

Fulfilling the Ministry

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

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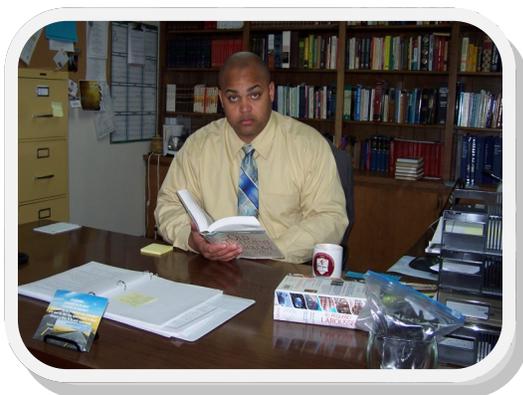
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We are happy to report that things are going well at **BTSOP** in both the English and Spanish Departments. With the new enrolment it takes a few days for everyone to settle in, but once that is finished, things get back to

normal.

One thing common with works like **BTSOP** is the changes that come about either with the students, staff or both. At the end of January, **J.J. Hendrix**, School Field Representative, left the work here to begin full time work with the church in Mt. Pleasant, Texas. We wish he and his family “God speed” in the work there. With **J.J.’s** departure, one of our present students, **Tavaris Armstrong**, will be working part time in the position of Field Representative until he graduates in December. If the Lord wills, plans are for him to step full time into this position once he has raised the necessary support to do so. If you, or your congregation, is able to assist him, I know that it would be appreciated by both **Tavaris** and the School.



Tavaris Armstrong

MTSM Program

Two new students entered our **MTSM** Program at the beginning of school this year, **Jody Sparks**, from Dallas, Texas and **Marcus Teske**, from Olive Branch, Mississippi. Both of these students have fit in well with the full time students and are doing great.

I am sure that either of them would be happy to give you their first hand perspective of this program and the potential value when they leave here and go on to further their education. We remind you that the program itself is free. Students do need the books that go along with the courses and a place to live while attending classes. Other than that, there is no tuition. If interested, please give us a call.

Spanish Department

Four new students began classes in the Spanish Department in January. One that was planning on coming could not obtain a student Visa, so he was prohibited from coming. We are thankful for the efforts of this Department in the School and ask you to continue to pray on its behalf. **Jesse**, **Obed** and **Willie** continue to do a great job in preparing those that attend classes. We ask you to please keep each of them in your prayers also.

Fill In Preaching

We are always happy to assist by providing students to fill in when your congregation needs someone. However, when we receive a “last minute” call from a congregation we may not be able to help. This is not because we do not want to, it is just that all of our students are assigned a place to go. If you know that you are going to be in need of someone, please contact **Pat McIntosh**, Dean of Students, as early as possible, and he will do all that he can to make arrangements for someone to come your way.

December Graduates

December saw eleven students complete their full time studies here at **BTSOP**. Nine men and two women (who attended class with their husbands, not to become preachers, but to better prepare themselves to teach classes for children and ladies at the local congregation where their husband serve as the preacher.) Please pray for these men and women as they go forth and serve in God's kingdom.



L-R - Me, Jonathan Maner, Azael Alvarez, Dinora Alvarez, Roger Medina, James Jones II, Juan Luna, Juan Garcia, Travis Anderson, Devon Philips, Mary Barragan, David Barragan

BTRADIO.NET

We want to call your attention to the new **BTRADIO.NET** schedule on the back page of this issue of **Fulfilling The Ministry**. In January, with the graduates gone and the new students in school, new teams were set up for production. We continue to produce live gospel preaching five days per week from the School facilities. **BTRADIO.NET** is aired over the Internet at www.btradio.net. In addition to this, a number of our programs are also being aired over the internet at www.KnowTheTruthRadio.org at the same time. Please help us spread the word by posting information in your local church bulletin, and by letting those that you know would be interested in such know of our efforts. Thanks!

Class Material

We have class outlines available in both English and Spanish on a number of books of the Bible. These make excellent sources of information for those that may have a class to teach. The average cost per outline book is \$5.00 plus shipping.

We, also, have a number of sermon outline books available. One couple I know, uses these for their personal study of the Bible, studying one outline a day. There are 50 outlines in each book, and the cost is the same as the class outline books.

Specific Financial Needs

Yes, I would like to financially assist with the work of BTSOP.

Jesse Martinez Support _____ Monthly
 _____ One Time

Tavaris Armstrong Support _____ Monthly
 _____ One Time

Willie Alvarenga Support _____ Monthly
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English Department _____ Monthly
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Spanish Department _____ Monthly
 Student Support _____ One Time

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We, also, have students who come to school who do not have computers. If you have a computer, laptop or desktop, that is in good working order, and you are not using it, we would appreciate you donating it to the school. We will be happy to supply you with a Tax Donation Receipt.

New Students

We are happy to report that we had a good number (15) of new students begin in January 2014. Although one had to drop out due to health issues, we are still pleased with the number we have. Please keep each of our students, and their families, in your prayers as we work together to help prepare them for the work of the Lord that they have chosen to take on by becoming gospel preachers.



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, go a long way in training men to be gospel preachers.

ERNIE BLEVINS

Julia Bridges
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Bob & Marcia Stapleton
Jack & Jerry Stephenson

BOY TOTEN

David & Darlene Haden
Bob & Marcia Stapleton

Sermon Starters

WHO IS THIS JESUS?

Hebrews 1:1-2:18

INTRODUCTION:

1. The question of "Who is this Jesus," must have been in the minds of the people in the First Century.
 - A. As it was a question of utmost importance to them, it should be for us today.
2. There are many facets of His life that could be considered such as:
 - A. Christianity is Christ.
 1. To know and obey Him correctly is life eternal - Hebrews 5:8, 9.
 - A. There is no other name given under heaven whereby we must be saved - Acts 4:12.
 1. Man has a choice, Christ or nothing - John 14:6.
 - B. The Bible presents Jesus that we may have faith - John 20:30, 31.
 1. And by accepting Him we might have abundant life - John 10:10.
 - B. In this lesson, we will study two great truths concerning "Who is this Jesus."
 1. He is Jesus "through whom God speaks."
 2. It is through Jesus that God saves.

BODY:

1. **GOD'S ONLY BEGOTTEN SON THROUGH WHOM HE SPEAKS - HEBREWS 1:1-4**
 - A. The credentials of Jesus:
 1. The claim for Deity - Hebrews 1:2, 4, 5; 1 Timothy 3:16; John 1:1, 14; Luke 1:35; Isaiah 9:6.
 2. As Deity He is appointed heir of all things - Hebrews 1:2.
 - A. As such, He is Lord of all - Galatians 4:1.
 - B. He was made both Lord and Christ - Acts 2:36.
 - C. He is creator of all things - Hebrews 1:2; Colossians 1:16; John 1:3.
 3. He is the image of God's substance - Hebrews 1:3.
 - A. Human language does not give complete expression to divine qualities.
 1. However, Jesus expresses to us Deity.
 - B. He upholds all things by His powerful Word and made purification for sins - Hebrews 1:3.
 - C. His Word is inspired and authoritative - John 12:48-50.
 - D. His greatest work is that of redemption - Luke 19:10; Romans 6:2-5.
 4. His name is more excellent than the angels - Hebrews 1:4.
 5. He is called God and Lord by God - Hebrews 1:8, 10.
 6. He is eternal - Hebrews 1:11, 12.

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Future Campaigns

If you are interested in having us help with a campaign in 2014, please contact us as soon as possible, as we have a couple of openings due to some cancelations. When you call, please ask to speak with **Pat Mcintosh**, Dean of Students.

Sermon Starters - Continued

2. IT IS JESUS THROUGH WHOM GOD SAVES - HEBREWS 2:5-18

- A. Jesus came to die for man, and in doing so He tasted death for every man - Hebrews 2:6; 9:25-28; Luke 24:45-47.
- B. In His redemptive acts, He brought many sons unto glory - Hebrews 2:10.
 - 1. Such is the case because of His suffering for man - Hebrews 5:8, 9.
- C. He brought to naught the one who had the power of death - Hebrews 2:14.
 - 1. Sin separated man from God, bringing him under the bondage of Satan, that leads to death - James 1:15; Romans 6:23.
- D. Jesus delivered those through fear of death were subject to bondage - Hebrews 2:15.
 - 1. He removed this bondage through:
 - A. Bringing life to light - 2 Timothy 1:10.
 - B. Providing forgiveness of sins - 1 Corinthians 15:54-56.
- E. He became a merciful and faithful priest which assures us of His mercy - Hebrews 2:17.
- F. He is able to help those who are tempted - Hebrews 2:18.
 - 1. Through this we know He knows and understands what we face daily in the challenges of life.

CONCLUSION:

- 1. There is no one in the entire history of the world that we need to know more about than Jesus.
 - A. If we rob ourselves of this knowledge, we will rob ourselves of the only source of eternal hope that we have.
 - 1. May we continue to be students of God's Word in order to have the knowledge that we need.

News from Alumni

J.J. Hendrix (2010)

As previously indicated, **J.J.** is now working with the church in Mt. Pleasant, Texas. Their email and phone number remains the same. Their new address is 815 CR 1035, Mt Pleasant, TX 75455. I am sure they would be happy to hear from you.

BTRADIO.NET Schedule

Please note that this is a new line up since our October issue of Fulfilling the Ministry.

T. Anderson/ C. Shawver/ D. Westbrook	Contending for the Faith Replay	TH	4:00 7:45
T. Armstrong/ M. Teske	What is Truth? Replay	T	4:30 7:45
M. Bransford/ T. Bush	Do You Know the Truth? Replay	M	<u>6:30</u> 1:00
R. Connor/ M. Washington	Life in the Son Replay	W	<u>6:30</u> 1:00
C. Johnson/ W. Landis	The Way and The Truth Replay	TH	<u>6:30</u> 1:00
P. McIntosh	Biblical Foundations Replay	T-TH	<u>7:00</u> <u>11:00</u>
J. Smith/ W. Woods	Following the Scriptures Replay	F	<u>7:00</u> 1:00
R. Stapleton	Searching the Scriptures Replay	M-F	<u>6:00</u> 12:00
B. Weaver/ E. Hadley/ J. Sparks	Sounding Off on the Scriptures Replay	M	<u>7:00</u> 2:00

Underlined times are a.m. times In addition to the live broadcast, each program will replay the same day as indicated above and a number of times over the next several days.

Note to all alumni: If you have a change of address, family news, work news, unusual experience or anything else that you would like to share with other alumni, please let us know. You may e-mail the information to Bob 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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