



September 1999  
Library Groundbreaking with  
Dr. John Buswell &  
Mrs. Elizabeth Stortz



Spring 2000  
Placement of Tower Roof



June 2000, Brickwork in Progress

*The J. Oliver Buswell, Jr. Library is also home to*  
**The PCA Historical Center**  
*Wayne Sparkman, Director*



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# *A Service of Dedication*



**Celebrating the  
Renovated and Expanded  
J. Oliver Buswell, Jr. Library**  
*April 27, 2001*

*"The grass withers and the flowers fall,  
but the Word of our God stands forever."  
—Isaiah 40:8*

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COVENANT THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY  
**J. Oliver Buswell, Jr. Library Dedication**

*Dr. Bryan Chapell, President  
Friday, April 27, 10:00 a.m.*

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**  
President Bryan Chapell

**LITANY FOR LIBRARY DEDICATION**

**President:** What are these bricks and gables, this glass and mortar?

**Congregation:** These provide a home for recorded knowledge, both human and divine.

**President:** This is treasure indeed! And is there more?

**Congregation:** Discovery and insight, questions and answers, probing and perplexity, learning and prayer.

**President:** Who are they who daily discover and question, who probe, learn and pray?

**Faculty and students:** We are they who enter here most often. We come from far and near. We seek God's truth, God's ways—to teach and be taught, to guide and be guided, to change, to grow, to share.

**President:** Who are they who advise and support this place and its students, who help it be accountable, who link to its resources, who seek the results of its ministry?

**Congregation (except students):** By grace we are they who do these things. Whether we have provided or constructed, protect or maintain, manage or network to, we help dedicate this building today by our presence.

**Elizabeth Stortz** (granddaughter of J. Oliver Buswell, Jr.): How did this facility come to be, and to Whom do we dedicate its use?

**Congregation:** The Lord has provided this place, with grace and favor. To the Lord our God we dedicate this building.

**President and Congregation:** We dedicate today the J. Oliver Buswell, Jr. Library of Covenant Theological Seminary, and the Historical Center of the Presbyterian Church in America.

**WORDS AND PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**  
Mr. Walter M. Turner, Chairman, Board of Trustees

**READING OF SCRIPTURE**

The Rev. James Pakala, Library Director  
*Proverbs 8:1-3, 10-12, 34-36; 9:1-6, 10-11;  
Colossians 2:2-3*

**HOMILY**

*"The Book and the Books"*  
Dr. David Calhoun, Professor of Church History

**DEDICATORY PRAYER**

Dr. John W. Buswell, son of J. Oliver Buswell, Jr.

**COVENANT HYMN**

*"All for Jesus"* James

All for Jesus! All for Jesus! All my being's ransomed pow'rs  
all my thoughts and words and doings, all my days  
and all my hours.

Let my hands perform His bidding, let my feet run in His ways;  
let my eyes see Jesus only, let my lips speak forth His praise.

Worldlings prize their gems of beauty, cling to gilded toys of dust,  
boast of wealth, and fame, and pleasure; only Jesus will I trust.

Since my eyes were fixed on Jesus, I've lost sight of all beside;  
so enchained my spirit's vision, looking at the Crucified.

O what wonder! How amazing! Jesus, glorious King of kings  
deigns to call me His beloved, lets me rest beneath His wings.  
AMEN.

**BENEDICTION**

President Bryan Chapell

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