



Though Thomas Jefferson designed his famous Rotunda to reflect the "authority of nature and power of reason," even there God's truth is declared through the annual Capps Lectures. You can watch Winner's lecture on YouTube under the title: "Lauren Winner Shares Insights In 'Writing About God'."

Lauren Winner is a professor of Christian spirituality at Duke Divinity School, an ordained minister and a contributor to the *New York Times Book Review* and the *Washington Post*. Her lecture was the latest in our Capps Lectures, which bring eminent Christian scholars to the heart of the Academy to trace the connections between vibrant faith and social engagement. The series is endowed by Dr. and Mrs. W. Jerry Capps of Atlanta.

Award-winning author Lauren Winner discussed the power and problems of writing spiritual memoir before a standing room audience in the Rotunda's Dome Room at the University of Virginia. Winner drew from her own recent book, *Still: Notes on a Mid-Faith Crisis*, which *Christianity Today* has declared "an instant spiritual classic." Her compelling lecture explored why we are so drawn to spiritual autobiography - the narrative accounts of God's gracious movement in our lives.

WRITING ABOUT GOD: THE 2012 CAPPS LECTURE

How do we tell our own story inside God's story?



» "You called and shouted and burst my deafness. You flashed, shone and scattered my blindness... You touched me, and I burned for Your peace." — AUGUSTINE, *CONFESSIONS*

» "I am not a saint. I am, however, beginning to learn that I am a small character in a story that is always fundamentally about God." — LAUREN WINNER, *STILL*

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UPCOMING EVENTS

» July 22 and August 5 and 19, 8-9pm
Evening Prayer in the UVa Chapel

» August 25
Move in Day Cookie Delivery

» August 31
Welcome Back Lunch at the Bonhoeffer House

» September 7
Friday Vintage Lunch begins

» Monday, September 10
Morning Prayer in UVa Chapel begins

» September 12
Wednesday Breakfast Bible Study begins at the
Bonhoeffer House

» Sunday, September 16
Celebrate Theological Horizons! Party at
the Bonhoeffer House

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A WORD OF THANKS

Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow.

We are very grateful for our outgoing board members Peter Andres, Margaux Helvey, Richard Lee, Kathy Lee, Amy Smith and Bev Wispelwey. Thank you for your leadership!

Welcome!

Theological Horizons flourishes through the wisdom and work of our board of directors. We are delighted to introduce our new members, Anthony Lazaro, Molly Warrick McFarland and Locke Ogens.

Molly McFarland

Bio: Molly Warwick McFarland, UVa 2007, recently returned to Charlottesville with her husband Matt. Matt is a student at Uva Darden School of Business. Molly works at the Darden School Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership.

To give back in such a tangible way to something that meant so much to me at a pivotal stage in life is an extreme honor. During my four years at UVA, I found Theological Horizon to be a safe haven in the midst of all the noise and chaos. It was a place to think more deeply about my faith and to watch a family demonstrate the true meaning of "Practice Hospitality."



Anthony Lazaro

Bio: Anthony, UVa 2008, works for Deloitte Consulting. He lives in Washington, DC, with his wife Emily, and daughter, Annalivia.

Theological Horizons has a special place in my heart due to its focus on supporting Christians in academia. From the Capps Lectures to breakfast Bible studies, the organization uniquely serves those seeking truth with sound theological Christian teaching and encouragement. I'm both excited and grateful to be joining the board.



Locke Ogens

Bio: Locke Ogens, UVa '76, works at the UVa Darden School of Business. She lives in Charlottesville with her husband, Dave, and their twins, Katie and Wallace.

I am excited to be a part of what God is doing at UVA. I have been a UVa volunteer for a long time and am so happy that I have been led to a place where my faith and my love for the University intersect. It is exciting to think of the things that God will do through the students who are touched by TH as they go out into the world. I also love the way that TH provides a place for students, faculty, staff and townspeople to meet and together grow in faith.



HORIZONS NEWS

VINTAGE LUNCH: YOUR LIFE, GOD'S WILL

What do I do with my life?



For university students, the question has real urgency. Each Friday this past semester, Karen led 35 students on a spiritual journey. Two Vintage regulars reflect on what they learned.

Marisa Mahoney:

"The topic of God's will came at the right time in my life. There were so many decisions to be made this semester: what was my official major, where would I spend the summer, what would I be doing in the future?"

Through Vintage I learned that we are created to be individuals with passions that are unique to each of us. My favorite quote was by Frederick Buechner: 'The place God calls you to is where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet.' In order to be in God's will, I am free to embrace my

own passions and use them to glorify the Lord.

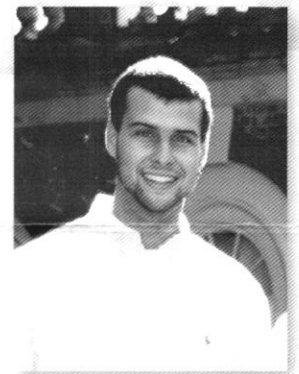
My time at Vintage has helped me to place less pressure on my decisions. I've learned that finding God's will is more of an attitude than a location. God's will is bringing His kingdom to this earth. I find God's will as I surrender to the Lord and desire to walk with Him throughout each day, regardless of where I live or what job I choose."

Michael Crawley:

"I think I understand 'God's will' a lot more clearly - it's actually a much easier thing to grasp than we make it out to be. First and foremost, God wants us to love Him and to love people. That is His greatest will. He desires that we obey Him and live wholly for His glory. We severely miss the sovereignty of God when we decide what we want to pursue without seeking His guidance - whether it's a decision of a major in school, a relationship decision, or a career decision. He delights in working in us and that should be comforting enough to make decisions easy.

We worry about making a 'bad decision.' We put God in a box when we say, 'I can only do God's will if I make the right decision,' thinking that God can only work in some situations. Fortunately, He gave us freedom through Christ so that we could have 'mess ups.' The cool thing is, 'bad decisions' in our eyes are opportunities in God's eyes.

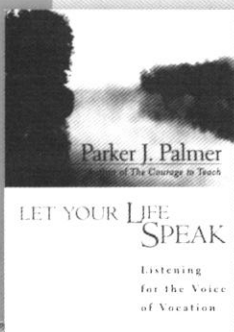
It's great knowing we don't have to subscribe to any set of laws or rules in order to find God's will for our lives. We need only have faith that He has glorious things planned out for us and live in faith not fear that those things will be life-giving to us."



ON THE BOOKSHELF

For further reading on *Your Life, God's Will* consider:

- Leading Lives That Matter*, editors Mark R. Schweinn and Dorothy C. Bass
- The Will of God as a Way of Life*, Jerry Sittser
- Let Your Life Speak*, Parker Palmer
- Hearing God*, Dallas Willard



SPECIAL GIFTS TO THEOLOGICAL HORIZONS IN MEMORY/HONOR

In memory of Jack Lowe by Leah & Michael Sumner

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GREAT NEWS!

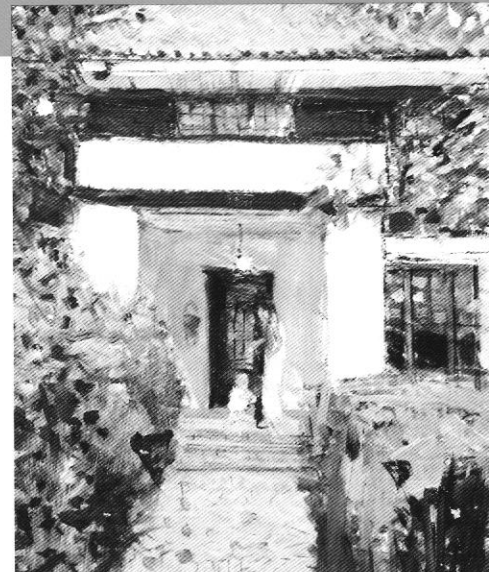
We exceeded our goal for the spring Matching Gift Campaign! Thanks to you, our many generous partners, for providing **more than \$20,000** for ministry.

From the Bonhoeffer House Kitchen Shrimp and Rice

Prepared and served by Mary Landsen Brewbaker '14 and Carolyn Harris'14 for Vintage Lunch

2 pounds shrimp (cooked, peeled, thawed)
1 large can mushrooms, drained
large bunch chopped green onions
3 tablespoons oil
1 teaspoons lemon juice
2 cans cream of mushroom soup
3 cups cooked rice (cook in chicken broth/bouillion)
8 ounces sour cream
2-3 cups grated cheddar cheese (place some aside for topping)
salt and pepper

Saute onions in oil. Combine all ingredients. Sprinkle cheese on top. Bake uncovered at 325 for 30 min. Serves 10-12. (May be made a day ahead and refrigerated.)



BONHOEFFER HOUSE

Theological Horizons is centered just steps from the University of Virginia at the Bonhoeffer House, the home of Professor Charles Marsh, Karen Wright Marsh and their family.

The Bonhoeffer House is a gathering place for students, professors, community members, and church leaders who come together for rich conversations about integrating the practices of theology into everyday life.

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