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CONGRATULATIONS MAY 2010 GRADUATES!



Back L-R: David Marvin, Rosalind Andrews, Ralph Patterson, Booker McMillian
Middle L-R: Barbara Muse, Jim Allen Randall, Clinton Carr
Front L-R: Elizabeth Hargrove, Regina Pullen, Joy Johnsey, Eddie Robinson
Not pictured: Ramtawon Konghar

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?

BIBLICAL COUNSELING IN UGANDA

Dr. Luis Orteza



Dr. Orteza (far right), pictured with missionaries and WTS staff

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.

Announcements

M.A. CLINICALS

M.A. in Ministry, M.A. in Apologetics, and M.A. in Missions students planning to graduate in May 2011 must register for PT7802 Clinical Research Development this Fall.

LOGOS SOFTWARE

Logos is a requirement for all MDIV and DMIN students and strongly encouraged for all students. BTS is one of the few schools to enjoy a 50% discount on Logos. Take advantage of this great deal by following the link on our website.

Not sure what Logos is? Try it out on the Briarwood library computer or contact our office for more information.

BOOK STORE

The Briarwood Bookstore will have a book table Monday through Thursday evenings during registration week (Birmingham location only). Books that have been listed on class syllabi will be available for purchase. The bookstore will match Amazon.com prices. If you are unable to get to the bookstore during their business hours, you may order and pay for books by contacting the bookstore at 776-5210 and making arrangements to pick them up.

E-MAIL DISTRIBUTION LIST

Want to receive the semester schedules as soon as they are available? Be sure to sign up for our e-mail distribution list to receive schedules and other news. To sign up, follow the link on our home page, www.birminghamseminary.org.

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 BTSAAdmin@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 be 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.

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

Fees: M.A. Application Fee \$30 (one time) • Tuition \$100 per M.A./Cert. credit hr.; \$150 per DMIN credit hr. \$40 per audit hr. • Late Fee: \$25 per course after Sep. 17 • 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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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.

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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**

COURSE	PROFESSOR	DAY/TIME	ROOM
MS6631 Biblical Theology of Missions	Dr. Richard Trucks	MON 6:00-8:00AM	W203
OT1021 Old Testament I (Genesis-Ruth)*	Dr. Richard Trucks	MON 4:00-6:00PM	W204
NT2011 Beginning Greek I	Mr. Bruce Horsley	MON 5:30-7:30PM	W202
AP8611 Advanced Apologetics I ⁽¹⁾	Dr. Steve Cowan	MON 5:30-7:30PM	W203
PT5621 Conflict Resolution in the Church	Mr. Glenn Waddell	MON 5:30-7:30PM	A209
AP8521 Introduction to Apologetics	Mr. Frank Ellis	MON 7:30-9:30PM	W202
BC7622 Biblical Approach to Addictions ⁽²⁾	Drs. L. Dozier & M. Shaw	MON 7:30-9:30PM	W203
PT5712 Pedagogy in Christian Education	Dr. Dave Matthews	MON 7:30-9:30PM	A209
HT4528 Early & Medieval Church History	Rev. George Shamblin	TUE 6:00-8:00AM	W203
PT5739 Biblical Principles of Church Growth	Rev. Willie Wells	TUE 5:30-7:30PM	W202
BC7606 Using the Bible in Counseling ⁽²⁾	Drs. Faye White & Luis Orteza	TUE 5:30-7:30PM	W203
ST3526 Systematic Theology I (God)*	Dr. Jeff Lowman	TUE 5:30-7:30PM	A209
AP8531 World Religions	Rev. Clete Hux	TUE 7:30-9:30PM	W202
BC7501 Introduction to Biblical Counseling	Dr. Luis Orteza	TUE 7:30-9:30PM	W203
ST3529 Systematic Theology IV(Justification/Sanctification)*	Dr. Jeff Lowman	TUE 7:30-9:30PM	A209
NT2011 Beginning Greek I	Mr. Bill Stroup	WED 6:00-8:00AM	W203
BC7502 Counseling in the Local Church I	Dr. Howard Eyrich	WED 6:30-8:30PM	A209
OT1021 Old Testament I (Genesis-Ruth)*	Dr. Frank Barker	WED 5:30-7:30PM	W203
PT5637 Personal Evangelism ⁽³⁾	Dr. Frank Barker	WED 6:30-9:30PM	F Hall
PT5722 Expository Preaching I	Rev. Michael Reese	THU 9:00-11:00AM	BEBBC [#]
ST3527 Systematic Theology II (Anthropology)*	Rev. Robert Alexander	THU 11:00-1:00PM	BEBBC [#]
NT2022 New Testament I (Gospels-Acts)*	Rev. Morris Johnson	THU 5:30-7:30PM	W202
PT5527 Communications I	Rev. Jim Maples	THU 5:30-7:30PM	W203
MS6630 Life & Work on the Mission Field	Dr. Tom Cheely	THU 5:30-7:30PM	W204
PT5631 Theology & Practice of Administration	Rev. Larry Cockrell	THU 5:30-7:30PM	A209
ST3511 Survey of Systematic Theology	Rev. Stephane Cobbert	THU 7:30-9:30PM	W202
HT4528 Early & Medieval Church History	Rev. Jim Maples	THU 7:30-9:30PM	W203
PT7802 Clinical Research Development ⁽⁴⁾	Revs. Cockrell & James	THU 7:30-9:30PM	A209
NT2022 New Testament I (Gospels-Acts)*	Rev. Mike Jones	FRI 6:00-8:00AM	W203
DM9110 Educational Ministries of the Growing Church ⁽⁵⁾	Dr. Dave Matthews	FRI 8:30-4:30PM	W202
DM9222 Bib. Couns., Ecclesiology, Legal Issues & Peacemaking ⁽⁶⁾	Dr. Eyrich & Mr. Waddell	FRI 8:30-4:30PM	W203

(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.

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* 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

PT5626 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

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