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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2009 GRADUATES!



Front Row, Left to Right: Brandt Hammack, Alvena Williams, Brandon Robbins, Ruth Ngaari, Sonya Hendricks, Deborah Dabney.
Back Row, Left to Right: Dan Arsenault, Joseph Kirwa, Brian Phillips, Ed Jordan, Ken Jones, Elijah Weatherspoon, Jeff Young.

The BTS 2009 Graduation Ceremony was held on the evening of May 15th at Briarwood Presbyterian Church. Our Chancellor and Chairman of the Board, Dr. Frank M. Barker, Jr., was the commencement speaker. Master of Arts in Ministry graduate, Elijah Weatherspoon, and Certificate in Biblical Counseling graduate, Sonya Hendricks gave inspiring testimonies of how BTS has equipped them for ministry. Nineteen degrees were awarded, including 2 Certificates, 15 Master of Arts, and 2 Doctor of Ministry. BTS staff, faculty and many of the graduates' friends and family members were in attendance and enjoyed the reception that followed the ceremony.

If you have not yet experienced a graduation ceremony, we would like to encourage you to attend this exciting event and support your fellow classmates. The next graduation ceremony will be on May 14, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. BTS is proud to have graduated more than 350 students since 1972.

Just a reminder, if you are planning to graduate in May 2010, please contact the BTS office as soon as possible.

STUDY ABROAD WITH BTS AT WYCLIFFE HALL, OXFORD UNIVERSITY, SUMMER 2010

There are few places that can compete with the splendor, atmosphere, and tradition of Oxford University. The University of Oxford is the oldest university in the English-speaking world and one of the world's leading academic institutions. The University has 38 independent colleges, and 6 permanent private halls; Wycliffe Hall is one of these. Perhaps more importantly, Wycliffe is the only part of Oxford that is uniquely committed to an evangelical ethos in its program of study. In the Summer of 2010, Birmingham Theological Seminary students are invited to a special two-week residential program of study at Wycliffe Hall, Oxford University.

ABOUT OXFORD UNIVERSITY AND WYCLIFFE HALL

Teaching in Oxford began around the year 1096. Wycliffe Hall is named after John Wycliffe (1320-1384), a theologian and early proponent of reform in the Roman Catholic Church. Wycliffe taught against the Roman doctrines of The Mass and Transubstantiation, and because he believed that people should hear the Bible in their own language, initiated the first translation of the Bible into the English language. He is considered the main precursor of the Protestant Reformation, and has been called "The Morning Star of the Reformation."

In 1833, an attempt was made to return the Anglican Church to the ritualism and rationalism of Roman Catholicism. In 1871 subscription to the 39 Articles of Religion (the forerunner of the Westminster Confession of Faith) was abolished at the University. Evangelicals responded with Wycliffe Hall, opening its doors to theological students in 1877 with the express purpose of training evangelical clergy and scholars for ministry in the Church of England. That same ethos permeates Wycliffe today, and stronger than ever.

STUDYING ABROAD WITH BTS AT OXFORD

Whether you have been pursuing your theological education for a while, desire an extraordinary introduction to the study of theology, or just the opportunity to fulfill a lifelong dream of studying at one of the world's most prestigious Universities, the Summer School Program at Oxford with BTS will be a life changing opportunity. The Institute for the International Education of Students (IES), surveyed alumni from all IES study abroad programs from 1950 to 1999. The data showed that studying abroad is usually a defining moment in a person's life and continues to impact the participant's life for years after the experience.

This is not only an opportunity to study theology, but also an opportunity to study where Christian history took place. From medieval theologians like Duns Scotus, to English reformers, to Puritans, to 20th century literary giants, Wycliffe at Oxford boasts a rich Christian history.

Studying at Wycliffe Hall means studying with experienced and expert Oxford academics. But, just like studying at Birmingham Theological Seminary, studying at Wycliffe Hall ensures contact with practitioners as well as academics. Wycliffe and BTS share a common vision and understanding for giving students a deeply spiritual, biblically grounded theology which is integrated into all aspects of their life.

HOW IT WORKS

Students will matriculate through BTS, with preliminary reading assigned to be completed before going to Oxford. They will live in residence and attend lectures and tutorials at Oxford with the scholars of Wycliffe Hall. Writing assignments and final summative examinations will be completed with Dr. Minish upon their return home from their "Oxford Experience." This special program of study is open to life long learners (audit) as well as those pursuant of a degree.



Old Lodge, Wycliffe Hall

Details to follow. Please contact the BTS office if you are interested in participating in this program

Announcements

DOTHAN KICK OFF

BTS' newest extension, Dothan, will have a kick-off event to celebrate their first semester. Come join members of our Birmingham staff and our Dothan professors for a memorable celebration. This event will be held on August 14 at 6:30 P.M. at Westwood Presbyterian Church (5480 W Main, Dothan, AL). Refreshments will be served.

FEES

Please be aware of the following fees:

- \$200 Graduation fee
- \$400 D.Min. Reader fee
- \$50 Clinical Binding fee
- \$25 Returned check Admin. fee
- \$10 Returned check Bank fee

DONATE TO BTS

At 1/5 of the national average for seminary tuition, BTS is still a deal! We take pride in offering a quality theological education at such a low price. BTS relies on donations to supplement our low tuition cost. Won't you consider donating to BTS today? BTS is a 501 (c)(3) charitable organization and contributions are tax deductible.

GRADUATING IN 2010?

If you are planning to graduate next May, please contact Meg Hawley as soon as possible at mhawley@briarwood.org or 205-776-5354.

DMIN IN BIBLICAL COUNSELING

Dr. Howard Eyrich, Director of the Doctor of Ministry Program



As BTS begins a new Doctor of Ministry (D.Min.) cohort in Biblical Counseling this fall, I want to review the exciting journey of our first cohort. This talented group graduated in May of 2008. Students spent three full days each semester in the classroom and focused the rest of their time on reading, writing, and interacting in an online forum. The students also did 150 hour counseling internships, painstakingly documenting every hour. A dissertation followed. Lasting friendships developed, not only in the classroom, but also over lunch breaks at our favorite Chinese restaurant. By the time the program ended, these students had become like family to me and to each other.

What a joy it has been to watch these students break forth in the community to develop biblical counseling ministries in the diverse culture of Birmingham. These graduates are already making a difference in their communities through a variety of ministries and organizations they founded, as well as through church work and even teaching at BTS.

The current D.Min. in Biblical Counseling cohort contains a student from Kenya and a student from Japan. It is exciting to think of how these students will one day incorporate their biblical counseling training in the international community.

The new Biblical Counseling cohort, which will begin this fall, is rapidly filling up. Perhaps you should join the new group in September or encourage your pastor to do so!

BTS STUDENTS SPEAKING THE TRUTH IN LOVE

Dr. Mark Shaw, Professor of Biblical Counseling



Biblical counseling students at BTS are being equipped for the work of ministry both in the classroom and in practical experience in local bodies of Christ. This past year, it has been a blessing to involve some of my students in the actual work of ministry. Several BTS students who are enrolled in the master's and doctoral programs have been doing the work of team biblical counseling through Truth in Love Ministries.

We pair students with more experienced biblical counselors, working in teams of two to point hurting people to Christ. Those students who may be hesitant to counsel alone or to step out and get started are encouraged by this arrangement. A team ministry approach offers the best opportunity for the truth to be spoken in love because two counselors tend to be more balanced overall in the truth-love continuum. For example, one of the team may tend to err more on the "truth-giving" side of things, while the other may be unbalanced in their offering of "love and grace".

If you are enrolled in any biblical counseling course at BTS, you may be eligible to gain practical experience with a seasoned mentor in Truth in Love Ministries. Take advantage of this excellent opportunity to apply what you are learning in the classroom. After participating in a biblical counseling session, you gain valuable feedback from a mentor. Utilizing this team approach to biblical counseling, coupled with excellent classroom instruction at BTS, you can be empowered to fulfill God's calling for your life.

For more information visit www.histruthinlove.org

Announcements

DMIN. COHORT TO BEGIN THIS FALL

Attention M.A. in Biblical Counseling and MDiv. graduates. **BTS will begin the new Doctor of Ministry cohort in Fall 2009.** D.Min. programs are offered in Biblical Counseling and Pastoral Leadership. For more information, contact the seminary office at 776-5650.

NEW PROGRAM

BTS now offers a Certificate in Biblical Studies. Please contact our office at 205-776-5650 for more details about this new program.

STUDENT IDS

Beginning this Fall 2009, all BTS students, including Distance Education students, will be issued student IDs for an annual fee of \$15.

EVALUATION FORMS

Student evaluation forms will be completed electronically starting Fall 2009. Students will receive their evaluation form by e-mail.

LOGOS AVAILABLE

Just a reminder that a copy of LOGOS Bible software is available in the Briarwood library for BTS student use. Current students may contact Thad James at 205-776-5386 for the password. Please take advantage of this valuable tool.

NAME: _____ Check if contact info has changed
 ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____
 PHONE: (Home): _____ (Work) _____ (Cell) _____ EMAIL: _____
 DEGREE PROGRAM: _____ New Student? Yes No When did you last take classes at BTS? _____
 Course # _____ Instructor _____ Location _____ Credit Audit
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Tuition:	
Mat. Fee:	
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ID Fee:	\$15
CC Fee (4%):	
Late Fee:	
Amt. Past Due:	
Total Due:	
Amount Paid:	
ck#	Cash
Balance Due:	

Fees: Application Fee \$30 (one time) • Tuition \$80 per credit hour; \$40 per audit hour • Late Fee: \$25 per course after Sept. 11 • Annual Student ID: \$15
 By completing and signing this form, I am registering for the above courses and agree to pay all tuition and fees.

Signature _____ Date: _____
 MC VISA DISCOVER Credit Card # _____ - _____ - _____ Exp. Date _____ - _____
 *Use of Credit card incurs a 4% service charge

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TWO LONG-TERM PROFESSORS RECEIVE HONORARY DOCTORATE DEGREES

During the Graduation ceremony in May, BTS had the opportunity to honor two professors for their long-term service. Henry Smith and Tom Cheely have taught regularly for the Seminary for over twenty-five years. They have poured their lives into the lives of our students and have faithfully served this institution.



Dr. Smith began teaching for the Seminary in 1978, when he became the pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Prattville. From that year until BTS formed a Montgomery extension in 1989, Dr. Smith regularly made the long trip to Birmingham to teach classes at the Seminary. He was instrumental in the formation of the Montgomery extension, through which many hundreds of students have been equipped to lead the Church. We are greatly indebted to Dr. Smith.



Dr. Cheely began teaching for Birmingham Theological Seminary shortly after he joined the pastoral staff of Briarwood Presbyterian Church in 1983. Dr. Cheely serves as the Missions Pastor at Briarwood, a position perfectly suited for a man with a burning passion for spreading the Gospel around the world. He has traveled the world to evangelize, train, recruit, equip and encourage missionaries and pastors. Dr. Cheely has brought his incredible storehouse of knowledge and experience into the classroom, where our students have benefitted greatly.

We are very thankful for the service of these two men and congratulate them on this well-deserved honor.

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FALL SEMESTER: September 8 – December 11, 2009

Drop/Add period ends September 11 • Fall Break is October 19-23- No classes this week

Classes will not meet November 25-26 in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday

BIRMINGHAM CAMPUS

COURSE	PROFESSOR	DAY/TIME	ROOM
MS6631 Crucial Issues in Missions Today	Dr. Tom Cheely	MON 6AM-8AM	BWD-W202
OT1022 Old Testament II*	Dr. Richard Trucks	MON 6AM-8AM	BWD-W203
OT1511 Beginning Hebrew I	Mr. Bruce Horsley	MON 5:30-7:30PM	BWD-W202
AP8505 Introduction to Philosophy ⁽¹⁾	Dr. Steve Cowan	MON 5:30-7:30PM	BWD-W203
BC7630 Marriage and Family Counseling	Dr. Dave Matthews	MON 5:30-7:30PM	BWD-A209
BC7502 Counseling in the Local Church I	Dr. Larry Dozier	MON 6:30-8:30PM	BWD-W204
AP8521 Introduction to Apologetics	Mr. Frank Ellis	MON 7:30-9:30PM	BWD-W202
BC7750 Contemporary Issues in Biblical Counseling ⁽²⁾	Dr. Mark Shaw	MON 7:30-9:30PM	BWD-W203
AP8511 Logic & Critical Thinking II ⁽⁴⁾	Dr. Steve Cowan	MON 7:30-9:30PM	BWD-W204
PT5542 Hist. & Phil. Foundations of Christian Ed.	Dr. Dave Matthews	MON 7:30-9:30PM	BWD-A209
HT4641 Church History in America	Rev. George Shamblin	TUE 6AM-8AM	BWD-W203
PT5626 Ministry to Children, Youth & Families ⁽³⁾	Rev. John Evans	TUE 5:30-7:30PM	BWD-W202
PT5739 Biblical Principles of Church Growth	Rev. Willie Wells	TUE 5:30-7:30PM	BWD-W203
AP8533 Christianity and Comparative Worldviews ⁽⁴⁾	Dr. Vic Minish	TUE 5:30-7:30PM	BWD-W204
OT1526 Old Testament History & Theology	Dr. Adam McCollum	TUE 5:30-7:30PM	BWD-A205
PT5523 Ministry of the Word I	Dr. Jeff Lowman	TUE 5:30-7:30PM	BWD-A209
ST3744 Contemporary Theology	Dr. Vic Minish	TUE 7:30-9:30PM	BWD-W202
BC7501 Introduction to Biblical Counseling	Dr. Luis Orteza	TUE 7:30-9:30PM	BWD-W203
NT2525 New Testament Theology	Dr. Adam McCollum	TUE 7:30-9:30PM	BWD-A205
ST3526 Systematic Theology I (God)*	Dr. Jeff Lowman	TUE 7:30-9:30PM	BWD-A209
PT5621 Conflict Resolution in the Church	Mr. Glenn Waddell	WED 6AM-8AM	BWD-W203
BC7502 Counseling in the Local Church I	Dr. Howard Eyrich	WED 6:30-8:30PM	BWD-A209
OT1021 Old Testament I (Genesis-Ruth)*	Dr. Frank Barker	WED 5:30-7:30PM	BWD-W203
PT5637 Personal Evangelism ⁽⁵⁾	Dr. Frank Barker	WED 6:30-9:30PM	BWD-F Hall
AP8791 Roman Catholicism and Eastern Orthodoxy	Rev. Clete Hux	THU 6AM-8AM	BWD-W203
PT5637 Personal Evangelism ⁽⁵⁾	Dr. Frank Barker	THU 9:00-NOON	BWD-F Hall
PT5722 Expository Preaching I	Rev. Michael Reese	THU 9:00-11:00AM	BEBBC
ST3528 Systematic Theology III (Christ)*	Rev. Robert Alexander	THU 11:00-1:00PM	BEBBC
NT2022 New Testament I (Gospels-Acts)*	Rev. Morris Johnson	THU 5:30-7:30PM	BWD-W202
HT4641 Church History in America	Rev. Jim Maples	THU 5:30-7:30PM	BWD-W203
MS6631 Crucial Issues in Missions Today	Dr. Tom Cheely	THU 5:30-7:30PM	BWD-W204
PT5733 Leadership Development ⁽⁶⁾	Rev. Larry Cockrell	THU 5:30-7:30PM	BWD-A209
PT5527 Communications I	Mr. Ike Reeder	THU 7:30-9:30PM	BWD-W202
ST3529 Systematic Theology IV (Redemption)*	Rev. Jim Maples	THU 7:30-9:30PM	BWD-W203
PT7802 Clinical Research Development ⁽⁷⁾	Rev. Cockrell/James	THU 7:30-9:30PM	BWD-A209
NT2022 New Testament I (Gospels-Acts)*	Rev. Mike Jones	FRI 6AM-8AM	BWD-W203
DM9104 The Caring and Curing of the Soul ⁽⁸⁾	Dr. Howard Eyrich	FRI 8:30-4:30PM	BWD-W203
DM1111 Developing Effectiveness in Biblical Counseling ⁽⁸⁾	Dr. Howard Eyrich	FRI 8:30-4:30PM	BWD-W203
DM9222 Bib. Counseling & Ecclesiology, Legal Issues and Peacemaking ⁽⁹⁾	Dr. Eyrich/G. Waddell	FRI 8:30-4:30PM	BWD-W203

(1) AP8505 Introduction to Philosophy – any student who has taken this course as an undergraduate and received a B or better may forgo this class and take another elective in Apologetics. Please see the V.P. of Academic Affairs for approval.

(2) BC7501 Introduction to Biblical Counseling is a prerequisite for all Counseling courses except BC7630 Marriage and Family

(3) PT5626 Ministry to Children, Youth & Families will replace of PT5725/5730 Ministry to Youth and PT5629 Children's Ministry.

(4) AP8521 Introduction to Apologetics is a prerequisite for all Apologetic courses except AP8791 and AP8505

(5) PT5637 Personal Evangelism - Seminary students must register with the Seminary office and the EE office to receive credit.

(6) PT5733 and MS6526 Biblical Principles of Leadership are the same course

(7) All Master of Arts in Ministry students seeking to graduate in Spring 2010 are required to take this course.

(8) DM9104 and DM1111 will meet on September 19, November 13 and December 11

(9) DM9222 will meet on September 11, October 16 and November 20

BTS EXTENSION CAMPUSES

COURSE	PROFESSOR	DAY/TIME	ROOM
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DOTHAN - WESTWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH- 580 West Main Street 36305

OT1021 Old Testament I (Genesis-Ruth)*	Rev. John Thompson	MON 6AM-8AM	
ST3550 Bible Interpretation	Dr. Brad Rushing	MON 5:30-7:30PM	
NT2022 New Testament I (Gospels-Acts)*	Rev. Henry Morris	MON 7:30-9:30PM	
NT2011 Beginning Greek I	Dr. Carl Stevens	TUE 6AM-8AM	
HT4641 Church History in America	Rev. Clark Cornelius	TUE 5:30-7:30PM	
ST3526 Systematic Theology I (God)*	Dr. Todd Baucum	TUE 7:30-9:30PM	
AP8521 Introduction to Apologetics	Dr. Carl Stevens/Todd Baucum	THU 6AM-8AM	
AP8521 Introduction to Apologetics	Dr. Carl Stevens/Todd Baucum	THU 5:30-7:30PM	
BC7501 Introduction to Biblical Counseling	Rev. Lynn Miley	THU 7:30-9:30PM	
NT2011 Beginning Greek I	Dr. Carl Stevens	SAT 8:30-10:30 AM	

HUNTSVILLE – WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - 237 Johns Rd Huntsville 35806

ST3550 Bible Interpretation	Dr. Mike Calvert	MON 5:30-7:30PM	
BC7502 Counseling in the Local Church I	Mr. Jeff Townsley	MON 5:30-7:30PM	
ST3527 Systematic Theology II (Doctrine of Man)*	Dr. Fred Rice	TUE 5:30-7:30PM	
BC7630 Marriage & Family Counseling	Mr. Jeff Townsley	THU 5:30-7:30PM	
NT2022 New Testament I (Gospels –Acts)*	Dr. Charlie Wingard	THU 5:30-7:30PM	

MONTGOMERY

OT1022 Old Testament II*	Rev. Kirby Smith	MON 5:30-7:30PM	YMPC
NT2022 New Testament I (Gospels-Acts)*	Mr. David Illman	MON 7:30-9:30PM	YMPC
PT5733 Leadership Development	Dr. Jiles Williams	TUE 5:30-7:30PM	YMPC
BC7755 Counseling in the Local Church II ⁽⁹⁾	Mr. Lou Priolo	TUE 6:30-9:30PM	EPC
ST3526 Systematic Theology I (God)*	Rev. Lee Bloodworth	TUE 5:30-7:30PM	CPC
OT1623 Advanced Hebrew III	Rev. Kirby Smith	THU 5:30-7:30PM	YMPC
HT4641 Church History in America	Dr. Henry Smith	THU 5:30-7:30PM	YMPC
NT2011 Beginning Greek	Dr. Jim Simoneau	THU 5:30-7:30PM	YMPC

(9) BC7755 students must register with and pay a fee to Eastwood Presbyterian Church. Students seeking Seminary credit must also apply and register with the Seminary office and pay a \$30 per credit hour posting fee. Class will begin on September 14th

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YMPC-Young Meadows Presbyterian Church • 5780 Vaughn Rd 36116 • 334-244-1385

CPC- Covenant Presbyterian Church • 5 Arden Road 36109 • 334-272-1133

TUSCALOOSA –FIRST AFRICAN BAPTIST CHURCH - 2621 Stillman Blvd 35401

PT5722 Expository Preaching I	Rev. Charles Williams	MON 5:30-7:30PM	
BC7630 Marriage and Family Counseling	Dr. William Scroggins	MON 5:30-7:30PM	
ST3511 Survey of Systematic Theology	Rev. Charles Williams	MON 7:30-9:30PM	
PT5602 Biblical Principles of Christian Education	Rev. Leander Jones	TUE 5:30-7:30PM	
OT1022 Old Testament II*	Dr. Bill Thetford	TUE 5:30-7:30PM	
PT5733 Leadership Development	Rev. Leander Jones	TUE 7:30-9:30PM	
ST3526 Systematic Theology I (God)*	Dr. Steve Woods	THU 5:30-7:30PM	
AP8521 Introduction to Apologetics	Rev. Dan Arsenault	THU 5:30-7:30PM	
HT4641 Church History in America	Dr. Steve Woods	THU 7:30-9:30PM	

*Old Testament Studies I-III, New Testament Studies I-III and Systematic Theology I-VI do not need to be taken in any particular order.