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**6th Annual
Sermon Seminar
Do Justice:
The Cry of the
8th Century Prophets**

**“But
as for
you,
return
to your
God,
hold fast
to love
and
justice,
and
wait
continually
for your
God.”
-Hosea 12:6**

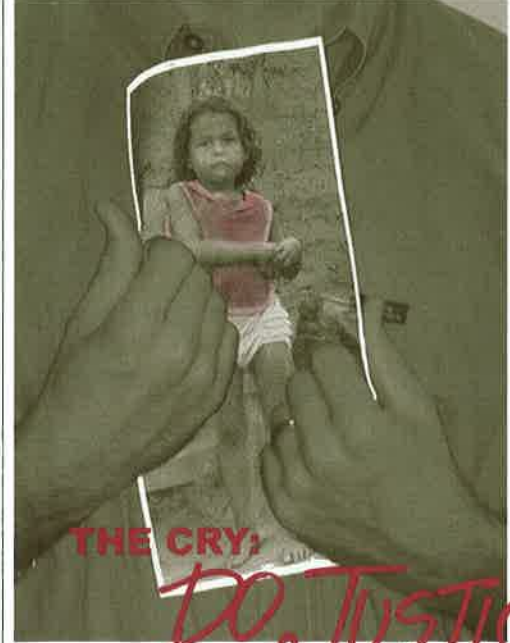
The responses to past seminars have been overwhelmingly positive. Representative are the claims from some of last year’s attendees:

“I left our time together altered for eternity. The presentations were awesome. The congregation here will benefit from my time spent with you.”
-Clarence Campbell
Oswego, New York

“The scholarship was first rate and the speakers’ devotion to God and the proclamation of the Christian Gospel was evident.”
-Kevin Beck
Mansfield, Ohio

“The presenters were accessible and substantive and convicted . . . seeking to live out the messages which they shared.”
-Andy Wall
Thousand Oaks, California

“The spirit was awesome, the dialogue inspiring, and the unity shared in communion humbling. I was truly blessed to be there.”
-Mark Brackney
Rochester, Michigan



The cry of the 21st-century prophet is little different than that of our 8th-century ancestors as we plead with our churches to practice true religion—caring for the widow, the orphan, the marginalized—to “do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God.”

Join your colleagues—Willimon, Bowman, Fortner, MARRS, Reid, Sensing—and Isaiah, Micah, Amos, and Hosea—as we reflect on fresh ways to say to our people: “Hear, O heavens, and listen, O earth; for the LORD has spoken” (Isaiah 1:2).



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The Sermon Seminar brings together the best of biblical scholars, homiletics, theologians, and practitioners for two full days of work and reflection on the task of preaching.

We believe this year’s seminar will enrich and renew your energy for practicing the gift of preaching. Please join us!

The seminar will begin at 1pm Monday, June 9, and end at noon Wednesday, June 11. A full schedule will accompany your registration materials.

Program

William Willimon
*Dean of the Chapel,
Duke University*
3 Separate Sessions with the theme
“Prophetic Preaching”

Rick Marrs
*Professor of Old Testament,
Pepperdine University*
“Preaching the Oracles of Doom After 9/11”

John Fortner
*Professor of Theology,
Harding University*
“Preaching from the
Oracles of Hope”

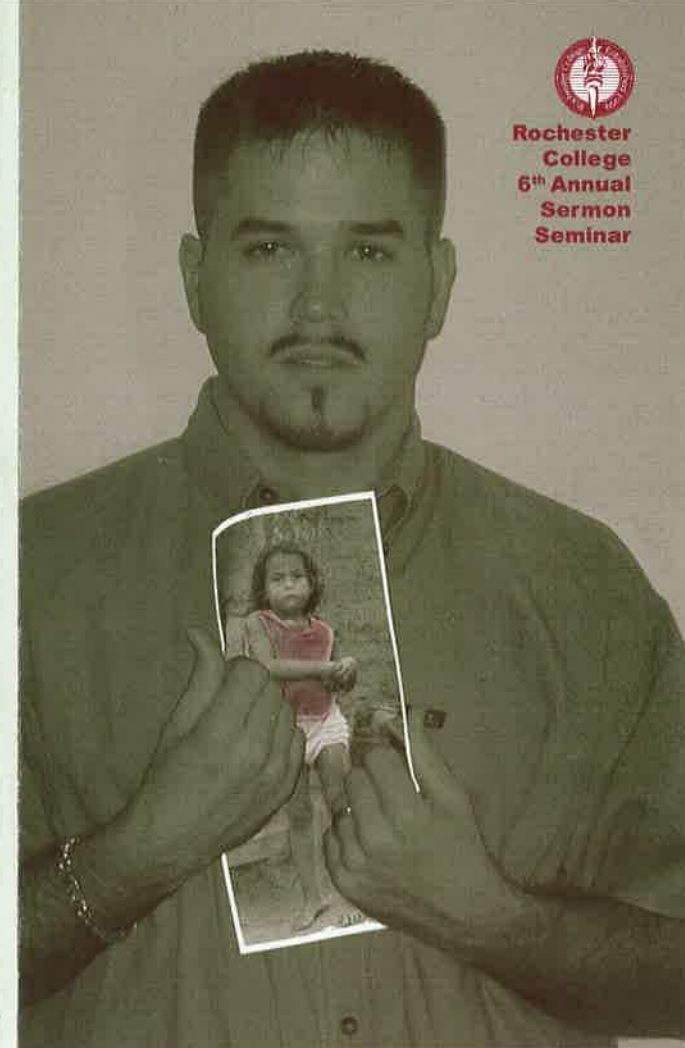
Bob Reid
*Chair of Communication,
Dubuque University*
“Sermons for Different Listeners”

Craig Bowman
*Professor of Old Testament,
Rochester College*
“Living in Hosea”

Tim Sensing
*Assistant Professor of Ministry,
Abilene Christian University*
“Preaching
Against Social Injustice”



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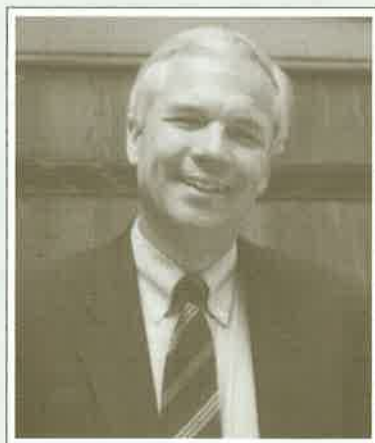
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“He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?”
-Micah 6:8

Will Willimon is Dean of the Chapel and Professor of Christian Ministry at Duke University where, every Sunday, he preaches at the Duke Chapel. Will is the author of more than fifty books that have sold over one million copies. In 1996, an international survey conducted by Baylor University named him one of the twelve most effective preachers in the English speaking world. His “prophetic preaching” has challenged his Duke Chapel audience as well as Evangelical and Mainline Christians across the country. Will brings us three separate sessions on prophetic preaching for this year’s Sermon Seminar.

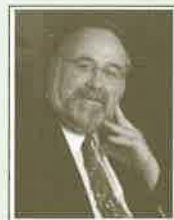


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Bob Reid directs the MA program in Communication at the University of Dubuque. He is the author of *Preaching Mark* (Chalice, 1999) and has been published in several academic journals. Bob earned the MDiv from Fuller Seminary and the PhD from the U. of Washington. Senior minister for two congregations for nearly two decades, Bob is currently chair of the Academy of Homiletics' Working Group on Rhetoric and Preaching.



John Fortner is Associate Professor of Hebrew Bible and Ancient Near Eastern Studies at Harding University where he specializes in the OT theology of God’s presence. John is a popular speaker at Bible conferences as well as in undergrad and DMin courses. He recently contributed five articles on the OT to the 2000 revised edition of *Eerdmans Bible Dictionary*.



Rick Marrs is Chair of the Religion Division at Pepperdine, a church elder, and editor of *Leaven*. Since earning his PhD in OT from Johns Hopkins, Rick has published articles in *Leaven*, *Restoration Quarterly*, and elsewhere that have emphasized a ministry of prophetic preaching which encompasses a vision of covenant relationship with God and others.



Tim Sensing is Assistant Professor of Ministry at Abilene Christian University where his teaching and research focuses on homiletics and ministerial education. In 2002 Tim received a Cullen Grant to research the lives of African-American preachers. A minister for nearly two decades, Tim is also editor of *Ministry Partners* and has written for *Restoration Quarterly*.



Craig Bowman, Professor of Religion at Rochester College, earned his PhD from Princeton with an emphasis in OT. He has contributed several articles on the Dead Sea Scrolls for the Princeton project. His popular presentation is based on his work in *Restoration Quarterly*, “Prophetic Grief, Divine Grief: The Marriage of Hosea.”



You can join these 21st century prophets as we look to our 8th century forbears to teach us how to preach against social injustice, plead for repentance, and encourage our flocks. Sermon Seminar speakers will inspire you to tell your people again, “Seek the LORD and live.” Come prepared to be challenged and encouraged.



REGISTER TODAY.

Make checks payable to Sermon Seminar. Please complete this form, detach, and mail with payment to:

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Sermon Seminar 2003
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Please check all that apply:

- Seminar Fee (boarding) \$125
Includes seminar, dorm room lodgings, two evening meals, two continental breakfasts.
- Sunday (June 8) lodging \$15
- Roommate requested: _____
(assigned roommate unless otherwise requested)
- If linens are needed, a \$25 fee will be assessed. Otherwise, please bring pillow, linens, blanket, and towels.
- Seminar Fee (non-boarding) \$105
Fee includes seminar and all meals listed above
- Airport arrangements needed.
There will be an 11am pickup at Detroit Metro Airport (DTW) and Flint (Bishop) on June 9. If you are flying in on Sunday, please contact us.

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