



The Western Wave



Dr. Gary Tuck points to the word “servant” during a lecture in one of his Bible courses. He is a true servant of the Lord, as January marks his 25th year of teaching at Western Seminary!

Celebrating 25 Years of Teaching

Friday night, January 8th, 1988 was an auspicious day in the history of Western Seminary. A young scholar, working on his PhD dissertation, taught his first six students in a Bible survey course in the large chapel of Calvary Church. Twenty five years later, Dr. Gary Tuck has taught hundreds of students to read and bring the King’s message to the world with confidence for life-transforming effect.

While the buildings and classrooms he has taught in have changed over the years, his teaching and preaching have always remained consistent: “King Jesus,” “macro before micro,” “What is the context of this passage?,” “What is the sender’s intended meaning?” and “text before event.” It is true that those who take a class from Dr. Tuck will never read the Bible in quite the same light or listen to or give a sermon the same

way. Above all, his teachings have led his students to have a closer relationship with King Jesus so they may be a light to the world.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED JAN. 26

We would appreciate some volunteers to help us at a Western Alumni event on Saturday, January 26th from 1-4pm. Volunteers are needed for 2-3 hours to help with set up, greeting, serving food, and/or clean up. If you are available to help out, please contact [Lisa Mueller](#) by January 18th.

SAVE THE DATE - FEB. 9

We will celebrate Dr. Tuck’s 25 years of teaching over cake and ice cream at the San Jose campus on Saturday, February 9th from 12:00pm-1:00pm. All students are welcome.

Important Dates

- Jan. 5 Spring 2013 Semester Begins
- Jan. 5-13 **1st week REQUIRED participation**
All students must check in via [online classroom/s](#) during this time. See course syllabi for details.
- Jan. 7 Spring registration deadline for [Distance Education A & B sessions](#)
- Jan. 7 Student Appreciation Bagel Day
- Jan. 7-12 Spring Tuition Due
- Jan. 11 Last day classes will be automatically added (with advisor approval) with an [Academic Petition](#).
- Jan. 12-18 Late registration requests for the spring will be individually considered by the Administrative Committee. [Academic Petition](#) required.
- Jan. 17 MFT Practicum Job Faire, 6:30-8:30pm. RSVP by Jan. 11. More info on page 2.
- Jan. 21 Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday - Campus Closed
- Feb. 2 [Campus Connection](#), 10:30am-1pm
- Feb. 9 Dr. Tuck’s 25 Year Celebration, 12pm-1pm
- Feb. 16 [Campus Connection](#), 10:30am-1pm
- Feb. 18 Presidents’ Day - Campus OPEN!
- Feb. 25 Spring registration deadline for [Distance Education C session](#)

Other [Community Calendar](#) dates

Campus News

WELCOME 2013!

As a new year begins, we want to say how glad we are that you're a part of the Western Seminary community! We pray that our good and gracious God gives you a strengthened vision for His purposes in your life and that you have a renewed sense of His powerful and enduring love for you as you walk with Him this year.



On December 11th, 17 new students (and their guests) shared a meal with Western staff and faculty at New Student Orientation. They discussed their biggest concerns and what they are most excited about as they begin their journey at Western Seminary.

SPRING 2013 REGISTRATION CONTINUES

Adding classes in SIS is now closed for the Spring semester. You may still drop classes in SIS, however. In order to add classes, you will need to fill out an [Academic Petition](#), which requires your advisor's signature, however no adds will be granted after January 18th. Late fees will be applied.

STUDENT RESOURCES

- New students, please read the Student Handbook that you received at New Student Orientation. It's your other survival kit, aside from the Bible.
- [San Jose Current Student Page](#)
- [San Jose Campus Library Page](#) and [online catalog](#), including off-campus library options. For the online catalog, Western's library name is "WSSJ LIBRARY" (all caps). Leave password blank & log in.
- [Local food and resource guide](#)
- The Ministry and Employment Opportunities and Counseling binders in the lobby
- The digital flat screen announcement

board in the lobby and materials on the table

- The Wire student bulletin board located in the lobby near the kitchen entrance. Postings to be submitted to and approved by [Jenna Ross](#).

MFT PRACTICUM JOB FAIRE - JAN. 17

Western's MFT program is hosting our annual MFT Practicum Job Faire for our students who are ready to begin their MFT Practicum experience. We invite therapy sites from all over the Bay Area to come and share what they can provide for our MFT students and how you can fit into your site. Sites will have information such as: location, population served, hourly requirements, and other vital information. This year's MFT Practicum Job Faire will be held on Thursday, January 17th between 6:30-8:30 pm. We will meet on the Western campus and there will be personnel from several sites with whom students can interact. **Please RSVP by Friday, January 11th to [Dan Jackowitz](#)** if you'll be attending our MFT Practicum Faire.

FIRST AID KIT

In case of minor injuries or cuts, we have installed a first aid kit in the kitchen. There is also a basic first aid manual inside the kit. For serious injuries call 911 immediately. If you have an accident or injury, please notify the [Administrative Office](#) as soon as reasonably possible.

LOST AND FOUND

For any lost and found items, please see [Jenna Ross](#) or [Tony Cruz](#) in the Enrollment/Recruitment Department.

STUDENT DISCOUNTS THROUGH AMAZON

Are you interested in a student discount through Amazon? See [October 2012's edition of the Western Wave](#) for instructions on how to enroll.

DR. STEVE KORCH'S NEWLY PUBLISHED BOOK, "COMING TO YOUR SENSES," NOW AVAILABLE

Dr. Korch published another book in November - [Coming to Your Senses: Why You Can't Change and How To Change That](#). It's available in paperback and Kindle through [Amazon](#). This book addresses two big questions: How does God bring about authentic change in the lives of His people? What does authentic change really look like?"

A FEW MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Please take advantage of the job and ministry opportunities available. We receive regular contact from churches and para-church organizations. Below are some recent postings from as recent as January 2013! Please see the Ministry and Employment Opportunities and Counseling binder in the front lobby for more information. For previous listings, see [December's 2012's Western Wave](#).

- **PT or FT Ministry Coordinator** [Central Coast Baptist Association](#) in Santa Clara. The first round of interviews are expected to begin by January 15th.
- **PT or FT Business Services Specialist** [Central Coast Baptist Association](#) in Santa Clara. The first round of interviews are expected to begin towards the end of January.