

THEOLOGICAL HORIZONS

Summer 2009

On the Side

THOUGHTS FOR STUDENTS

» **“Your identity isn’t found in what you do—it’s found in who Christ is for you.”**

—SHAWN SLATE, DIRECTOR OF UNIVERSITY REFORMED FELLOWSHIP AT U.VA.

» **“It is impossible to be a strong Christian alone, so seek out peers of like mind and spirit.”**

—THURSTON BENNS, U.VA. '09

QUOTABLE

“One way to be called by God is to find out where God’s will is being done in the world and get yourself there.”

— JOHN M. PERKINS



Students listen to John Perkins speak on “American Evangelicalism and the Practices of Peace” at the 2009 Spring Institute for Lived Theology

You can listen too! Visit www.theologicalhorizons.org

College and Christianity 101



This year we’re offering something new. We’ve created a webpage especially for college students filled with advice from current undergrads, young alumni and adult Christian leaders. We’ve asked our “experts” a range of questions. What should entering freshmen know before they arrive? What are the significant challenges confronting students today? What role can faith play in the struggles of college life? Does Christian belief have a place in the classroom? Check out one response from U.Va. alumus and Horizons board member Peter Andres:

“I received advice about the importance of working hard in school, yet I clearly it didn’t sink in until half my college career was over. At that point I was digging myself out of a GPA hole. So my advice to a first-year would be to focus on where you have been called to be—a student. Recognize that this is an important calling, with significant consequences. Try and learn to take advice from others, when your natural inclination is probably to ignore it and try and figure it out yourself.”

Read more at www.theologicalhorizons.org/freshmen
We’ll be updating this page throughout the year.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

For more information:

www.theologicalhorizons.org/events.htm

- » Charles Marsh lecture
Redeemer Presbyterian Church
Los Angeles, CA
Sunday, June 28, 2009, evening
- » Salon Evening
The Bonhoeffer House
Friday, July 17, 2009, 7:30pm
- » Vintage Bible study
Start of Fall Semester lunch
The Bonhoeffer House
Friday, August 28, 2009, noon
- » Book launch for *Welcoming Justice: God's Movement Toward Beloved Community*, co-authored by John M. Perkins and Charles Marsh, InterVarsity Press, Fall 2009
CCDA Conference, Cincinnati, Ohio
Friday, October 23, 2009

» PROFILES

Kate Burke is the head of the theatre voice program at the University of Virginia.

She is an accomplished acting coach, writer and actress who has taught workshops in voice, text, and presentation skills for theaters, universities, conferences, broadcasters and clergy. A cancer survivor, Kate created a 24-hour, marathon theatrical event for the 2005 Charlottesville-Albemarle Relay for Life, *Time to Tell Our Stories!* She attends St. Thomas Aquinas Church in Charlottesville, where she met Terri.



Karen Marsh, Gerda Koenigsdorf and Kate Burke listen to Terri Powers (foreground).

Terri Powers says, "I'm a seventy-eight year old woman who has been blessed

with a great husband, three wonderful children and seven incredible grandchildren. I moved to Virginia about 14 years ago with the intention of relaxing, reading and enjoying retirement. Surprisingly enough, these years have been challenging, fruitful, productive and included many new experiences including breast cancer and then melanoma. Cancer was really not in my plans at all. Yet the experience was filled with extraordinary blessings and I know that I was not unique."

I am Will Jungman from Atlanta, and I graduated this May with a major in Economics and a minor in Religious Studies.

U.Va. is a bustling, busy, successful place. I had never before been around such a large group of talented people doing so many amazing things. It is a place of constant activity. In case you were unaware, there is a 24-hour library.

In running from class to a meeting to writing a paper, it can be hard even remember how to be still. Stepping into the Bonhoeffer House on Friday afternoons serves as a weekly reminder to stop, be still, and listen for God. For Vintage Christians, Karen selects passages from great authors from centuries of Christian tradition. During that hour, we hear from writers who similarly struggled to listen to, trust in, and be patient for God.

This time for discussion, quiet reflection, and prayer has helped sustain my faith throughout college.

I am so thankful for the work that Karen and Charles do through Theological Horizons. They have ministered to me and many other students. Knowing them during my time at U.Va. has been a source great joy.



Authentic Faith in a Complex World

Hin the classroom and across the culture, intellectual challengers test the authenticity of Christian faith. With your partnership, Theological Horizons can respond. Solid, intelligent theology and fresh, engaged discipleship are what we offer to the university, the church and the community.

Students are nourished by home cooking and classic Christian teaching at the Bonhoeffer House. Public university lectures witness to the power of the Gospel. Graduate students from around the world compete for our prestigious theology writing prizes. These programs and many more flourish thanks to your support.

Your financial contributions make the difference in many lives: students and scholars, believers and seekers—people who come to Theological Horizons to discover how life in a complex world can be grounded in Christ.

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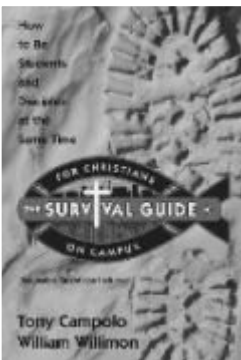


Women at the afternoon seminar on faith, illness, and recovery

TELLING OUR HEALING STORIES

Sunday afternoon, the Bonhoeffer House flung its doors open and spread out cookies, fruit and tea to prepare for an afternoon of "Telling Our Healing Stories," led by Kate Burke and Terri Powers (see their profiles on pg. 2). Twenty-five women came to hear Kate and Terri speak of their cancer diagnoses, the subsequent road to recovery, and the role their faith played along the journey.

Listen to the talk: www.theologicalhorizons.org/events.htm



On the Bookshelf

Can students go to college and grow in Christian faith? Undergrads have so much on their minds—grades, jobs, friends, activities—that it's hard to make time for church, Bible study, even prayer. On top of that, many find themselves surrounded by temptations in an environment hostile to their core beliefs.

In *The Survival Guide for Christians on Campus: How to Be Students and Disciples at the Same Time*, professors Tony Campolo and William Willimon encourage students to use the undergraduate experience to test, think about and ultimately strengthen their faith, not to shy away from tough questions. Down to earth and funny, with numerous examples from popular culture, this book may be as indispensable to college students as a microwave or a mini-fridge.

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**University of Virginia students at the 2009
Spring Institute for Lived Theology**

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Christians Engaged In Ideas and Action

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To renew Christian thinking & discipleship

OUR VISION

UNIVERSITY

To impact the forums of intellectual life with the good news that all truth belongs to God.

CHURCH

To bring the rich resources of the Christian faith to bear in the church's mission & witness in the world.

COMMUNITY

To demonstrate the power of Christian faith to heal & transform society.

Board Voices

Over the past eight years, I have been fortunate to be associated with Horizons in several ways. As a parent of two U.Va. students, both of whom benefited from Charles' teaching and mentoring and enjoyed the hospitality at the Bonhoeffer House, I observed the love and commitment to the spiritual development and nurturing of the students.

I also have been involved as a director of the Horizons board and have had the privilege of witnessing first hand the impact that Horizons is having on a growing number of undergraduate and graduate students via initiatives such as the lecture series, the writing program, Bonhoeffer House seminars and discussions, and of course, delicious food! This is a unique ministry, one that truly helps to "renew Christian thinking and encourage discipleship" within the university community.

—Bruce Noel

From the Bonhoeffer House kitchen:

South of the Border Salad

Ingredients (per salad):

2c lettuce

1/4c tomatoes, chopped

1/4c red bell peppers, chopped

1/4c brown rice, cooked

1/4c black beans, cooked

1/4c chicken, cooked and shredded

grated cheddar cheese to taste

salt and pepper to taste

fresh salsa to taste

a spoonful of Greek yogurt (optional)

Wash and dry the lettuce and toss it out into a bowl. Mix in the tomatoes and peppers. Place the rice and beans on top, followed by the chicken and cheese. Grind on a little salt and pepper and top with the salsa and yogurt (if you like). Best eaten immediately!

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