



## an UPDATE for friends of TAYLOR

Dear friend of Taylor

Warm greetings from all of us on this wintery Friday! We are pleased to bring you up to date on a few new events and other recent happenings at Taylor.

### Annual Wahl Lectures Coming Up!

Taylor is welcomes author Dr. James K.A. "Jamie" Smith as our featured presenter for the upcoming E.P. Wahl Lectures. Dr. Smith, a Canadian, teaches at Calvin College in Grand Rapids, MI, and is highly regarded for his recent books *Desiring the Kingdom* and *Thinking in Tongues*. Dr. Smith will be speaking on the subject of his most recent book, *Imagining the Kingdom*.



Just listen to what these writers have said about this newest work:

*"...wonderfully rich and engagingly readable..."*

--David Kelsey, Yale Divinity School

*"...Though sophisticated, Smith's book is also a delight."*

--William T. Cavanaugh, DePaul University

*"...learned but lively, provocative but warmhearted..."*

--Alan Jacobs, Baylor University

*"...bold and creative..."*

--Vigen Guroian, University of Virginia

For almost 30 years, the Wahl Lectures have provided church leaders and students in our area with some of the finest thinkers and practitioners available, always on a topic related to the practical side of ministry. Registration costs have been kept low, but you'll still enjoy a tasty lunch on site along with four fascinating sessions:

9:00 AM Lecture #1: *We Are What We Love: Discipling Desire*

10:30 AM Lecture #2: *Lovers in a Dangerous Time: On "Secular" Liturgies*

1:00 PM Lecture #3: *Restor(y)ing the Imagination: Christian Worship as Re-narration*

2:45 PM Lecture #4: *The Secular is Haunted: Christian Proclamation as Postmodern Invitation*

You can [register online here](#).

### New Events Announced

The Healthy Pastors Initiative of the Wahl Centre is offering two events this spring -- another day-long workshop on planning an effective pastoral sabbatical, and a 3-day pastors' retreat in the foothills of the Rocky Mountains (at Camp Caroline). The workshop will be priceless for anyone in ministry who is working towards a sabbatical of any length, and the retreat will be outstanding. Based on a recent massive research project, the five key areas that most often lead to burnout or failure in ministry will be explored, and the team that will be leading this event is a group of wise, likeable and transparent men who share from their own experience. If you are in pastoral ministry, please join us; if not, consider registering your pastor as a gift.

Another great event that we have just announced is the all-new CAPS Lunch & Learn event. Join us for a tasty lunch and a session on the tips and tricks that will turn your office software from a bicycle into a race car! (Or something like that...) Presenter Joanne Swensrud of Know IT Sooner is the person who wowed the audience at our last symposium with her top suggestions for getting the most out of your software, and you'll love this session as well. The cost: Just \$15 and two hours of your time.

Register for these events at [www.Taylor-Edu/events](http://www.Taylor-Edu/events).

### Audio Archives

The response to our new Taylor Audio Archives has been heartening. As announced before Christmas, many educational resources have been made available through a new archive section on our website. In the weeks that followed the announcement, some recordings have already been listened to by more people than actually attended the original event.



Visit this page often to keep up with new resources as they are added.

### Spring Session

Taylor will once again offer modular courses in a condensed format during Spring Session in May. Will be offering NT 416 New Testament Introduction (Dr. Syd Page) and PW 639 Narrative Preaching (Dr. Lyle Buyer).



Also in May is the VTLI program -- TESOL Training for those who want to teach English to speakers of other languages. These courses are jointly offered by Taylor and Vanguard College through the Vanguard-Taylor Language Institute, and we would love to hear from you if you have interest in getting your masters degree in this area.

If you'd like to join us for regular semester courses or for one of our modular course weeks, please remember that we would love to have you as part of our learning community! Contact Rick Heavenor at 780-431-5215 or email [Rick.Heavenor@Taylor-Edu.ca](mailto:Rick.Heavenor@Taylor-Edu.ca) with any questions.

Oh - and remember that we are also offering PT 540 Spiritual Formation as a one-week retreat at the end of March, led by Dr. Allan Effa. This is among the more popular courses/formats we have offered in recent years, so be in touch if you would like to enroll in that course.

### Seen on Campus

No matter how much you love winter, we are all getting excited about spring, and this week's cold weather is just a little delay on our long ascent to warmth. It was a treat this week to see the mountain ash trees on campus provide some essential nutrition to a colorful swarm of cedar waxwings. These images were taken between Muller Hall and the Mission House (home of the ABA and Urban Sanctuary). God cares for these birds, of course, and He cares for you.



God bless, and thanks for your continued interest in the educational ministry of Taylor.

Your friends at Taylor College and Seminary