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a New Day for the Regent

SCHOOL OF DIVINITY



The dedication of the new chapel opens the door for a new season of dynamic spiritual growth across the entire university. In the Regent School of Divinity, the building opens the door for exciting opportunities to train pastors, missionaries and ministry leaders to take the gospel to the ends of the earth.

“So much will happen in the Chapel and Divinity School building,” says Regent University president, Dr. Carlos Campo. “What the vision and mission of Regent University come down to is God’s glory. May it ever be true in these buildings, that we bring glory to God.”

The [Regent chapel](#) will be a community worship center at the heart of university

life. This inspiring facility will allow the community of Regent University and CBN to gather for services and meetings in a common place of worship.

Attached to the chapel, across a beautiful prayer garden, is the Regent School of Divinity. In this beautiful facility, classrooms and all of the staff and faculty offices will be located on one floor. Inviting meeting spaces will allow students to gather between classes for small-group interaction.

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Another exciting feature of the new buildings will be a 24-hour prayer room that adjoins the prayer garden. These facilities will demonstrate the high value placed upon prayer, not only within the divinity school, but across the university.

It is this commitment to prayer, along with the study of Scripture and the leading of the Holy Spirit, that sets the School of Divinity apart from other seminaries.

Regent's divinity school is a forerunner in academics and scholarship. Students receive world-class instruction in theology, Biblical studies, hermeneutics, practical theology and missions. But the school has also made mentoring and spiritual development key components of the seminary experience. Faculty engage students in an exploration of vocational calling. So the instructor's question to the student is not, "What do you know?" but, "To what has God called you?"

Several uniquely engaged centers for ministry and theological study

also underscore the Regent School of Divinity's call to excellence in ministry preparation, service to others, and relationships within and beyond the university's walls.

[The Center for Renewal Studies](#) is a bridge between the academic world and the Christian Church in understanding humanity and the work of the Holy Spirit. This partnership promotes the exchange of ideas with focus on the growing significance of the worldwide, Spirit-focused renewal movements.

[The Youth & Urban Renewal Center](#) (YURC) is yet another center aimed at renewal—but within urban environments. "Urban America is in a state of emergency," says Dr. Antipas L. Harris, YURC director. "Today's churches have an opportunity to share the gospel in nonconventional ways." The mission of YURC is to bring change through partnership with the local church, providing custom-designed leadership training, youth ministry education and intervention, ministry coalition building, and strategic planning.



The divinity school also connects with the local church through the [Church Education Initiative](#), training emerging ministry leaders for effective service in their local church and community.

Bringing the heart of worship to the forefront of its endeavors, [Regent's International Center for Worship](#) (ICW) equips believers with a better understanding of worship, while training them to lead others into God's presence. ICW provides this world-class instruction through courses and degree programs, seminars, worship events, and service opportunities, taught by some of the Christian music industry's most notable artists, ministers and professionals.

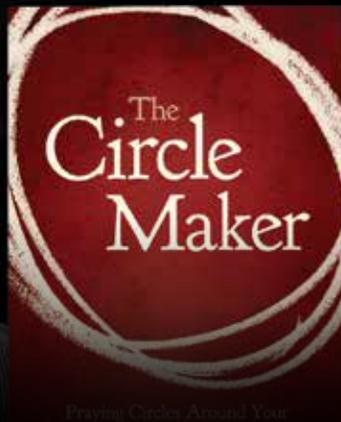
The goal of the [Center for Global Missions](#) (CGM) is to connect the academic side of global missions with hands-on opportunities, such as direct evangelism, feeding the poor, and traveling overseas for a broadened ministry perspective. CGM is uniquely positioned to provide a context in which churches and organizations can converge for

networking, ecumenical learning, partnerships and training. CGM is dedicated to training local leaders for crosscultural ministry.

With nearly 900 students, a vibrant faculty and dedicated adjuncts, the future is bright for the Regent University School of Divinity. The new physical facilities will be the platform from which the important work of the university advances in fulfilling the Great Commission.

Learn more about the Regent University School of Divinity: regent.edu/divinity

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MARK BATTERSON: The Making of a Leader

“There are ways of doing church that no one’s ever thought of before,” says Regent University alumnus Mark Batterson ’12 (Divinity), senior pastor of National Community Church (NCC) in Washington, D.C. “The Spirit of God is infinitely creative. It’s important for leaders to have the flexibility to say, ‘God, how do you want to do this?’”

Since its founding in 1996, NCC has grown from a core group of 19 people to a thriving church with 10 weekly services at seven locations. NCC was recognized as one of the Most Innovative and Most Influential Churches in America by *Outreach Magazine* in 2008.

“People often reach a point where they start living out of memory instead of imagination,” Batterson says. “If we aren’t obedient to the revelation God’s given us, we may not get any more revelation. We have to take the first step before we receive the second step.”

For Batterson, that revelation included direction from God to plant the church in D.C., after a failed church plant in Chicago.

“I started the Doctor of Ministry (D.Min.) program within the first year of planting the church when we had about 50 people. I honestly had no idea what I was doing. I felt like I needed a little bit more of a leadership foundation, so I took the D.Min. courses over a three-year period,” he explains.

“Now we are here years later, and it is one church with seven locations, a few

thousand people, and a bright future in front of us. But it was the beginning stages of the D.Min. program that really helped define my leadership gift and lay a foundation for what the Lord’s done and what He’s going to continue to do hopefully over the next 30 years.”

Batterson is not only a highly sought-after conference speaker, but also a best-selling author. “I feel as called to write as I do to pastor,” he explains. “Most of my influence comes through writing. A lot of my academic background at Regent helped lay a foundation for my writing. The first book that I wrote, *In a Pit with a Lion on a Snowy Day*, was far more successful than I ever anticipated. But it was *The Circle Maker* that really hit the hot button. When it hit *The New York Times* best-seller list, that book started to have a pretty strong distribution.”

Looking back on his time at Regent, Batterson is grateful for the classes and professors who helped him to think through his leadership philosophy and ministry goals. “It’s not about God growing a church or an organization,” he explains, “It’s about God growing you.”

Your support of Regent University helps us to train ministers to go into all the world with the gospel.

Learn more about the School of Divinity’s Doctor of Ministry program: regent.edu/dmin



PREPARING MILITARY CHAPLAINS FOR BATTLE

The battlefield places demands and stresses on people unlike any other environment. Military chaplains face issues of life and death on a regular basis and must possess the advanced skills, critical care and intervention strategies, and personal resources to deal with this type of demanding ministry. For individuals called to serve in our nation's military, the Regent University School of Divinity offers a program to prepare students for both the rigor and academic requirements of a military chaplaincy.

"I came to Regent all the way from Georgia because I wanted the best in terms of preparation and education before I entered the Army chaplaincy," says Captain Darren Turner, an infantry battalion chaplain in the U.S. Army. "I knew that Regent had several military chaplain candidates at that time, and as I explored it more, I found that they even had a military chaplaincy track in the School of Divinity. It was a great program, and it prepared me for the Army and eventually a deployment to Iraq."

The role of a chaplain is to minister to people of all religious beliefs and affiliations, often in extraordinary circumstances. Whether in a hospital or hospice setting, a school, a prison, a mental institution, or even a parliamentary assembly, the chaplain's role is a ministry of presence.

In addition to the chaplaincy program, Regent offers numerous courses of study to meet the needs of men and women who serve in the military—and their families. "Our goal is to create a military-friendly environment where these heroes

can pursue their academic, professional, personal and spiritual goals," says David Boisselle, director of Military & Veterans Affairs at Regent.

For Delores Stanley, a graduate of the School of Divinity and a major in the U.S. Air Force, her ministry has included everything from serving as chaplain to the Thunderbirds Air Demonstration Squadron to ministering to wounded airmen returning from Iraq.

Stanley explains that the faith traditions of today's military men and women range from mainstream Christianity to Buddhism, Judaism, Islam, and Wicca. She's even encountered Satanists and atheists. An avowed atheist came to her seeking counseling for marital problems. "These people just need someone to listen to them," Stanley says. "I told him I respected him, but I asked him if I could pray to my God for him. And he said, 'Yes.'"

As a Christian, it can be difficult not to pray in Jesus' name. "As chaplains, we have to be sensitive to all beliefs. The military doesn't discriminate," Stanley says, "and neither do chaplains. I don't have to agree with them to minister."

Learn more about the School of Divinity's Military Chaplaincy program: regent.edu/chaplaincy

Find out more about Military & Veterans Affairs at Regent University: regent.edu/military

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REGENT WORLD CHANGER



Cregg Chandler Ministering to Military Marriages

After serving 29 years in the Air Force, including the last nine as a chaplain, Cregg Chandler '11 (Divinity) wrote *A Separation Survival Guide for Military Couples* to help soldiers stay true to their marriage vows.

Chandler appeared on *CBS This Morning* and was quoted by *USA Today* in response to the resignation of General David Petraeus as head of the CIA after an extramarital affair. "Military life often brings stress, isolation and frustration, which can lead to infidelity," says Chandler. "Military separations, which are recurring and often long-term, create loneliness without the family support system."

"His work represents the best of what we hope for in our D.Min. students," says Dr. Jim Flynn, director of the Doctor of Ministry program.

Please join the Regent University community in praying for the work of Cregg Chandler, February's alumni world changer.

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*one of the earliest near-complete
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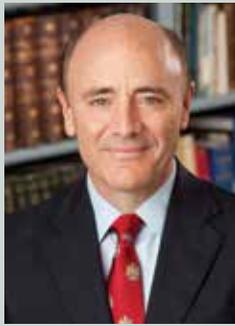
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A Message From the President



Dear Friends,

The guiding Scripture for evangelical Christians is what we call the Great Commission:

... go and make disciples of all the nations ... (Matthew 28:19, NLT)

The focus of the Regent University School of Divinity is to train up men and women to go into the world, not only making disciples, but teaching others to be disciple makers as well.

As we prepare to dedicate our new Chapel and Divinity School building, we rejoice at the thousands of pastors, missionaries, Bible-school teachers and ministers who have received their training and honed their vision at Regent. These dedicated followers of Christ are now shining the light of the gospel across America and around the world.

We look forward to tens of thousands more who will come to worship and fellowship in the chapel and be trained and equipped in the School of Divinity facilities.

Thank you for your generous giving and fervent prayers that have helped Regent University train our students to work with love and diligence to see the Great Commission fulfilled.

Grace and peace,

Carlos Campo, Ph.D.
President

HE SAID TO HIS DISCIPLES, "THE HARVEST IS GREAT, BUT THE WORKERS ARE FEW. SO PRAY TO THE LORD WHO IS IN CHARGE OF THE HARVEST; ASK HIM TO SEND MORE WORKERS INTO HIS FIELDS."

MATTHEW 9:37-38