

REFORMATION 500 AND THE GOSPEL

Into the  
THIRD MILLENNIUM





## REV. SCOTT DAVIS: PREPARED FOR ORDINATION



Third Millennium Ministries impacts the lives of Christians and church leaders in countries all over the world, including the United States. Our partners include prison chaplains who use our curriculum to minister to those who are incarcerated and churches who use our courses in their Sunday school classes as well as for officer training. Now we know someone who – through the “extraordinary clause” – used our curriculum to prepare for ordination into the Presbyterian Church of America.

Rev. Scott Davis, pastor of Hope Church PCA in Hot Springs, Ark., is the first person we know of who relied heavily on Third Mill’s materials to pass the ordination exam to become a pastor in the PCA.

Scott was a lay leader at Hope Church and working full-time when the church’s previous pastor left. Their interim pastor along with the church’s session began calling on Scott to preach monthly while they explored finding a new permanent pastor. Instead of hiring a new pastor, the congregants and session of Hope Church asked Scott to be their pastor. The only problem was Scott was not an ordained pastor (teaching elder) in the PCA. In addition, his current full-time job and his responsibilities as a husband and father of five made attending a traditional seminary nearly impossible.

Scott and the Hope Church session began discussing ways Scott could pursue ordination without attending a traditional seminary. He was asked, “If it was possible for you to be ordained without going to seminary would you do it?” They decided Scott could seek ordination through the PCA’s Book of Church Order’s “extraordinary clause” and could use any resources to study for the ordination exam.

In searching for materials to use, Scott was introduced to Third Mill by another pastor in Little Rock. Impressed with the curriculum, Scott signed up for Third Mill’s certificate program. “I found both the breadth of offerings and the depth within each subject to be impressive and helpful,” Scott told us.

Using Third Mill’s curriculum and a few other resources, Scott was able to get approval from the presbytery to stand in front of a committee for ordination. By the grace of God, Scott was ordained by the PCA in May 2016 and continues to serve as the lead pastor at Hope Church PCA. “I’m grateful for the ministry of Third Mill, and I’ll continue to recommend it to others.”

This is an exciting moment in Third Mill’s history. We want to be an option for any church leader or pastor who cannot attend a traditional seminary including those living in the United States. We hope that others, like Scott, can use our free resources to respond to their calling.



## KIEV THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

***“This past week we enjoyed studying Old Testament poetic and prophetic books with our first year students at Kiev Theological Seminary. We want to express our gratitude for Third Millennium materials, particularly for the video course He Gave Us Prophets. As usual, I integrated the IIM video series as a part of the seminary course. [I] really appreciate your resources! In the attached photo, you can see our students with the IIM DVDs they received as gifts. May God continue to bless Third Millennium Ministries!”***

~ Andrei Murzin, assistant director of the Masters in Biblical Counseling program at Kiev Theological Seminary

## THIRD MILL IN THE CONGO



One of Third Millennium’s primary goals has always been to equip the church leaders of Africa. Rev. Andrew Lamb, our VP of Global Opportunities, traveled to the Democratic Republic of Congo in July to meet and teach church leaders from all over Africa. Andrew led this group of 100 men through

four different courses of our curriculum and distributed our materials to the attendees in French - one of the primary languages spoken in the Congo. After receiving our material, one attendee stayed up all night watching our courses. He was moved to tears at the opportunity to study the word of God in a format that he understood. Andrew was encouraged by how well our French materials were received and how excited these leaders were to integrate our courses into their ministries to disciple the pastors of Africa.



## NEW ARABIC SERIES

On behalf of our Arabic Department, we are excited to announce the release of *Kingdom & Covenant in the New Testament* in Arabic. As a seminal series in our master’s curriculum, *Kingdom & Covenant in the New Testament* explores two of the most fundamental themes

found in the New Testament – the new covenant in Christ and the kingdom of God.

Third Mill’s Director of Arabic Production, Rev. Sherif Gendy, says:

*“I hope you find this new Arabic release an encouragement to you and a motivation to keep our Arabic-*

*speaking brothers and sisters in prayer as they learn about the marvelous plan of our Lord and His work through this series.”*

To watch this series and share it with others, please visit [arabic.thirdmill.org](http://arabic.thirdmill.org).

## FROM THE FIELD

*“We hope that Third Mill will be a movement, by God’s grace, to spread to all the Districts in Indonesia (416 in total). Please continue to support and pray for us!”*

~ Siman Sunata, founder of YES Indonesia



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At the end of May, our team attended the “Reformation 500 and the Gospel” conference in Hong Kong. Sponsored by The China Partnership and Grace to the City, the conference was a celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation.

We distributed thousands of printed materials as well as 250 Mandarin USBs containing 25 seminary courses to representatives of cities who do not already have our curriculum. Third Millennium’s President Dr. Richard L. Pratt, Jr., who was one of the conference’s plenary speakers along with Rev. Paul Tripp and Rev. John Piper, had the opportunity to speak with several of the attendees of the conference. Many said to him, “*Please thank everyone at Third Millennium for their hard work. We love Third Millennium. It is our only way to have a seminary education.*”

EXPLORE THE LANDS OF JESUS & PAUL :

## 2018 Conference at Sea

Experience the beauty of the Mediterranean and Israel, visit historic sites in seven ports, and sit under the teaching of Third Millennium Ministries’ President Dr. Richard Pratt and new Vice President of Strategic Projects Dr. Greg Perry during our Conference at Sea. We will depart Rome October 30 and return to Rome November 11, 2018. We hope you and your friends will join us on this journey. At each port, we will offer optional excursions, which are now available for you to see on

our website. **The early bird deadline ends September 15!** Visit [thirdmillcruise.com](http://thirdmillcruise.com) to register today!

For cruise and registration questions, please contact Sovereign Experiences at 877-661-6458 Ext. 115 or visit [thirdmillcruise.com](http://thirdmillcruise.com). For IIIM questions, contact Cristi Mansfield at [cmansfield@thirdmill.org](mailto:cmansfield@thirdmill.org) or 407-278-8841.



Currently available in English, Chinese, and Spanish, our elearning website ([elearning.thirdmill.org](http://elearning.thirdmill.org)) contains all of our current courses, quizzes and tests, and additional readings.

We are excited to announce that we now have over 2,000 users across all three of our elearning sites – a 63% increase from this time last year! We are now working to raise the funds necessary to create our elearning site in Arabic and Russian.

# JOIN US

At Third Millennium Ministries, we are developing a multimedia curriculum to be used in the theological education of church leaders everywhere in the world. Third Millennium’s ability to produce and distribute our curriculum is directly tied to the support we receive from our loyal donors. Will you consider joining us today in the exciting work God is doing through Third Mill? Thank you.

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