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God's Truth
to Extend
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Brief Overview of REFORMED THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Over time, a small acorn can develop into a stately oak tree. This word picture accurately describes the story of Reformed Theological Seminary. After a season of intense prayer during a meeting in Memphis, Tennessee, five pastors, led by Dr. Sam Patterson, birthed a new seminary committed to the inerrancy of the Holy Scriptures and to the Westminster Confession of Faith as its confessional standard. That seminary, first named the Reformed Theological Institute, opened its doors in Jackson, Mississippi, in the fall of 1966 with 14 graduate students. Almost 50 years later, Reformed Theological Seminary is one of the ten largest seminaries in the United States with six campuses, two extension sites and more than 11,000 alumni around the globe.

Dr. Patterson served as the first president of RTS (1966-1989), followed by Dr. Luder Whitlock (1989-2001) and then Dr. Robert C. (Ric) Cannada, Jr. (2002-2012). Early in Dr. Cannada's tenure, he determined that institutional restructuring was necessary, and his title was changed to chancellor and chief executive officer. A president was then appointed for each one of the growing campuses now located not only in Jackson, but also in Orlando (est. 1989) and Charlotte (est. 1992). Extension programs began in Atlanta (1996) and Washington DC (1996) which have developed into full campuses. Our Virtual campus (est. 1997) serves students in countries around the world. Currently, extension campuses are located in Memphis, Tenn. (est. 2010), and in Houston, Texas (est. 2010). Following Dr. Cannada's retirement, Dr. Michael Milton, formerly the president of RTS/Charlotte, was appointed the second chancellor (fourth president) of RTS as of June 1, 2012.

Independently governed by a board of trustees, RTS serves students from over 60 Reformed and evangelical denominations and churches. The seminary currently has over 2700 enrolled students and is accredited by both the Association of Theological Schools (ATS) and the Commission of Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS).



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YOU TO THE INAUGURAL SERVICE AND INSTALLATION OF

DR. MICHAEL A. MILTON

AS CHANCELLOR OF
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We are pleased you have joined us for this worship service to our Lord for His latest provision for ministry at RTS. He has been most faithful to sustain us for almost a half of a century, in good days and in challenging days. He has nurtured us from the infancy of a fledgling start up institute at the hands of unprepared laymen into a mature institution of eight campuses with a global reach. And he has richly provided us through the years with godly leadership and faculty, men who have been faithful to our founding principles of preparing the church's leaders with a commitment to the inerrant and infallible Scripture and to the historic Reformed faith.

RTS exists to serve His Church. We exist to serve those students that He has called. And we exist to honor God in our calling to prepare the next generation of pastors and other church leaders. Following the faithful service of Dr. Sam Patterson, Dr. Luder Whitlock and Dr. Ric Cannada, today we give thanks anew for His blessing that has led to the appointment of Dr. Milton as our new chancellor to lead us into our future service to Jesus Christ.

We greatly appreciate that you have joined with us for this time of worship and celebration.
It is our joy to have you here.

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THE REV. DR. MICHAEL ANTHONY MILTON



Michael Anthony Milton (Ph.D., University of Wales, Lampeter) is an ordained minister and long-time pastor in the Presbyterian Church in America.

Prior to his election as chancellor of RTS, he served as president of RTS/Charlotte since 2007, and holds the James M. Baird Jr. chair of pastoral theology. While president, he led the founding of two new institutes (campus ministry and chaplaincy), formed key partnerships for ministry outreach (including a new doctoral program in church revitalization), and initiated the preparation of a new master plan for the campus, which culminated with the purchase of additional acreage for the seminary.

Previously, Dr. Milton was the senior pastor of the historic First Presbyterian Church in Chattanooga, Tenn., has planted two churches and founded Westminster Academy Christian School in Overland Park, Kansas. He completed his pastoral internship under Dr. D. James Kennedy and later served as the interim president of Knox Theological Seminary.

Dr. Milton is the founder of *Faith for Living*, a multi media outreach ministry, which began airing in Chattanooga. *Faith for Living* with Dr. Mike Milton, now the broadcast outreach arm of RTS, reaches 70,000,000 potential households each week through national networks. He also writes theological reflections at <http://michaelmilton.org>.

Dr. Milton is the author of 14 books, including *Songs in the Night: How God Transforms Our Pain to Praise* (P&R), *What is the Doctrine of Adoption* (P&R), and *Hit by Friendly Fire: What to do When Other Believers Hurt You* (EP Books). He has written numerous popular and academic articles and has been published in such periodicals as *Preaching*, *World Magazine*, and *The Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society*. He is a regular presenter of theological papers at annual meetings of the Evangelical Theological Society.

His sermons are often illustrated with songs that he composes, sings, and performs with guitar or piano. His third CD, *Through the Open Door* (Music for Missions), was released in 2010 and he is working on a new collection of songs for a Christmas album due later this year.

Dr. Milton holds a commission in the U.S. Army Reserves as a chaplain, (Lt. Col.) a ministry that he continues. His military career has taken him from battalion chaplaincy positions in Kansas to Brigade level chaplaincy positions, service in the Office of the Chief of Chaplains, overseas Reserve missions, the deputy command chaplain of the 108th Training Command and the U.S. Army Reserves. Currently, he serves as a writer and instructor for the US Army Chaplains Center and School in Ft. Jackson, SC. In 2010, he was nominated by the Chief of Chaplains of the US Army and inducted as a charter member of the College of Military Preachers.

Serving on several boards and active in a number of civic organizations, he maintains a full schedule of preaching and teaching in churches, seminaries and at conferences. He is a member of the National Religious Broadcasters, the Evangelical Theological Society, the Reserve Officer Association, and the Fellowship of Evangelical Seminary Presidents.

Dr. Milton, his wife Mae and their son, John Michael, reside in the Charlotte area.

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REFORMED THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
Chancellor Inauguration

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Sovereign Grace Overture Adonia String Trio

The Rev. Dr. Michael Milton / J. Haines

Teyinged Emyn Cymreag (Welsh Hymns)

Mrs. Pam Eash, Organist, *Christ Covenant Church*; Hannah Silver, Harpist; Lydia Silver, Cellist; Abigail Silver, Violist

Video Greeting

The Rev. Franklin Graham

A Mosaic of Ministry

A Video highlight of all RTS campuses

Eclogue in F for Piano and Strings
(G. Fenzi)

Mrs. Pam Eash

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Dr. Mike Ross, Senior Pastor
Christ Covenant Church

Minister: Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

**People: Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed
the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting You are God.**

Minister: Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,

**All: And establish the work of our hands upon us; yes, establish the
work of our hands!”** (Psalm 90:1, 2, 17 ESV)

PROCESSIONAL

*Praise My Soul the King of Heaven
Henry Francis Lyle (Author) 1834
John Goss (Composer)

Praise my soul, the King of heaven,
To his feet your tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Who like me, his praise should sing?
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him,
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favor
To our fathers in distress;
Praise him, still the same forever,
Slow to chide and swift to bless;
Praise him, praise him, praise him,
Praise him, glorious in his faithfulness..

Father-like, he tends and spares us;
Well our feeble frame he knows;
In his hands he gently bear us,

Mrs. Pam Eash (*Lauda Anima*)

Rescues us from all our foes;
Praise him, praise him, praise him
Praise him, Widely as his mercy goes.

Frail as summer's flow'r we flourish,
Blows the wind and it is gone;
But while mortals rise and perish,
God endures unchanging on.
Praise him, praise him, praise him,
Praise him, praise the High Eternal One.

Angels, help us to adore him;
You behold him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before him,
Dwellers all in time and space,
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him
Praise with us the God of grace. Amen.

INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

The Rev. Dr. J. Ligon Duncan, III
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and Historical Theology*

OPENING REMARKS & INTRODUCTIONS

The Rev. Dr. Robert J. Cara
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ANTHEM

The King of Love My Shepherd Is
(*St. Columbia*)

Mr. John Haines, *Director of Worship*
Christ Covenant Church

SCRIPTURE READING & PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

(1 TIMOTHY 6:11-16)

The Rev. Dr. Bryan Chapell, *Chancellor*
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The Rev. Dr. R. Albert Mohler, Jr., *President*
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SCRIPTURE READING (2 TIMOTHY 2:1-2)

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THE INAUGURAL MESSAGE

The Rev. Dr. Michael A. Milton
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Message: *"Entrusted with God's Truth to Extend God's Grace"*

*THE BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. Michael A. Milton

RECESSIONAL

**The Church's One Foundation*

Mrs. Pam Eash

Samuel J. Stone (Author) 1866
Samuel S. Wesley (Composer)

The church's one foundation is
Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is his new creation by water
and the Word:
From heav'n, he came and sought
her to be his holy bride;
With his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died.

Though with a scornful wonder
men see her sore oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder, by heresies
distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping,
their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping
shall be the morn of song.

Mid toil and tribulation,
and tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation
of peace forevermore;
Till, with the vision glorious,
her longing eyes are blest,
And the great church victorious
shall be the church at rest.

Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er
all the earth,
Her charter of salvation one Lord,
one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses, partakes
one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, with
ev'ry grace endued.

The church shall never perish!
Her dear Lord to defend,
To guide, sustain and cherish,
is with her to the end;
Thorough there be those that hate
her, and false sons in her pale,
Against or foe or traitor she ever
shall prevail.

Yet she on earth hath union
with God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we
Like them, the meek and lowly,
on high may dwell with thee.

THE POSTLUDE

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

Mrs. Pam Eash

Please join us for a reception immediately following in the Narthex

Guest Speaker

DR. R. ALBERT MOHLER, JR.

Dr. R. Albert Mohler, Jr. serves as president and the Joseph Emerson Brown professor of Christian theology at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Kentucky, the flagship school of the Southern Baptist Convention and one of the largest seminaries in the world. Dr. Mohler is a theologian and an ordained minister, having served as pastor and staff minister of several Southern Baptist churches. He has also served in several offices of the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) and currently serves as chairman of the SBC's Council of Seminary Presidents.



Dr. Mohler hosts two programs: "The Briefing," and "Thinking in Public." He also writes a popular blog and a regular commentary on moral, cultural and theological issues.

He is the author of several books, including most recently, *The Disappearance of God* (2009) and *Words From the Fire* (2009). Also, he is the editor-in-chief of *The Southern Baptist Journal of Theology*.

A native of Lakeland, Fla., Dr. Mohler was a faculty scholar at Florida Atlantic University before receiving his Bachelor of Arts degree from Samford University in Birmingham, Ala. He holds a Master of Divinity degree and a Doctor of Philosophy degree (in systematic and historical theology) from Southern Seminary. He has pursued additional study at the St. Meinrad School of Theology and has done research at University of Oxford (England).

Widely sought as a columnist and commentator, Dr. Mohler has been quoted in the nation's leading newspapers and has appeared on such national news programs as CNN's "Larry King Live," NBC's "Today Show" and "Dateline NBC," ABC's "Good Morning America," "The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer" on PBS, MSNBC's "Scarborough Country" and Fox's "The O'Reilly Factor."

He is married to Mary, and they have two children, Katie and Christopher.

Thank You

Dr. and Mrs. Milton extend their warm appreciation to the RTS staff and students who worked diligently to make this day possible.

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