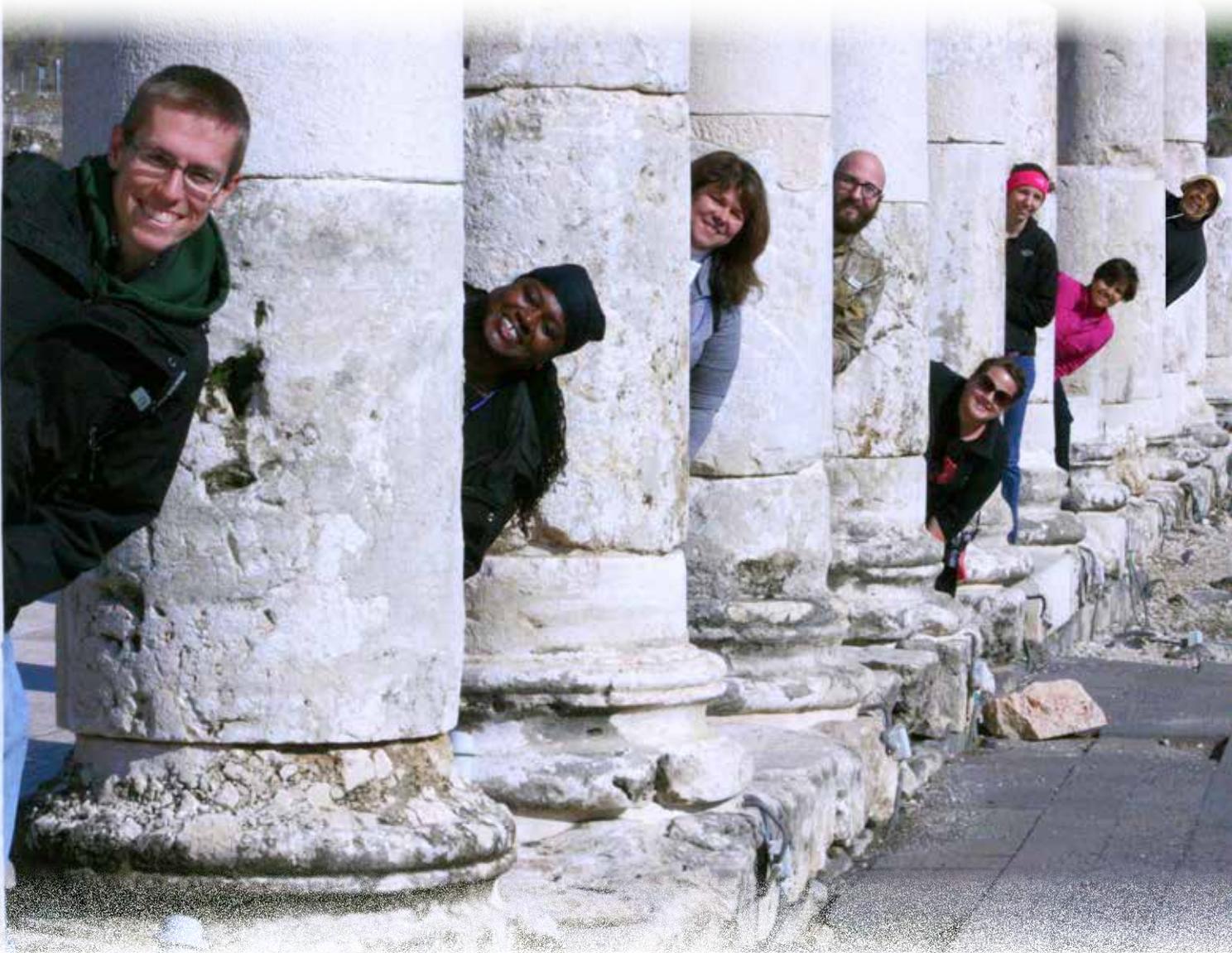


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While visiting Israel during the inaugural TBS Holy Land Study Tour in January 2015, The Bible Seminary's first-ever graduating class of Master's degree students posed behind pillars in Scythopolis (ancient Beth Shean), the capital city of the Decapolis and a bustling center of trade in the ancient Roman world. Located north of Jerusalem and south of



the Sea of Galilee at the intersection of the Jordan Valley and Jezreel Valley, the city was not too far from Jesus's hometown of Nazareth and along roads the disciples and the Apostle Paul most likely traveled.

TBS Master's degree programs include an opportunity to journey to Israel with spouses, classmates, faculty,

family, and friends on a 14-day study tour. If you, your church, or organization might be interested in joining a TBS Holy Land Study Tour, please contact TBS Administrative Coordinator, Mrs. Coby Jackson, at 281-646-1109 or Coby.Jackson@TheBibleSeminary.org.

See pages 12-15 for more information on graduation and these recent graduates.

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Rowena Marable
May 17 at 9:34pm · 🌐

What an amazing day it was today. My birthday, graduation and ordination! Truly humbled by the ceremony today and all the amazing people who made it happen and friends and family that came out to share in this celebration. I love you more than I can say. I am humbled to be consecrated for the service of the Lord. May He always lead, guide, direct and order my steps

The Bible Seminary added 6 new photos — with K Lynn Lewis and 3 others at The Bible Seminary.

Thankful for the prayers of Katy/West Houston area ministry leaders as they gathered to pray for The Bible Seminary today



The Bible Seminary added 14 new photos — with Esmeralda Heer and 7 others.

Posted by Matt Larsen [?] · February 4 · 🌐

Loved the chance to visit KSBJ radio station today with our Evangelism/Church Planting class to learn more about sharing Jesus over the air



**“You’re always taking a
Masters level course in
forgiveness.”**

- Professor Blake Wilson

“We believe that doing ministry,
while learning about doing
ministry, remains the best method
of education.” - Jim Leggett, TBS
Founding President

“Good exegesis is like
a well-cooked steak.
Bad exegesis is like
being given a Chuckee
Cheese sermon.”
- Kevin Penner

The First 3 Years

in

Quotes

**“You are not
the ultimate
fruit inspector.”**

- Dr. Steve Sullivan

“Don’t give negative
people a platform.”
- Dr. Lynn Lewis

“Shepherds lead.
Butchers drive.
Make sure you are
led, not driven.”
- Dr. Terry Teykl

**“Groups tend to do
pretty well under
persecution. Its
prosperity we have
trouble with.”**

- Dr. Scott Stripling

“You will have relationships as exciting
as a potato sandwich if you lose
expectations for what God wants to do.”

- Paul Helbig



The First 3 Years in



Photos

*Indoors, outdoors, all over
Houston, and halfway around
the world - a truly unique,
blessed educational journey!*



Remembering Reality

Once reality is loosed from the moors of objectivity and set adrift on the seas of opinion to be tossed about by the currents, winds, and whims of subjectivity, everything is questionable. Everything.

Back in the good old days, words were attempts to linguistically depict and label reality.

For example, “sky” indicated the expanse overhead, “land” indicated ground beneath, and “river”, “ocean” and “sea” described the unfrozen watery expanses underneath “sky” that were not “land”.

“Male” and “female” - once upon a time - described animals, humans, and plants with certain physical characteristics that differentiated them from each other into two separate classes.

“Ethnicity” was a categorical word with lots of sub-category labels that attempted to summarize people groups exhibiting similar physical features.

“Unborn children” used to be considered alive, people, and worthy of healthy provision and protection from the time that biologists unequivocally observe distinctive human life to begin - at the moment of conception.

“Marriage” used to describe the relationship of a natural born man (historically called “male”) and natural born woman (historically called “female”) who committed themselves to one another in the sight of God. The covenant title, “Holy Matrimony”, indicated something designed, defined and approved by specifically by God.

For millennia, “facts” described objective things, and “opinions” depicted subjective things.

However, the times in which we are conducting our lives and ministries, they continue to change.

Hijacked

For some, “male”, “female”, “ethnicity”, “marriage”, and even “life” are no longer defined by physical characteristics, objective facts and standards, but by feelings and opinions. And since those can change, ethnicity, gender, marriage, and life are no longer considered absolutes.

If a human life-form is allowed to survive until birth, we can finally say, “It’s a baby!”, but we can no longer say with certainty, “It’s a boy!” or “It’s a girl!” Rather, we must wait to see what the child feels like before we assign a gender, and then only cling to

that lightly, since a person may feel differently later.

In this type environment, “boy” and “girl”, “he” and “she”, “male” and “female”, “husband” and “wife”, even “baby” and “child” and “family” are weighty words fraught with potential angst and insensitivity.

At issue is the actual nature of reality relative to people’s view of scripture and Jesus Christ.

Once reality is loosed from the moors of objectivity and set adrift on the seas of opinion to be tossed about by the currents, winds, and whims of subjectivity, everything is questionable. Everything.

Nothing is sacred, and no one is safe. The strongest pirate, the highest elected official, the court majority, the loudest voice, wields power, until the victor is trumped.

When God is no longer considered an authoritative voice - just like in the biblical times of the judges - everyone does as they each see fit and others are supposed to accept it under the concept of “majority rules”.

The fact that neither scripture nor the nature of reality have really changed is helpful for those of us who aim to stand firmly upon biblical truth.

But, our struggle is intensified when we find ourselves surrounded by arrogance, confusion, derision, pride, and the promotion of evil as good and demotion of good as evil.

Those who cling to “God” and “the Bible”, who believe in creation, an actual worldwide flood, in angels, in a prince of darkness called “Satan”, in sin, in a literal heaven and hell, in an eternal second life or death, in atonement, in a divine/human savior named Jesus Christ, in a real Holy Spirit, in prayer, in traditional marriage and families - are mocked as kooks and extremists.

Those who believe that “love” does not always equate to “nice” - since people in temporal and eternal danger should be warned and offered assistance, even if it hurts their feelings - are called “mean”, “phobic”, and “unchristian”.

For many of us, this shift has happened in our lifetime. We remember when these beliefs were commonly accepted,

All of society is strengthened when Christians are rock solid in faith, knowledge of God’s Word, and holy living.

even promoted by our leaders and upheld by our institutions of business, education, and government.

We know that other societies in history have been far more averse to and intolerant of biblical views than ours, but we are saddened, angry, and unsettled because we thought our nation was different - and we have been for centuries - a light for the world, a city on a hill, a model worthy of emulation and respect.

However, that America has been hijacked.

Undermining Reality

Although God's universe, without our assistance or permission, is a wonderfully and intricately designed marvel in which we have the privilege of living, we have watched as more and more people continue to reject this reality, substitute their own, and attempt to leverage their opinions by force, intimidation, law, and scorn.

Many attempt to extract, twist, and re-purpose God's own Word to bolster their anti-biblical case. God's gifts, signs and covenants have been stolen for ungodly purposes (i.e. grace, mercy, marriage, rainbow, sexuality).

Unfortunately, this undermining of reality and scriptural authority has resulted - in part - from weak, inconsistent, and acquiescent religious and spiritual leadership from both clergy and laity. We have contributed to our own malaise.

When Christians do not live what we say we believe; when we substitute our opinions for God's Word; when we compromise God's integrity by not condemning (even our own) hypocrisy and sins and seeking forgiveness and reconciliation with God and those whom we have wronged; when we reject the biblical Jesus in favor of our own personally designed savior who conforms to what we would prefer god to be; when individuals, churches, denominations, and theologians who claim to follow Jesus Christ engage in linguistic calisthenics and argue about what the Bible actually clearly says consistently - we offer the world a namby-pamby, wishy washy religion that is neither authentic nor respectable.

When we who claim to be believers are apathetic, disobedient, hypocritical, lazy, uncommitted, unholy, unprepared, or woefully untrained, we give Jesus a bad name and help weaken families and communities.

Our Task

That is why The Bible Seminary aims to nurture strong faith and trust in Jesus Christ, provide a deep and wide foundation of knowledge of His Word, and train lay and professional Christian leaders for proactive, productive action.

Strong Biblical preaching and communities rooted in living lives according to God's Word helped shape the fabric of a once great America, but the decline of both have diminished our populace and our nation.

The importance of our task continues to become more and more clear amidst our growing individual, community, and governmental crises of reality.

Why? Because, even if others do not understand or appreciate our beliefs and accordant, derivative actions - all of society is strengthened when Christians are rock solid in faith, knowledge of God's Word, and holy living.

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Although we may be surrounded by persons who do not believe, who do not live according to our values, who ridicule and even punish us for believing and living as we do, their lives may be improved, and even eventually saved, because of our actions, words, and witness.

Even if not, we are still called to stand up, stand out, stand forth, and stand strong in and for the Lord.

God is still training and sending out soldiers to fight spiritual battles, to defeat evil, to win souls, to offer healing and hope to sinners and saints, and to point to Jesus Christ as the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

All of this is why we do what we do. If you are already involved in The Bible Seminary, thank you! If not, we invite you to join us by enrolling in a class or program, giving, praying, and/or sharing what we are doing with others.

Reality and scripture are not yet completely abandoned or forgotten. But, for many, they are unappealing constraints delightfully relinquished under the auspices of "equality", "freedom", "rights", and "pursuit of happiness".

In the midst of cultural drift, rift, and turmoil, we intend to continue to stand firm on the Rock of God's Word - without waver, without compromise, and without complaining about our circumstances.

Waves will come and go, and winds will quiet and blow, but Jesus Christ is still Lord, His Word is eternal truth, and we are His servants.



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A 501(c)(3) non-denominational, independent institution of higher education incorporated in Texas in 2010, we are partnering with Bible-based, Christ-centered ministries to train 5,000 ministry leaders over the next few decades who will each reach at least 200 people and together impact 1 million people for Christ.

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Our teaching team currently includes 16 mostly Adjunct Faculty and more than 30 additional pastors and professionals. Courses are taught in classrooms, as well as at more than 30 teaching sites in the Houston area and more than 60 locations in Israel.

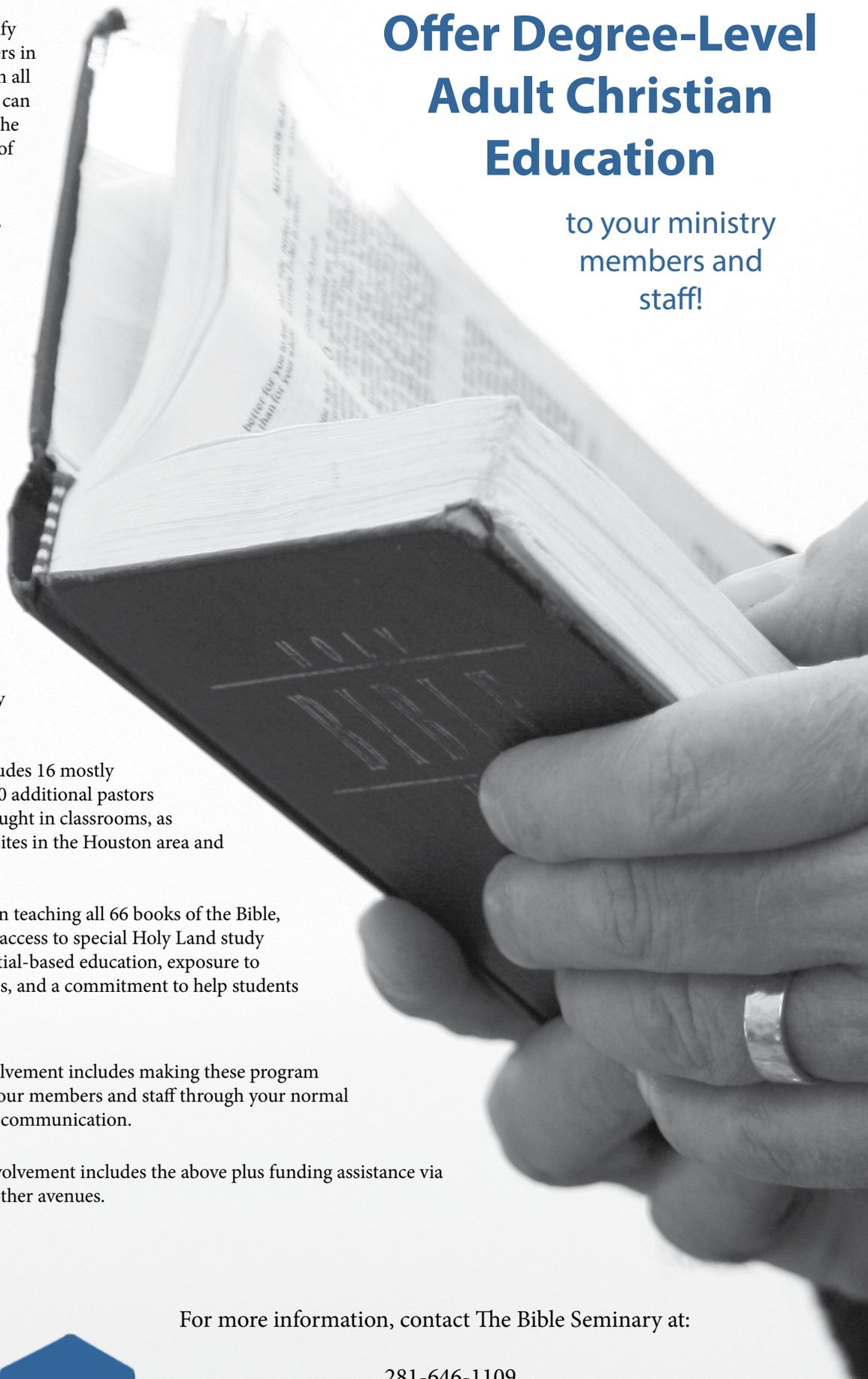
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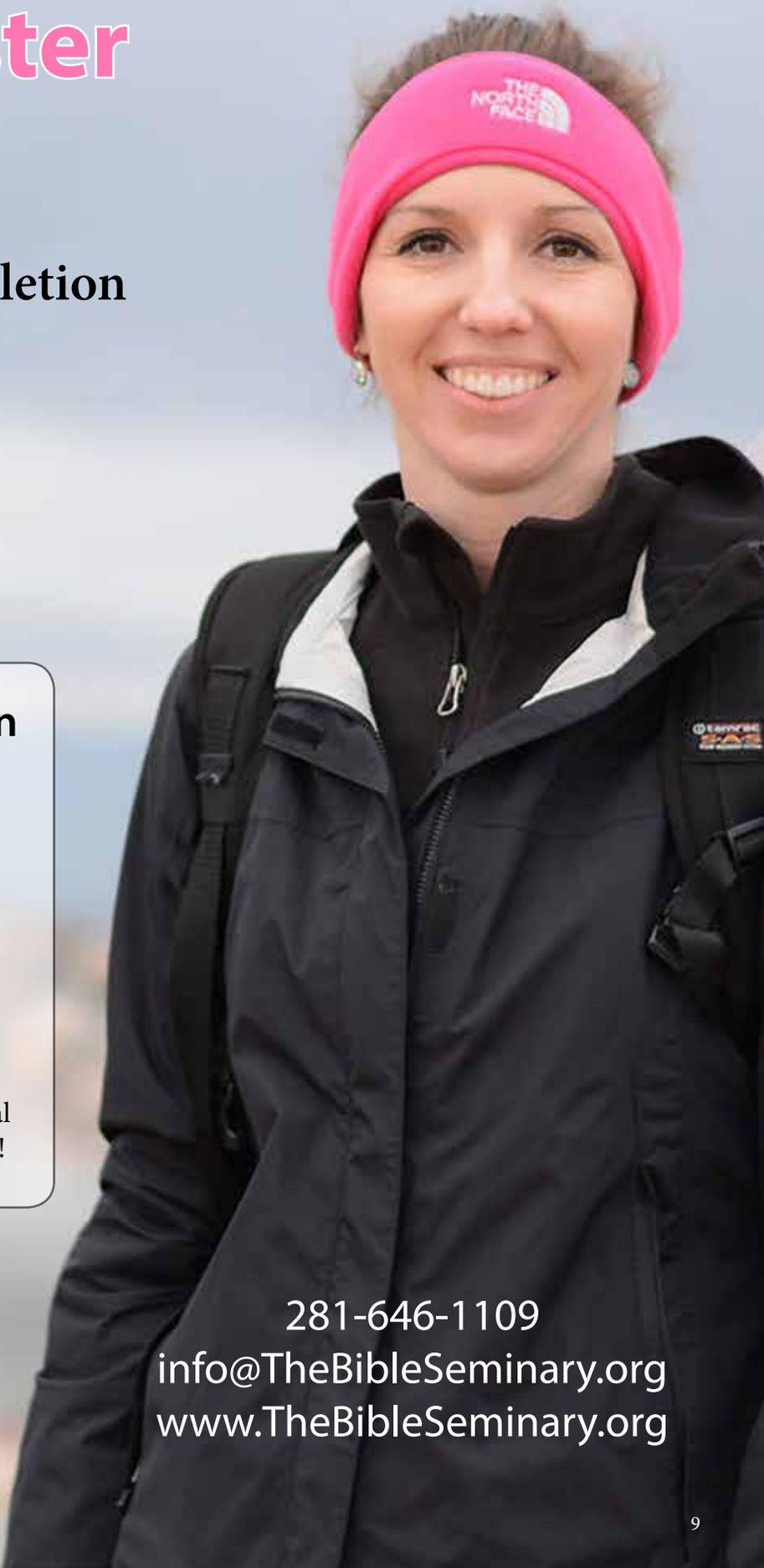
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A Biblical Perspective

By Dr. K. Lynn Lewis

*The Bible is consistently clear
about homosexual behavior*

One, homosexuality is not new. It has been around since the earliest days of humanity. It was documented in the time of Abraham (4000+ years ago), it was obviously prevalent during New Testament times (around 2000 years ago), and it is certainly a behavior claimed today by a small percent of the population.

Two, God never approves of homosexual behavior, and seems to vehemently oppose it in both testaments. In the Old Testament, God labels the action of men having sexual relations with men as “detestable” (Leviticus 18:22 and 20:13).

This behavior also depicts the extreme depth of evil that confirmed His decision to destroy the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah and all the land and vegetation in the area now known as the Dead Sea (Genesis 18-19).

In the New Testament, God calls homosexuality a “perversion”, and offers it as evidence of the type of extreme behavior promoted by depraved minds.

Two specific examples given of “shameful lusts” that the Lord allows when people insist on “suppressing the truth by their wickedness” and “not thinking it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God” include women exchanging natural relations for men for unnatural ones with women, and men abandoning natural relations with women and becoming inflamed with lust for one another (Romans 1:18-32).

Three, homosexuality is not included among the two holy options God offers regarding sexuality – marriage between a man and a woman, or celibate singleness. Jesus and the Apostle Paul both affirm marriage as good and godly, but they also both seem to indicate that singleness is possibly better (Matthew 19:4-12 and I Corinthians 7).

There is not a single favorable expression of positive accommodation or blessing by God relative to homosexual behavior among the thousands of years and verses referenced in either testament of scripture.

Four, the rainbow is God’s sign of a covenant He made not to destroy all life on earth by flood again. Yet, because of the increase of wickedness - including all heterosexual and homosexual sins, scoffers following their own evil desires, and depravity of every kind - God will destroy the earth by fire and exclude many from His eternal presence (II Peter 3).

Profaning God’s symbol to represent sexual freedom from His natural design and divine constraints seems galling and vexatious.

Five, the definition of love in the Bible seems exactly opposite the actions of many homosexual activists and supporters. In I Corinthians 13, we read that “Love does not envy” (the covenant of holy matrimony has been the subject of much envy by the LGBT community), “love is not proud” (versus “gay pride”), “love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth” (if homosexuality truly is a sin then everyone rejoicing in it is not evidencing biblical love), and “love is not rude, it is not self-seeking...it always protects” (demanding compliance or services in support of homosexual behaviors and/or punishing non-supporting people and organizations seems quite unloving).

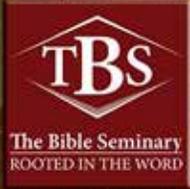
The irony is that those who claim to have suffered persecution and intolerance, or who claim to support such persons, often present themselves as tolerant of diverse views. They decry intolerance, and, yet, practice raging intolerance themselves.

Even if others, including Christians, have behaved unlovingly, protesting persecution and intolerance and then engaging in similar behaviors is partly why Jesus (Matthew 7) and Paul (Romans 2) warned against hypocrisy - don’t condemn others for doing the same type of things you do.

From Genesis to Revelation, loving God and others is regularly depicted as confronting and not condoning sinful behavior. Whereas “redefine” is a recurring theme across the LGBT movement, “repent” is a recurring primary theme throughout scripture.

Six, Jesus defines His true followers as those who repent of sin AND obey His commands. Many claim to be Christian, and yet also lie, fornicate, commit adultery, engage in deviant sexual behaviors, are arrogant, proud, deceitful, unfaithful, etc. All of these and more are sins, and Jesus died for all sins once and for all. We cheapen His sacrifice when we try to legitimize, redefine, or excuse sins He already atoned for. Furthermore, He rewards true repentance and obedience, not excuses, hypocrisy, and pretense.

4 Days
15 Sessions
6,534 Unreached People Groups



Missions Week

with Dr. Darrell Whiteman

World-rekowned anthropologist and missiologist Dr. Darrell Whiteman led students on an eye-opening journey through the world of 21st century missions. Recently retired as Vice-President for Missions Mobilization and Resident Missiologist of The Mission Society in Norcross, Georgia, Dr. Whiteman spent a decade training national church leaders and Mission Society missionaries worldwide. Prior to joining the Mission Society in 2005, Dr. Whiteman served as a missionary himself in such locales as Central Africa, Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands.

Dealing largely with difficulties in communicating the gospel cross-culturally, class conversations ranged from such topics as Muslim-background believers and contextualization abroad, to short-term trips and the growing opportunity to reach refugees from unreached people groups in Houston's own backyard.



“Our goal is to fall in love with Jesus and His Word,
and communicate that in ways that make sense.”

- Dr. Darrell Whiteman



*A Long Time
in the
Making*

1st class
Sept. 4, 2012
9:00 a.m.

Left Middle: Graduate Eric Strong (MA) brandishes his diploma for other waiting graduates.
Left Top: Dr. Lewis and founding Board Chair, Dan Dunham, award volunteer VP of Finance & Admin, Rick McCalip, with an honorary M. Div. degree for five years of extraordinarily dedicated, faithful service to help launch TBS.
Far Left: Board Chair, Heidi Arneson, enjoys the opening processional.
Left Bottom: Bible Certificate graduates, including Stan Goss, Barbara Oswald, and Jim O'Leary process down the aisle. (More info next issue)
Top Middle: Emotions high, graduate Rowena Marable embraces family.
Right Middle: TBS professors anoint and pray for the six graduates who were ordained.
Right Top: Dr. Lewis presents graduate Sara Stanley with her Master of Divinity diploma.
Bottom Middle: Graduates celebrate after the ceremony.
Right Bottom: Graduate Esmeralda Heer celebrates with a friend after the ceremony.



Some beginnings come and go quickly. Others take days, months and even years of pre-work before the “real” work appears to even begin. For The Bible Seminary, the latter proved true as years of dreaming, planning and praying layed a foundation prior to students ever partaking in classes. After four years of Bible Certificate classes, the first class of TBS Master’s students embarked on a three year journey in the fall of 2012 that included an estimated 3,000 hours worth of individual study and work, more than 1,200 hours worth of class time, and a countless number of unquantifiable, unforgettable, and unrepeatabe experiences. The community of enduring pioneers celebrated life’s peaks and braved the valleys together during the three year journey. What started as a seemingly random conglomeration of Christ-followers from all walks of life morphed into a tightly-knit family of brothers and sisters who will remain forever connected by the bonds formed throughout the journey and the bond of being first. We expect many more classes to follow, but there will never again be a first class of TBS Master’s students. It is the end of the beginning; yet, we can also truly say that we’ve only just begun.

Graduation
May 17, 2015
3:00 p.m.



Where
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As a native Spanish speaker with a passion for teaching God's Word, Esmeralda Heer will launch TBS' Bible Certificate Spanish track this fall. Professor Heer will teach two sections of Bible Study Methods.

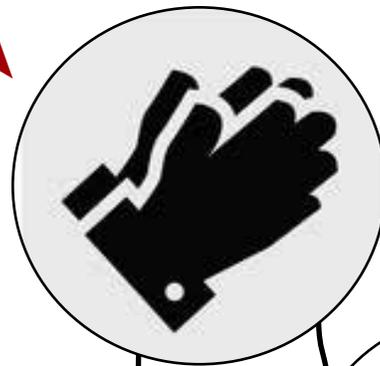
While continuing to serve as Associate Pastor at his local church, Eric Strong is creating a non-profit organization to equip smaller churches to support mission work among unreached people groups.

With a long-term vision of eventually church planting as a lead pastor in the U.S., Kevin Penner now serves as Associate Pastor at Faithbridge UMC in north Houston helping plant a new Woodlands Campus.



Education

lead you?



A long-time children's and women's ministry teacher, Rowena Marable will continue investing in those two ministries while counseling young mothers with unplanned pregnancies and discipling younger women.

Having served as a youth pastor for several years, Sara Stanley will continue teaching youth at Holy Cross Episcopal Church and hosting youth small groups based on her recently developed small group curriculum, *Around the Table*.

With a passion for teaching others about prayer, Erica McLemore will continue serving as Administrator for the Great Southwest Prayer Center's 24/7 prayer movement called Audience of One.

Long-time Grace Fellowship UMC Prayer Pastor Brenda Martin will seek to build on the growing Audience of One and National Day of Prayer Ignites Fire on the Altar prayer movements in the Katy/West Houston area.



From the Board Chair

Well-Equipped With The Truth

By Mrs. Heidi Arneson, Board Chair

Dear TBS Family and Friends,

The Lord has been at work at TBS!

On May 17, 2015, eight graduates culminated three years of study at The Bible Seminary and walked across the stage to receive Master of Divinity and Master of Arts degrees.

We did what we said we would do - teach through all 66 books of the Bible, offer in-depth professional training for ministry leadership, equip students with foundational tools and experiences, and provide amazing and diverse opportunities to study locally, cross-culturally, and in the Holy Land.

We also believe these graduates are well-equipped with the TRUTH to carry out their ministry callings.

This historic day in the life of The Bible Seminary would not have been possible without the prayers, encouragement, and support of professors, volunteers, staff, administration, students, board and donors. It is impossible to count the number of individuals it took to see these first eight students complete their degree programs.

Thank you for being a giver! Thank you for giving to the Lord your gifts, talents, prayers, and work, and for celebrating with us this monumental occasion. We hope to continue helping build the Kingdom of God through equipping many more students and celebrating many more graduations!

The need for Truth is great in America and around the world, and The Bible Seminary is strategically positioned and

purposed to help others know Truth by equipping both lay and professional ministry leaders.

Many of you have helped The Bible Seminary reach where we are today, and we are grateful. As our journey continues, we invite you to continue with us - take a class, enroll in a program, and/or help pass along information to others who might be interested. Take a tour of campus and ask questions. Continue to give, and invite others to invest in the Kingdom by giving to The Bible Seminary.

Please know that the financial resources you give for us to steward at TBS are used overwhelmingly toward the purpose of educating students. We maintain strict financial discipline over the gifts given and tuition and fees paid, and we tithe 10% of our tuition and fees income to Christian organizations outside of ourselves.

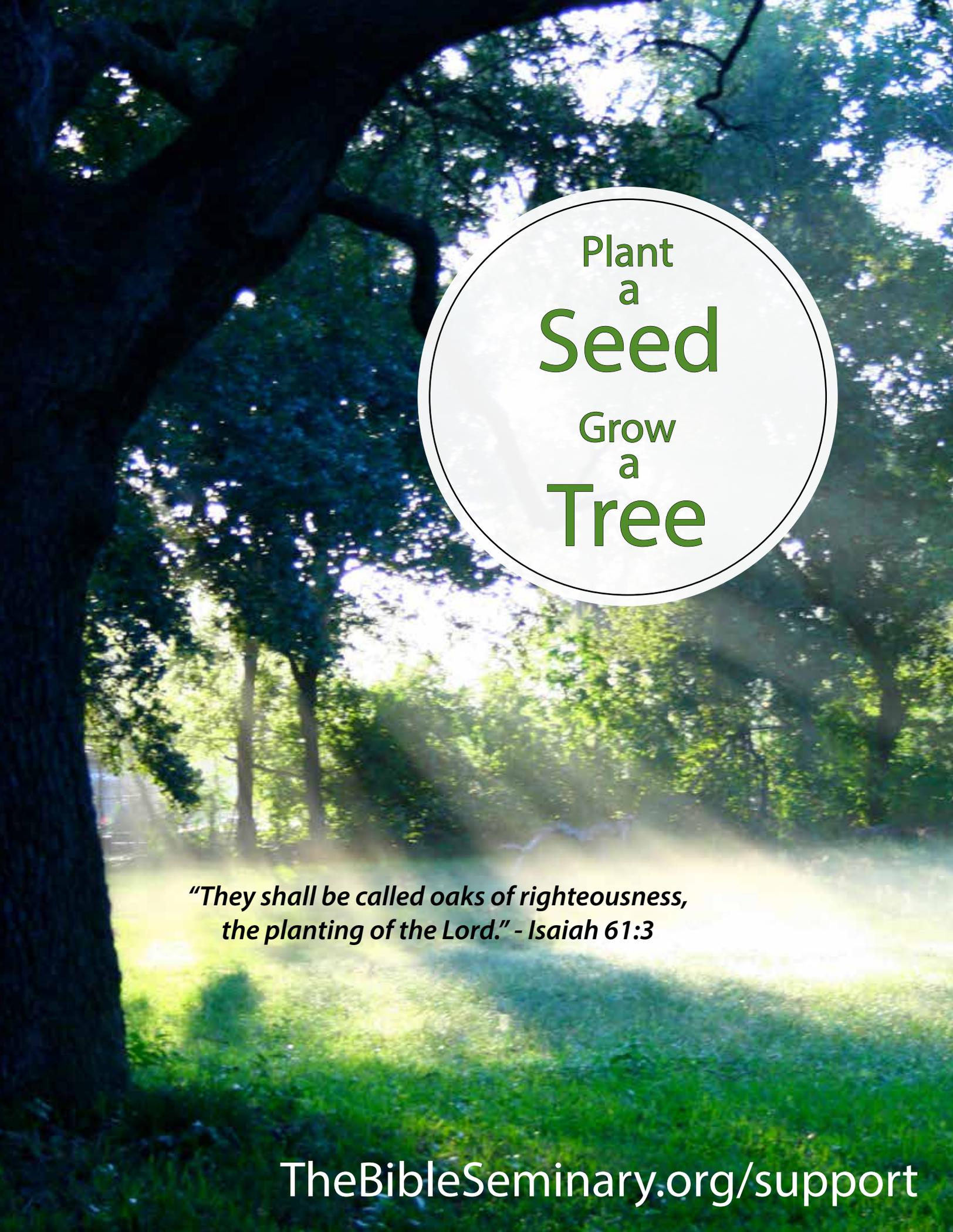
We invite you continue to sharing the TBS story within your sphere of influence, and to continue to financially supporting the seminary and students.

We pray for you, too, that you may be strong and continue the good fight, that you may clearly understand what God has put in your heart to do, and that you may enjoy the blessing of peace from Christ on your life.

God bless you!

“The need for Truth is great in America and around the world.”





Plant
a
Seed

Grow
a
Tree

*"They shall be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the Lord." - Isaiah 61:3*

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Already in Action

A couple of recent TBS graduates wasted no time in putting what they learned at seminary into practice. Kevin Penner (MDiv '15) each officiated their first weddings as ordained ministers barely a month after walking the stage at graduation. Congrats to the newlyweds and way to represent!



Congratulations to recent graduate Kevin Penner (MDiv '15) on his new job as Associate Pastor at Faithbridge Woodlands Campus. Kevin served as Associate Pastor as an intern through the spring before Faithbridge offered him a full-time position this summer. Congrats Kevin!



TBS alumnus Brenda Martin (MDiv '15) and student Karen Coolidge traveled to Washington D.C. with a local Katy group from Church on the Rock this summer to pray for our country and its leaders. The group interceded for the United States as its leadership guided the nation through a season filled with influential actions and decisions both at home and abroad.



TBS President Dr. K. Lynn Lewis recently had an opportunity to serve as a special guest on KQLC 90.7 FM Christian Community Radio station. Dr. Lewis discussed The Bible Seminary with host Skip Miller during the half-hour segment. To hear the entire half-hour interview visit “News” at TheBibleSeminary.org

From the Provost

Why Be Educated?

By Dr. Steve Adamson

Society has long contended that having an education is one of the best ways to secure a career that leads to a happy, prosperous, and meaningful life. There is also the view that an educated society culminates in the promotion of justice, friendship, tolerance, and compassion. Education then is touted as the magic pill that solves the world's problems, and best ensures the attainment of “life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.”

Now I am not one to disparage the Declaration of Independence for promoting a misguided and false worldview. Quite to the contrary, the lofty words of the declaration came from an attestation that all humanity was created in the image of God, and therefore endowed with dignity and a purpose, which was ultimately fulfilled by glorifying God. This attestation was well known by the Declaration's framers and finds its genesis in the first question and answer of the Westminster Shorter Catechism, written in the 1600s.

Q1. What is the chief end of man?

A1. The chief end of man is to glorify God, and to enjoy Him forever.

(Biblical evidence for this is found in I Cor. 10:31, Rom. 11:36, and Ps. 73:25-28.)

Unfortunately, the modern world no longer believes that our chief end is to glorify God and enjoy His eternal peace. Instead, the world says our main purpose is to get all we can; to eat, drink, and be merry; to satisfy our desires. I have even heard it said that to tell someone they can't have what they want is just plain evil. Hence, the world says that the surest way of getting all you want is to be educated.

I think you will agree that I don't need to spend time expounding on the shallowness of this thinking. Humanity has proven

over and over again that the pursuit of worldly pleasures never satisfies a sinful, lustful heart.

So what do we do, how are we to progress, how do we make sense of life, how do we cope with all that we see around us. Let's return to the question in the catechism. How do we glorify God? How do we enjoy Him forever? The answer is simple, we must know God! It is by knowing God that we come to understand His

plans for us, how we are to live, and what our ultimate destiny is. And how does one come to know God? Again that is simple, by knowing and studying the Bible. 2 Tim 3:16-17 says, “all Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.”

It is that principle, knowing God by knowing Scripture, which guides The Bible Seminary. Our certificate and degree programs are built on the Bible. Our certificate and degree programs use the Bible in every class. But we don't just refer to the Bible, the Bible is

our textbook; it is our only authoritative rule. Yes, we should be educated, but the education I am speaking of is growing in the knowledge of God. By studying the Bible, we come to know God. By studying the Bible, we come to know ourselves. By studying the Bible, we come to learn what it means to glorify God and enjoy Him forever. That is why we should be educated. That is why we should strive, as we do in the educational programs at The Bible Seminary, to be rooted in the Word.



The Bible Seminary is considering expanding!

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TBS Academic Calendar 2015-2016



Fall Semester

- June 1 **Course Registration OPENS**
- July 1 Early registrations due for Holy Land Study Tour 2016, "Israel In Depth" (THE511)
- August 15 **Course Registration DEADLINE**
- August 15 **PAYMENT DEADLINE**
- August 28 **Student Orientation (8am – 12pm)**
- September 1 **First Week** of regular classes begins (note that "Perspectives" (PER001 and MIS501) begins EARLIER, on August 18, 2015)

Bible Certificate Program

Category	Course #	Course Name	Day(s)	Time(s)	Location	Professor
<i>Katy/West Houston area</i>						
Core	BSM001	Bible Study Methods	Wed	6:30 – 8:15 pm	TBS 270	Helbig
Core – Span.	MEB001A	Métodos de estudio de la Biblia	Tue	9:00 – 10:30 am	TBS 250	Heer
Core – Span.	MEB001B	Métodos de estudio de la Biblia	Wed	6:30 – 8:15 pm	TBS 250	Heer
Core	NT003	New Testament III	Mon	6:30 – 8:30 pm	TBS 270	Haywood
Core	OT003	Old Testament III	Thu	6:30 – 8:15 pm	TBS 270	Loken
Elective	ELE100	Holy Land: Tour Prep	Mon	6:30 – 8:15 pm	TBS 270	Pattillo
Elective	PER001	Perspectives on the World Christian Movement	Tue	Aug 18 – Dec 8 6:30 – 9:30 pm	Kingsland Baptist	(various)

Dual Degree Completion, Master of Arts and Master of Divinity Programs

Program	#	Course	Day(s)	Time(s)	Location	Professor
<i>Katy/West Houston area</i>						
Core all	BSM501	Bible Study Methods Esther, Obadiah, Mark, Philemon	Tue Thu	9:30 – 10:45 am	TBS 270	Helbig
Core all	MIS501	Missions I (Perspectives on the World Chr. Mov.)	Tue	Aug 18 – Dec 8 6:30 – 9:30 pm	Kingsland Baptist	(various)
Core all	SFM501	Spiritual Formation & Ministry I/OT Survey Exodus, Numbers	Tue Thu	11:00 am – 12:15 pm	TBS 270	Lewis, Loken
Core all	THE501	Theology I Genesis, Gospel of John	Wed Fri	8:00 – 9:15 am	TBS250	Adamson
Elective, Core MDiv	DIS501	Discipleship I Deuteronomy, Judges, Galatians	Wed Fri	9:30 – 10:45 am	TBS 270	Helbig

- November 23-27 **Reading Week** – Thanksgiving break, no classes
- December 11 **Last Day** of the semester

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Spring Semester

- November 2, 2015 **Course Registration OPENS**
- January 2-15, 2016 Holy Land Study Tour 2016, "Israel In Depth" (THE511)
- January 4, 2016 **Course Registration DEADLINE**
- January 15 **PAYMENT DEADLINE**
- January 19 **First Bible Certificate classes begin**
- January 22 **First day of regular semester classes begin**

Bible Certificate Program						
Program	#	Course	Day(s)	Time(s)	Location	Professor
<i>Katy/West Houston area</i>						
Core	BSM001	Bible Study Methods	Wed	6:30 – 8:15 pm	TBS 270	Helbig
Core	NT001	New Testament I	Tue	6:30 – 8:15 pm	TBS 270	Campbell
Core	OT001	Old Testament I	Thu	6:30 – 8:15 pm	TBS 270	Helbig
Elective	ELE100	Making Sense of God and Science	Mon	6:30 – 8:15 pm	TBS 250	Hulyk

Dual Degree Completion, Master of Arts and Master of Divinity						
Program	#	Course	Day(s)	Time(s)	Location	Professor
<i>Katy/West Houston area</i>						
Core all	BSM502	Bible Study Methods II Ruth, I and II Samuel	Tue Thu	9:30 – 10:45 am	TBS 270	Helbig
Core all	PRA501	Prayer and Worship I Leviticus , 1 & 2 Chronicles	Wed Fri	9:30 – 10:45 am	TBS 270	Adamson, Sullivan, Teykl
Core all	SFM502	Spiritual Formation & Ministry II/NT Survey Matthew	Tue Thu	11:00 am – 12:15 pm	TBS 270	Lewis
Core all	THE502	Theology II Romans and Hebrews	Wed Fri	11:00 – 12:15 am	TBS250	Adamson, Sullivan
Elective, Core MDiv	THE511	Church History II (Holy Land Study Tour)	*	Jan. 2-15, 2015	*	*
Elective, Core MDiv	SFM505	Spiritual Formation & Ministry V Ecclesiastes, Song of Songs	Wed Fri	8:00 – 9:15 am	TBS 250	Lewis

- March 7-11 **Reading Week** – Spring break, no classes
- March 25 **Good Friday** – no classes
- May 6 **Last Day** of the semester
- May 15 **Graduation** – 3:00 p.m.

Summer Semester

- April 1 **Course Registration OPENS**
- April 29 **Course Registration DEADLINE**
- May 16 **PAYMENT DEADLINE**
- June – August **Summer Semester** – Off-campus summer intensives

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Financial Update

By Rick McCalip

VP for Finance and Administration

The Bible Seminary's 2014-15 fiscal year ended May 31, 2015, with total income of \$763,921 (including \$455,836 in donations) and total expenses of \$990,045.

We were blessed to hold spending at \$227,376 below budget and to have sufficient remaining resources from the 2010-11 capital campaign to satisfy our financial commitments. The unrestricted cash reserves remaining from the original capital campaign were just under \$170,000 at the end of May.

We were able to grant student scholarships this past year in addition to the seminary's Pioneer Scholarships due to individuals donating to the Student Scholarship Fund. Through the gracious generosity of several amazing TBS supporters, all of our graduating students were able to earn their diplomas with no debt and all outstanding invoices for tuition and fees paid in full!

However, our current 2015-16 fiscal year does represent several financial challenges. For one, we have a full fall and spring schedule of classes and course activities ready to deploy – including faculty and staff contracts, Logos Bible Software subscriptions for new students, and a 2016 Holy Land Study Tour – but student tuition and fees are only expected to cover about 30% of these costs.

Two, we are now engaged in the accreditation process with the Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools (TRACS).

Also, after careful review of peer programs and costs, we decided to phase out our Pioneer Scholarship program and revise our tuition and fee schedule to reflect costs very near what a student would have paid under the previous rates with a Pioneer Scholarship. The reduced costs reflected in the 2015-16 fiscal year budget (see * below) predominantly result from this schedule change, and the publicized costs of attending appear much more affordable and competitive in comparison with other similar schools.

Obviously, we continue to trust God to send more students and provide continuing and increasing donor support to help firmly establish and fund the mission of The Bible Seminary, including reaching one million souls for Christ through the ministries of TBS graduates. With our first eight graduates now fully equipped and out in the world, accomplishment of that mission is already under way.

As evidenced by growing trends in our society; our community, nation, and world need well-trained, proactive Christian leaders who teach His Word, lead His Way, and seek to fulfill the Great Commission by the power of God's Holy Spirit. If you are already supporting TBS toward those goals this year, thank you! If not, would you please consider supporting The Bible Seminary now? We need your help!

TBS Finances

2014 - 2015

Fiscal Year June 1 - May 31	2014-15 Actual	2014-15 Budget	2015-16 Budget
Income			
Donor Contributions	\$ 455,836	\$ 702,200	\$ 649,650
Interest/Other Income	\$ 4,074	\$ 1,000	\$ 3,000
Library/Bookstore Sales	\$ 3,093	\$ 11,000	\$ 3,500
Tuition/Fee Income	\$ 300,918	\$ 503,940	\$ 143,020
<i>Total Income =</i>	\$ 763,921	\$ 1,218,140	\$ 799,170
Expenses			
Scholarships	\$ 224,252	\$ 260,410	\$ 2,850*
General/Administrative	\$ 284,028	\$ 366,100	\$ 233,425
Payroll/Benefits	\$ 427,490	\$ 494,211	\$ 510,007
Adjunct Faculty/Contracts	\$ 54,275	\$ 96,700	\$ 53,700
<i>Total Expenses=</i>	\$ 990,045	\$ 1,217,421	\$ 799,982
<i>Net Income (Deficit)=</i>	(\$ 226,124)	\$ 719	\$ (821)

* Reflects significant reduction in tuition

Summer 2015

Dean's List 2014-15



Congratulations to the following students who earned a 3.5 GPA or above for the semester(s) listed!

Kevin Alvarez - Spring
 Karen Coolidge - Spring
 Mickey Ellis - Fall, Spring
 Jorge Florian - Fall
 Esmeralda Heer - Fall, Spring
 Justin Johnson - Fall, Spring
 Matthew Larsen - Fall, Spring
 Rowena Marable - Fall
 Brenda Martin - Fall, Spring
 Angela McClinton - Fall, Spring
 Erica McLemore - Fall, Spring
 Kevin Penner - Fall
 Eric Strong - Spring
 Ed Thomas - Fall, Spring

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"They read from the Book of the Law of God making it clear and giving the meaning so the people could understand what was being read." - Nehemiah 8:8

Our Core Values



Lordship – Because He is Lord (Philippians 2:11), we will continually ask Jesus Christ to sit on the throne of the seminary and on the throne of the lives of its faculty, administrators, and students for the glory of God (1 Corinthians 10:31).



Bible – Because the Bible is the fully true Word of God (2 Timothy 3:16), we will offer and require the study of all 66 books of the Bible before graduation with a degree. We will seek to creatively integrate classical theological disciplines and ministry training by studying books of the Bible (i.e. Church History will begin with the Book of Acts and keep going; Pastoral Leadership will come through the study of the Pastoral Epistles; Systematic Theology will flow out of the study of the Pauline Epistles)



Prayer – Because apart from Him we can do nothing (John 15:5), we will continually seek to plug into the Vine Jesus Christ through yielding to Him in prayer. We will offer a unique emphasis on prayer including classes on prayer, a school of prayer, prayer faculty, and multiple prayer opportunities in the life of the seminary.



Unreached Peoples – Because the return of Christ awaits the evangelization of all people groups (Matthew 24:14), we will keep our eyes on the unreached peoples of the world and train our students to have a heart for the fulfillment of the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20) by seeking to reach millions of souls for Jesus Christ.



Local Church – Because the local church is God's plan (Matthew 16:18), we will be based at a local church and have a symbiotic relationship of service and training including internships, volunteerism, and prayer/worship opportunities.



Community – Because we were created for community (Genesis 1:26; Romans 12:5). We will seek to build a campus-based fellowship where the "one anothers" of Scripture are lived out, where authenticity and accountability are practiced, and where integrity is modeled and taught.



Compassion – Because God has a huge heart for the poor and overlooked (Matthew 25:31-46), we will strive to motivate, equip, and train students to minister to "the least of these" as a lifestyle.