

A LETTER FROM DR. SEAN LUCAS

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My dear Friends:

I'm writing to you on Wednesday from Atlanta-Hartsfield Airport. It is always an interesting experience flying through Atlanta. (Actually, flying in general; in Memphis, TSA made us take our books out and put them through the scanner—so I put my “sword of the Spirit” on the belt. Thankfully, I was not stopped or delayed.) So many people going to so many destinations: it's like the whole world is here. One wag suggested that when Jesus returns, he'll come through Atlanta too; probably not, but sure seems that way.

I'm heading to Reformation Bible College in Orlando, one of the outreaches of Ligonier Ministries, to preach for the students in chapel. My dear friend, Dr. Stephen Nichols, is the president; when Steve calls and asks me to do something, I try to do it. I remember once when I was a student at Liberty University that Dr. Falwell missed a chapel service; the next time we had chapel, he was there and explained: “When Dr. Criswell says, ‘Jerry, I need you to do something,’ you learn to say, ‘Yessir.’” That's how I feel about Steve particularly and Ligonier in general.

But I'll be back Thursday night, Lord willing. I hope you are looking forward to the performance of Ballet Magnificat!, sponsored by IPC Ballet, at the University of Memphis on Saturday at 7:00 p.m. This is a fabulous opportunity to see Christians performing an art form that perhaps we aren't as familiar with—ballet—and hear and see the Gospel in a different form. If you don't have your tickets yet, there is still an opportunity to purchase them at the bookstore; likewise, tickets will be available at the door (credit card only).

Also, next week, I'll be teaching for RTS Memphis over at Second Presbyterian Church. If you ever wanted to audit a class, for \$150 you can audit my class “History of Christianity II,” which covers the period from Luther to the present. Class begins Wednesday, March 7, at 8:00 a.m., and will extend through Saturday, March 10. I really enjoy teaching the two main church history classes for RTS, and it is a great joy to do that here in Memphis. As we continue to seek to develop RTS Memphis, I trust that you know how strategic this is for the future of our churches in this city. You can find out more at www.rts.edu/memphis.

Please pray for these various things we have going on. God is at work and I'm so glad to be part of what he's up to with you here at IPC!

In the grip of God's grace,



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