

# Fulfilling the Ministry

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

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## From the Director's Desk

Robert Stapleton



We begin this issue of Fulfilling the Ministry by extending our condolences to the family of **Wendell Winkler**. Brother Winkler served as Director of the School from 1979 to 1982. All who knew

Wendell knew him to be sound in faith, and one who stood for what the Bible stands for. His voice will be missed.

We also want to extend our condolences to **Brent** and **Jessica Fleugel** at the loss of their unborn son. This is the second child they have lost, with the first one being still born shortly before they began classes here at Brown Trail in January of 2004. Both Brent and Jessica were so excited about their new work they will begin in late December and the pending birth of their child.

Our Fall quarter of classes began October 3rd and will end December 16th. Two additional part time students joined our classes, which brings us to a total of 27 full and part time students. It continues to be exciting as we see the number of students increase, and see them grow in knowledge of God's Eternal Word. Please pray from each of them as they diligently work to increase their abilities.

As **BTSOP** continues to rebuild it is important to keep in mind the need to, once again, add additional full time staff members to the faculty. We have one gospel preacher who has indicated his desire to come on board in such a capacity in 2007. We hope to be able within the next few months to provide

you with more information on who he is, and what it will take to add him to the faculty.

Your financial support of the efforts being put forth here, along with understanding the need to add more full time staff is appreciated. Since this is over a year away, it is my hope that a sufficient number of congregations or individuals will indicate their willingness to help, so all things will be ready in early 2007.

## Hispanic Department

**Willie Alvarenga** reports that we have several men interested in attending classes starting in January of next year. As I travel on behalf of the School, and for Gospel Meeting work, I continually see the need for Spanish speaking preachers in the US. The Hispanic population is on the increase, and, therefore, the need to take the gospel to them continues to grow. I cannot help but to recall Paul's words to the church at Rome, "*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.

Please, as budget time approaches, give prayerful consideration as to how the congregation that you are a part of can assist with this effort. If you would like to discuss with us how you might help please let us know so we can schedule a meeting with you.

# News from the School

## June, 2005 Graduates

Three great gospel preachers graduated from BTSOP on June 12th. They were **Joe Gibbs, Jr.**, **Larry Jones**, and **Landon Rowell**. Each of these men prepared themselves well for the work of being the kind of Gospel Preacher that the Lord would have them to be. As we look about us the ever present need for men who are sound in the faith is before us. We are thankful for the opportunity to help in the training of men like these, who will go forth speaking as the "oracles of God" (1 Peter 4:11).



L-R Landon Rowell, Joe Gibbs, Jr., Larry Jones

## Web Site

We continue to add additional information to our Web Site as time allows. I hope to soon be able to add a link where sermons that I preach at various locations can be heard. I recently held a Gospel Meeting for the good church in **Chardon, Ohio**. All of the lessons were recorded with the hopes of being able to put them on the Web Site.

Our list of congregations seeking preachers and preachers seeking congregations continues to assist brethren getting together who are in need of preachers or congregations to work with. I do want to remind you that by placing a congregation or preacher's name on this list is not an endorsement of them. We will not knowingly list the name of an unsound preacher or congregation, but we do not have it within our ability to verify the soundness of all who submit requests to be added to the list. Therefore, we encourage you to be sure to check out the congregation or individual for your own self prior to making contact.

You can access the Web Site at the location indicated below.

[www.browntrailsschoolofpreaching.com](http://www.browntrailsschoolofpreaching.com)

## Preachers Available

We are thankful for the number of congregations which use our men as opportunities arise as fill in preachers. This provides the men with necessary "in the field" experience that will be beneficial once they begin full time work.

Please note that our students are not only available for fill in preaching, but are available to help with Gospel Meetings, Vacation Bible Schools, and other such teaching opportunities.

I, also, want to remind you that I am available for fill in preaching, along with Gospel Meeting work.

If you are in need of someone to assist your congregation in such a way, please contact us and we will do all that we can to help.

## Preacher Available

Although I normally do not mention preachers by name who are looking for a place to locate I felt, due to my association with him, I would use a little space to inform you that my youngest son, **Jason**, who is a 2003 graduate of **BTSOP**, and who has been serving as a missionary at **Chimala Mission** in Tanzania, East Africa, will be returning to the US in December, and will be seeking to locate with a congregation.

If your congregation is looking for a young family to help them grow, I would suggest you consider them. If you are interested, please contact me and I will send you a copy of his resume, along with additional in-

## Preach The Word

Brethren, we are living in perilous times. So many people are no longer interested in either hearing or preaching the pure, unadulterated, word of God. Yet, it is our responsibility to "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season..." 2 Timothy 4:2. I love what has been said of this passage, "Preach the word, when they want to hear it and when they don't."

This is exactly what we are trying to train our students to do, "preach the word." Preaching must please God, not man. Your financial support of the work being done here at **BTSOP** will help to guarantee that we can continue to do just as we are, training men to "preach the word." Nothing more, and nothing less.

If you have questions or concerns on the work we are doing, please let **us** tell you what is going on. I am more than happy to meet with anyone who wants to know what we are doing as we train men.

## 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.

### MARY BARNUM BEAN

Sam & Kathryn Allen  
Farris

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June Watts

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### DR. PAUL RY-

# Sermon Starters

## HOW TO BE WORTH SOMETHING TO THE CHURCH

### INTRODUCTION:

1. Our major concern should be that we are worth something to the church.
  - A. Many are worth nothing to the church.
    1. You can't go to heaven being that way.
2. To please God it is important to find the following characteristics in your life.
3. To be worth something to the church I must...

### BODY:

1. ...BE FAITHFUL IN ATTENDANCE
  - A. Those who are worth little or nothing to the church are lax in their attendance.
    1. This is often the beginning point of departure from the truth.
  - B. Early Christians were steadfast in fellowship—Acts 2:42; 20:7.
    1. Such steadfastness is needed today.
2. ...BE LOYAL TO DIVINE AUTHORITY
  - A. We have but one source of authority—Matthew 28:18-20; John 14:6.
    1. Too many seek authority for spiritual matters in the wrong place.
3. ...LIVE A FAITHFUL AND CLEAN LIFE
  - A. If we claim to be Christians, we should live like one.
    1. Claiming to be something is not the same as actually being such.
  - B. Many have caused damage to the church by not living up to their responsibilities—Titus 2:11, 12.
4. ...BE EFFICIENT IN THE WORK OF THE LORD
  - A. A failure to do so is to be efficient in the work of the devil by default.
    1. We cannot serve two masters—Matthew 6:24.
      - A. A choice must be made—Joshua 24:15.
      - B. If we are not serving God, then we are serving the devil—Matthew 12:30.
      - C. We need to be “steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord” - 1 Corinthians 15:58.
5. ...MUST ASSUME MY OWN RESPONSIBILITY
  - A. One major problem today is getting members of the church to accept their individual personal responsibilities.
    1. We understand the need to do so in worldly matters, but when it comes to spiritual matters we fail to do so.
      - A. Why is that?

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JANUARY 8-11, 2006  
GLEANINGS FROM THE HOLY BIBLE  
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CHURCH OF CHRIST**

# News from Alumni

## Douglas Alvarenga (2002)

Douglas is now working with the Hispanic work of the good Getwell church of Christ in Memphis, Tennessee. He can be reached at (901) 433-3832. His email address is douglas\_alvarenga@yahoo.com. His mailing address is 4847 Knight Arnold Road, Memphis, TN 38111.

## Jeremiah Cisco (1989)

Jeremiah recently began a new work with the Central church of Christ in Wilmington, North Carolina. His address is 1213 Dotson Court, Wilmington, NC 28405.

## Leon McManus (2003)

Leon and Joyce are back in the US due to the death of Leon's brother and for medical treatment for Joyce. Please keep both of these in your prayers.

## Donny Weimer (1998)

Donny recently agreed to work with the church in Laurel, Delaware. His address will be 1002 S. Central Avenue, Laurel, Delaware 19956. His email address is cmceilene@yahoo.com.

## Alumni Association News

Please note that the **BTSOP Alumni Association** will meet during the **Fort Worth Lectures** in January of next year. If you are an alumni of the school, why not plan on attending and assisting in getting the Association up and running full speed? I am sure that the brethren who are working on this effort would appreciate any assistance that you can give them.

**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](mailto: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.

Also, during the Lectures, will be the **Annual BTSOP Alumni Dinner**. It will be Monday evening beginning at 4:30 and conclude at 6:15. All Alumni of the School are encouraged to attend. Why not plan now to take time to attend the Lectureship and take part in the Alumni Dinner?

## Class Ring, Pendant Project

Brother Shane Coleman, who has been gathering information for class rings and pendants, has indicated that during the upcoming Lectures there will be time for a meeting for all Alumni who are interested in this project. He will have a good bit of information to be considered so that all who are present can take part in deciding the type of rings and pendants to become the official school ring and pendant.

If you are interested in information on either a ring or pendant please let Shane know at [scoleman10@alltel.net](mailto:scoleman10@alltel.net). We appreciate his working on this long overdue project.

## Student Enrichment Fund

Our students often have opportunities to attend events like the **Spiritual Sword Lectures**, which require an extra amount of expenditure for them. A **Student Enrichment Fund** has been established to provide the necessary travel funds for such activities. These activities are a valuable part of the overall training of the students, but make a hardship on some of them since they are living on a "shoestring" budget. We would appreciate any assistance that you could provide in connection with this fund. Be sure to mark your check on the memo line—Student Enrichment Fund. Thanks!

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