



Birmingham Theological Seminary

Summer 2018

Please Welcome New BTS President, Ike Reeder



Greetings! As the new President of Birmingham Theological Seminary, it is an honor to address you for the first time in our summer newsletter. My name is Ike Reeder and I've been blessed with the opportunity to lead BTS forward into the future. How exciting it is to join the amazing team that has been built at BTS over the years. I'm grateful for our current team and all the faithful servants that have gone before!

I am happy to report that BTS is, after over 45 years of existence, on mission and on message—providing quality theological education for all types of students from all places and building kingdom capital to see the life changing work of the gospel move from Birmingham, AL and throughout the world.

What is that mission and message? I can't wait to share it with you. First, BTS is committed to serving both traditional and non-traditional students. We believe that theological education should be open to all. It should cross social, economic, ethnic, and cultural lines. Let's put people from all different walks of life and life stations in classrooms together so we can learn from one another. Second, BTS is committed to creating pathways to success. There are plenty of gates and hurdles in academics. We are committed to helping students navigate those hurdles and find the best pathway to their success as a learner and as a leader. Third, we are committed to providing affordable theological education. We are so grateful for our donor and church partners and the oversight and support we receive from Briarwood Presbyterian Church that allows us to keep the students from bearing the brunt of their learning cost. Fourth, we are committed to operating with agility. We want to meet the needs of our students quickly and leverage our assets to respond well to student needs. Finally, we are committed to clarity in our offerings with multiple clear pathways to success.

No matter where you are, who you are, or what your calling is—we believe we can help you achieve success. Above all else, we are committed to a robust study of the gospel of Jesus Christ—not because of our own enhancement, but to be equipped to take the gospel to our neighbor and the nations. BTS is a mustard seed that we believe God will continue to grow and expand far beyond what the world could predict, so that all who see us will see God, know His Son, Jesus Christ, and have a heart filled with the Holy Spirit. I'm passionate about leading us forward in this vision. I hope you'll join us!

Harry Reeder IV (Ike) comes to Birmingham Theological Seminary after having served with Covenant College as the Director of Church Relations since 2014. He graduated from Covenant College after spending time studying at Oxford University, and holds a Master's degree in Literature from the University of Alaska Anchorage. Ike has lived from Alabama to Austria, England to North Carolina, and Tennessee to Alaska. He played soccer in college and on the semi-pro level for the Charlotte Eagles. He is currently completing his M.A. in Theological Studies with Reformed Theological Seminary. Ike is married to Angie and has two stepchildren, Win and Virginia. Ike would love to meet you. We hope you plan to stop by and meet him.

Video Conference Classes Available

At BTS, we have been working on some exciting developments in our distance education offerings. While we are pleased to offer quality distance education and live classes at BTS, we are always looking for ways to offer theological education in a way that meets the needs of our students.

Traditionally, our distance education classes are offered by providing the students with the materials for the course on a flash drive, CD-ROM or Dropbox link. We will still continue to offer courses in this format, but each calendar semester, we will now be offering select courses via video conference using GoToMeeting software. GoToMeeting is a user friendly conferencing tool that will extend our classroom and we are thrilled about the opportunities this brings to our students!



Video conference works by logging in to the live classroom meetings using the provided link and listening to the courses live. You do not need to purchase the software and the e-mailed link will walk you through how to connect to class. You will be able to see and hear the professor and ask questions and make comments during the appropriate times. At this time, video conference is being offered to students who live away from the Birmingham campus. Extension campus students are encouraged to take classes live at their extension campuses, but may also enroll in a video conference class as needed. Enrollment is limited, so priority is given to distance and extension students. Birmingham students may seek approval to take a video conference class if space allows.

We hope this wonderful technology will open up classroom learning at BTS like never before. Classroom learning is always encouraged and we are excited to make it more available. If you have any questions please contact us at 205-776-5356. Our staff is available to help you with any questions and assist you to make this semester a success!

Summer Semester Video Conference Courses:

Registration: \$200 per course. Video Conference Fee: \$25

Paganism in America (AP8791)

Rev. Clete Hux
Mondays 5:30-7:30 PM

Survey of Systematic Theology (ST3511)

Dr. Jay Haley
Tuesdays 5:30-7:30 PM

Counseling Theory (BC7509)

Dr. Howard Eyrich
Mondays 5:30-7:30 PM

Systematic Theology III (ST3528)

Dr. Jay Haley
Tuesdays 7:30-9:30 PM

Crisis Counseling (BC7668)

Dr. Larry Dozier
Mondays 7:30-9:30 PM



BIRMINGHAM THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

SUMMER SEMESTER: May 29 - August 24, 2018

Classes begin on Tuesday, May 29

Registrations/Tuition due by June 1 to avoid late fees • Drop/Add period ends June 8

BIRMINGHAM CAMPUS: Briarwood Presbyterian Church

COURSE	PROFESSOR	DAY/TIME	ROOM
AP8791 Understanding Paganism in America ^{*V/C}	Rev. Clete Hux	Mon 5:30-7:30PM	A209
OT1563 Advanced Hebrew	Mr. Bruce Horsley	Mon 5:30-7:30PM	A202
BC7509 Counseling Theory ^{1 *V/C}	Dr. Howard Eyrich	Mon 5:30-7:30PM	A209
BC7668 Crisis Counseling ^{1 *V/C}	Dr. Larry Dozier	Mon 7:30-9:30PM	A209
ST3511 Survey of Systematic Theology ^{*V/C}	Dr. Jay Haley	Tue 5:30-7:30PM	A201
OT1021 Old Testament I	Dr. Richard Trucks	Tue 5:30-7:30PM	A209
ST3528 Systematic Theology III ^{*V/C}	Dr. Jay Haley	Tue 7:30-9:30PM	A201
OT1563 Advanced Hebrew	Mr. Bill Stroup	Wed 6:00-8:00AM	A201
OT1023 Old Testament III	Dr. Frank Barker	Wed 5:30-7:30PM	A201
HT4641 Church History in America	Mr. Cooper Pinson	Thu 5:30-7:30PM	A201
ST3744 Contemporary Theology	Dr. Thad James Jr.	Thu 5:30-7:30PM	A201
NT2525 New Testament History and Theology	Mr. Cooper Pinson	Thu 7:30-9:30PM	A201
DM5521 Biblical Counseling: Marriage & Family	Drs. Eyrich and Blackmon	Thu 5:00-9:00PM	V/C

1. BC7501 Introduction to Biblical Counseling is a prerequisite for BC7509 and BC7668.

v/c: These courses are also offered via video conference. Space is limited. \$25 video conference fee applies.

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

There will be not be any classes held at the extension campuses this Summer. Look for live classes at the extension campuses this Fall.
Extension students are encouraged to take advantage of the video conference classes.



Summer 2018 Registration Form

May 29 - August 24

Due the week of May 28

NAME: _____
 ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____
 PHONE: (Home): _____ (Work) _____ (Cell) _____
 EMAIL: _____ Check if contact info has changed
 DEGREE PROGRAM: _____ When did you last take classes at BTS? _____
 CHURCH MEMBERSHIP: _____ DENOMINATION: _____

OFFICE USE ONLY
 Tuition: _____ V/C: _____
 App. Fee: _____ SS Fee: _____
 Lt. Fee: _____ Pt. Due: _____
 SUBTOTAL: _____
 CC Fee (4%): _____
 TOTAL DUE: _____
 Amount Paid: _____
 ck# _____ Cash _____
 Balance Due: _____

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Fees: Application Fee \$30 (one time) • M.A. Tuition \$100 per credit hour; \$40 per audit hour • D.Min. Tuition \$200 per credit hour
 Late Fee: \$25 per course after first week of class • 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

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Mark Your Calendars

May 18: Graduation

May 29: Summer Semester Begins

August 28: Student Orientation

September 4: Fall Semester Begins

Scholarships Available. Scholarship Applications Due May 16.

Applications are available on our website.

Distance education and (select) video conference courses available.



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