CONGRATULATIONS MAY 2010 GRADUATES!

The 2010 Graduation Ceremony was held on May 14th at Briarwood Presbyterian Church with twelve students graduating. Dr. John Patrick, former Vice Dean of BTS, gave an inspiring commencement address. The seminary awarded two MDIV, four M.A. in Ministry, one M.A. in Biblical Counseling, four M.A. in Biblical Studies degrees, as well as one Certificate in Ministry. Our graduates are looking forward to serving the Lord in pastoral, biblical counseling and other ministry positions.

One graduate observed that her undergraduate studies were all about academics, whereas BTS is about both academics and growing in grace. She said this emphasis was primarily communicated through the BTS professors.

If you would like to discuss your degree program, seminary, or ministry plans, please contact our office.

If you are planning to graduate in May 2011, please be sure to contact the Registrar at mhawley@briarwood.org or 205-776-5354.

Did you know...

One 2010 graduate regularly drove from Huntsville to attend classes in Birmingham?

One graduate is a police detective?

One graduate is an elementary school principal?
In November 2009, on the way to a Session meeting in Marion, Alabama, I received a phone call proposing a May trip to Uganda to teach Biblical Counseling. I was surprised by the invitation, as I had never considered teaching abroad. When I presented this teaching opportunity to the session, they agreed to support me by providing for my expenses. And so, on May 18th, I boarded a plane to go to Kampala to teach at Westminster Bible College and Theological Seminary (WTS).

BTS, in a cooperative agreement with WTS, grants the Master of Divinity and M.A. in Theology degrees through a module format of week-long classes offered three times a year. WTS is an institution run by the Presbyterian Church of Uganda (PCU). The Presbyterian Church of America (PCA) supports the seminary through the work of missionaries who teach and provide administrative work.

I was privileged to be one of two teachers who taught the May module, and my subject was Advanced Biblical Counseling. At BTS, the Advanced Biblical Counseling course emphasizes the abnormal aspect of human behavior. I was encouraged to de-emphasize the abnormal aspect of this class and instead, to focus on crisis issues that are universal. Issues included depression, anxiety, suicide, drug abuse, sexual abuse, grief, and homosexuality.

I had the opportunity to teach about 24 students who came from Uganda, Kenya, the Congo and Rwanda. Teaching cross-culturally is a challenge because of the obviously different context. For instance, in many African nations, including Uganda, polygamy is tolerated, the dowry is still practiced, and African traditional religion (animism and sacrifices) is still in practice. Many of my students came from families whose fathers were polygamous. Imagine the complications and pain that kind of family environment inflicts on a child. Several students had this background as well as the additional hardship of poverty. Despite these obstacles, the students became believers and found hope in the Word of God. Now, they want to share that same hope and help others. In the end, we focused on the application of the Word of God to life situations instead of concentrating on cultural differences. I was impressed by how well the students understood the material and felt that they were quite keen in their understanding of the issues.

On the way back home, something happened to me too: I realized I had gained a better perspective of mission work. It is quite a challenge to live and minister in a different culture, but it is the Lord who gives us grace and enables us to do the work He wants us to do. Would I go back to Uganda for a second time? Of course.
THE BTS STUDENT HANDBOOK

Okay, Pop Quiz on the BTS Student Handbook*. This quiz is closed book. No peeking! Are you ready?

1. What is the official BTS hymn?
2. When is the first day of classes for Spring 2011 classes?
3. Name one of the historic creeds to which BTS professors must adhere.
4. How many absences is a student permitted per course?
5. When must students notify the Registrar’s office of their intent to graduate?
6. Where do BTS students have library privileges (with presentation of Student ID)?
7. When is a withdrawal form due, if a student wishes to withdraw from a course?

How did you do? Judging by how many phone calls we get for question number two, many of you have not read the student handbook. The handbook is available online, or you may request copies from the BTS office. Many of your questions are answered in the Student Handbook and BTS Catalog, also available online. Being familiar with the policies and procedures of the Seminary will lessen confusion and help you proceed with your studies more easily. As a reminder, by signing the application for admission, all students are stating that they will read the Student Handbook prior to taking a class. As always, if you have questions about the student handbook catalog, or general seminary questions, please contact our office. We are here to serve you.

*The first student to submit the correct answers to this quiz to BTSAdmin@briarwood.org will receive a small prize!

Please Welcome....
Catesha Nelson, Dothan Extension Coordinator

BTS is pleased to introduce you to Catesha Nelson, the new Dothan Extension coordinator. Irma-Maria Stevens, the previous Dothan coordinator, has moved to Switzerland with her husband, Dothan professor Carl Stevens. Catesha is originally from Montgomery and holds a Master’s degree in Business from Full Sail University. Catesha is married to Jesse Nelson, a recent graduate of New Orleans Theological Seminary and a youth minister at Dothan Community Church. They are the parents of a wonderful 2 year old daughter, Jacey. Catesha looks forward to working with students in the Dothan community. She can reached at BTSDothan@gmail.com.

What can your Extension Coordinator do for you?

Extension Coordinators at all BTS extensions are dedicated to promoting BTS and assisting BTS students in their areas. Your extension coordinator can:
• Take your registration for class during Registration Week
• Take your picture for your student ID during Registration Week
• Answer general questions about the schedule
• Assist you in recruiting your friends and church members
• Assist in the application process

Announcements

STUDENT IDS/ NAME BADGES

It is time to renew student IDs. All students, including Distance Education students, will be issued student IDs for the annual fee of $15. Please remember that it is the student’s responsibility to provide the seminary office with a picture so your ID can be made. Your student ID contains your student ID number which is required in requesting transcripts and other student information. Your ID may also gain you discounts at Christian bookstores or aid you in getting a library card at a University. Please also remember you are required to wear your name badge to class for security reasons and to help your professor and classmates learn your name.

COURSE EVALUATIONS

Just a reminder that course evaluations are sent by e-mail at the end of the semester. Your anonymous feedback is greatly appreciated and used to make improvements in the classroom and Seminary. Please be sure to participate!

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.
FALL 2010
REGISTRATION FORM
Registrations due the week of Sept. 13

OFFICE USE ONLY
Tuition:
Mat. Fee:
App. Fee:
ID Fee: $15
CC Fee (4%):
Late Fee:
Amt. Past Due:
Total Due:
Amount Paid:
Balance Due:

NAME: __________________________________________
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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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

REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

Registration week is September 13-17. Please be sure to submit your registration form with all tuition and fees by this date to avoid the $25 per course late fee. Fill out the form completely and sign. You may mail your registration and tuition to our office, register in person at our office Mon-Thurs. 8:00-4:00, or register in person outside the classrooms during registration week.

STUDENT ID: All students registering for a class will be charged the annual $15 student ID fee and have a new ID made. Please stop by our office or the registration table to have your picture made for the ID. You may also e-mail a picture. Students are responsible for submitting or having their picture made for the ID.

MATERIAL FEE: Some courses require that the student purchase a bound booklet of course notes for $15. The booklets will be provided on the first day of class.

LATE FEE: A late fee of $25 will be added for registrations and tuition received after registration week (September 17, 2010).

PAST DUE BALANCES: Please be aware that you cannot register for courses with a past due balance. Please be prepared to pay past due balances at registration.
**BIRMINGHAM THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY**

**FALL SEMESTER: September 13 - December 17, 2010**

Registrations/Tuition due by September 17 to avoid late fees • Drop/Add period ends September 24

Fall Break is October 18-22, 2010

Classes will not meet November 24-25 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday

**BIRMINGHAM CAMPUS**

Classes meet at Briarwood Presbyterian Church unless otherwise noted

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(1)AP8521 Introduction to Apologetics is a prerequisite for all Apologetics courses.
(2)BC7501 Introduction to Biblical Counseling is a prerequisite for all Counseling courses except BC7630 Marriage and Family Counseling
(3)PT5637 Personal Evangelism - Seminary students must register with the Seminary office and the Briarwood Evangelism ministry to receive credit.
(4)All Master of Arts students seeking to graduate in Spring 2010 are required to take this course.
(5) DM9110 Sept. 17th, Oct. 15th, and Nov. 19th
(6)DM9222 Sept. 17th, October 12th or 17th (see website for details), and Nov. 19th.

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

Christian Chapel Baptist Church • 500 West Decatur Street

PT626 Ministry to Children, Youth and Families  
Rev. Fred Moore  
THU 5:30-7:30PM

**DOTHAN**

Westwood Presbyterian Church • 5480 W. Main Street

ST3550 Bible Interpretation  
Dr. Brad Rushing  
MON 5:30-7:30PM

BC7501 Introduction to Biblical Counseling  
Rev. Lynn Miley  
MON 5:30-7:30PM

HT4641 Church History in America  
Rev. Clark Cornelius  
TUE 5:30-7:30PM

PT5621 Conflict Resolution in the Church  
Dr. W. Charles Lewis  
TUE 5:30-7:30PM

ST3528 Systematic Theology III (Christology)*  
Dr. Todd Baucum  
THU 5:30-7:30PM

AP8791 Special Topics (Apologetics of C.S. Lewis)  
Dr. Todd Baucum  
THU 7:30-9:30PM

**HUNTSVILLE**

Westminster Presbyterian Church • 237 Johns Rd Huntsville 35806

NT2022 New Testament I (Gospels – Acts)*  
Dr. Mike Calvert  
MON 5:30-7:30PM

PT5531 Christian Worker’s Personal Life & Spiritual Formation  
Mr. Jeff Townsley  
MON 5:30-7:30PM

ST3529 Systematic Theology IV (Justification/Sanctification)*  
Dr. Fred Rice  
TUE 5:30-7:30PM

OT1021 Old Testament I (Genesis-Ruth)*  
Dr. Jody Anderson  
TUE 5:30-7:30PM

BC7505 Advanced Biblical Counseling  
Mr. Jeff Townsley  
THU 5:30-7:30PM

HT4641 Church History in America  
Dr. Charlie Wingard  
THU 5:30-7:30PM

**MONTGOMERY**

Various Locations

OT1021 Old Testament I (Genesis-Ruth)*  
Rev. Kirby Smith  
MON 5:30-7:30PM  YMPC

PT5531 Christian Worker’s Personal Life & Spiritual Formations  
Mr. David Illman  
MON 7:30-9:30PM  YMPC

MS6631 Biblical Theology of Missions  
Dr. Jiles Williams  
TUE 5:30-7:30PM  YMPC

BC7624 Readings in Biblical Counseling (7)  
Mr. Lou Priolo  
TUE 6:30-9:30PM  EPC

ST3527 Systematic Theology III (Christology)*  
Rev. Lee Bloodworth  
TUE 5:30-7:30PM  CPC

NT2022 New Testament I (Gospels-Acts)*  
Dr. Jim Simoneau  
THU 5:30-7:30PM  YMPC

(7) BC7755 students must register with and pay tuition to Eastwood Presbyterian Church. Students seeking Seminary credit must also apply and register with the Seminary office and pay a $30 an hour posting fee. BC7501 Introduction to Biblical Counseling is a prerequisite for BTS students. Starting date is to be announced.

EPC-Eastwood Presbyterian Church  
YMPC-Young Meadows Presbyterian Church • 5780 Vaughn Rd. 36116  
CPC-Covenant Presbyterian Church • 5 Arden Road 36109

**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

PT5626 Ministry to Children, Youth & Families  
Rev. Charles Williams  
MON 7:30-9:30PM

PT5602 Biblical Principles of Christian Education  
Rev. Leander Jones  
TUE 5:30-7:30PM

OT1021 Old Testament I (Genesis-Ruth)*  
Dr. Bill Thetford  
TUE 5:30-7:30PM

PT5733 Leadership Development  
Rev. Leander Jones  
TUE 7:30-9:30PM

ST3528 Systematic Theology III (Christology)*  
Dr. Steve Woods  
THU 5:30-7:30PM

AP8521 Introduction to Apologetics  
Rev. Dan Arsenault  
THU 5:30-7:30PM

MS6631 Biblical Theology of Missions  
Dr. Steve Woods  
THU 7:30-9:30PM