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Advent Greetings from Candler and the Pitts Book Tree!

You know that Advent has arrived and exams are at hand when our stellar Pitts Theology Library staff assembles the annual Book Tree, now celebrating its tenth year as a beloved Candler tradition. Along with adding festive cheer to the end of the semester, the tree also serves as a preview of books that will be available at the library's spring book sale on February 25. [Watch a timelapse of the Book Tree construction.](#)

Faculty Books Roundup, 2024 Edition

Candler professors and emeriti faculty published 13 books in 2024, lending their research and expertise to a wide range of engaging topics, perfect for the theologian in your life this Christmas. [See a full list of new Candler faculty books here.](#)

Candler, LaGrange College Sign '3+3' Agreement to Fast-Track Degree Completion

Candler and LaGrange College have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that will offer LaGrange students the opportunity to earn both their bachelor's degree and master of divinity degree in six years—one year less than if the degrees are pursued separately. Called "the 3+3 Accelerated Ministry Track," the program is designed to allow students to progress toward careers in ministry faster and with more manageable costs. [Read more about the new "3+3" program.](#)

Start the New Year with a Candler Foundry Course

A new slate of Courses in the Community is on the horizon from Candler's public theological education initiative, The Candler Foundry. Designed and taught by leading theological scholars, these courses—with a mix of online and in person options—offer a chance to engage with expert faculty from Candler and beyond about topics related to faith, theology, and pressing issues in public life. [Read more about upcoming Candler Foundry courses.](#)

Save the Date: The 2025 Bandy Conference: "Sacred Symphonies: The Word and Song"

Join Candler March 25-27 for the 2025 Bandy Conference, which will celebrate the collaborative creativity of the preacher and psalmist in the worship experience. [Stay tuned for more information!](#)

Recommend an Alum for the Candler Alumni Board

As part of an ongoing effort to strengthen our alumni engagement, we are looking to expand the Candler Alumni Board. Our alums are a vibrant part of the Candler community, and we are seeking your valuable input to identify alumni who would be excellent candidates for the board. If you know anyone who will bring dedication, energy, and wisdom to this volunteer leadership position, [complete the recommendation form at your earliest convenience.](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Please note that events are subject to change. Click on the event title to see more details and registration information. [See a full listing of upcoming Candler events here.](#)

Ongoing: [Courses in the Community](#) from the Candler Foundry.

December 10: [Dean's Lecture: "Britain's Slavery Debt, Reparations and the Responsibility of Christian Churches."](#) In person and online.

December 12: [MRPL Degree Lunch and Learn](#) Online.

January 1: [Deadline for YTI Travel Seminar, "Praying With Our Feet"](#)

January 14: [Spring Convocation](#)

February 28: [15th Annual Heritage Ball](#) In person.

March 25-27: [Bandy Conference, "Sacred Symphonies: The Word and Song."](#) In person.

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