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EARN A MASTER'S DEGREE THROUGH DISTANCE EDUCATION

"When I became a seminary student at another seminary, I took one class at a time while working a full time job. I thought it was going to take forever to complete my degree. I had to wait until a course was offered that I needed to take and make sure that class would fit in with my work schedule. Eventually, I ended up quitting my job to go to seminary full time to complete my degree in two years. But this is not practical for everyone."

Do you also think earning a Master's degree is impossible? Perhaps you are one of our extension campus students or maybe you take an occasional class whenever you can find time between work and family obligations. For some of you, attending class once a week is nearly impossible with your schedules. Others may take one class a semester and wish you could take more. We have good news for you. **The Master of Arts in Biblical Studies degree program is now completely available through distance education.** You can earn a Master's degree despite your busy schedule.

The M.A. in Biblical Studies contains all the core classes of our other degree programs. This means Birmingham students can take their core classes via distance education and then take the remaining degree requirements live. You can study while travelling and determine your own study schedule. The newest Distance Education course offerings are Communications I taught by Ike Reeder and Bible Interpretation taught by BTS Vice President Thad James. We recommend these courses be taken early on as they provide a foundation in writing and Biblical exegesis.

If you prefer the accountability offered in a live class, consider recruiting some friends to take Distance Education classes with you in a group (cohort). Cohort study has been a blessing to several students (as highlighted in a previous newsletter).

We strive to provide a sound theological education that fits with your busy schedule. It is our desire to see God's people equipped to further His Kingdom. We hope that Distance Education program will benefit the ministries of many.

For more information on the DE program, call 205-776-5356 or visit our website at birminghamseminary.org.

FAQs

Q: When can I register for a DE course?

A: Anytime.

Q: How long do I have to complete the course?

A: Up to four months.

Q: What about exams?

A: You will select a proctor, fill out a form and the exam will be e-mailed to your proctor.

Q: Where do I begin?

A: Old Testament, New Testament and Systematic Theology I are popular choices. Communications I and Bible Interpretation (new) are recommended.

DOCTOR OF MINISTRY IN PASTORAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM



Rev. Jim Maples is the new director for the Doctor of Ministry in Pastoral Leadership (DMIN--PL) program. Many of you know Rev. Maples as a long-time professor at BTS. Rev. Maples is the pastor at Pleasant Grove Presbyterian Church and holds an M. A. from Reformed Theological Seminary. He is currently working on a Th.D. in Church History from the University of South Africa. Prior to entering the ministry full-time, he served as an executive with several different firms, including President and CEO of two different companies. Rev. Maples was also active for a number of years in prison ministry, short-term missions, and Evangelism Explosion. He has been married to his wife,

Robyn, for 27 years; they have two grown children and one grandchild.

We asked Rev. Maples to answer some general questions about the DMIN-PL program.

Q: What is the Doctor of Ministry in Pastoral Leadership program?

JM: The DMIN-PL is a doctoral degree program designed to increase the pastor's effectiveness in the ministry and equip him for leadership excellence as he faces the many challenges of pastoral ministry. This degree provides students with continuing skill development, spiritual growth and greater awareness of the theological, cultural and sociological challenges facing church leaders today.

Q: What are the qualifications for the DMIN-PL program?

JM: The program is designed for pastors currently serving in the ministry who have an M. Div. degree with three years of ministry experience. Youth ministers, worship leaders, and executive pastors would also find the Pastoral Leadership program beneficial. Students without an M. Div. who hold an M. A. in a ministry field and have five years of ministry experience may apply. Some additional prerequisites may be required.*

Q: I'm too busy to get a DMIN degree / How much time can I expect to invest in this degree program?

JM: Birmingham Theological Seminary's Doctor of Ministry (DMin) program in Pastoral Leadership is designed to accommodate both the bi-vocational and the full-time pastor active in the ordained ministry. This is done through interaction with our faculty of full-time ministry practitioners and peer groups of other ministry leaders. Classes meet three Fridays a semester. The program cannot be completed in less than three years and is designed with the busy ministry leader in mind.

Q: What can I expect to gain from this degree program?

JM: Under the guidance of faculty mentors coupled with interaction with other students, participants are challenged and encouraged through thought-provoking examination of real life ministry opportunities. These studies will develop further the skill and competence acquired in the ministry and expand and build on the historical, biblical, theological and practical disciplines previously studied in preparation for the ministry.

If you are interested in finding out more about the Doctor of Ministry Program in Pastoral Leadership, please contact the Seminary office. We will be glad to assist you with the application process and put you in touch with those who can discuss with you the development of your professional ministry goals. A new cohort will be forming soon. Call today: 205-776-5650 or e-mail btsadmin@briarwood.org.

** This program, in accordance with the historical theological position held by the mainstream of evangelical churches, is limited to male students.*

Announcements

GRADUATION

Graduation is Friday, May 13 at 7:00 PM at Briarwood Church. Dr. Richard Pratt of Third Millennium Ministries will be the commencement speaker. Come support your graduating classmates! For more information on Third Millennium Ministries, visit www.thirdmill.org

CONFERENCES FOR SEMINARY CREDIT

From Embers to a Flame
Briarwood Presbyterian Church will host From Embers to a Flame, a conference on Church Revitalization, from Jan. 21-23. BTS students taking the class for seminary credit will receive a 50% discount of the conference cost. Seminary tuition also applies. In order to receive M.A. or DMin. credit, students must register with the office of Church Revitalization and with the seminary prior to the conference. The deadline to register for the conference is January 7. Please contact the BTS office at 776-5356 and Meg Hawley in the Church Revitalization office at 776-5399.

Perspectives on the World Christian Movement

The Perspectives course is coming to Birmingham this Spring. Classes begin January 23rd. To receive seminary credit, you must also register with BTS. For more information on the Perspectives course, visit www.perspectives.org.

THE BTS FACULTY AND BOARD



Members of the faculty and board gather at the 2010 Graduation ceremony

BTS BOARD MEMBERS

BTS is blessed to have a diverse and talented group of Board members who love BTS! The BTS Board consists of pastors, BTS professors, and business professionals. The Board meets twice a year (specific Board committees meet more often) to make wise decisions for the benefit of the Seminary. Please be in prayer for our board members as they guide BTS.

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Announcements

RECRUIT FOR BTS

Promotional posters and schedules are available for display in your church or community. You may also consider placing announcements in your church bulletins. For examples, contact our office.

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.

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? _____

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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 Jan. 28 • 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: _____

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WELCOME SALLIE LOWMAN!



Please join us in welcoming our new afternoon administrative assistant, Sallie Lowman! Sallie holds a Master of Arts degree in Marriage and Family Therapy from Reformed Theological Seminary and is the founder of Evangel Tutorials, a program that benefits homeschoolers at Evangel Christian School. She is married to Dr. Jeff Lowman, BTS professor and pastor of Evangel Presbyterian Church, and they have two adult children. Sallie is looking forward to assisting you and will be working in the afternoon, Mondays-Thursdays.

WELCOME BACK, LYDIA PICKETT



We are pleased to announce that Lydia Pickett will be returning as the Montgomery extension coordinator. Lydia served as the extension coordinator prior to Greg Duke. Greg is now serving as a pastor at Riverside Presbyterian Church and is continuing to pursue his MDIV at BTS. Lydia is familiar with BTS and ready to help our Montgomery extension students with Spring registration. You can reach her at lydia59@charter.net.

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SPRING SEMESTER: January 24 - April 29, 2011

Registrations/Tuition due by January 28 to avoid late fees • Drop/Add period ends February 4
Spring Break is March 14 -18 • Graduation is May 13 at 7:00 P.M. at Briarwood Presbyterian Church

BIRMINGHAM CAMPUS

Classes meet at Briarwood Presbyterian Church unless otherwise noted

COURSE	PROFESSOR	DAY/TIME	ROOM
PT5602 Biblical Principles of Christian Education	Dr. Richard Trucks	MON 6:00-8:00AM	W203
OT1022 Old Testament II*	Dr. Richard Trucks	MON 4:00-6:00PM	W204
NT2012 Beginning Greek II	Mr. Bruce Horsley	MON 5:30-7:30PM	W202
AP8612 Advanced Apologetics II ⁽¹⁾	Dr. Steve Cowan	MON 5:30-7:30PM	W203
BC7505 Advanced Biblical Counseling ⁽¹⁾	Dr. Faye White	MON 5:30-7:30PM	A209
MS6658 Intercultural Communications & Ministry	Rev. Beau Miller	MON 7:30-9:30PM	W202
PT5602 Bib. Principles of Christian Ed.	Dr. Dave Matthews	MON 7:30-9:30PM	W203
BC7616 Biblical Counseling & the Law ⁽¹⁾	Mr. Glenn Waddell	MON 7:30-9:30PM	A209
HT4743 Presbyterian Church History	Rev. George Shamblin	TUE 6:00-8:00 AM	W203
OT1023 Old Testament III*	Dr. Frank Barker	TUE 4:00-6:00PM	W204
PT5713 Bib. Origins of Ch. Gov. & Discipline	Dr. Tom Cheely	TUE 5:30-7:30PM	W202
AP8645 God, Ethics & Society ⁽¹⁾	Dr. Vic Minish	TUE 5:30-7:30PM	W203
NT2023 New Testament II (Romans-Revelation)*	Rev. Morris Johnson	TUE 5:30-7:30PM	A209
AP8661 Christianity and Contemporary Culture ⁽¹⁾	Dr. Vic Minish	TUE 7:30-9:30PM	W202
BC7624 Readings in Biblical Counseling ⁽¹⁾	Dr. Luis Orteza	TUE 7:30-9:30PM	W203
ST3550 Bible Interpretation	Rev. Thad James, Jr.	TUE 7:30-9:30PM	A209
NT2012 Beginning Greek II	Mr. Bill Stroup	WED 6:00-8:00AM	W202
OT1022 Old Testament II*	Dr. Frank Barker	WED 5:30-7:30PM	W203
PT5637 Personal Evangelism ⁽²⁾	Dr. Frank Barker	WED 6:30-9:30PM	F Hall
BC7755 Counseling in the Local Church II ⁽¹⁾⁺	Dr. Howard Eyrich	WED 6:30-8:30PM	A209
PT5723 Expository Preaching II ⁽¹⁾	Rev. Michael Reese	THU 9:00-11:00AM	BEBBC#
ST3526 Systematic Theology I (Doctrine of God)*	Rev. Robert Alexander	THU 11:00-1:00PM	BEBBC#
MS6652 Techniques of Church Planting	Rev. Larry Cockrell	THU 5:30-7:30PM	W202
PT5673 Ministry of Teaching	Rev. Jim Maples	THU 5:30-7:30PM	W203
ST3527 Systematic Theology II (Doctrine of Man)*	Dr. Jeff Lowman	THU 5:30-7:30PM	A209
NT2525 New Testament History & Theology	Dr. Matthew Aernie	THU 7:30-9:30PM	W202
HT4743 Presbyterian Church History	Rev. Jim Maples	THU 7:30-9:30PM	W203
ST3530 Systematic Theology V (Doctrine of the Church)*	Dr. Jeff Lowman	THU 7:30-9:30PM	A209
NT2023 New Testament II (Romans-Revelation)*	Rev. Mike Jones	FRI 6:00-8:00AM	W203
PT7803/7804 Clinical Writing/Final Project ⁽³⁾	Rev. Larry Cockrell		
DM9106 Developing & Training Effective Church Leaders ⁽⁴⁾	Revs. Cockrell & Maples	FRI 9:00-4:00PM	W202
DM9101/PT5800 Church Revitalization ⁽⁵⁾	Dr. Harry Reeder	JAN. 21-25	F Hall
DM1113 Biblical Hermeneutics for the Practice of Counseling ⁽⁶⁾	Rev. Thad James, Jr. & Dr. Faye White	FRI 9:00-4:00PM	W203

1. These courses have prerequisites. See catalog or contact seminary office for details.
2. PT5637 Personal Evangelism - Seminary students must register with the Seminary office and the Briarwood Evangelism Ministry to receive credit.
3. All Master of Ministry students that have completed PT7802 must register for PT7803 and PT7804.
4. DM9106 will meet on February 18th, March 25th and April 29th.
5. DM9101/PT5800 Church Revitalization students must register with the Seminary office and pre-register with Embers to a Flame. Contact Meg Hawley (Embers to a Flame) at 205-776-5399 for registration and conference information.
6. DM1113 will meet on February 18th, March 25th and April 15th.

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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

+ Counseling in the Local Church II will begin on January 12th.

DEMOPOLIS
Christian Chapel Baptist Church • 500 West Decatur Street

PT5531 Christian Worker's Personal Life & Spiritual Formations Rev. Fred Moore THU 5:30-7:30PM

DOTHAN
Various Locations

BC7631 Pre-Marriage Counseling ⁽¹⁾	Rev. Lynn Miley	MON	5:30-7:30PM	WPC
OT1022 Old Testament II*	Pastor John Thompson	MON	5:30-7:30PM	WPC
NT2022 New Testament I (Gospels-Acts)*	Rev. Clark Cornelius	TUE	5:30-7:30PM	WPC
PT5621 Conflict Resolution in the Church	Dr. Charles Lewis	THU	5:30-7:30PM	DCC
ST3526 Systematic Theology I (Doctrine of God)*	Dr. Todd Baucum	THU	5:30-7:30PM	DCC
PT5710 Discipleship	Dr. Jeff Lawrence	THU	7:30-9:30PM	DCC
AP8521 Introduction to Apologetics	Dr. Todd Baucum	THU	7:30-9:30PM	DCC

WPC – Westwood Presbyterian Church 5480 W. Main Street • DCC – Dothan Community Church 4390 Westgate Pkwy

HUNTSVILLE
Westminster Presbyterian Church • 237 Johns Rd Huntsville 35806

BC7630 Marriage and Family Counseling ⁽¹⁾	Mr. Jeff Townsley	MON	5:30-7:30PM
NT2011 Beginning Greek I	Dr. Fred Rice	TUE	5:30-7:30PM
OT1021 Old Testament I (Genesis-Ruth)*	Dr. Jody Anderson	TUE	7:30-9:30PM

MONTGOMERY
Various Locations

OT1022 Old Testament II*	Rev. Kirby Smith	MON	5:30-7:30PM	YMPC
PT5637 Personal Evangelism	Dr. Jiles Williams	MON	5:30-7:30PM	NPMBC
BC7755 Counseling in the Local Church II ^	Mr. Lou Priolo & Rev. Henry Beaulieu	TUE	6:30-9:30PM	EPC
ST3528 Systematic Theology IV (Justification/Sanctification)*	Rev. Lee Bloodworth	TUE	5:30-7:30PM	CPC
NT2023 New Testament I (Gospels-Acts)*	Dr. Jim Simoneau	THU	5:30-7:30PM	YMPC
PT5710 Discipleship	Rev. Jeff Lawrence	SAT	9:00-11:00AM	TBA

^ BC7755 students must register with and pay tuition to Eastwood Presbyterian Church. Students seeking Seminary credit must also register with the Seminary office and pay a \$30 per hour posting fee. Class will begin on Jan. 11th registration deadline is Jan 8th. Counseling in the Local Church I is a prerequisite for this course.

YMPC-Young Meadows Presbyterian Church • 5780 Vaughn Rd. 36116
 NPMBC – New Providence Missionary Baptist Church • 2936 Simmons Drive 36108
 EPC-Eastwood Presbyterian Church • 1701 East Trinity Boulevard 36106
 CPC-Covenant Presbyterian Church • 5 Arden Road 36109

TUSCALOOSA
First African Baptist Church • 2621 Stillman Blvd. 35401

BC7631 Pre-Marriage Counseling ⁽¹⁾	Dr. William Scroggins	MON	5:30-7:30PM
ST3550 Bible Interpretation	Rev. Charles Williams	MON	5:30-7:30PM
PT5637 Personal Evangelism	Rev. Leander Jones	TUE	5:30-7:30PM
OT1022 Old Testament II*	Dr. William Thetford	WED	5:30-7:30PM
AP8531 World Religions	Dan Arsenault	THU	5:30-7:30PM
PT5527 Communications I	Dr. Steve Woods	THU	5:30-7:30PM
ST3526 Systematic Theology I (Doctrine of God)*	Dr. Steve Woods	THU	7:30-9:30PM

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