



# Birmingham Theological Seminary

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## CONGRATULATIONS 2011 GRADUATES!



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Middle L-R: Willie Patterson, Cory Varden, Joe Medlock, Marvell Bivins, Ed Taylor  
Front L-R: Rosalyn Nandwa, Scott Shoop, Ruth Ngaari, Joy Boone*

The 2011 Graduation Ceremony was held on May 13th at Briarwood Presbyterian Church with 14 students graduating. The Seminary awarded one D.Min., one M.Div., three M.A. in Ministry, one M.A. in Biblical Counseling, one M.A. in Apologetics, six M.A. in Biblical Studies degrees, as well as two Certificates. Our graduates are continuing to serve the Lord in pastoral, biblical counseling and other ministry positions.

Dr. Richard L. Pratt, Jr. of Third Millennium Ministries gave the commencement address.

If you have never attended a BTS Graduation, we encourage you to attend these special events. Inspiring speakers, student testimonies, special music and a beautiful reception afterwards make for a memorable celebration of God's powerful work in students' lives.

If you are planning to graduate in May 2012, please contact the Registrar at kknowles@briarwood.org as soon as possible.

### *Did you know...*

Three 2011 graduates are from Kenya?

One graduate found us because she googled "seminaries"?

Many graduates wish they had taken Communications I early in their studies?

## THE COLOSSIAN FORUM

On June 2-3, BTS chair of apologetics, Dr. Vic Minish, participated in the Colossian Forum's Scholarly Gathering at Chicago's Sutton Place Hotel. The purpose of the Colossian Forum is to create a fellowship that provides an hospitable, Christ-centered way for Christians to charitably pursue the Truth amidst the challenges of science and culture. The forum's conversations are based upon Paul's statement, "All things hold together in Christ" (Colossians 1:17). The Forum seeks to transform conversations on faith, science, and culture, by rooting them more deeply in the hospitality of Christ.

Fourteen scholars were present at the Chicago gathering from a variety of universities and seminaries. The Forum is led by Calvin College professor of philosophy, James K.A. Smith. According to Professor Smith, "Our goal isn't just to provide more information [concerning the relationship of Christianity, science, and culture]; what is needed is proper formation of our imagination. And that takes practice." The Chicago meeting was an opener focused on how Christians concerned about Christian discipleship and the issues of the day might enter into genuine dialogue.

Scholars from Notre Dame, Calvin, Regent College, Vancouver, and Duke, were among those present. Dr. Minish was asked to attend by Executive Director Michael Gulker after hearing lectures he presented to the Association of Christian Schools International regional meeting in Birmingham.

The Colossian Forum says, "It is our goal to help people—especially young people—to see beyond the perceived dichotomy between science and Christian faith, to discern between what is essential in order to help them see that they do not need to choose between two competing truths but to see that in Christ all Truth holds together."

*For more information on the Colossian Forum, visit [colossianforum.org](http://colossianforum.org).*

## FOND FAREWELL TO DR. STEVE COWAN

Dr. Steve Cowan, Department Chair of Apologetics, is leaving after 10 years of teaching at BTS. Dr. Cowan is moving to Pineville, Louisiana to teach Philosophy and Apologetics at Louisiana College. BTS Students have greatly benefitted from Dr. Cowan's Apologetics courses over the years. If you missed the opportunity to take one of Dr. Cowan's courses, you can still take his Introduction to Apologetics course via distance education. We pray God's blessings on Dr. Cowan and his family as they transition to Louisiana.

## BTS ALUMNI PUBLISHES BOOK

Dave Edling, who graduated from BTS in 2008 with an M.A. in Biblical Conflict Resolution, has co-written *Redeeming Church Conflicts* with Tara Barthel. Edling's book will not be published until May 2012, but if you would like a preview, be sure to enroll in Glenn Waddell's Conflict Resolution in the Church class. This class has special permission to use the text prior to the publication date. Dave Edling is BTS's first Biblical Conflict Resolution graduate. For more information on the degree program, please contact our office or visit [birminghamseminary.org](http://birminghamseminary.org).

## Announcements

### M.A. CLINICALS

M.A. in Ministry, M.A. in Apologetics, and M.A. in Missions students planning to graduate in May 2012 must register for PT7802 Clinical Research Development this Fall.

### LOGOS SOFTWARE

Logos is a requirement for all MDIV and DMIN students and strongly encouraged for all students. 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. Not sure what Logos is? Try it out on the Briarwood library computer or contact our office for more information.

### STUDENT ID/ NAME BADGE

It is time to renew student IDs. All students will be issued student IDs for the annual fee of \$15. Please remember that it is your responsibility to stop by our office or registration table to have your picture made for the ID. Your student ID contains your student ID number which is required in requesting transcripts and other student information. Your ID may also gain you discounts at Christian bookstores or aid you in getting a library card at a University. Please also remember you are required to wear your name badge to class for security reasons and to help your professor and classmates learn your name.

# WHERE IN THE WORLD IS DR. KREITZER?



Many of you have taken Dr. Mark Kreitzer's New Testament and Missions courses via distance education. A few who have been around a while may even have taken live classes from him. We thought you might be interested to know what Dr. Kreitzer is up to these days.

Dr. Kreitzer is the Director of the International M.Div. degree program (English track) at Kosin University in Busan, South Korea. But first, here is a little background information about how the Lord led Dr. Kreitzer to Korea. Dr. Kreitzer first went to Hapdong Theological Seminary in Suwon City near Seoul in 2004 to teach a D.Min.

course. A few years later, he returned to teach Ph.D. courses. In 2007, the Lord opened a door for him to go to North Korea with his PCA Presbytery (Western Carolina) for a water drilling project. Dr. Kreitzer wondered if the Lord was preparing him and his family for Korea.

Later, one of Dr. Kreitzer's Korean Ph.D. students contacted him about an open position at Kosin University in Busan, South Korea. The student's father is a good friend of the President of the University so, through the Korean tradition of networking, they found and hired Dr. Kreitzer.

When he went to Korea in 2009, Dr. Kreitzer's family remained in Asheville, NC for the first three semesters. He returned to North Carolina for the summer and winter holidays. Thankfully, the whole family is now in Asia. The Kreitzer's two teenage daughters attend a Christian academy in the Philippines and Dr. Kreitzer's wife, Nancy, is teaching English language and English Bible classes in the undergraduate college in Busan.

The International (English) M.Div. program is one of two international M.Div. tracks at the university; the other is a Chinese track. The program is very diverse, with students from seven African countries, five Asian lands, Brazil and the United States. This curriculum is unique, as it integrates the practical with the theoretical, doctrine with engagement in culture, and church planting. The goal is to inspire students to become part of growing church planting movements wherever the Lord leads them.

Dr. Kreitzer is particularly excited about his task of redesigning the curriculum. He is making an effort to make every course missional and is trying to overcome the dualist gap between the theoretical and practical by interweaving a missional perspective in every subject. For example, Systematic Theology was renamed "Missional Theology." His goal is to emphasize that theology is not merely "an ivory tower of reflection but must engage people in their own cultural context with the power of the Gospel and biblical ethics as the body engages in the mission of God."

Dr. Kreitzer's desire is for graduates to be in the forefront of discipling all peoples and teaching believers to be relevant salt and light in every area of life.

Get a taste of Dr. Kreitzer's teaching by enrolling in one of his distance education courses: New Testament I, New Testament II or Biblical Theology of Missions.

## Announcements

### BTS CHAPEL

BTS Chapel will not be held in August due to busy summer schedules. The next Chapel will be Tuesday, September 20th at 5:00.

### GRADES

Wondering where your grades are? It takes about 4 weeks to receive and process grades after the semester ends.

Remember, if you have a hold on your account from a past due balance or incomplete student file, your grade report will be blank until the hold is removed.

### NEED BOOKS?

The Briarwood Bookstore will have a book table Monday through Thursday evenings during registration week (Birmingham location only). The bookstore will match Amazon.com prices. If you are unable to get to the bookstore during their business hours, you may order and pay for books by contacting the bookstore at 776-5210.

### DEGREE PROGRAM

If you wish to pursue a degree, it is wise to declare your degree program early to ensure you take the appropriate classes. If you would like to discuss your degree program, please contact the office to set up an appointment. You may also change your degree program, but please be aware that you will fall under the degree catalog in place at the time you select your new program.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  Check if contact info has changed  
 ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_  
 PHONE: (H): \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_ (C) \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_  
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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. 17 • Annual Student ID: \$15**  
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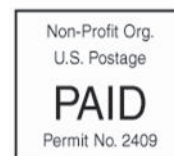
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**BIRMINGHAM THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY**  
**FALL SEMESTER: September 12, 2011 – December 16, 2011**  
**Drop/Add Period Ends September 23, 2011**

**Fall Break is October 17-21. Classes will not meet November 23-24 in observance of Thanksgiving**

**BIRMINGHAM CAMPUS: Briarwood Presbyterian Church**

<b>COURSE</b>	<b>PROFESSOR</b>	<b>DAY/TIME</b>	<b>ROOM</b>
NT2023 New Testament II (Romans-Revelation)	Dr. Richard Trucks	MON 6:00-8:00AM	W202
PT5733 Leadership Development & Deployment <sup>(1)</sup>	Dr. Harry Reeder	MON 6:00-8:00AM	W203
OT1511 Beginning Hebrew I	Mr. Bruce Horsley	MON 5:30-7:30PM	W202
PT5626 Ministry to Children, Youth & Families	Rev. John Evans	MON 5:30-7:30PM	W203
BC7630 Marriage and Family Counseling	Dr. Dave Matthews	MON 5:30-7:30PM	A209
AP8623 Apologetics in the Church	Rev. Clete Hux	MON 7:30-9:30PM	W202
AP8521 Introduction to Apologetics	Mr. Brandon Robbins	MON 7:30-9:30PM	W203
PT5542 Historical & Philosophical Foundations of Christian Ed.	Dr. Dave Matthews	MON 7:30-9:30PM	A209
HT4641 Church History in America	Rev. George Shamblin	TUE 6:00-8:00AM	W203
OT1022 Old Testament II	Dr. Frank Barker	TUE 4:00-6:00PM	W204
AP8505 Introduction to Philosophy <sup>(2)</sup>	Dr. Vic Minish	TUE 5:30-7:30PM	W202
PT5739 Biblical Principles of Church Growth	Rev. Willie Wells	TUE 5:30-7:30PM	W203
PT5722 Expository Preaching I	Dr. Michael Reese	TUE 5:30-7:30PM	A209
AP8553 Christianity & Competing Worldviews	Dr. Vic Minish	TUE 7:30-9:30PM	W202
MS6632 Crucial Issues in Missions Today	Rev. Beau Miller	TUE 7:30-9:30PM	W203
BC7501 Introduction to Biblical Counseling	Dr. Luis Orteza	TUE 7:30-9:30PM	A209
OT1511 Beginning Hebrew I	Mr. Bill Stroup	WED 6:00-8:00AM	W202
PT5621 Conflict Resolution in the Church	Mr. Glenn Waddell	WED 6:00-8:00AM	W203
MS6640 Supervised Ministry I	Dr. Tom Cheely	WED 5:30-7:30PM	W202
OT1021 Old Testament I (Genesis-Ruth)	Dr. Frank Barker	WED 5:30-7:30PM	W203
BC7502 Counseling in the Local Church I <sup>(3)</sup>	Dr. Howard Eyrich	WED 6:30-8:30PM	A209
PT5637 Personal Evangelism <sup>(4)</sup>	Dr. Frank Barker	WED 6:30-9:30PM	F Hall
ST3527 Systematic Theology II (Doctrine of Man)	Rev. Robert Alexander	THU 9:00-11:00AM	W203
NT2022 New Testament I (Gospels-Acts)	Rev. Morris Johnson	THU 5:30-7:30PM	W202
PT5733 Leadership Development <sup>(1)</sup>	Rev. Larry Cockrell	THU 5:30-7:30PM	W203
PT5527 Communications I	Rev. Jim Maples	THU 5:30-7:30PM	A209
PT7802 Clinical Research Development <sup>(5)</sup>	Rev. Cockrell/James	THU 7:30-9:30PM	W202
ST3526 Systematic Theology I (Doctrine of God)	Mr. Jay Haley	THU 7:30-9:30PM	W203
HT4641 Church History in America	Rev. Jim Maples	THU 7:30-9:30PM	A209
NT2022 New Testament I (Gospels-Acts)	Rev. Mike Jones	FRI 6:00-8:00AM	W203
DM9104 The Caring and Curing of the Soul <sup>(6)</sup>	Dr. Howard Eyrich	FRI 9:00-5:00PM	W203
DM1111 Developing Effectiveness in Biblical Counseling <sup>(6)</sup>	Dr. Howard Eyrich	FRI 9:00-5:00PM	W203
DM9332 Biblical Couns. & Psych. Assessment/Evaluation <sup>(7)</sup>	Dr. Luis Orteza	FRI 9:00-5:00PM	W202
DM9107 Transformational Leadership for a Post-modern World <sup>(7)</sup>	Dr. Howard Eyrich	FRI 9:00-5:00PM	W203

(1) PT5733 and MS6526 Biblical Principles of Leadership are the same course

(2) AP8505 Introduction to Philosophy – any student who has taken this course as an undergraduate and received a B or better may forgo this class and take another elective in Apologetics. Please see the V.P. of Academic Affairs.

(3) BC7502 Counseling in the Local Church I will begin a week early on **September 7<sup>th</sup>**.

(4) PT5637 Personal Evangelism – will begin with the Share Your Faith Workshop on **Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>** – the regular Wednesday night classes/training will begin September 14<sup>th</sup>. Seminary students must register with the Briarwood Evangelism ministry and also with the Seminary office to receive credit.

(5) Master of Arts in Apologetics, Ministry & Missions students seeking to graduate in Spring 2012 are required to take this course.

(6) DM9104 and DM1111 will meet on September 16, October 14 and November 11

(7) DM9107 and DM9332 will meet on September 23, October 21 and November 18

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

## DEMOPOLIS

**Extension Coordinator: Albert Jackson • 205-344-1196 • ahorton19@aol.com**  
**Christian Chapel Baptist Church • 500 West Decatur Street**

PT5722 Expository Preaching I

Rev. Fred Moore

THU 5:30-7:20 PM

## DOTHAN

**Extension Coordinator: Catesha Nelson • 334-202-3920 • btsdothan@gmail.com**  
**Various Locations**

BC7502 Counseling in the Local Church I

Rev. Lynn Miley

MON 5:30-7:30PM WPC

PT5637 Personal Evangelism

Dr. Brad Rushing

MON 7:30-9:30PM WPC

ST3529 Systematic Theology IV (Justification/Sanctification)

Dr. Todd Baucum

TUE 5:30-7:30PM WPC

PT5531 Christian Worker's Personal Life & Spiritual Formations

Dr. Todd Baucum

TUE 7:30-9:30PM WPC

OT1023 Old Testament III

Pastor John Thompson

THU 5:30-7:30PM DCC

NT2022 New Testament I (Gospels-Acts)

Dr. Charles Lewis

THU 5:30-7:30PM DCC

PT5733 Leadership Development & Deployment <sup>(1)</sup>

Dr. Jeff Lawrence

THU 7:30-9:30PM DCC

WPC – Westwood Presbyterian Church 5480 W. Main Street • DCC – Dothan Community Church 4390 Westgate Pkwy

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**Westminster Presbyterian Church • 237 Johns Rd Huntsville 35806**

AP8521 Introduction to Apologetics

Dr. Mike Calvert

MON 5:30-7:30PM

BC7502 Counseling in the Local Church I

Ms. Regina Pullen

MON 5:30-7:30PM

NT2012 Greek II

Dr. Fred Rice

TUE 5:30-7:30PM

HT4641 Church History in America

Rev. Charles Rodgers

TUE 5:30-7:30PM

## MONTGOMERY

**Extension Coordinator: Lydia Pickett • 334-284-5056 • lydia59@charter.net**  
**Various Locations**

OT1023 Old Testament III

Rev. Kirby Smith

MON 5:30-7:30PM YMPC

PT5602 Biblical Principles of Christian Education

Dr. Jiles Williams

MON 5:30-7:30PM YMPC

BC7501 Introduction to Biblical Counseling <sup>(7)</sup>

Mr. Lou Priolo

TUE 6:30-9:30PM EPC

ST3526 Systematic Theology I (God)

Rev. Lee Bloodworth

TUE 5:30-7:30PM YMPC

NT2022 New Testament I (Gospels-Acts)

Dr. Jim Simoneau

THU 5:30-7:30PM YMPC

(7) BC7501 students must register with and pay tuition to Eastwood Presbyterian Church. Students seeking Seminary credit must also apply and register with the Seminary office and pay a \$30 an hour posting fee. Class will begin on September 6th, registration deadline is August 26th.

EPC-Eastwood Presbyterian Church • YMPC-Young Meadows Presbyterian Church • 5780 Vaughn Rd. 36116

## TUSCALOOSA

**Extension Coordinator: Charles Williams • 205-292-4620**  
**First African Baptist Church • 2621 Stillman Blvd. 35401**

PT5722 Expository Preaching I

Rev. Charles Williams

MON 5:30-7:30PM

BC7501 Introduction to Biblical Counseling

Dr. William Scroggins

MON 7:30-9:30PM

PT5527 Communications I

Rev. Leander Jones

TUE 5:30-7:30PM

OT1023 Old Testament III

Dr. Bill Thetford

TUE 5:30-7:30PM

AP8521 Introduction to Apologetics

Rev. Dan Arsenault

THU 5:30-7:30PM

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