



# Birmingham Theological Seminary

## BIRMINGHAM THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY NEWS

Summer 2017 Newsletter

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## APOLOGETICS

*Are you prepared to give a defense?*

We are pleased to offer several apologetics courses this summer. If you are not in the apologetics degree or certificate program, these may not be a requirement, but they are good electives for personal enrichment. Introduction to Apologetics is also available by distance education.

### *Apologetics and Evangelism*

Professor Clete Hux, Birmingham Campus

There is little value in knowing how to defend the Christian faith if you never reach out to people and defend it! This course helps students engage those outside the church with the realities of the Gospel. You will be better equipped to defend the truth of Christ to those who deny Him.

### *Logic and Critical Thinking*

Professor Brandon Robbins, Birmingham Campus

This course is designed to help students understand how arguments are structured and guide them in reasoning well. In a culture that denies the objective nature of truth, this course is of value to any BTS student.

### *Apologetics and the Bible*

Professor Vic Minish, Calhoun County Campus

Like usage agreements for software and electronic devices, many Christians check the box "I accept" next to the Bible, but never venture into how to understand or explain its unique claim to authority. This course will focus on responding to objections made to the reliability and authority of the Bible, including the challenge of contemporary issues surrounding the historicity of Jesus.

### *World Religions*

Professor: Vic Minish, Calhoun County Campus

The United States is a landing area for people groups of the world seeking a better life. Very few Christians understand the magnitude of the opportunity this presents. This course will study the major religions of the world, including Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, and Roman Catholicism, with a focus on understanding each group and better ways to apply the good news of Jesus Christ to their core issues.

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## *The Problem of Evil*

Professor Billy Reinhardt, Montgomery Campus

To many people, the problem of evil presents a barrier to belief in a good, loving, omnipotent God. Evil in this world comes in various forms. There is the evil that humans do such as murder and lying. Then, there are evil circumstances that arise from natural disasters and disease. Evil can be an intellectual challenge (e.g. How can evil and a good God coexist?) or an emotional challenge (Why did this happen to me?). How are Christians to respond to these various objections? Are you prepared to give an answer? Come join us as we study these very important and weighty matters.



## *Greetings from Demopolis*

Rev. Fred Moore

I have been given the awesome task of sharing with you one of the greatest experiences of my life as a person, preacher, and pastor. Years ago, I was granted the extraordinary honor of attending Birmingham Theological Seminary, and now I am grateful to serve there as an instructor. I would also encourage you to take classes at BTS-- you won't regret it. There is a saying that I express to my children often: "If you think education is expensive, try ignorance." If you are seeking to minister for the body of Christ, it is well worth your while to invest in preparing for service to the Lord. And the good news is, at BTS a quality theological education is a fraction of the cost in comparison with other like-minded seminaries. I hope you take advantage of the opportunities that BTS has to offer.



At BTS, our mission is to provide "sound biblical and practical theological training to equip leaders for Christ's Church." Expanding your understanding of God's Word will also benefit God's people as you minister. At BTS, we do our best to exceed expectations by providing students with that theological education from a clear, evangelical perspective. We do this with joy and passion within a loving and kind community that aims to worship God.

All together, here at Birmingham Theological Seminary, we want our students to be men and women of Christ. We frequently emphasize the importance of a growing relationship with God so that it cultivates authenticity within the Christian life. We want our students to convey the message of Christ in simple terms. We look forward to working with each of you as you pursue Christ for the betterment of yourselves and others.

*Rev. Moore is Pastor at Christian Chapel Baptist Church in Demopolis. He teaches Old Testament, New Testament and Practical Theology.*

## *Announcements*

### 2017 GRADUATION

The Graduation ceremony this year is on May 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the Briarwood Presbyterian Church Worship Center in Birmingham, followed by a reception in the fellowship hall. You are invited!

Dr. Michael E. Reese, BTS Board member and Professor of Practical Theology, will be the commencement speaker. Come support our 2017 graduates!

If you are planning to graduate in 2018, please inform the Registrar at 776-5354.

### SCHOLARSHIPS

There are funds 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 summer semester scholarship applications is May 19.

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

### FACEBOOK

If you have not already done so, please be sure to "like" our facebook page. We hope you have noticed that we have been more active on our page. You will see announcements, schedules, quotes from our faculty, and more. We encourage you to share these with your friends to help get the word out about BTS.

# BIRMINGHAM THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

**SUMMER SEMESTER: May 30 - September 1, 2017**

**Classes begin on Tuesday, May 30**

**Registrations/Tuition due by June 2 to avoid late fees • Drop/Add period ends June 9**

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

<b>COURSE</b>	<b>PROFESSOR</b>	<b>DAY/TIME</b>	<b>ROOM</b>
OT1023 Old Testament III*	Rev. Kuna Griggs	Mon 6:00-8:00AM	A201
AP8510 Logic & Critical Thinking	Mr. Brandon Robbins	Mon 5:30-7:30PM	A201
BC7755 Counseling in the Local Church II <sup>1</sup>	Dr. Larry Dozier	Mon 6:30-8:30PM	AWM
BC7631 Pre-Marriage Counseling <sup>2</sup>	Dr. Howard Eyrich	Tue 5:30-7:30PM	A202
OT1526 Old Testament History & Theology	Rev. George Shamblin	Tue 5:30-7:30PM	A209
BC7623 Understanding & Eval. Professional Lit. <sup>3</sup>	Dr. Larry Dozier	Tue 5:30-7:30PM	A201
BC7501 Introduction to Biblical Counseling <sup>4</sup>	Dr. Lou Priolo	Tue 6:15-8:30PM	VC
NT2521 Advanced Greek	Mr. Bill Stroup	Wed 6:00-8:00AM	A201
OT1023 Old Testament III*	Dr. Frank Barker	Wed 5:30-7:30PM	W203
PT5637 Personal Evangelism	Dr. F. Barker/Mr. D. Allison	Wed 6:00-8:00PM	FH-A
ST3530 Systematic Theology V* (Church)	Dr. Thad James Jr.	Thu 9:00-11:00AM	A201
AP8625 Apologetics & Personal Evangelism	Rev. Clete Hux	Thu 5:30-7:30PM	A201
PT5673 Ministry of Teaching	Dr. Lombo Simba Lombo	Thu 5:30-7:30PM	A209
PT5750 Public Worship & Music <sup>5</sup>	Dr. Olan Stubbs	Th.-Fri 8AM-5PM	A201
DM9222 Biblical Counseling: Ecclesiology, Legal Issues, Peacemaking <sup>6</sup>	Mr. Glenn Waddell	Thu 5:00-9:00PM	

1. BC7755 will meet at Agape Worship Ministries (328 Robison Dr.).

2. BC7631 will begin on 30th. Due to the structure and style of this class, class will not meet every Tuesday. Dates to be determined on the first day of class.

3. Intro to Biblical Counseling is a prerequisite for BC7623.

4. BC7501 will begin April 11th and end June 20th. Classes meet at Valleydale Church (2324 Valleydale Rd.) • 205-271-7678.

5. PT5750 will meet on August 31st and September 1st from 8:00AM to 5:00PM.

6. DM9222 will be taught via video-conference.

## **Calhoun County Campus: Anniston Bible Church (3230 Coleman Rd.)**

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

AP8525 Apologetics & the Bible	Dr. Vic Minish	Tue 5:30-7:30PM	
AP8531 World Religions	Dr. Vic Minish	Tue 7:30-9:30PM	

## **Dothan Campus: Westwood Presbyterian Church (5480 W. Main St. 3630)**

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

ST3511 Survey of Systematic Theology	Rev. Lynn Miley	Thu 9:00AM-12:00PM	
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## **Huntsville Campus: Connections Church (897 Capshaw Rd. 35757)**

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

NT2012 Beginning Greek II	Dr. Chris Bolt	Thu 5:30-7:30PM	
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## **Montgomery Campuses: Young Meadows Presbyterian Church (5780 Vaughn Rd. 36116) & Trinity Presbyterian Church (1728 S. Hull Street 36104)**

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

AP8791 Spec. Topic in Apologetics: The Problem of Evil	Rev. Billy Reinhardt	Mon 5:30-7:30PM	YMPC
HT4743 Presbyterian Church History	Dr. William Taylor	Wed 5:30-7:30PM	TPC

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

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

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: (Home): \_\_\_\_\_ (Work) \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell) \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

DEGREE PROGRAM: \_\_\_\_\_ New Student?  Yes  No When did you last take classes at BTS? \_\_\_\_\_

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP: \_\_\_\_\_ DENOMINATION: \_\_\_\_\_

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**OFFICE USE ONLY**  
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App. Fee: \_\_\_\_\_  
Student Serv.Fee: \_\_\_\_\_  
Late Fee: \_\_\_\_\_  
Video Conf. Fee: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Fees: M.A. App. 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 June 2 • Annual Student Serv. Fee: \$30**  
By completing and signing this form, I am registering for the above courses and agree to pay all tuition and fees.

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## Mark Your Calendars

May 19: Graduation

May 30: Summer Semester Begins

August 29: Student Orientation

September 5: Fall Semester Begins

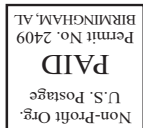
October 5: Faculty Meeting

October 9-13: Fall Break

## D.Min. Cohort



The Doctor of Ministry in Biblical Counseling cohort is already underway. A new Doctor of Ministry in Pastoral Leadership cohort will begin this Fall 2017. Please visit our website or schedule an appointment with the Vice President to see you if you qualify for this program.



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