

# 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



Since our last issue of Fulfilling the Ministry several changes have come about at BTSOP. Jeff Jenkins, who has taught on a part time basis for the past year, has decided his "plate" is too full and he could no longer teach. We

will miss him, but understand the difficulties involved in trying to keep up with a schedule that is more than full. We, also, bid farewell to Heath Stapleton, who has been teaching on a part time basis for the past two years. He and his family have moved to Kountze, Texas to work full time with the church there. Since Heath's return from Chimala, Tanzania in 2003 he has given much thought to finding a congregation to serve, and the work there seemed too good to pass up.

But, with the bad news, comes the good. Eddie Parrish, the preacher for the Brown Trail Congregation has come on board once again as a part time instructor. At the present he is scheduled to teach two courses a year. Eddie does a great job teaching, and will be an asset to the school.

We have been presented with a great opportunity to serve in the western part of the city of Dallas, Texas. The Beverly Hills congregation, that has met for over 50 years at that location, has decided to disband and give the property to the School. As we considered how we could best use this facility it was decided to use it for the establishment of a Hispanic congregation. Over the years this area has become predominately Hispanic, and is in need of a faithful congregation of the Lord's people established there.

In order to be able to do this the congregation is in need of raising about \$1,200.00 a month to pay the utilities, support a part time preacher, and the other things necessary with such an endeavor. If all goes well, the Beverly Hills Iglesia de Cristo will begin January 1, 2008. BTSOP will have nothing to do with the actual operation or oversight of the congregation other than providing students to do the preaching, and conducting a Campaign/Gospel Meeting early in January of next year. The elders of the Brown Trail congregation have taken on the responsibility of receiving funds for this mission work until the congregation is able to stand on its own. If you would like to help with this great opportunity to reach thousands of souls in that area, please let us hear from you. Checks should be made out to the Brown Trail church of Christ, with the memo indicating the funds are for the Beverly Hills Iglesia de Cristo.

## Hispanic Department

The Hispanic Department continues to work to train men to be gospel preachers to those who speak Spanish as their first language. It is exciting to see those who are improving their knowledge of God's word as they prepare themselves to go forth preaching the word.

I realize that with each issue of this publication we mention the need for additional funds for this Department. I wish it were not so. But, facts are facts. If we are to continue to have this so needed Department, it is necessary to raise the additional funds needed to do so.

Willie Alvarenga is doing a great job heading up this Department, but very little of his support has been raised. This is beginning to take its toll on the available funds for the School and its



## 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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## THE KIND OF PREACHING GOD WANTS

2 Timothy 4:2

### INTRODUCTION:

1. Preaching should be the kind that God wants.
  - A. We need to go to the Bible to find what God would have us to do.
2. Many people fail to understand this need.
  - A. They believe that we can determine what preaching should be based upon their preferences.
    1. However, such is simply not true.

### BODY;

#### 1. PREACHING SHOULD BE DOCTRINAL

- A. Doctrinal preaching should be clear - Jhn. 18:19-21.
  1. People understood what Jesus taught - Mt. 7:28, 29.
- B. Doctrinal preaching deals with the issues of life - 1 Tim. 1:9, 10.
  1. Sin must be condemned, no matter who is involved.
- C. Doctrinal preaching helps the church to stay "on track" - Eph. 4:14; 2 Tim. 3:16, 17.

#### 2. PREACHING SHOULD BE IN LOVE

- A. Preaching in love is the proper attitude.
  1. In order that Christians would grow as they should - Eph. 4:15.
- B. We must be governed by our love for the souls of men - Rom. 1:14; 10:1.
- C. To preach in love does not mean we compromise the truth - Acts 20:17; Gal. 2:11-14.
  1. Paul was not unloving in his words.
  2. He loved the truth more than friendship.

#### 3. PREACHING MUST PLEASE GOD AND NOT MAN

- A. Our preaching must please God - 1 Thess. 2:4, 13
- B. We cannot preach denominational doctrine and be pleasing to God - Matt. 15:3, 8, 9.
  1. We cannot afford the language of "Ashdod" - Neh. 13:23, 24.
  2. You cannot mix truth and error - 2 Cor. 6:14-16.
- C. Preaching will offend some, but we must be responsible to God - Matt. 15:12; Gal. 4:16.

#### 4. WE MUST SPEAK AS THE ORACLES OF GOD

- A. When we preach, we represent the way of God - 1 Pet. 4:11.
  1. We tell the world, this is God's will for you.
- B. We do not speak for "schools" or "institutions" of any kind in opposition to what God has said.
- C. We are not to be hirelings who will change or alter truth because of financial pressure brought by anyone - Jhn. 10:13.

#### 5. PREACHING SHOULD REFLECT THE TRUTH IN OUR LIVES

- A. As gospel preachers we will not quit:
  1. Because of discouragement - Jere. 20:7-9; 12:5.
  2. Because of opposition of false teachers - 1 John 4:1.

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# News from Alumni

## Richard Yaeger (1968)

Richard's new address is P.O. Box 801, Searcy, AR 72145.

## Joel Hestand (1970)

Joel's new address is 515 Winters Street, River Oaks, TX 76114. His telephone #s are 817-386-2945 (H) & 817-807-3802. His email address is JDHestand@aol.com.

## Jim Wilson (1992)

Jim's new address is 108 W. Third St., Hico, TX 76457.

## Jeremy Sprott (1997)

Jeremy's new address is 11155 Steeplepark Dr., Apt. 803, Houston, TX 77065. (I apologize for misspelling Jeremy's name in the last issue!!)

## Don Cosgrove (1993)

Don's new address is 610 Amistad Dr., Prosper, TX 76180.

## Jeff Borcharding (1998)

Jeff's new address is 16504 Jadestone Dr., Leander, TX 78541.

## Josh Linton (2002)

Josh's new address is 1302 Oaklawn Dr., Corsicana, TX 75110. He is working with the church in Corsicana.

## Douglas Alvarenga (2002)

Douglas' new address is 9504 Capendon Ave., Apt. 303, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33418.

## Chris Moore (2003)

Chris' new address is PO Box 659, Clarendon, TX 79226.

## Shane Coleman (2006)

Shane's new address is 242 Pine Crest Dr., Justin, TX 76247.

## Grant Sullivan (2007)

Grant's new address is 9487 E. 139th St. S., Bixby, OK 74008. His telephone #s are 918-366-3033 (H); 918-369-5910 (O); 918-798-4707 (cell). His email address is lvn4him68@aol.com.

## Fill In Preaching

Please be aware that our students are available to do fill in preaching in the absence of the located preacher or in between preachers. This helps by providing them with speaking opportunities that will assist them in "honing" their skills, along with a little extra "spending money." It, also, helps the congregation that is in need of someone.

If we can assist you with these kind of services, please give us a call. We would ask you to do so as far in advance as possible, as it sometimes is the case that all of our guys have assignments when someone calls at the last minute.

**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.

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