



# Birmingham Theological Seminary

## BIRMINGHAM THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY NEWS Summer 2011 Newsletter

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## CULTIVATING YOUR MARRIAGE IN SEMINARY

Does a husband's subjective call to ministry trump the objective, Biblical command to love his wife? One former seminarian (not BTS) came to grips with this question too late, after the demise of his marriage. Another spiritual blow was dealt, not only to these broken individuals and their children, but also to the church as a whole.



We encourage you to read his excellent article, posted at [www.theaquilareport.com](http://www.theaquilareport.com), which gives a solemn caution to seminary students that they not allow studies and ministry to eclipse the needs of their marriage and family. A few tips we'd like to emphasize:

- At BTS, we want students to realize that, while grades are important, they are far less critical than your ability to apply the Biblical truths you are learning to your own heart and life. This fruit is borne out in your marriage and family relationships. As the author of this article learned, straight A's mean nothing when your wife leaves you.
- Men, do not underestimate your wife's role in your future ministry. She needs to be a part of your current training in order to fulfill her own calling as your helpmate. Invite her to take a course with you or even pursue a degree or certificate herself. As a ministry wife, she will be asked to answer questions, counsel others, or develop ministries within the church. Enabling her to be equipped for her role encourages her and binds you together in a special way. (Titus 2:3-5)
- Recognize that your spouse's support is essential, and their personal interests and activities help provide balance to both your lives. Participating with your husband or wife in other pursuits is also a nice break from all the studying you are doing!
- Do not fail to regularly, creatively, intentionally pray for and with your spouse. Coming together before the throne of grace strengthens you both for the challenges of ministry and life in a fallen world. Your husband or wife is the specific one God has blessed you with and they are worth more than a degree!

*\*Husbands, Love your Wives More than Seminary: Confessing the Sins of a Seminarian, by an anonymous author. [www.theaquilareport.com](http://www.theaquilareport.com) under "Opinion and Commentary" section. This article adapted with permission.*

## Announcements

### CONFERENCES

#### **In the Beginning: A Conference on the Days of Creation.**

Evenings, June 15-17  
All Day, June 18 (Saturday)  
The conference will be held at Briarwood Presbyterian Church and presented by Fixed Point Foundation. BTS students will receive a 25% discount.  
Register at [www.fixed-point.org](http://www.fixed-point.org).

### RECRUIT A FRIEND

Promotional posters and schedules are available for display in your church or community. Contact our office for details.

### 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.

## GRADUATION 2011

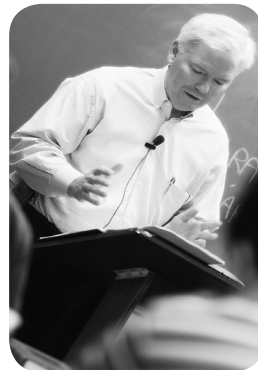


The Graduation ceremony is on May 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at the Briarwood Presbyterian Church Sanctuary in Birmingham, followed by a reception.

Dr. Richard Pratt of Third Millennium Ministries will be the commencement speaker. Come support our 2011 graduates!

## CHAPEL

If you missed the first BTS Chapel service, be sure to join us next time for worship, music, faculty and guest speakers, and fellowship. Chapel services are on the **third Tuesday** of every month from **5:00-5:30 PM** at the Briarwood Presbyterian Church Chapel. After chapel, join classmates and faculty for light refreshments in the adjacent fellowship hall. Swing by after work or before your Tuesday night class. Family and friends are welcome.



<u>Date</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
May 17	Bill Wortman, Fixed Point Foundation
June 21	Bill Thetford, BTS Faculty and Board member
July 19	TBA

## 2011 DMIN COHORT



The DMin in Pastoral Leadership and DMin in Biblical Counseling programs will begin new cohorts this Fall. If you have an MDiv or appropriate Master's degree with 3 years of ministry experience, you may apply to the DMin in Pastoral Leadership program. M.A. in Biblical Counseling or MDiv graduates may apply to the DMin in Biblical Counseling program. See our website for more

information or contact Jim Maples (Pastoral Leadership) at [pgpres@att.net](mailto:pgpres@att.net) or Howard Eyrich (Biblical Counseling) at [heyrich@briarwood.org](mailto:heyrich@briarwood.org).

# BIRMINGHAM THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

**SUMMER SEMESTER: June 6 – September 2, 2011**

**Registrations/Tuition due by June 10 to avoid late fees • Drop/Add period ends June 17**

## **BIRMINGHAM CAMPUS** **Briarwood Presbyterian Church**

<b>COURSE</b>	<b>PROFESSOR</b>	<b>DAY/TIME</b>	<b>ROOM</b>
NT2022 New Testament I (Gospels-Acts)*	Dr. Richard Trucks	Mon. <b>6:00-8:00 AM</b>	W203
NT2521 Advanced Greek	Mr. Bruce Horsley	Mon. 5:30-7:30 PM	W202
PT5750 Public Worship & Music	Dr. Richard Trucks	Mon. 5:30-7:30 PM	W203
BC7631 Pre-Marriage Counseling <sup>1</sup>	Dr. Howard Eyrich	Mon. 5:30-7:30PM	A209
BC7623 Understanding & Evaluating Prof. Literature. <sup>1</sup>	Dr. Luis Orteza	Mon. 7:30-9:30PM	W202
OT1526 Old Testament History & Theology	Rev. George Shamblin	Tues. <b>6:00-8:00AM</b>	W203
OT1021 Old Testament I (Genesis-Ruth)*	Dr. Frank Barker, Jr.	Tues. 4:00-6:00PM	W204
BC7775 Counseling Case Studies <sup>1</sup>	Drs. White & Dozier	Tues. 5:30-7:30PM	W202
OT1526 Old Testament History & Theology	Mr. Brandon Robbins	Tues. 5:30-7:30PM	W203
AP8510 Logic & Critical Thinking <sup>2</sup>	Mr. Brandon Robbins	Tues. 7:30-9:30PM	W203
NT2521 Advanced Greek	Mr. Bill Stroup	Wed. <b>6:00-8:00AM</b>	W203
OT1023 Old Testament III*	Dr. Frank Barker, Jr.	Wed. 5:30-7:30PM	W203
AP8625 Apologetics & Personal Evangelism <sup>2</sup>	Rev. Clete Hux	Thu. 5:30-7:30PM	W202
ST3528 Systematic Theology III (Christology)*	Dr. Jeff Lowman	Thu. 5:30-7:30PM	W203
ST3531 Systematic Theology VI (Eschatology)*	Dr. Jeff Lowman	Thu. 7:30-9:30PM	W203
DM9111 Independent Study <sup>3</sup>	Rev. Jim Maples	Fri. 9:00-4:30PM	W203
DM9331 Biblical Counseling & Psychopathology <sup>4</sup>	Dr. Howard Eyrich	Fri. 9:00 -4:30PM	W203

1. BC7501 Introduction to Biblical Counseling is a prerequisite for BC7631, BC7623 and BC7775

2. AP8521 Introduction to Apologetics is a prerequisite for AP8510 & AP8625

3. DM9111 Independent Study will meet on June 3<sup>rd</sup>

4. DM9331 Biblical Counseling & Psychopathology will meet on June 24<sup>th</sup>, July 29<sup>th</sup> and August 26<sup>th</sup>

## **DOTHAN**

### **Westwood Presbyterian Church** **5480 West Main Street 36305**

ST3527 Systematic Theology II (Doctrine of Man) Dr. Todd Baucum Tues. 5:30-7:30PM

## **TUSCALOOSA**

### **First African Baptist Church** **2621 Stillman Blvd. 35401**

BC7631 Pre-Marriage Counseling <sup>1</sup> Dr. William Scroggins Mon. 5:30-7:30PM  
NT2023 New Testament II (Romans-Revelation)\* Rev. Charles Williams Mon. 5:30-7:30PM  
ST3511 Survey of Systematic Theology Rev. Leander Jones Tues. 5:30-7:30PM

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

**Courses will not be offered this summer in Demopolis, Huntsville and Montgomery.**

*Extention campus students may consider taking a distance education course over the summer. For more information, visit our website at [www.birminghamseminary.org/distance-education.html](http://www.birminghamseminary.org/distance-education.html). You may also contact the office to discuss the possibility of a directed study.*

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  Check if contact info has changed

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

Late Fee: \_\_\_\_\_

Amt. Past Due: \_\_\_\_\_

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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. 29 • 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

We are now accepting registrations for Summer semester. Please be sure to submit your registration form with all tuition and fees by June 10<sup>th</sup> 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. 8:30-4:30, or register in person outside the classrooms during registration week.

**STUDENT ID:** All students are charged an annual \$15 student ID fee. If you did not take classes in the Fall or Spring, you owe this fee. If you do not have a student ID, please stop by our office or the registration table to have your 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.

**ADD/DROP/WITHDRAWAL:** Students may drop and/or add courses through the end of the 2nd week of the semester for a fee of \$15 per course. Students may withdraw from a course once the add/drop period ends until the end of the semester. A withdrawal is posted on the student’s transcript as “W” (withdrawn). Students withdrawing from courses may receive a 50% tuition credit during the two weeks following the end of the add/drop period. After these two weeks, no tuition credit will be given.

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