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Fall 2015 Newsletter

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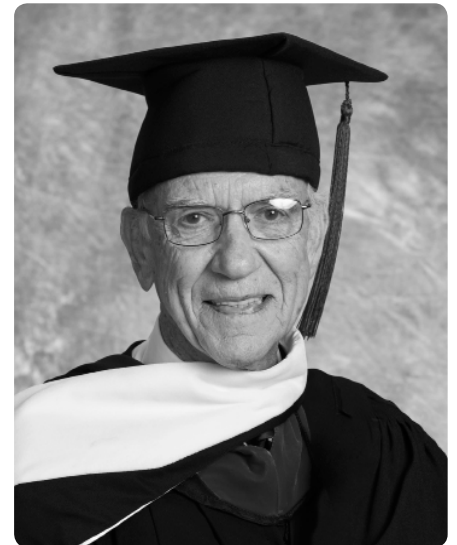
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A Board Member's Perspective on BTS

By: Dr. W. Douglas Haskew

BTS became an important part of my life after my military service as an Army Ranger, marriage to Neal, and conversion to Christianity through the preaching of Frank Barker and the ministry of Briarwood Church. I wanted to rapidly expand my understanding of the Bible and the Gospel, so I signed up for courses taught by Bill Hay, Frank Barker and other professor and pastors from local churches and seminaries. I was impressed with the quality of teaching and the availability of courses at night and on weekends. After several years of study, I received an M.A. in Religious Education degree. This allowed me, together with my finance degrees and related credentials, to serve as a financial advisor as a ministry, specifically through the lay pastor, counseling and seniors ministries at my church. Also, I have been blessed to serve on the BTS Board of Directors with my mentors for 30 years.



Dr. Haskew at the 2015 graduation Ceremony

As a Board member, I have seen BTS continue, in Birmingham and the extensions, the excellent teaching which I experienced many years ago. And now BTS has expanded all over the globe, working with Third Millennium Ministries and OneHundredFold to make sound theological training available to more than 2,000 students in English and Spanish in 114 countries, including Pakistan, Afghanistan, Cuba and China. The Lord has brought the world to our doorstep, so that BTS is making a significant impact on reaching the world for Christ. BTS truly is a regional seminary with a global impact! What a joy it is to serve in the leadership of this institution at this time of great ministry opportunity.

Editor's Note: Doug Haskew was awarded an honorary doctorate for his long-term service on the BTS Board at the BTS graduation ceremony held on May 15 of this year.

New Extension Campus Open in ANNISTON

In Anniston, Alabama, several churches have come together to form an extension of Birmingham Theological Seminary. Local pastors are establishing this local BTS training center to provide doctrinal training and practical instruction to equip Christian men and women to build the kingdom of God through the gospel.

Churches involved include Grace Fellowship, Redeemer Church, Hope Community Church, The Living Church, Christian Fellowship Bible Church, and Anniston Bible Church. Please pray that through this extension BTS will equip many new servants for the Lord's work.

If you have questions or are interested enrollment please call the seminary office at 205.776.5650.



Classes will meet at Anniston Bible Church

Announcements

M.A. CLINICALS

M.A. in Ministry, M.A. in Apologetics, and M.A. in Missions students planning to graduate in May 2016 must register for PT7802 Clinical Research Development this Fall.

ANNUAL STUDENT SERVICE FEE DUE

The \$30 annual student services fee is due at registration for all students. This fee covers your student ID and name badge, printed course supplements and other student services. If you already have a student ID, you will receive a sticker to update it or you may request a new ID.

INCLEMENT WEATHER PLAN

If classes are cancelled due to inclement weather, a message to that effect will be placed on the voicemail for 205.776.5650. The website's home page, birminghamseminary.org, will also be updated with information about weather-related closings.

DEGREE AUDITS

Students who have taken a class within the last year will be receiving degree audits in the mail. The degree audit is designed to assist you selecting your next course. If you have any questions about your degree audit, please contact the BTS office.

If you have not declared a degree program, please consider selecting a program. You may be closer to earning a degree than you think. To discuss degree programs, call 776-5356 to schedule an appointment.

CONGRATULATIONS, 2015 GRADUATES



*Back L-R: Rush Jackson, Joshua Light, Leroy, McLeroy, Stephon Montgomery, George Hayden
Front L-R: Joli Moore, Paul Golden, Tremaine Davis, Linda Oliver, Pam Sinclair (in absentia)*

Diplomas Awarded:

- 3 Master of Divinity • 3 M.A. in Biblical Counseling • 4 M.A. in Biblical Studies

BTS Professor and President Emeritus, Dr. Howard Eyrich was the commencement speaker.

We are looking forward to what the Lord has in store for our graduates. We pray God's blessings on them as they pursue ministry opportunities.

If you are planning to graduate in May 2016, please contact the Registrar at jhamamatsu@briarwood.org as soon as possible.

Announcing the Launch of the BTS Founders Fund

Glenn Waddell, President

It would be difficult to find two men who have been used by God to have a more profound impact on individuals, families and our community than BTS founders Dr. Frank Barker and Dr. Bill Hay. Through faithful evangelism, teaching, preaching and discipleship, they have led many to faith in Christ and equipped many more for Kingdom service. They stood firm for the truth of Scripture in the founding of the Presbyterian Church in America; they served faithfully for many years as founding pastors of Briarwood Presbyterian Church and Covenant Presbyterian Church; and they started or accelerated countless missionaries and ministries, including BTS.



The BTS Founders Fund has been established to honor the lives and ministries of these two servant leaders, to ensure the effectiveness and long-term viability of BTS, and to enable the Seminary to train even more students locally and globally.

As the opportunities for ministry have multiplied, BTS has stretched its financial and human resources ever further, all the while striving to balance faith and good stewardship. The Seminary will continue to practice good stewardship of the resources the Lord has entrusted to it. But with additional funding, BTS could accomplish much more, like offering classes in more locations throughout Alabama, educating thousands in Central and South America, and even launching its international online certificate program in Mandarin Chinese.

It is our prayer that the BTS Founders Fund will provide the resources needed to bridge the gap and enable BTS to equip thousands more to serve the church locally and globally.

Would you prayerfully consider contributing to the BTS Founders Fund?

Notice to Certificate Students

You may have noticed that certificate and masters degree students have been asked to satisfy the same academic requirements in each class. After much prayerful consideration, we have concluded that this policy should be changed. Beginning with the summer semester, we asked BTS professors to decrease the academic workload they place on certificate students. While classes will still be challenging and enriching for certificate students, we believe it appropriate to require more work from students pursuing a masters degree than from those pursuing a certificate.



Students who wish to have their certificate credits applied towards a masters degree in the future will need to advise the Seminary office and satisfy the higher "masters" standard for each class. Previously earned certificate credits already satisfy that standard and are so designated in the Seminary's records. Please contact the seminary office if you have any questions about this change.

Mark your Calendars

JAN TERM CLASSES

January 7-9 and 21-23

Courses will be announced by e-mail later this semester. Each Jan Term class will last a week, meeting 4 hours a day.

These intensive courses are a convenient option for students wanting to take classes at a faster pace to complete their degree program.

STUDENT ORIENTATION

Tuesday, Sept. 1

6:30 P.M. Room A-201

All students invited. Come learn about:

- Important information found in the student handbook and catalog
- Take a tour of the classrooms
- What to expect from courses
- Which libraries to use
- The LOGOS Bible software
- And much more.

Get started on the right foot. Don't miss student orientation!

LOGOS TRAINING SEMINAR

Saturday, September 26

8:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.

\$50

- Snacks Provided
- No academic credit for this seminar
- Registrations due by **September 18**

The LOGOS software is required for all masters degree-seeking students. Take advantage of this opportunity to learn how to use this valuable ministry and study tool.

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.

NAME: _____ Check if contact info has changed
 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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 Tuition: _____
 App. Fee: _____
 Student Ser. Fee: **\$30**
 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 Sep. 12 • Student Services Fee: \$30

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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TUITION-FREE COURSE IN BIRMINGHAM

We are pleased to offer two tuition-free courses this fall semester. These courses are open to any student, but new and returning inactive students pay no tuition.* This is a great opportunity to give seminary a try or for current students to recruit a friend.

BIRMINGHAM:

HT4721 Reformation & Modern Church History (Maples) Thursday 5:30 -7:30 PM.

MONTGOMERY:

OT1021 Old Testament I (Smith) Monday 5:30-7:30 PM.



To register for these courses, new and returning students will need to submit a new or updated application for admission and a registration form for the class. New students will need to pay a one-time \$30 application fee. The \$30 annual student services fee will be deferred for new and returning students until they register for their next class.

**Inactive students are students who have not taken a course in more than 2 years.
 Current students may register for the course, but regular tuition is required.*



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BIRMINGHAM THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

FALL SEMESTER: September 8 – December 11, 2015

Drop/Add Period Ends September 18

**Fall Break is October 12-16 • Classes will not meet November 25-27 in observance of Thanksgiving
Walk-Through Nativity Dates: December 9-11 (no classes at Briarwood)**

BIRMINGHAM CAMPUS: Briarwood Presbyterian Church (unless otherwise noted)

| COURSE | PROFESSOR | DAY/TIME | ROOM |
|---|---------------------------------|------------------------|-------------|
| NT2525 New Testament History and Theology | Rev. Eric Venable | Mon 6:00-8:00AM | A201 |
| BC7501 Introduction to Biblical Counseling | Dr. Howard Eyrich | Mon 5:30-7:30PM | A201 |
| NT2669 Book Study: Ephesians | Dr. Gary Purdy | Mon 5:30-7:30PM | A202 |
| PT5523 Ministry of the Word I ⁽¹⁾ | Dr. Jeff Lowman | Mon 5:30-7:30PM | A209 |
| OT1511 Beginning Hebrew I | Mr. Bruce Horsley | Mon 5:30-7:30PM | M200 |
| BC7630 Marriage & Family Counseling | Dr. Ken Jones | Mon 7:30-9:30PM | A201 |
| PT5626 Ministry to Children, Youth & Families | Rev. John Evans | Mon 7:30-9:30PM | A202 |
| ST3526 Systematic Theology I (Study of God) | Dr. Jeff Lowman | Mon 7:30-9:30PM | A209 |
| HT4641 Church History in America | Rev. George Shamblin | Tue 6:00-8:00AM | A201 |
| PT5739 Biblical Principles of Church Growth | Rev. Willie Wells | Tue 5:30-7:30PM | A201 |
| PT5542 Historical & Philosophical Foundations of Christian Ed. | Dr. Dave Matthews | Tue 5:30-7:30PM | A202 |
| AP8521 Introduction to Apologetics | Mr. Brandon Robbins | Tue 5:30-7:30PM | A209 |
| NT2022 New Testament I (Gospels-Acts) | Rev. Morris Johnson | Tue 5:30-7:30-PM | A201 |
| AP8623 Paganism in Contemporary Culture | Rev. Clete Hux | Tue 7:30-9:30PM | A202 |
| AP8505 Introduction to Philosophy | Mr. Brandon Robbins | Tue 7:30-9:30PM | A209 |
| OT1511 Beginning Hebrew I | Mr. Bill Stroup | Wed 6:00-8:00AM | A201 |
| OT1021 Old Testament I (Genesis -Ruth) | Dr. Frank Barker | Wed 5:30-7:30PM | A201 |
| BC7630 Marriage & Family Counseling ⁽²⁾ | Mr. Lou Priolo | Wed 6:00-8:00PM | VBC |
| BC7502 Counseling in the Local Church I | Dr. Howard Eyrich | Wed 6:30-8:30PM | A209 |
| PT5637 Personal Evangelism ⁽³⁾ | Dr. F. Barker & Rev. D. Allison | Wed 6:30-9:30PM | F-Hall |
| PT5621 Conflict Resolution in the Church | Mr. Glenn Waddell | Thu 9:00-11:00AM | A201 |
| PT5523 Ministry of the Word I ⁽¹⁾ | Rev. Michael Reese | Thu 9:00-11:00AM | A202 |
| ST3529 Systematic Theology IV (Soteriology) | Rev. Robert Alexander, Jr. | Thu 9:00-11:00AM | A209 |
| HT4721 Reformation & Modern Church History ⁽⁴⁾ | Dr. Jim Maples | Thu 5:30-7:30PM | A201 |
| PT5733 Leadership Development & Deployment | Rev. Larry Cockrell | Thu 5:30-7:30PM | A202 |
| PT5621 Conflict Resolution in the Church | Mr. Glenn Waddell | Thu 5:30-7:30PM | A209 |
| PT7802 Clinical Research Development ⁽⁵⁾ | Rev.'s Cockrell & James | Thu 7:30-9:30PM | A201 |
| HT4742 Baptist Church History | Rev. Justin Glenn | Thu 7:30-9:30PM | A202 |
| PT5722 Communications I | Dr. Jim Maples | Thu 7:30-9:30PM | A209 |
| NT2022 New Testament I (Gospels-Acts) | Rev. Mike Jones | Fri 6:00-8:00AM | A201 |
| DM9104 The Caring & Curing of the Soul ⁽⁶⁾ | Dr. Howard Eyrich | Fri 9:00-4:00PM | A201 |
| DM1111 Developing Effectiveness in Biblical Counseling ⁽⁶⁾ | Dr. Howard Eyrich | Fri 9:00-4:00PM | A201 |
| DM9105 Personal Leadership Development ⁽⁷⁾ | Rev. Thad James Jr. | Fri 9:00-4:00PM | A201 |
| DM9120 D.Min. Research & Design ⁽⁸⁾ | Rev. Thad James Jr. | Fri 9:00-4:00PM | A201 |
| LG1000 Logos Bible Software Training Seminar ⁽⁹⁾ | Rev. Thad James Jr. | Sat. 9/26 8:30-12:30PM | A201 |

(1) PT5523 Ministry of the Word I is interchangeable with PT5722 Expository Preaching.

(2) VBC - Valleydale Baptist Church • 2324 Valleydale Rd. 35244. Classes begin September 16th and end December 9th

(3) PT5637 Personal Evangelism - BTS students must register with Briarwood Evangelism Ministry (lreese@briarwood.org or 776-5301) and with BTS.

(4) HT4721 Reformation & Modern Church History is being offered tuition-free for new and two years or more inactive students. Please see the newsletter announcement or contact the Seminary Office.

(5) All Master of Arts in Ministry students seeking to graduate in Spring 2016 are required to take PT7802 Clinical Research Development.

(6) DM9104 & DM1111 will meet on September 25th, October 30th and December 4th.

(7) DM9105 will meet on September 11th, October 9th and December 4th.

(8) DM9120 will meet on September 18th, November 20th and December 11th.

(9) Logos Bible Software Seminar- Students must register with the Seminary office by September 18th. The cost of the Seminar is \$50; this is not for seminary credit. Must have Logos Software to participate. See the newsletter announcement for additional information.

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

ANNISTON

Anniston Bible Church • 3230 Coleman Rd., Anniston, AL 36207

Extension Coordinator: Dennis Bradford 202-821-7409 anniston@birminghamseminary.org

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| PT5527 Communications I | Rev. Bob St. John | Mon | 5:30-7:30PM |
| OT1021 Old Testament I | Rev. Steve Mayes | Mon | 7:30-9:30PM |
| NT2022 New Testament I (Gospels-Acts) | Rev. Eric Brown | Tue | 5:30-7:30PM |
| HT4528 Early & Medieval Church History | Rev. Bob St. John | Tue | 7:30-9:30PM |
| PT5637 Personal Evangelism | Rev. Justin Holland | Thu | 5:30-7:30PM |

DEMOPOLIS

Extension Coordinator: Albert Jackson • 205-496-4133 • demopolis@birminghamseminary.org

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| ST3527 Systematic Theology II (Study of Man) | Rev. Jim Richwine | Tue | 5:30-7:30PM | FPCE |
| PT5621 Conflict Resolution in the Church | Rev. Fred Moore | Thu | 5:30-7:30PM | CCBC |

CCBC - Christian Chapel Bapt. Church, 500 W. Decatur St. 36723 • FPCE - First Pres. Church Eutaw, 300 Main St., 35426

DOTHAN

Extension Coordinator: Angela Smith • 334-797-8572 • dothan@birminghamseminary.org

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| ST3511 Survey of Systematic Theology | Rev. Lynn Miley | Mon | 5:30-7:30PM | WPC |
| NT2022 New Testament I (Gospels-Acts) | Rev. Henry Morris | Tue | 5:30-7:30PM | WPC |
| HT4528 Early & Medieval Church History | Rev. David Temples | Tue | 7:30-9:30PM | WPC |
| PT5527 Communications I | Dr. Charles Lewis | Thu | 5:30-7:30PM | DCC |

WPC-Westwood Presbyterian Church 5480 W. Main St. 36303 • DCC - Dothan Community Church 4390 Westgate 36303

HUNTSVILLE

Connections Presbyterian Church • 897 Capshaw Rd. Madison, AL. 35757

Extension Coordinator: Matt Ligon • 256-509-5822 • huntsville@birminghamseminary.org

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| PT5602 Biblical Principles of Christian Education | Rev. Chris Bolt | Thu | 5:30-7:30PM | |
| MS6631 Biblical Theology of Missions | Rev. Chris Bolt | Thu | 7:30-9:30PM | |
| PT5621 Conflict Resolution in the Church** | Mr. Glenn Waddell | Thu | 5:30-7:30PM | VC |

MONTGOMERY

Young Meadows Presbyterian Church • 5780 Vaughn Rd. 36116

Extension Coordinator: Lydia Pickett • 334-284-5056 • montgomery@birminghamseminary.org

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| OT1021 Old Testament I (Genesis-Joshua) ⁽¹⁾ | Rev. Kirby Smith | Mon | 5:30-7:30PM |
| OT1511 Beginning Hebrew I | Rev. Kirby Smith | Mon | 7:30-9:30PM |
| HT4641 Church History in America | Dr. Harrison Taylor | Tue | 5:30-7:30PM |
| ST3528 Systematic Theology III (Doctrine of Christ) | Rev. Lee Bloodworth | Tue | 5:30-7:30PM |
| ST3511 Survey of Systematic Theology | Rev. Lee Bloodworth | Tue | 7:30-9:30PM |

(1) OT1021 Old Testament I (Smith) is being offered tuition-free for new and two years or more inactive students. Please see the newsletter announcement or contact the Seminary Office.

TUSCALOOSA

Extension Coordinator: Charles Williams • 205-292-4620 • tuscaloosa@birminghamseminary.org

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| PT5631 Personal Evangelism | Rev. Charles Williams | Mon | 5:30-7:30PM | RPC |
| OT1023 Old Testament III* | Dr. Josh Carmichael | Tue | 5:30-7:30PM | FPCG |
| ST3511 Survey of Systematic Theology | Rev. Leander Jones | Tue | 5:30-7:30PM | RPC |
| OT1021 Old Testament I | Dr. Bill Thetford | Tue | 5:30-7:30PM | RPC |
| PT5621 Conflict Resolution in the Church** | Mr. Glenn Waddell | Thu | 5:30-7:30PM | VC |

RPC - Riverwood Pres. Church-501 Rice Valley Rd., N. 35406 • FPCG - First Pres. Church Greensboro, 901 Demopolis St. 36744

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

** PT5621 Conflict Resolution in the Church (Waddell) is available by video-conference for a limited number of students. Pre-registration is essential for this course and students must have a reliable internet connection and the necessary computer equipment to participate in a video conference. An additional \$20 fee applies for the class.