Paul exhorts Titus, "Show yourself in all respects to be a model of good works" (Titus 2:7).

The word translated *model* refers to a pattern or impression that can be traced. Paul is not merely instructing Titus to teach sound doctrine. He is calling him to embody it. Titus is to live in such a way that others can follow his example. His life is to reinforce his teaching, and his teaching is to shape his life.



Throughout Scripture, God repeatedly gives us faithful examples to strengthen His people. Paul could tell the Corinthians, "Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ" (1 Cor. 11:1). Peter exhorted elders to shepherd God's people by being "examples to the flock" (1 Pet. 5:3). Christianity has always advanced through both proclamation and demonstration.

Church history bears witness to this truth as well. Every generation can point to men and women whose lives helped shape their own walk with Christ. As I have been researching the life of the late James Montgomery Boice, I have been struck by how often he spoke of mentors like Donald Grey Barnhouse, Harold Ockenga, Frank Gaebelein, and Carl Henry, who helped form him for ministry. Their instruction mattered, but so did their example. They showed him what faithfulness looked like.

The same is true today.

At Reformation Bible College, one of our deepest aspirations is not merely that students graduate with theological knowledge, important as that is. We want them to encounter faithful models: professors, staff members, pastors, and fellow students whose lives adorn the truths they confess. We also hope that our graduates will become Christlike examples for others.

Events at RBC This Year

The 2026–27 academic year is filled with opportunities to gather and celebrate God's faithfulness. Here's a look back at what's happened so far and a preview of what's still ahead.



LOOKING BACK

CONVOCATION

SEPTEMBER 11

AT ONE OF OUR MOST JOYFUL annual traditions, we dedicated our academic year to the Lord with this special service. This year, we were delighted to have Dr. Carl Trueman as our guest speaker.

INAUGURAL CHAIR LECTURE FROM DR. KEITH MATHISON

SEPTEMBER 17

DR. MATHISON WAS RECENTLY APPOINTED the inaugural R.C. Sproul Chair of Theology in recognition of his decades of faithful service at RBC and Ligonier Ministries. The college gathered to hear his first lecture in this new role, "Technology and the Theologian: Opportunities and Obstacles."

CAREER FAIR

OCTOBER 2

AT RBC'S FIRST-EVER career fair, students and alumni met with local employers, discovered vocational opportunities, and explored how they can use their skills and experience for God's glory.

LOOKING AHEAD

2027 WINTER CONFERENCE WEEKEND

JANUARY 14–15, 2027

Winter Preview Day

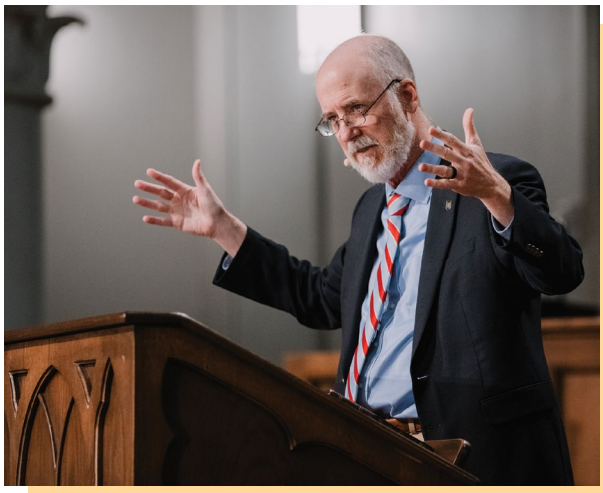
IS SOMEONE YOU KNOW considering where to attend college? Join us at RBC on Thursday, January 14. Previewers will explore the campus, meet our faculty, and attend a class before heading to the Winter Conference in the evening.

Theology Gabfest with Kevin DeYoung

EXCLUSIVELY FOR PREVIEWERS and their families, sit alongside current RBC students for a special Q&A time with Rev. Kevin DeYoung.

The Cross of Christ: Winter Conference

GATHER WITH PASTORS, church leaders, and other like-minded Christians for in-depth teaching from Rev. Kevin DeYoung and Dr. Brandon Crowe, as well as RBC faculty and Ligonier Teaching Fellow Dr. Derek Thomas. We'll explore why only the atoning work of our Lord provides a sure foundation for our worship, unity, and witness.



Festival on the Quad

AFTER THE CONFERENCE, enjoy live music, food, and fellowship at the quad in front of Founders Hall. All conference attendees, previewers, students, and alumni are welcome.

SPRING PREVIEW DAY

MARCH 31, 2027

EXPERIENCE LIFE AT RBC during Spring Preview Day. You'll get to tour our campus, meet faculty and students, attend a chapel service, and explore our academic programs. We encourage you to stay for Ligonier's 2027 National Conference. First-time previewers, along with one guest, will receive complimentary access to the conference.



LIGONIER NATIONAL CONFERENCE

APRIL 1–3, 2027

JOIN US THIS SPRING for *The Glorious Attributes of God*. You'll gather in Orlando with Christians from around the world to hear teaching on God's holy character, sing His praises, and draw strength from His promises. **Reserve your seat today by visiting Ligonier.org/events.**

REFORMATION CHORALE CONCERT

APRIL 23, 2027

JOIN US ON APRIL 23 as our student vocal ensemble presents an evening of Christ-centered choral music. Celebrate the gifts God has given our students while enjoying an evening of worshipful music and fellowship with the RBC community.

STREAM CHAPEL MESSAGES

DID YOU KNOW all RBC chapel messages are recorded? Visit your favorite podcast platform and search for "Reformation Bible College." And if you're in the area on a Thursday during the semester, join us for our weekly chapel services at 11:00 a.m. You can find this semester's chapel schedule or listen to past chapel messages at **ReformationBibleCollege.org/media.**

COMMENCEMENT

MAY 7, 2027

THIS ANNUAL CELEBRATION honors the individuals who have completed their studies at RBC. The ceremony offers an opportunity for meaningful reflection on our students' achievements as we rejoice in God's faithfulness to them and to our college community.



ARTICLE

What Hath Athens to Do with Silicon Valley?



Dr. Levi Berntson,
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
OF THEOLOGY

IN THE EARLY CHURCH, Tertullian famously quipped, "What hath Athens to do with Jerusalem?" Tertullian was a Christian theologian who was deeply concerned with heretics who were improperly prioritizing Greek philosophy over Christian theology. Today, we may ask a similar question: What hath Athens to do with Silicon Valley?

In this context, Athens refers to the liberal arts—grammar, logic, rhetoric, philosophy, literature, history, etc., while Silicon Valley refers to STEM disciplines like science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. Classical schools often celebrate Athens, while modern universities applaud Silicon Valley, and this results in a dangerous division between the two that ought not to be.

For the classical Christian tradition, the fundamental educational divide is not between the liberal arts and STEM. Rather, it's between theology as the queen and everything else as her handmaidens.

In the past, Christians understood theology to be the "queen of the sciences." They considered theology a science because it is a body of knowledge derived from principles, and Protestants understood the sole principle of theology to be Scripture. As queen of all sciences, theology reigns as the sole infallible authority over all other disciplines to support and guide them.

Because all truth is God's truth, all other sciences—including philosophy, physics, astronomy, biology, and many others—encompass what can be learned from nature. This means that every field of study matters as they are subservient to their queen.

This vision changed, however, in the wake of the Enlightenment. Due to the religious controversies of early modern Europe, such as the French Wars of Religion, the Thirty Years' War, and the English Civil War, there arose a crisis of knowledge. Because of the controversy, philosophers questioned whether theology really could be known with certainty and instead posited other authorities such as reason or experience.

The result was a narrowing of what counted as knowledge to only what can be empirically verified. Theology was dismissed as a science and relegated to the category of "opinion." The practical consequence of this is that education became almost solely focused on practical outcomes such as technology, economic growth, and career preparation.

To recover a classical Christian vision for education, we must begin with putting the queen back on her throne. Theology gives legitimacy and meaning to all other fields of study by informing us who made this world, why it exists, and what our purpose is as God's image bearers.

The liberal arts and STEM fields today are not rivals, nor should they be so radically distinguished. They are all humble servants of the queen and complimentary tools for understanding God's vast creation.

For this reason, every legitimate vocation from theologian, to scientist, to plumber matters in God's world. Athens and Silicon Valley are not enemies. Instead, we could say that both Athens and Silicon Valley belong to Jerusalem.



Commencement Awards

EACH YEAR AT COMMENCEMENT, we recognize graduates who have demonstrated exceptional achievement during their time at Reformation Bible College.

These awards honor students who distinguished themselves not only through academic excellence but also through Christian character. This past May, six remarkable graduates received commencement awards.

As a token of appreciation, each recipient received a resource to encourage them in their lives and ministry after graduation. We thank God for these graduates and pray that He will continue to use them as they seek to know, serve, and worship Him in the years ahead.



Foundation Year Award (On Campus)
Caly Groves



Foundation Year Award (Online)
Beau Tackett



Associate of Arts in Theology Award
Peter Wallace



Biblical Studies Award
Raphael Guenther



Theology Award
Nadia Sierko



EVERY GENERATION CAMPAIGN

Invest in Students. Impact Generations.

WHAT IS THE EVERY GENERATION CAMPAIGN? This financial campaign ensures that every generation has access to a timeless theological education. Friends like you play an integral part in providing student scholarships, improving RBC's campus and technological infrastructure, empowering the launch of new initiatives, and increasing academic opportunities for on-campus and online students.

HOW DOES YOUR SUPPORT AFFECT STUDENTS? To ensure that tuition remains as affordable as possible, RBC's educational programs and scholarships are underwritten by donors. Your generous support helps to offer scholarships so that qualified students receive a trusted biblical and theological education on a beautiful and lasting campus.

Thank you. We are grateful for God's provision and kindness through the generosity of RBC's donors. Know that you are equipping disciples of Christ who go on to serve in church ministry, on the mission field, in classical Christian schools, and in a variety of vocational ministries, all for the glory of God.

To learn more about the Every Generation campaign, visit ReformationBibleCollege.org/give.

RBC Inside: Celebrating Year 1 and the Start of a New Chapter



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ONE OF THE MOST SIGNIFICANT developments in our college history occurred this past year with the launch of RBC Inside, our first remote program located beyond the Sanford campus.

In fall 2025, fourteen incarcerated students at Bibb County Correctional Facility in Alabama began a four-year Bachelor of Arts in Theology program. In spring 2026, they successfully completed their first year of study. With donated discipleship resources, digital learning tools, recorded lectures, and the generosity of many supporters, these students are receiving the same rigorous education offered to on-campus RBC students.

RBC Inside is designed to prepare students for Christian service both within the correctional environment and, for many, after their release. Graduates will also be positioned to serve as chaplain assistants and spiritual leaders within the correctional system. Even now, these students are making a difference "on the inside."

The opportunity to study God's Word should not be limited by prison walls. We believe that every Christian benefits from a greater understanding of Scripture and the historic Christian faith, as taught in the Reformed confessions.

We are also pleased to announce that a second RBC Inside site launched at Suwannee Correctional Institution in Florida this fall. Building on the success of our inaugural cohort, this expansion will enable another group of students to prepare for faithful Christian service through an RBC education. Please keep our RBC Inside students in prayer.



Faculty News and Updates

Our faculty faithfully serves in the church, the academy, and their families. Here are select highlights from this past and upcoming year:

DR. LEVI BERNTSON

- Contributed a chapter, "A Reformation-Historical Approach," to *The Authority of the Septuagint* (Intervarsity Press).
- Spoke at the annual Society of Classical Learning conference in June and taught a course on anthropology and Christology for SRL (Reformed Seminary of Latin America) in Medellín, Colombia, in July.

DR. MATT DUDRECK

- Was promoted to assistant dean and served as RBC's accreditation liaison with the Association of Biblical Higher Education (ABHE).
- Wrote the article "What Do Christians Believe About Divine Revelation?" for Ligonier.

DR. BENJAMIN SHAW

- Served as a part-time assistant pastor at River Oaks Presbyterian Church in Lake Mary, FL.
- Taught an intensive summer course at Gillespie Academy in Woodstock, ON.

DR. KEITH MATHISON

- Appointed the inaugural R.C. Sproul Chair of Theology in recognition of his decades of faithful service at Ligonier Ministries and his significant contribution to RBC.
- Wrote the article "The True Continuing Church" and reviewed Carl Trueman's book *The Desecration of Man* for *Tabletalk* magazine.

DR. JOHN TWEEDDALE

- Served as moderator of the Central Florida Presbytery (PCA).
- Will speak at the biennial Conference of Faith and History at Bethel University and the annual Bolton Conference, hosted by the New England Reformed Fellowship.

REV. CODY WILBANKS

- Continued working on his PhD dissertation at Columbia International University.
- Submitted the article "When in Rome: The Challenge of Contextualization for Evangelical Church Planters in Italy" to Evangelical Missions Quarterly.

Looking Ahead: The Search for RBC's Next President

AS RBC ENTERS ITS SIXTEENTH YEAR, a committee of the college's board, in coordination with Ligonier Ministries, is conducting a search for our next president. The search committee seeks a leader with proven Christian character and churchmanship, a wholehearted commitment to the historic Christian faith as affirmed in the Reformed confessions, a heart for students, and wise institutional leadership.

Our next president will preserve and advance the founding vision entrusted to the college by Dr. R.C. Sproul. We invite students, alumni, supporters, and friends to pray for the search and recommend qualified candidates. Recommendations and inquiries may be sent to **search@reformationbiblecollege.org.**

RBC: The Next 15 Years and Beyond



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AS REFORMATION BIBLE COLLEGE looks toward the future, our vision is remarkably simple: We want to be faithful.

When Charles Hodge reflected on fifty years of teaching at Princeton Seminary, he famously declared that "A new idea never originated in this seminary." He was committed to a single conviction that animated his teaching, "The Bible is the Word of God . . . what the Bible says, God says. That ends the matter." Though the world around him had changed, the truth of God's Word had not. His aspiration was not innovation but faithfulness.

As we consider the next fifteen years of RBC, we share that same aspiration. We seek to be faithful, not for the sake of nostalgia, but for the sake of serving future generations.

At our fifth anniversary celebration, I remember Dr. R.C. Sproul reflecting on the vision that led to our founding. He spoke of places such as Wittenberg, Geneva, Westminster Theological Seminary, and West Point. These institutions were not necessarily large, but their graduates have shaped generations. His hope for RBC was similar: "The ultimate thing was to start a Bible college that would not be large but would be influential."

Watch this video to see how RBC forms students in God's Word.

Our task in the years ahead is not to reinvent the vision of RBC but to steward it faithfully.

First, we want to remain faithful to God's Word. Since its founding in 2011, RBC has existed to help students know, serve, and worship God. That commitment must never change. The Scriptures remain our final authority in all matters relating to faith and practice.

Second, we want to remain faithful to Dr. Sproul's vision for raising knowledgeable and articulate Christian leaders. In his anniversary talk, he dreamed of a college that would help students understand, embrace, defend, and contend for the Christian faith. In a word, he wanted a college that would produce "not just adherents to the faith, but advocates of the faith."

Third, we want to remain faithful in serving our students. This includes continually strengthening our Bachelor of Arts in Theology degree as our flagship program, investing in student formation, expanding experiential learning opportunities, strengthening graduate and vocational pathways, supporting alumni, and preparing students to serve Christ faithfully in their homes, churches, workplaces, and communities.

Fourth, we want to remain faithful in pursuing academic excellence. We look forward to completing the accreditation process, enhancing our academic resources, and continually improving the quality of the education we provide. As we do so, we remain committed to the kind of residential theological education that has defined RBC since its founding.

Finally, we want to remain faithful in extending our reach. Through online education, degree programs in prisons, future certificate offerings, and other initiatives, we hope to bring RBC to more people than ever before. We believe the education offered at RBC should not be limited only to those who can relocate to Sanford. We want to serve the broader church by extending the reach of Reformed theological education beyond our campus.

The next fifteen years will undoubtedly bring new opportunities and challenges. Yet our prayer remains the same: that God will enable RBC to be faithful to Christ, faithful to Scripture, and faithful to the mission entrusted to us for generations to come.








Lesson: Augustine
St. Aug
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A Q&A about the R.C. Sproul Chair of Theology

THE R.C. SPROUL CHAIR *of Theology is the highest faculty distinction at Reformation Bible College. Established in honor of Dr. R.C. Sproul, the college's first president, this new donor-supported chair recognizes a theologian whose teaching, scholarship, and service exemplify his lifelong commitment to biblical truth, theological clarity, and service to the church.*

Dr. Keith Mathison, professor of systematic theology and RBC's longest-tenured faculty member, was named the inaugural chairholder in fall 2026. We sat down with Dr. Mathison and Mrs. Vesta Sproul to reflect on Dr. Sproul's vision for RBC, Dr. Mathison's years of friendship and ministry alongside him, and what the R.C. Sproul Chair of Theology represents for the future of the college.

Dr. Mathison, when you think about Dr. Sproul's vision for Reformation Bible College, why is it fitting that the college is establishing the R.C. Sproul Chair of Theology at this point in its history?

One of the things that Dr. Sproul wanted everyone involved with Reformation Bible College to remain aware of is the perennial danger of institutional drift. If you look at the history of colleges and universities that were founded as Christian colleges and universities, you quickly notice how common it is for such institutions to drift away over time from the Christian commitments of their founders. Reformation Bible College is still very young, but its founder, Dr. Sproul, died almost 10 years ago. So, the establishment of this chair at this time is a way of compelling us to look back and to look forward. It compels us to look back and reminds us of Dr. Sproul's Christian commitment and his vision for the college. And it compels us to look forward with a renewed resolve to maintain the same Christian commitment and the same vision.

Mrs. Sproul, when you think back to the founding of Reformation Bible College, what hopes and aspirations did Dr. Sproul have for the school?

In his early calling to Christian ministry, R.C. taught first in colleges and then in seminaries. He found an enthusiasm and openness in the college students to ideas and thoughts that were new to them, and they became excited about what they were learning. Seminary students, however, were more entrenched in their thinking and not as open to teaching that might be new to them. His idea was to shape the minds of students who are more formative in their thinking.

And long before Reformation Bible College was founded, we were on a Reformation trip visiting Geneva, Switzerland, and we saw the place where John Calvin's academy had been housed. It was small, didn't take up much space, and had been attended by relatively few students. But from that place, the influence that arose in spreading the gospel to the world was prodigious. As R.C. thought more about it, he realized that it isn't necessary to have a huge army, but with God's help, much could be accomplished with what he called "special forces."

Thus, born a few years later, was Reformation Bible College. R.C.'s hope was that our "special forces," God willing, would help spread the light of the gospel as it did in Calvin's time.

Dr. Mathison, you worked closely with Dr. Sproul for many years, including the early days of RBC. How did your friendship with R.C. shape your own approach to theology and teaching?

I think what always struck me most was that Dr. Sproul taught the Bible and theology with such genuine passion for the subject because of his genuine love for the Lord—and that's important.

We've probably all been in the presence of teachers or preachers who sound like they're bored to death. And that way of speaking communicates to your hearers that the topic you're speaking about isn't really all that important. So, I realized, listening to Dr. Sproul over the years, that if I ever reach the point where the truths of the Word of God start to feel boring to me or dull, then I need to step away from the lectern.

Dr. Mathison, there's a story about a letter that R.C. left for you. Can you tell us about that letter and what that meant to you?

It means a lot to me. To explain why, I need to step back a little bit. I first encountered Dr. Sproul when I was a student at Dallas Theological Seminary decades ago. But I first really met him and began to get to know him after I transferred to Reformed Theological Seminary, where he taught and where I worked in the bookstore. From those days until his death, he was always extremely encouraging to me in my research and writing. Even when I'd known him for only a few weeks, he agreed to read the manuscript of the first book I wrote and even wrote a cover endorsement for it. And every time I wrote a book after that, I would ask for his feedback on the manuscript; he always gave it and was always encouraging me about it. And so, that letter means a lot to me because it was written not too long before his death, and it sums up the kind of encouraging words he always shared with me privately.

Here's an excerpt from the letter.

Keith Mathison is a treasure for Ligonier Ministries.

He's a treasure for Reformation Bible College.

He's a treasure for Saint Andrew's Chapel.

He's a treasure for the whole world.

I call him a caveman. He spends so much time at his office—it is his cave.

He's one of the most productive cavemen ever.

From the darkness of the cave, he sends light to the whole world.

He may be a caveman, but he's our caveman.

I'm grateful for your years of faithful service, Keith. —R.C.

Mrs. Sproul, how have you seen Dr. Mathison send light into the world through his time with Ligonier and RBC?

Well, the portion of the letter you just read tells a lot about Dr. Mathison. He was loved by R.C., as he also is by the staff, the faculty, and the students. He is appreciated for his humility, his productivity, his diligence, and his commitment to the student. R.C. and Keith both desired to capture the students' hearts and minds so that they will come to embrace and love the Reformed, biblical faith and hold it closely throughout their lives.

Dr. Mathison adds enormously to RBC through scholarly research, writing, speaking, publication. Included in R.C.'s foreword to one of the books Keith has authored, Given for You, is this statement:

"This volume represents the best and most comprehensive treatment of the Reformed doctrine of the Lord's Supper I have ever seen. When I read it for the first time, I said to Keith, 'You may die now.' Keith gave me a puzzled look. I explained that if he had no other contribution to the church for the rest of his life, he has already provided a legacy for future generations by writing this book."

That is how R.C. saw Keith and his contributions. And my comment is, Praise God that Keith has continued to write books for our edification and growth in understanding our faith.

Dr. Mathison, you taught the first RBC class way back in August 2011. How have you seen RBC grow since then?

It was a class on biblical hermeneutics, and I think I had 27 students in that class. It was an exciting day for us because in the months leading up to August 2011, when we opened the doors to students for the first time, we really had no idea how many students would enroll. We were a startup college. We had no track record, no history, and a tiny, tiny faculty. So, would we have five students, ten students, twenty? We really didn't know. But we started with around 27. And the fact that we had that many is largely a testimony to Dr. Sproul's impact. RBC may not have had a track record or history, but Dr. Sproul did. Parents and students knew that if it was his college, then they could trust it.

And the college has grown in amazing ways since that day in August 2011. We now have around 200 students on campus. The physical campus has grown with the addition of two buildings: one for classrooms, offices, library, and student commons, and another for student dorms. The faculty has grown; the staff has grown. We've now graduated nearly 600 students. So, it's quite amazing to see how far RBC has come entirely by God's grace.

Mrs. Sproul, as you look at the church and culture today, why is serious theological study more important than ever?

I think this has likely been the thought of Christians in every age since Christ's incarnation: that their time is a

particularly important time. But the importance of a person's theology is tied up with their entire being. What they believe theologically determines their whole lives. We see that in both the Old and New Testaments. Theology, good or bad, directs our thoughts, actions, and emotions.

One reason it seems to be a significant factor right now is because of the multiple means of disseminating information and the availability of those means. The problem is that those who have compromised the gospel have the same delivery systems we do, and they use them also. I think our responsibility as stewards of the truth is to proclaim boldly, actively, and with accuracy the historic Christian faith so that future generations know how to stand firm without compromise. It is a privilege to be involved in that.

Same question to you, Dr. Mathison, as you look at the church and culture today, why is serious theological study more important than ever?

I agree with Mrs. Sproul's answer. Serious theological study has always been important because the church has always had to instruct new believers, respond to questions, address challenges arising both inside and outside the church, and proclaim the gospel.

In every era and in every place, the church faces some challenges that are perennial challenges. But the church in every era and in every place also faces challenges that are specific to that time and place. In our specific time and place in twenty-first-century North America, we are facing the challenge of a culture that has embraced postmodernism to such an extent that it has resulted in rampant irrationalism. This irrationalism is affecting not only unbelievers but believers as well because it's the very air we breathe. We have an entire generation trained to think online with the result of a dramatically increasing illiteracy rate and a dramatically increasing inability to focus their attention on any one topic for more than a few seconds.

When you combine all of these—irrationalism, illiteracy, and the inability to pay attention—this inevitably results in bad theology. We need young Christians who are able to do serious theological study in every generation, because serious, biblically grounded theology is necessary for the spiritual health of the church. Bad theology results in bad preaching and bad evangelism. Serious theological study strengthens the preaching and evangelistic ministry of the church.

Mrs. Sproul, the R.C. Sproul Chair of Theology is both a tribute to Dr. Sproul's legacy and an investment in the future. As you look ahead, what are your hopes for what the chair will mean for RBC, its students, and the church ten or twenty years from now?

The R.C. Sproul Chair of Theology honors R.C. in his teaching and in his leadership in the world of Reformed Christianity. Dr. Mathison, whose scholarship and leadership are being recognized by this chair, brings to RBC and to the world at large a commitment to scholarly research, writing, speaking, teaching, biblical truth, and Christian living. For all of that, Dr. Mathison deserves this honor.

As to what it will mean to the college in the future, my prayer is that those who fill the chair after Dr. Mathison will continue the legacy set by R.C. and by Keith Mathison. Part of the purpose statement of RBC is that the school has been established to educate students in the historic Christian faith so that they will know, serve, and worship God in all of life—that's what Dr. Mathison models for those who have contact with him.

I don't know exactly what the R.C. Sproul Chair of Theology will mean to students in the church ten to twenty years from now. What I do know, however, is that R.C. would be overjoyed that Dr. Mathison fills it as the inaugural holder. And I want to add my immense gratitude to that of the college's gratitude to the donor who initiated the underwriting of the R.C. Sproul Chair of Theology. It indicates their confidence in the school and its teaching.

Dr. Mathison, the R.C. Sproul Chair of Theology is both a tribute to Dr. Sproul's legacy and an investment in the future. As you look ahead, what are your hopes for what this chair will mean for RBC, its students, and the church in twenty, thirty, or 100 years from now?

I hope this chair will be a continual reminder of Dr. Sproul's faithfulness to the Lord and to His Word, and that it will continue to encourage RBC's faculty and students, both now and in the future, to strive by God's grace to follow Dr. Sproul's example of faithfulness.

SATIRICAL ARTICLE

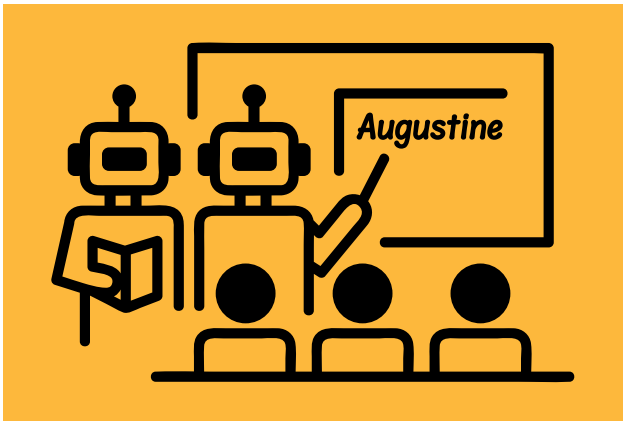
A Day in the Life of the RBC Faculty

WRITTEN BY AN INVESTIGATIVE "current student"

If you walk into Founders Hall from the direction of the fountain in the middle of the quad, one of the first things you will notice on your left is a large group of students standing near a locked door. Some will have their ears pressed to the door. Others will be whispering. It is one of the great mysteries of Reformation Bible College: What goes on behind the door that leads to the faculty offices? After years of wild speculation and ridiculous rumors, I have discovered the truth and am here to set the record straight. I must remain anonymous, however, because much of this is classified information.

I have discovered that a typical day in the faculty suite begins at 6:00 a.m. with trombone and bongo drum practice. In 2020, during the COVID-19 lockdowns, Dr. Tweeddale suggested that the RBC faculty form a band consisting of a trombone quartet and a bongo drum player to encourage and entertain those living in the neighborhoods on Wayside Drive. The faculty agreed and purchased four trombones and a set of bongo drums. There was some debate about who would play the bongos, but ultimately it was agreed that Dr. Mathison would have that responsibility because of his impeccable hippie vibes. The faculty would march down Wayside playing their trombone and bongo cover versions of such classic hits as "Uptown Funk." Nowadays, they write original psychedelic jam-band tunes, but several restraining orders have prevented them from playing live on Wayside Drive for quite some time. Rumors have it that the band may be breaking up due to creative differences. Some are suggesting that Dr. Berntson and Dr. Dudreck want to move in the direction of more power ballads, while Dr. Shaw and Rev. Wilbanks are insisting on a grittier punk rock sound.

At 7:00 a.m., the faculty have a group Bible study that has been working through the Bible for many years. Unfortunately, since 2021, they have been stuck debating



the meaning of Genesis 27:11 and have yet to come to any resolution. Rev. Wilbanks and Dr. Shaw believe that the fact that Esau is a hairy man and Jacob is a smooth man has relevance for our understanding of the Christian doctrine of theology beards, but the others disagree, insisting that it is relevant only to the millennial debate.

At 8:00 a.m., the faculty send their remote-control lookalike AI robots (built and programmed by Dr. Berntson) into the classrooms to teach their classes so that they can troll Arminian social media accounts for the remainder of the morning.

After a light lunch—usually consisting of grilled elk tracked down by Dr. Shaw and Dr. Tweeddale on the snowy heights of Mount Dora and vegetables freshly harvested by Dr. Berntson from their subterranean gardens—they send the lookalike robots back into the classrooms to teach the afternoon classes. This enables them to spend time in their own 80s-style video arcade trying to break Dr. Dudreck's records on Pac Man, Defender, and Galaga.

By the time the afternoon classes are over, it is usually quite warm in Florida, so that is the time they will make use of their indoor swimming pool and waterslides.

In the evening, under Dr. Berntson's capable leadership, the faculty is usually busy fighting crime, but I have been forbidden to describe their superhero secret identities or their secret underground base of operations. Nor am I permitted to share the location of the hidden underground helicopter entrance, but I would encourage you not to mess around near the fountain in the quad after dark.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Sacred Text Replicas *with* Noah Hawkins



NOAH, A JUNIOR, *shares how RBC is strengthening his ministry to help Christians increase in their confidence in God's Word.*

I became a Christian at age thirteen. As I was growing up, my parents had faithfully taught me about Christ, and they have been the greatest Christian influence in my life. Immediately after coming to faith, I developed a fascination with the Bible and desired to go deeper through studying theology, apologetics, biblical Greek, and textual criticism. I also discovered R.C. Sproul and his teaching.

Throughout this time, my dad showed me his hobby of handcrafting biblical manuscript replicas. This process starts with extensively researching the manuscript, then copying its exact dimensions, text, tone, tears, and so forth onto makeshift "ancient" papyrus to capture the original manuscript's look. The more I observed this detailed practice, the more I saw it as an art and an act of worship. My manuscript studies provided more confidence in and awe of Scripture and its reliability for my young faith.

In high school, I became determined to pursue rigorous theological studies, and my parents introduced me to Reformation Bible College. I desired for God to increase my faith and knowledge and confirm my calling into ministry, and after many prayers, I knew RBC was the next chapter. On a tour of the campus with my family during my senior year, I witnessed the many kind faces, elite teaching, and rich resources—such as old, complete Bible replicas on display—and my interest in attending greatly grew.

During my freshman year at RBC, I began showing friends these replica projects, and many were deeply intrigued by the reliability and significance of these biblical manuscripts. Their encouragement of my replicas inspired me to continue crafting more.

After this, my parents officially started Sacred Text Replicas. This is a ministry initiative with the goal of bridging the gap between the scholarly world of biblical manuscripts and the life of the church. Sacred Text Replicas faithfully crafts museum-quality replicas to honor Holy Scripture and to encourage study, reflection, and greater reverence for God's Word.

From RBC, I found out about River Oaks Church, where I became a member and connected with my pastor, Greg Lanier, who is an expert in these studies. Due to the strong relationship RBC has with Reformed Theological Seminary, where Dr. Lanier serves as a professor, God continued to open one door after another. Greg Lanier has been a faithful mentor, resource, and advisor, and has provided several opportunities for me through the newly launched Institute for the Study of Ancient Texts. These opportunities include producing a video of our replica process, strengthening the credibility and exposure of Sacred Text Replicas, and building upon the foundation RBC provided me.

Further, through the Greek course with Dr. Dudreck, I engaged deeply with Greek syntax, and his Ephesians class inspired my P46 Ephesians 1 manuscript replica. Likewise, Dr. Shaw's Hebrew class inspired my replica of the Hebrew Nash Papyrus. I created both replicas for them.



At Sacred Text Replicas, I bring this research to life for laypeople and advanced learners alike. As part of a ministry to equip believers, I want to make this research easily accessible for everyone. To strengthen convictions in the reliability of Scripture, I use these handcrafted replicas to create engaging teaching videos on social media, occasionally featuring experts, and I design resources like a digital manuscript library, a manuscript glossary, infographics, translations, and more.

For years, I have desired to pursue missions in Japan because it is one of the most unreached nations in the world. Now I hope to use this research and artistry involving biblical manuscripts to bring the academic study of the Bible into the life of the church and as an apologetics resource for reaching the lost in Japan.



Building a Theological Foundation for Biblical Counseling

AT REFORMATION BIBLE COLLEGE, students learn not only what the Bible teaches but also how to study, interpret, and apply God's Word faithfully. For those preparing for a career in biblical counseling, these are essential skills. Because counseling is applied theology, faithful counselors must first understand the truth of Scripture and its key doctrines.

This theological foundation prepares graduates to pursue counseling studies with greater clarity. Rather than building doctrinal understanding while learning counseling methods, they can focus on developing practical skills while remaining anchored in biblical truth. Having this training provides stability amid the many competing philosophies in today's counseling field.

Beyond the classroom, RBC cultivates an intentional community where truth and grace are modeled through mentorship, discipleship, and Christian fellowship, preparing students to care wisely for others as they seek to bring glory to God in their career or calling.

Students pursuing biblical counseling can follow a traditional RBC degree track or participate in our accelerated partnership with Westminster Theological Seminary, earning a B.A. in Theology and an M.A. in Counseling in just five years. Graduates pursuing counseling programs can also benefit from scholarships at institutions such as Reformed Theological Seminary.



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Graham Gunden



AS A PASTOR, educator, writer, and Ph.D. student, Rev. Graham Gunden has served the church in a variety of ways since graduating from Reformation Bible College. Through it all, he continues to draw from the foundation he received during his years studying at RBC.

"I don't think a week goes by in which I am not drawing from something I learned at RBC," Graham said.

Before applying to RBC, Graham was serving as a youth pastor at his local church. It wasn't long before he realized that he was "woefully unprepared" for ministry and needed formal training. Around the same time, Graham was becoming Reformed in his theology and had discovered the teaching of Dr. R.C. Sproul.

"Ligonier and Dr. Sproul were my guides at that time," Graham said. "I devoured every *Tabletalk* article, teaching series, and R.C. Sproul sermon I could find."

Providentially, this was also the year RBC opened its doors. The following fall, Graham began what would become the most formative years of his life. He graduated in 2017 with a B.A. in Biblical Studies, but his years at RBC shaped far more than his theological knowledge.

"The academic rigor trained my mind for preaching, teaching, and discipleship, not to mention further academic study," Graham said.

That formation also took place through the relationships he developed. Graham remembers learning from godly faculty members who cared about the souls of their students as well as their intellects. A decade later, he remains close with several professors and classmates who continue to offer friendship and counsel in matters of family and ministry.

After graduating from RBC, Graham moved to Cape Coral, Fla., to intern at Grace Baptist Church while beginning his M.Div. studies. He has served as an assistant pastor at the church since 2019.

His theological education has also equipped him to serve in Christian education. In 2021, Graham became the founding headmaster of the Fletcher School, a classical Christian school where he now serves as dean and teaches philosophy, theology, rhetoric, and Bible.

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Graham also cohosts The Sword and the Trowel podcast with Dr. Tom Ascol and has contributed to Founders Ministries through writing, editing, and conference emceeing. Most recently, he began pursuing a Ph.D. in Philosophical Theology at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, researching the metaphysical psychology of the Reformed scholastics.

Across these varied callings, Graham continues to see the lasting influence of his undergraduate education.

"At RBC, I was able to dig deep wells from which I have drawn throughout my ministry," he said.

"I'm proud to be a graduate of RBC."

We love hearing from our alumni. Where has God led you? How has RBC prepared you for your calling? Let us know by clicking here and filling out our Alumni Information Form. Graduates who update their address via the form by the summer of 2027 will receive a physical copy of next year's Wild Boar.