

Fulfilling the Ministry

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

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As time passes, changes are made for various reasons for works such as **BTSOP**. Late last year, **Pat McIntosh** left his full time position with us to work full time with **World Bible Institute**.

Although we are thankful that he continues to teach one day a week a void was left since he, also, served as **Dean of Students**. Since his departure, **Tavaris Armstrong** has stepped up and filled this position without his being officially designated as such. Due to his willingness to do so, effective July 1, 2016, **Tavaris** is now the **Dean of Admissions/Dean of Students** for **BTSOP**. I have utmost confidence in **Tavaris**, and know he will continue to do a great job. If you would like for him to visit your congregation to bring you up to date on the work here, please give him a call.



Additionally, if possible, **Marco Arroyo**, second year student in the **English Department**, will begin working with **BTSOP** as **Field Representative** for the **Spanish Department** following his graduation in December. **Marco** is fluent in both English and Spanish, which will

help him to make others aware of the efforts, specifically of the **Spanish Department**. In order for him to work in this capacity, it is necessary that he raise all the funds for his support. If you would be interested in speaking with him concerning his efforts, please call the School and we will put you in touch with him.



Spanish Department

The efforts of the **Spanish Department** continue to go well. **Willie, Jesse, and Obed** are doing a great job in seeing that all that is needed to make this Department a success is taken care of.

During the dates of June 30th through July 10th **Willie** headed up a mission trip to Costa Rica. He was accompanied by his wife **Lucy**, their two daughters, **Maggie** and **Vanessa** and **Marco Arroyo**. While there they worked with three congregation conducting an Evangelistic Campaign, a VBS and a Gospel Meeting with each of the congregations. During the week of September 8th-11th, **Willie** and the students will be in **Sedalia, Missouri** for a Campaign/Gospel Meeting.

If you would like information about this area of the work of **BTSOP**, please give us a call.

Btradio.net

Please help us in passing the word to congregations and individuals that our regular programming is aired over the Internet at:

www.btradio.net and
www.KnowTheTruthRadio.org.

For those of you that have a smart phone or tablet, you can download the ***TuneIn Radio App*** and access our programs this way. Once you have downloaded the App, search for ***Brown Trail Radio*** and select it. You can then save it and be able to access our programs whenever and wherever you are, so long as you have phone service.

Please note our schedule for 2016 below. Some changes have been made with the speakers and the times the programs are aired.

2016 Btradio.net Schedule

Searching the Scriptures (Robert Stapleton)	Mon.-Fri.	6:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.
What is Truth? (Tavaris Armstrong)	Tue.-Thur.	10:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m.
Let the Truth Be Told (Ronnie Fisher, Jr. and Ronnie Fisher, Sr.)	Monday	7:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.
Behold, I Thought (Dale Choate, Carlos Tario and Michael Windham)	Tuesday	4:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m.
Life in the Son (Brandon Ferguson and Greg James)	Wednesday	6:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m.
Contending for the Faith (Marco Arroyo and Billy Palmer)	Thursday	4:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.
Foundational Principles (Rickey Brown and Joe Nimock)	Friday	7:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.
In Search of the Truth (Cody McCoy and Brayden Shelley)	Friday	4:00 a.m. 8:00 p.m.

Campaign

As already indicated, the ***Spanish Department*** will be conducting a Gospel Meeting/Campaign with the Sedalia, Missouri church of Christ in September. During the earlier part of the same week, the ***English Department*** will be conducting a similar Gospel Meeting/Campaign with me doing the preaching. The dates for this will be September 7th-9th. Each of these events are efforts put forth to assist the local congregation to grow as God would have it to.

If the congregation that you attend would be interested in such an event, please get in touch with ***Tavaris*** so he can add you to the schedule.

Web Site

Please be aware of the School's web site address and share it with those that are interested in knowing more about us, how to enroll, etc.

www.browntrailsofpreaching.com

Director's Schedule

At the present I have the following events scheduled for 2016.

August 13 - Graceton church of Christ, Gilmer, Texas - Men's Day - The Christian and Morality

September 4-7 - Steward Avenue church of Christ, Sedalia, Missouri - Gospel Meeting

October 2-5 - North Beaton church of Christ, Corsicana, Texas - Gospel Meeting

October 12 - Lubbock Lectureship

Fulfilling the Ministry

Please let us know if you would like to receive your copy of ***Fulfilling the Ministry*** via the Internet. We would be more than happy to add your name to our email list!

Also, please, if you are relocating, send us an update for your new mailing address as we have to pay First Class postage for each one that the Post Office returns.

Class Material Available

Class notes are available on a number of books of the Bible. Each outline costs around \$5.00, plus shipping. If you would like a list of what is available, please let us know, and we will email you the list. Also, we have a number of sermon outline books available. There are 50 outlines in each book, and the cost is the same as the class outline books.

We, also, have a number of similar outlines and books in Spanish, most of which have been written by ***Willie***. You can contact him through the School and he can provide you with the information as to how to purchase them.

Fill In Preaching

We want to remind you that students and staff are available for fill in preaching. If your congregation is in need of someone to do so, please contact us as early as possible, so we may be able to assist you. When calling, please ask for ***Tavaris***. If he is unavailable please give your name, congregation name, dates when someone is needed, and a call back phone number and email address. He will get back to you as soon as possible.

MTSM Program

Our ***Moving Toward Spiritual Maturity*** program continues to reap great benefits for those that take part in it. This program is for students that have recently graduated from High School, and who may be planning to attend college. If interested, please call us to set up an appointment to visit with you.

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.

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Sermon Starters

TIPS FOR PREACHER STUDENTS 2 Timothy 2:2-5

INTROUDCTION:

1. Each of you is on the same pathway, which leads to a life of service as a gospel preacher.
 - A. Whether you will finish the trip is yet to be seen.
 1. And is, for the most part, up to you.
2. As you attend classes you are already at different stages on your trip.
 - A. With this lesson I want to make a few suggestions that may help you along that pathway.

BODY:

1. PREACH THE WORD

- A. The Lord's church is confronted with numerous "isms" today.
 1. The only way to stand strong is a strong stand for the truth.
 - A. Preach the word - 2 Timothy 4:2.
 - B. The Bible is God's inspired and infallible guide in matters of life and godliness - Psalm 73:24; Jeremiah 10:23; 2 Timothy 3:16, 17; 2 Peter 1:3.

2. RIGHTLY DIVIDE THE WORD

- A. The Bible is capable of guiding man in the way he should go only when it is properly divided - 2 Timothy 2:15.

3. DO NOT UNDERESTIMATE THE POWER OF THE WORD

- A. Consider Romans 1:16 and Hebrews 4:12.
 1. The Bible can keep you from sin, and sin keeps you from the Bible.
 - A. Do not allow the things of the world to crowd out hours of Bible study.

4. TOTALLY COMMIT YOUR WHOLE BODY AND SOUL TO THE LORD AND HIS SERVICE

- A. One cannot half-heartedly preach the gospel and be a success - Matthew 22:36-40; Romans 12:1, 2.

5. PROVOKE AND STIR UP CHURCHES TO GOOD WORKS

- A. Many preachers are good at provoking and stirring up churches in the wrong way.
 1. We should seek to provoke unto good works - Hebrews 10:24.
- B. Teach the church to be evangelistic by word and deed.
- C. Teach the church to take a stand by taking a stand. Matthew 22:36-40; Romans 12:1, 2.

6. PREACH THE FULL GOSPEL

- A. The lost cannot be saved by "sermonettes" by "preacherettes."
 1. Do not keep back that from the masses, which will be profitable unto them - Acts 20:20-27.
- B. Freedom comes from the Truth - John 8:32.

7. PREACH BY THE LIFE YOU LIVE

- A. In other words, practice what you preach.
 1. As you try to save others, preach to save yourself, by aiming your sermons at yourself - 1 Timothy 4:16.

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8. BE FIT TO LIVE WITH

- A. There is a difference between "contend" and "contentious."
1. We must contend - Jude 3.
 2. But we do not need to be contentious - Romans 2:4-11.
- B. Preaching and trouble making are not the same.
1. Preaching saves, trouble-making divides - Romans 10:13-15; 16:17.

9. PRACTICE PATIENCE

- A. Have compassion for those who may be ignorant and in the wrong.
1. Many times we win a battle and lose the war.
- B. Patience is a virtue - 2 Peter 1:6.

CONCLUSION:

1. Preaching is more serious than a heart attack.
 - A. If we are to be successful, it will take effort.
2. Many there are that have begun right where you are.
 - A. Fewer there are that have finished the course.

News from Alumni

Jeremy Jones (2000)

Jeremy and his wife **Stephanie** have accepted the work in Mena Arkansas. His email address is Jeremy.jones7110@gmail.com

Joyce McManus (2004)

Joyce passed away May 13th, less than a year from the passing of her husband **Leon**.

Tommy Taylor (2006)

Tommy passed away June 9.

If you would like to have updates posted here please email them to me. Thanks!

Specific Financial Needs

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

Willie Alvarenga Support _____ Monthly
 _____ One Time

Tavaris Armstrong Support _____ Monthly
 _____ One Time

Marco Arroyo Support _____ Monthly
 _____ One Time

Jesse Martinez Support _____ Monthly
 _____ One Time

General Fund _____ Monthly
 _____ One Time

English Department _____ Monthly
 Student Support _____ One Time

Spanish Department _____ Monthly
 Student Support _____ One Time

Amount: _____ Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone or email: _____

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.

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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