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“Do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry” (2 Timothy 4:5)

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From the Director's Desk

Robert Stapleton



It is difficult to believe that yet another New Year is upon us and another class of new students is attending classes here at Brown Trail. We are excited about the future of the school. The devil has done his best to destroy the school, but the Lord still has work to be done by this school. Let him do his best; we will put our faith in God, and trust Him as we move into the future.

In the past few weeks some personnel changes have come about here at the school. First, Brother Larry Evans is no longer working with us at Brown Trail. We appreciate the work he did for the short while he was here, and pray success for him as he takes on other responsibilities in the brotherhood. We have added brother Ken Gardner and my oldest son Heath to the adjunct instructor role. Both are either presently teaching or will soon be doing so. Additionally, brother Ernie Albrecht, who preaches for the Mount Vernon church of Christ, will teach the books of Ezra—Esther the second quarter of this year. Please pray for their efforts as they join in the work being done. Also, brother Robert Waller, who is no stranger to the school, will, Lord willing, soon be back to teach his course on Bible Geography. Robert decided, a couple years ago, to take a little breather from classes, but is now ready to get back in the “saddle again.” With the men that we have, and the addition of the “new” men, we believe we have a great faculty composed of men who love the Lord, His Word, and imparting knowledge to others who share in that love.

We have continued to add information to our Web Site at www.browntrailsschoolofpreaching.com. If you know of a sound work that we can link to for the benefit of the brotherhood please let us know. You will find a location for congregations and preachers who are seeking one another, and we are adding names to each as we receive them. Please be aware that the inclusion of a congregation or preacher is not an endorsement of either.

Happy Birthday Perry

On Wednesday, January 5th, Eddie Parrish, the students, and I were privileged to take part in a major “mile stone” in the life of our beloved Perry B. Cotham. This great man of faith turned 93 years of age. What a remarkable man who is still determined to do the Lord’s will with “vim and vigor.” Perry is an example to all of us as students and instructors as we seek to do the Father’s will. Each Wednesday Perry climbs the stairs to his class room and imparts great wisdom to “the preacher boys.” May his tribe increase.



Perry and his B-day Cake

News from the School

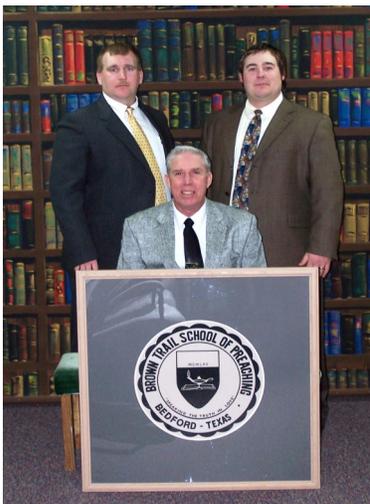
Alumni Association Information

On Tuesday afternoon of the Fort Worth Lectureship approximately 50 brethren assembled for a brief meeting in the multipurpose room at the Brown Trail building for the specific purpose of reestablishing the Alumni Association for the benefit of the School of Preaching. Many of the Preacher Training Schools, within the brotherhood, have had such Associations for years. These schools have been greatly benefited by the efforts of those who are working through such organizations. We are happy to report that the meeting went well, with several brethren agreeing to serve on the planning committee. Meetings will soon be held to get the Association up and running.

If you could not be here for this meeting, but would like to assist in some way with the association please let us know and we will forward your information on to those responsible for these things. A Web Site is being set up for the Association.

Graduation

Twice during the year we graduate men from the Brown Trail School of Preaching. Recently brethren Randy Mathis, Leon McManus and Rick Parker graduated. Leon, and his wife Joyce, will soon be moving to Tanzania, East Africa to serve as missionaries, working out of the Chimala Mission. Randy and Kim have gone on to further their education at Freed-Hardeman University while Rick, Amy, and the kids are now living in Campbell, Missouri, where Rick is serving as the located preacher.



L—R—Rick Parker, Leon McManus, Randy Mathis

Present Student Body

At the present we have twenty-four full and part time students enrolled in the school. We are so thankful for the determination of these men and women to “seek first the kingdom of God.”

Our Seniors are Joe Gibbs, Landon and Kristin Rowell, and Larry Jones. The Junior class is composed of only one student, Brent Fluegel, while our Sophomore Class is composed of Shane Coleman, Miguel Garcia, Daniel Haynes, Ubaldo Herrera (audit), Martin Ibarra, Donald McKinnon (audit), Jesus Montoya, Tom Taylor and Clarence Walker. Our Freshman Class is composed of Aren Haggard, Courtney Henderson, Felipe Garza, and Jeramie Sweet. Additional Part Time Students are Larry Benedict, Brian Bynum, Angela Dunnahoe, Jessica Fluegel, Stefan Hodnett, and Phil Pope.

We ask your prayers on behalf of each of these.



January 2005 Student Body

With Gratitude

At the end of last year's classes sister June Carrothers retired as secretary of the School of Preaching. June had been around so long that to say June Carrothers was to say Brown Trail. We wish her well as she has some much deserved time off.



Bob presenting a retirement gift to June as her husband Bob (I) and son Scott look on

Hispanic Department Update

Our number of Hispanic students increased by one this quarter. Brother Felipe Garza from Mexico is attending classes and is doing a fine job. We could have additional students attending, but the funds are simply not available to allow them to do so. It saddens us to have to tell brethren, who want to study God's Word, that we cannot help them do so. Your donation to this work would assist in this area. If you can help, please mark your check Hispanic Student Support.

In our last issue of Fulfilling The Ministry we indicated that we had a man who was willing to come work with the school on a full time basis with the Hispanic Work. We are thrilled to report that brother Willie Alvarenga, a 2001 graduate of Brown Trail has committed himself to the work here at Brown Trail. In addition to his studies here he has his B.A. in Biblical Studies from Theological University of America.

In order for Willie to come, we need to raise, at least, one half of his support. If you can assist with this, please let us hear from you as soon as possible. We would like for Willie to come on board April 1st.



Willie Alvarenga

New Students Needed

If you are aware of men who have expressed an interest in becoming gospel preachers, why not encourage them to get in contact with us? The program here is sound in the faith, with instructors committed to seeing that the students receive a quality education. The world is in need of gospel preachers more than anything else, other than the gospel. Please recall with me the words of the inspired apostle Paul when he penned these words, "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!" Romans 10:13-15. Won't you help?

In Honor * In Memory

The following have recently made a donation to BTSOP as a memorial or honorarium. Please keep in mind that your financial donations to BTSOP, as a honorarium or memorial, goes a long way in training men to be gospel preachers.

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School Presentation

A new Power Point Presentation has been put together and I would be happy to visit with your congregation to bring you up to date on the work of the school. If interested, please call me.

News from Alumni

Jim Sargent (1976)

Brother Sargent passed away October 20, 2004. Our condolences are extended to the family.

David Krug (1982)

David and his wife reside at 324 Longview Ct., Pulaski, VA 24301.

Jeff Berkey (1982)

Jeff and Patty are members of the Greensburg church of Christ in Latrobe, PA. Jeff is an elder of the congregation there, and a juvenile youth counselor. Patty is the training coordinator for the Heath Start program for their county. Their address is: 1631 Briarwood Dr., Apt. E-1; Latrobe, PA 15650. Phone number is (724) 537-0645 and their Email address is drdad56@comcast.net. Jeff said they have two children and two grandchildren and would like to hear from any of his graduating class.

Derrick Brown (1991)

Derrick's new email address is: fourdees@emoquad.com.

Joe Carrizales (1994)

Joe is preaching for the Clayton church of Christ. His address is 703 Walnut St., Clayton, NM. Phone number is (505) 374-2722 and his Email addresses are Mustangl@plateautel.com or carrizales1949@hotmail.com. He is seeking to find info on Jerry Neel. If anyone has information he would appreciate hearing from you .

Eddie Hill (1995)

Sandy, Eddie's wife, passed away last year. Our condolences are extended to Eddie and his family. Eddie's address is 1503 S. Buchanan St., Gilbert, AZ 85233.

Dan Boggs (1999)

Dan is now living at 7616 Elm Ave., Machesney, PK, IL 61115

Henry Machando, Jr. (1999)

Henry and Julie have five children and have been working with the Red Bluff California congregation since October of 2003. Their address is 755 Melton Ct., Red Bluff, CA 96080. Their telephone number is (530) 528-1020

Mathew Morine (2000)

Matthew graduated from David Lipscomb University with a M.A. in Biblical Studies in December 2004. He intends to continue his education, and is pursuing his Masters of Divinity at Freed-Hardeman University.

Steve Hetherington (2004)

Steve and Kim have married and moved to Martinsville, VA. Their address is PO Box 463, Martinsville, VA 24114.

Note to all alumni: If you have a change of address, family news, work news, unusual experience or anything else you would like to share with other alumni, please let us know. You may e-mail the information to Robert Stapleton at chimalabob@yahoo.com, or fill out the form on our Web Site. Either way, be sure to include name, address, graduation year, congregation you work with, and the news item you would like to have included in the newsletter.

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