BTS Turns 40

This year, BTS turns 40! As we celebrate 40 years of equipping, this newsletter will take a look at our past and our future. The following article, written by Dr. Frank Barker, was taken from a 1986 BTS Newsletter.

Birmingham Theological Seminary fills a unique place from my perspective. It makes seminary training available to a wide variety of people who otherwise could not have the advantage of such training. By offering classes in the evening and [early mornings] those who hold down full time jobs are able to attend. As a pastor I have watched men with families go off to seminary, try to attend full time, hold a part time job and somehow support their family. Often the struggle has left them in considerable debt and the family in disarray.

Moreover, there are many who are already in ministry, either the pastorate or youth ministry or with a para-church organization who realize they need formal training in Bible, theology, counseling, speaking, etc. Our format makes this needed training available.

Another group who benefit are those who, while not necessarily planning on entering a full time ministry, wish to improve their skills and knowledge to better serve the Lord as leaders in their homes and local churches.

It always thrills me on registration nights to see the variety; those preparing for the pastorate, Sunday School teachers, church officers, missionaries and others!

Another benefit of this type of training is that we are able to integrate academic learning and practical ministry experience quite well. Because the training is held in churches, we can tie in with existing programs of pastoring, evangelizing, counseling, teaching, etc. Personal evangelism, evangelistic home Bible studies, small group discipleship and similar activities are experienced first-hand.

The effectiveness of any training is seen in the product. Here again I get excited as I visit or hear about the ministries in which our students are engaged. I wish I had space to recount them! Truly God has blessed and is blessing our efforts!

I hope you will personally help us. We need your prayers, your financial support and your passing the word on to those who could benefit from our training.
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.

BTS ALUMNI PUBLISHES BOOK

Dave Edling, BTS’s first M.A. in Biblical Conflict Resolution graduate, has co-written Redeeming Church Conflicts with Tara Barthel. Edling’s book will be published in May 2012.

BTS President Glenn Waddell writes, “Conflicts within the Church strike at the heart of our witness to the world, and yet there are very few rigorously biblical resources available on this topic. Edling and Barthel have seamlessly woven together their unique perspectives and lessons learned from many years of working with conflicted churches. More importantly, this book is soundly biblical from beginning to end, with a practical, gospel-centered approach to disputes within the Church – large and small. It should be a required text for every seminary student; it will certainly be a lifeline for every Church leader facing difficult conflict situations.”

For more information on this degree program, please contact our office or visit birminghamseminary.org.

Flashback: BTS in the ‘70s and ‘80s

Since BTS began offering classes in 1972, we have had over 3,500 students enroll in courses.

FACT: Dr. Trucks has been teaching at BTS for 27 years.

Dr. Richard Trucks

BTS’ First Graduate, Donna Greene

An early class at BTS

Founder, Rev. Bill Hay

Focusing on a lecture

BTS’ first Registrar, Dorel Pence Elliott

Don Furuto

FACT: Dr. Furuto is our Distance Education grader.

BTS in the ‘70s and ‘80s
BTS PARTNERSHIP WITH THIRD MILLENNIUM MINISTRIES

We are excited to announce a new venture that will make sound theological education even more widely available.

BTS has been working closely for the past year with Third Millennium Ministries (IIIM) (thirdmill.org) on an initiative to train pastors globally via the internet. We are excited to announce that this new program is scheduled to “launch” in January. Once the BTS/IIIM website is up and running, any student outside the U.S. with access to the internet will be able to take high-quality courses free of charge and earn a BTS Certificate in Christian Ministry.

Third Millennium, founded by Dr. Richard Pratt, exists “to prepare Christian leaders to lead a transformation of the world into God’s Kingdom by providing Biblical education, for the world, for free.” The focus of IIIM fits very well with BTS’ mission, and we are excited to partner with IIIM in this effort. IIIM fulfills its mission by creating a multimedia seminary curriculum in five major languages – English, Spanish, Arabic, Chinese (Mandarin) and Russian. We will initially offer our Certificate in Christian Ministry only in English, but anticipate rolling out a Spanish-language version sometime in 2012. As if that didn’t stretch us enough, we’ve received inquiries about offering this certificate program in Mandarin and Arabic!

(Anyone with an internet connection can take these courses for their personal enrichment. However, only students living outside of the U.S. will be eligible to receive academic credit and earn a BTS Certificate in Christian Ministry. Credits from this program are not transferable to any other BTS degree program.)

TUITION FREE!

Have you been putting off taking a class? What are you waiting for?
New Testament I, taught by Brandon Robbins at the Birmingham campus is being offered tuition-free to new and inactive students this semester.*

To register, you will simply need to fill out an application for admission, pay the $30 application fee, and submit a registration form. The 2011-2012 student ID fee will be also be waived for qualifying students taking only this course.

Don’t miss out on the opportunity to take a course tuition-free!

*Inactive students are students who have not taken a course in more than 2 years.

LOGOS TRAINING SEMINAR

Saturday, February 11
8:30-12:30
$100
Snacks Provided
No academic credit for this seminar

Registrations due January 30.

The LOGOS software is required for all degree-seeking students. Take advantage of this opportunity to learn how to use this valuable ministry and study tool. To register, contact the BTS office.

Announcements

FACULTY TRAVELS

BTS Professor Dr. Larry Dozier travelled to Uganda in October to teach intensive courses in Biblical Counseling at Westminster Theological College & Seminary in Kampala.

BTS Professor Dr. Luis Orteza will return to WTC in Uganda in January 2012 to teach Advanced Biblical Counseling and Counseling Theory. Dr. Howard Eyrich will teach Biblical Parenting and Group Dynamics at WTC in March 2012.

BTS President Glenn Waddell will travel to New Zealand in 2012 to teach two seminars on church conflict at Grace Theological College.

PEACEMAKER MINISTRIES’ CONFLICT COACHING & MEDIATION

Conflict is everywhere! Conflict can manifest itself in the church, workplace, and home, and if not properly handled can leave individuals feeling discouraged and hopeless. You are invited to attend the Conflict Coaching & Mediation Training Event, and learn how to coach others in their conflict by glorifying God and applying His principles of peacemaking to each situation.

January 19-21, 2012 at Oak Mountain Presbyterian Church 5080 Cahaba Valley Trace Birmingham, AL 35242

Registration deadline 01/07

www.peacemaker.net or call 406.256.1583 ext. 23
NAME:_____________________________________________________________________________

ADDRESS:_____________________________________________ CITY: ___________________
STATE: _______ ZIP: ___________________

PHONE: (H):_________________ (W) ___________________ (C) ___________________ 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. 27 • 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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*Use of Credit card incurs a 4% service charge

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The Board, Faculty and Graduates of the 2012 Graduating Class of
Birmingham Theological Seminary
invite you to attend
Commencement Exercises
on Friday Evening, May 11, 2012, 7:00 p.m.
in the Worship Center, Briarwood Presbyterian Church
Rev. Larry Cockrell
Commencement Speaker
Reception Following in the Fellowship Hall

Birmingham Theological Seminary
2200 Briarwood Way
Birmingham, AL 35243
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<td>Dr. Frank Barker</td>
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<td>Rev. Robert Alexander</td>
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(1) These courses have pre-requisites. See BTS Catalog or contact the BTS office for details.
(2) PT5637 Personal Evangelism – Seminary students must register with the Seminary office and the E.E. office (Leigh Ann Reese 776-5301) to receive credit. The one day Share Your Faith Workshop (mandatory) will be on January 16th and the evening training will begin on January 25th.
(3) NT2022 is being offered tuition-free for new and inactive students. See page 3 of the Newsletter for details or contact the BTS office.
(4) Students must register with the Seminary office and Pre-register with Embers to a Flame. Contact Meg Hawley (Embers to a Flame) at 776-5399 for pre-registration (Jan 5th deadline) and the conference schedule. DMin students meet with Dr. Reeder on Jan. 19th from 2:00-3:00 (A105) and for lunch on Friday Jan.20th from 11:45-12:45 (G101).
(5) DM9120 will meet on February 24th, March 23rd, and April 20th. DM1112 TBA
(6) Students must register with the Seminary office by January 30th. The cost of this seminar will be $100. Please see the Newsletter for more information.

* Old Testament I-III, New Testament I-II, and Systematic Theology I-VI do not need to be taken in any particular order
DOTHAN
Extension Coordinator: Catesha Nelson • 334-202-3920 • btsdothan@gmail.com
Various Locations

BC7630 Marriage & Family Counseling  Rev. Lynn Miley  MON 5:30-7:30PM  WPC
ST3526 Systematic Theology I (Doctrines of God)* Dr. Todd Baucum  TUE 5:30-7:30PM  WPC
NT2023 New Testament II (Romans -Revelation)* Dr. Charles Lewis  THU 5:30-7:30PM  DCC
OT1021 Old Testament I (Genesis-Ruth)* Pastor John Thompson  THU 5:30-7:30PM  DCC

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

HUNTSVILLE
Contact BTS office for more info: 205-776-5650 • BTSAdmin@briarwood.org
Westminster Presbyterian Church • 237 Johns Rd Huntsville 35806

NT2022 New Testament I (Gospels-Acts)* Rev. Charles Rodgers  TUE 5:30-7:30PM

MONTGOMERY
Extension Coordinator: Lydia Pickett • 334-284-5056 • lydia59@charter.net
Various Locations

OT1021 Old Testament I (Genesis - Ruth)* Rev. Kirby Smith  MON 5:30-7:30PM  YMPC
PT5710 Discipleship Dr. Jiles Williams  MON 5:30-7:30PM  YMPC
ST3527 Systematic Theology II (Doctrines of Man)* Rev. Lee Bloodworth  TUE 5:30-7:30PM  YMPC
PT5527 Communications I Dr. Bruce Moulton  TUE 5:30-7:30PM  YMPC
BC7630 Marriage & Family Counseling  Mr. Lou Priolo  TUE 6:30-9:30PM  EPC
BC7505 Advanced Biblical Counseling  Mr. Lou Priolo  TUE 6:30-9:30PM  EPC
NT2023 New Testament II (Romans –Revelation)* Dr. Jim Simoneau  THU 5:30-7:30PM  YMPC

(7) BC7630 students must register with and pay tuition to Eastwood Presbyterian Church (Deadline January 6th). Students seeking Seminary credit must also register with the Seminary office and pay a $30 per hour posting fee. Class will begin January 10th and will end on April 20th.
(8) BC7505 Advanced Biblical Counseling will begin on January 10th.

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TUSCALOOSA
Extension Coordinator: Charles Williams • 205-292-4620
First African Baptist Church • 2621 Stillman Blvd. 35401

PT5710 Discipleship Rev. Charles Williams  MON 5:30-7:30PM
BC7630 Marriage & Family Counseling Dr. William Seroggins  MON 7:30-9:30PM
OT1021 Old Testament I (Genesis-Ruth)* Dr. William Thetford  TUE 5:30-7:30PM
NT2022 New Testament I (Gospels & Acts)* Rev. Leander Jones  TUE 7:30-9:30PM

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