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Soli Deo Gloria!



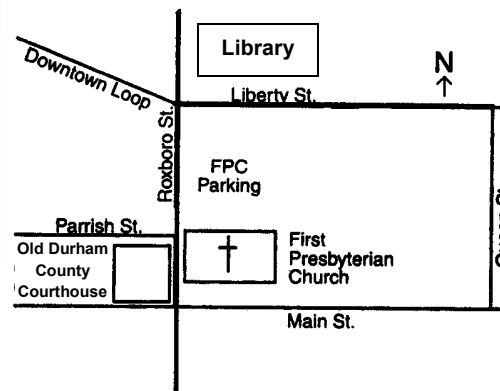
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From I-85, exit 177A; take Mangum St. south to Parrish St, left onto Parrish, Parrish ends at Roxboro St., cross Roxboro St. and enter parking lot at rear of building



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Theological Implications of Transforming Humans through Technology



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Schedule of Events

Sunday, February 22

9:45 a.m.

First Presbyterian Church, Durham
Adult Sunday School Class
Faith and Community Class
*"Time for Another Upgrade—Why
Technology Can't Leave You Alone"*

11:00 a.m.

First Presbyterian Church, Durham
Worship
Sermon: *"Awakening to Creation"*
(Text: Mark 1:9–15)

7:00 p.m.

Alumni Memorial Commons Room,
Duke Divinity School, Durham
Presentation: *"Enhancing Ourselves
through Technology and Why It Matters
for Christians"*

Monday, February 23

11:00 a.m.

First Presbyterian Church, Durham
Gathering for Clergy and Laypeople
(Lunch provided; RSVP requested;
Donations accepted)
Presentation: *"Human Enhancement:
Transhumanist Dreams and Christian
Hopes"*

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About Ron Cole-Turner

The Rev. Dr. Ron Cole-Turner teaches on the faculty of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, where he holds the H. Parker Sharp Professor of Theology and Ethics, a position relating theology and ethics to developments in science and technology. He is an ordained minister of the United Church of Christ, a founding member of the International Society for Science and Religion (currently serving as vice president), and has served on the advisory board of the John Templeton Foundation and the Metanexus Institute. Ron is the author of *The New Genesis: Theology and the Genetic Revolution*, co-author (with Brent Waters) of *Pastoral Genetics: Theology and Care at the Beginning of Life*, and the editor of several books, most recently including *Transhumanism and Transcendence: Christian Hope in an Age of Technological Enhancement*. He is also the author of the popular baptism hymn, "Child of Blessing, Child of Promise." His wife, Rebecca, is a spiritual director and retreat leader. They have two daughters, Sarah and Rachel.