



Birmingham Theological Seminary

BIRMINGHAM THEOLOGICAL
SEMINARY NEWS
Spring 2017 Newsletter

BTS is a non-profit Alabama corporation and an independent, Reformed evangelical seminary.

2200 Briarwood Way • Birmingham, AL 35243
Tel. (205) 776-5650 • Fax (205) 776-5241
bts.education

Frank Barker, Jr.
Chancellor and Chairman of the Board

Glenn Waddell
President
(205) 776-5280 • gwaddell@briarwood.org

Thad James, Jr.
Vice President
(205) 776-5386 • tjames@briarwood.org

Larry Cockrell
Clinicals Director
ldcockrell@aol.com

Howard Eyrich
Director of the Doctor of Ministry in
Biblical Counseling Program
(205) 776-5344 • heyrich@briarwood.org

Jim Maples
Director of the Doctor of Ministry in
Pastoral Leadership Program
pgpres@att.net

Brandon Robbins
Director of Distance Education
(205) 776-5110 • brobbins@briarwood.org

Jackie Hamamatsu
Registrar
(205) 776-5354 • jhamamatsu@briarwood.org

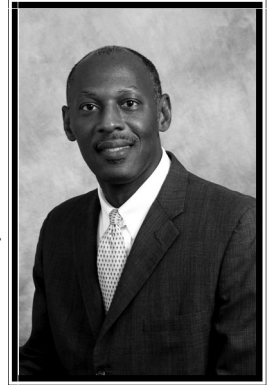
Irene Hayes
Administrative Assistant
(205) 776-5356 • BTSAdmin@briarwood.org

The Second Commandment

Dr. W. Charles Lewis

Dothan Extension

While a student in seminary, I had an eye-opening moment that proved to be a defining moment for me. As I was sitting in one of my classes, it dawned on me that most of the pastors and Bible teachers that I knew could not afford the theological education that I was receiving. The affordability was not only measured in dollars and cents, but also in terms of age and distance. You see, I was a young 23-year-old and I was more than 700 miles away from home! Most of the pastors and Bible teachers that I knew were much older than twenty something, were married with children, and worked a full-time job. It was not feasible for them to uproot and move hundreds of miles away. As I pondered their predicament, God did a work in my heart. Having been moved by the Holy Spirit, I made a commitment to share with them what I was receiving. In my heart, I wanted them to receive what I was getting. I had pondered starting a local Bible Institute; however, it seemed too much for me to handle alone. Nevertheless, when Dr. Frank Barker came to Dothan as a part of a BTS delegation and talked about starting a BTS Campus in Dothan, again, the Holy Spirit moved in my heart and prompted me - this was the outlet that I needed.



When asked “What commandment is the foremost of all?” Jesus concluded His response by saying “The second is this, you shall love your neighbor as yourself.” (Mark 12:28 – 31) Through BTS, I am able to practice the second commandment in not only sharing out of the great theological education that I received, but also by sharing out of my thirty-plus years of practical ministry experience. The fact that BTS classes are taught by pastors with many years of practical ministry experience is only one of a number of plus factors of a BTS education. I always get excited when something that I like is advertised as “coming to a neighborhood near you.” Well, BTS is like that! Because of its several extensions, many find that the quality BTS training is available in their own neighborhoods. If not, there is accessibility through online classes and distance learning.

Because All scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness (2 Timothy 3:16), it makes good sense for you, the serious Bible student, whether laity or clergy, to “Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the Word of truth.” (2 Timothy 2:15). BTS helps you to do just that.

W. Charles Lewis teaches Old Testament at the Dothan extension of BTS. He is the founding Pastor at Dothan Community Church

DOCTOR OF MINISTRY COHORTS

New Doctor of Ministry in Biblical Counseling and Doctor of Ministry in Pastoral Leadership cohorts will begin in January. Both programs are now available via videoconferencing.

Doctor of Ministry students will be required to complete the program at a pace of one course per semester along with the rest of their cohort.

The program will operate on a three semester year with one course being taught each semester. This is intended to be a practitioner's academic program. It is the desire of BTS to enable those practicing to advance their academic training without leaving their ministries.

To apply to one of the D.Min. programs, please submit an application with the application fee by December 31.

Orientations for these cohorts will begin on the first day of class. The Biblical Counseling orientation begins on January 26 at 5:00 P.M. and will continue with sessions during the remaining classroom times on the 27th and 28th. The Pastoral Leadership orientation will meet on January 12-13 from 9:00 A.M. Contact the seminary office for details.



SCHOLARSHIP FUND AT HARVEST COMMUNITY CHURCH

During their 20th Anniversary Celebration, Harvest Community Church announced a scholarship to honor BTS Chancellor Dr. Frank Barker and former BTS Dean Tommy Saunders. Dr. Barker and Mr. Saunders have a passion for the work of BTS and had significant roles in the founding of Harvest Community Church.

We are grateful for the generosity of Harvest Community Church and other churches with similar scholarships. Church scholarship funds are a great way to encourage your church members to attend seminary.

Rev. Mike Jones is the Pastor of Harvest Community Church and Professor of New Testament at BTS.

FOUNDERS FUND/SCHOLARSHIPS

Owing to the generosity of donors to the BTS Founders Fund, BTS is pleased to offer tuition scholarships this year. Eligible students may receive up to 75% tuition discount for up to two courses per semester. These funds are available to award scholarships on the basis of a student's financial need. Scholarship applications are available from the BTS office and the deadline for Spring semester scholarship applications is January 17.

Contributions are still being made to the Founders Fund. If you or your church have not already made a commitment to the BTS Founders Fund, would you consider doing so?

Announcements

LOGOS TRAINING SEMINAR

Saturday, February 6
8:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Room A201
\$50

- No academic credit for this seminar.
- Must bring your laptop to the seminar with the software loaded.
- Students who attended the seminar previously may return for a refresher at no cost. Registration form still required.
- Registrations due by February 3.

The LOGOS software is required for all masters degree-seeking students. BTS is one of the few schools to enjoy a 40% discount on Logos. Take advantage of this great deal by following the link on our website.

EMBERS TO A FLAME CONFERENCE

January 19-22

BTS students taking Church Revitalization for credit at BTS will receive a discount on the conference cost. Seminary tuition also applies. Register with the Briarwood Church Revitalization office and with BTS. Submit a BTS registration form and contact Rebecca Caskey in the Church Revitalization office at 776-5399 or rcaskey@briarwood.org to register. Please register for the conference by December 16.

DOTHAN CAMPUS

Angela Smith, Extension Coordinator

Dothan Faculty

Todd Baucum : Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Enterprise, AL. Professor of Systematic Theology.

Clark Cornelius : Pastor of Grace Church, Dothan, AL. Professor of Church History.

W. Charles Lewis: Pastor of Dothan Community Church, Dothan, AL. Professor of Old Testament.

Lynn Miley: Assistant Pastor at Westwood Presbyterian Church, Dothan, AL. Professor of Systematic Theology.

Henry Morris: Assistant Pastor at First Presbyterian Church, Dothan, AL. Professor of Church History.

David Temples: Pastor of Westwood Presbyterian Church, Dothan, AL. Professor of New Testament.

The Dothan campus opened in 2009

BTS IN THE WORLD

Kampala, Uganda

After having to close due to unforeseen circumstances last year, Westminster Theological Seminary in Uganda is scheduled to relaunch in January 2017 as African Reformation Theological Seminary (ARTS). ARTS was able to secure a new property in an excellent location near Kampala. Renovations have been underway to restore the dorms, offices, classrooms and library. The staff of ARTS has been amazed by the Lord's leading and provision throughout this process. BTS is excited to continue our partnership with ARTS when it reopens in 2017.



Please be in prayer for the ARTS staff as they finish the final preparations for reopening and for the students as they return to continue their studies.

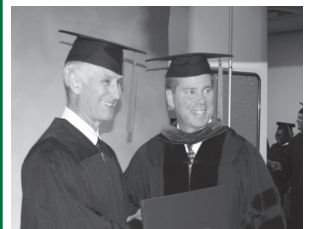


*The Board, Faculty and Graduates
of the 2017 Graduating Class of
Birmingham Theological Seminary
invite you to attend
Commencement Exercises*

*on Friday Evening, May 19, 2017, 7:00 p.m.
in the Worship Center, Briarwood Presbyterian Church*

Dr. Michael Reese, Commencement Speaker

Reception Following in the Fellowship Hall



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? _____
 Course # _____ Instructor _____ Location _____ M.A. Credit Cert. Credit Audit
 Course # _____ Instructor _____ Location _____ M.A. Credit Cert. Credit Audit
 Course # _____ Instructor _____ Location _____ M.A. Credit Cert. Credit Audit
 Course # _____ Instructor _____ Location _____ M.A. Credit Cert. Credit Audit

OFFICE USE ONLY
 Tuition: _____
 App. Fee: _____
 Student Ser. Fee: _____
 Late Fee: _____
 Amt. Past Due: _____
SUBTOTAL: _____
 CC Fee (4%): _____
TOTAL DUE: _____
 Amount Paid: _____
 ck# _____ Cash _____
 Balance Due: _____

Fees: M.A. Application Fee \$30 (one time) • Tuition \$100 per M.A./Cert. credit hr.; \$200 per DMIN credit hr.; \$40 per audit hr. • Late Fee: \$25 per course after Jan. 27 • Annual 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: _____
 MC VISA DISCOVER Credit Card # _____ - _____ - _____ - _____ Exp. Date _____ - _____ CVV# _____
 *Use of Credit card incurs a 4% service charge

Birmingham Theological Seminary • 2200 Briarwood Way • Birmingham, AL 35243 • (205) 776-5650

JAN TERM 2017

BIRMINGHAM:

ST3531 Survey of Systematic Theology VI (Eschatology/End Times)

Dr. Jay Haley

January 5-7 (Thursday-Saturday) • 8:00AM-5:00PM

PT5733 Leadership Development and Deployment

Rev. Larry Cockrell

Jan. 12-14 (Thursday-Saturday) • 8:00AM-5:00PM

HUNTSVILLE:

ST3528 Systematic Theology III (Study of Christ)

Rev. Jackie Gaston

Jan. 12-14 (Thursday-Saturday) • 8:00am-5:00pm



Jan Term provides the opportunity to complete up to two classes during the month of January. Lectures are condensed into three days and additional work will be done outside of class. Syllabi will soon be posted online. Please be prepared for class on the first day by completing the required assignments and readings in advance.



Birmingham Theological Seminary
 2200 Briarwood Way
 Birmingham, AL 35243
 ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

BIRMINGHAM THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

SPRING SEMESTER January 23-May 5, 2017

Registrations/Tuition due by January 27 • Drop/Add period ends February 3

Spring Break is Feb. 27-Mar. 3 • Classes will not meet on April 13-14 for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday

Graduation is May 19 at 7:00PM at Briarwood Presbyterian Church

BIRMINGHAM CAMPUS: Briarwood Presbyterian Church

**Available by videoconference. Contact the BTS office for details.*

COURSE	PROFESSOR	DAY/TIME	ROOM
ST3531 Systematic Theology VI (Eschatology/End Times)*	Dr. Jay Haley	Jan. 5-7 8:00am-5:00pm	A201
PT5733 Leadership Development & Deployment*	Rev. Larry Cockrell	Jan. 12-14 8:00am-5:00pm	W203
OT1022 Old Testament II (Historical books & Prophets)	Rev. Kuna Griggs	Mon 6:00-8:00am	A201
BC7617 Biblical Counseling & the Law ⁽¹⁾	Mr. Glenn Waddell	Mon 5:30-7:30pm	A201
NT2012 Beginning Greek II	Mr. Bruce Horsley	Mon 5:30-7:30pm	A202
ST3528 Systematic Theology III (Study of Christ)*	Dr. Jay Haley	Mon 5:30-7:30pm	A209
BC7502 Counseling in the Local Church I ⁽²⁾	Dr. Larry Dozier	Mon 6:30-8:30pm	AWM
PT5602 Biblical Principles of Christian Education	Dr. Dave Matthews	Mon 7:30-9:30pm	A201
PT5531 Christian Workers Personal Life*	Dr. Jay Haley	Mon 7:30-9:30pm	A209
BC7505 Advanced Biblical Counseling ⁽¹⁾	Dr. Larry Dozier	Tue 5:30-7:30pm	A201
AP8532 Contemporary Cults	Rev. Clete Hux	Tue 5:30-7:30pm	A202
NT2525 New Testament Theology	Rev. George Shamblin	Tue 5:30-7:30pm	A209
BC7630 Marriage & Family Counseling ⁽³⁾	Dr. Lou Priolo	Tue 6:15-8:30pm	VBC
HT4742 Baptist Church History	Rev. Justin Glenn	Tue 7:30-9:30pm	A209
NT2012 Beginning Greek II	Mr. Bill Stroup	Wed 6:00-8:00am	A201
OT1022 Old Testament II (Historical books & Prophets)	Dr. Frank Barker Jr.	Wed 5:30-7:30pm	W203
PT5637 Personal Evangelism ⁽⁴⁾	Dr. F. Barker/Mr. Allison	Wed 6:30-9:30pm	FHALL
BC7755 Counseling in the Local Church II ⁽⁵⁾	Dr. Howard Eyrich	Wed 6:30-8:30pm	A209
ST3527 Systematic Theology II (Study of Man)*	Rev. Robert Alexander	Thu 9:00-11:00am	A201
PT5524 Ministry of the Word II ⁽¹⁾	Dr. Michael Reese	Thu 9:00-11:00am	A202
PT5527 Communication I	Dr. Jim Maples	Thu 5:30-7:30pm	A209
ST3550 Bible Interpretation	Dr. Thad James, Jr.	Thu 5:30-9:30pm	A201
ST3527 Systematic Theology II (Study of Man)	Dr. Jim Maples	Thu 7:30-9:30pm	A209
NT2023 New Testament II (Romans-Revelation)	Rev. Mike Jones	Fri 6:00-8:00am	A201
PT7803 Clinical Writing/Final Project ⁽⁶⁾	Rev. Larry Cockrell		
DM9101/PT5800 Church Revitalization ⁽⁷⁾	Dr. Harry Reeder III	Jan. 19-22	F Hall
DM9104 Caring and Curing of Souls ⁽⁸⁾	Dr. Eyrich/Dr. Blackmon	Jan. 26-28	A202/201
DM9120 Research and Design ⁽⁹⁾	Dr. Thad James, Jr.	Jan. 12-13 9:00am-4:00pm	A201
LOGOS Logos Bible Software Training Seminar ⁽¹⁰⁾	Dr. Thad James, Jr.	Feb. 11 8:30-12:30pm	A201

1. Introduction to Biblical Counseling is a prerequisite for these courses. Ministry of the Word I is a prerequisite for Ministry of the Word II.

2. AWM - BC7502 Counseling in the Local Church I will meet at Agape Worship Ministries. 327 Robison Dr., 35211.

3. VBC - BC7630 Marriage & Family Counseling will meet at Valleydale Baptist Church. 2324 Valleydale Rd., 35244. Class will begin on January 10.

4. PT5637 Personal Evangelism will begin on January 11. BTS students must register with the Briarwood Evangelism Ministry (lreese@briarwood.org or 776-5301) and submit a registration form to the seminary.

5. BC7755 Counseling in the Local Church II will begin on January 11. Counseling in the Local Church I is a prerequisite.

6. PT7803 Master of Arts in Ministry students seeking to graduate in May must register for the 4 hour Clinical Writing/Final Project.

7. DM9101/PT5800 students must pre-register with the Church Revitalization office (776-5399 or reaskey@briarwood.org) and submit a BTS registration form.

8. DM9104 will meet on January 26-28. Orientation will be at the beginning of the first class. 26th (5pm-9pm Room A202), 27 (8am-9pm), 28 (8am-5pm Room A201). Please contact the seminary office for details 205-776-5356.

9. DM9120 will meet Jan. 12-13 for the initial orientation for the new cohort. Please contact the seminary office for details 205-776-5356.

10. Logos Bible Software Training will meet on Feb. 11 from 8:30am-12:30pm. Students must register by Feb. 3rd. The cost for training is \$50. Students must have the Logos Bible Software loaded on their laptops. Students who have previously attended may return for a refresher at no cost, but must register in advance. Please see the BTS Newsletter for additional details. This is no-credit course.

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

CALHOUN COUNTY

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

Extension Coordinator: Dennis Bradford 202-821-7409 • anniston@bts.education

OT1023 Old Testament III (Prophets & Wisdom books)	Dr. Stephen Schrader	Mon 5:30-7:30pm
ST3511 Survey of Systematic Theology	Dr. Vic Minish	Mon 7:30-9:30pm
HT4741 Reformation & Modern Church History	Rev. Bob St. John	Tue 5:30-7:30pm

DEMOPOLIS

Christian Chapel Baptist Church • 500 W. Decatur St., 36723

Extension Coordinator: Albert Jackson • 205-496-4133 • demopolis@bts.education

PT5637 Personal Evangelism	Rev. Major Burrell	Tue 5:30-7:30pm
ST3511 Survey of Systematic Theology	Rev. Major Burrell	Tue 7:30-9:30pm
OT1022 Old Testament II (Historical books & Prophets)	Rev. Fred Moore	Thu 5:30-7:30pm
NT2023 New Testament II (Romans-Revelation)	Rev. Fred Moore	Thu 7:30-9:30pm

DOTHAN

Dothan Community Church • 4390 Westgate, 36303

Extension Coordinator: Angela Smith • 334-797-8572 • dothan@bts.education

NT2525 New Testament Theology	Dr. Charles Lewis	Thu 5:30-7:30pm
OT1022 Old Testament II (Historical books & Prophets)	Rev. David Temples	Thu 7:30-9:30pm

HUNTSVILLE

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

Extension Coordinator: Matt Ligon • 256-509-5822 • huntsville@bts.education

ST3528 Systematic Theology III (Study of Christ)	Rev. Jackie Gaston	Jan.12-14 8:00am-5:00pm
HT4741 Reformation & Modern Church History	Rev. Jackie Gaston	Mon 5:30-7:30pm
NT2011 Beginning Greek I	Dr. Chris Bolt	Thu 5:30-7:30pm

MONTGOMERY

Young Meadows Presbyterian Church • 5780 Vaughn Rd. 36116

Extension Coordinator: Lydia Pickett • 334-284-5056 • montgomery@bts.education

AP8521 Introduction to Apologetics	Rev. Billy Reinhardt	Mon 5:30-7:30pm
HT4741 Reformation & Modern Church History	Dr. Harrison Taylor	Tue 5:30-7:30pm
ST3526 Systematic Theology I (Study of God)	Rev. Lee Bloodworth	Tue 7:30-9:30pm
NT2022 New Testament I (Gospels-Acts)	Dr. Jim Simoneau	Thu 5:30-7:30pm

TUSCALOOSA

Contact the BTS Office • 205-776-5650 • BTSAdmin@briarwood.org

Riverwood Presbyterian Church-501 Rice Valley Rd., N. 35406

OT1022 Old Testament II	Dr. Bill Thetford	Tue 5:30-7:30pm
PT5602 Biblical Principles of Christian Education	Dr. Lombo Simba Lombo	Thu 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