

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



With 2017 quickly wrapping up we are working hard to get things set up for the new year that will soon be upon us. School will begin January 8th in the auditorium of the Brown Trail building with orientation, as we go over the “rules” of the School. After that, the students will be treated to a brunch and classes will begin at 10:00 a.m. Please pray for these efforts.

Future Leaders Training Camp

BTSOP will host its first **Annual Future Leader's Training Camp** for High School students July 22-27, 2018. The camp will focus on Homiletics and technology as we enter an age of communication different from what the world has known in the past. Although the gospel never changes, our methods must change to reach the lost, and teach and edify the saints. The lessons will be geared to teaching students how to use modern media as they are trained in the television and radio studios we have on site. We will also work with them helping them to write blogs, vlogs, along with modern social media. Brother **Tyler Bush**, a 2015 graduate of **BTSOP**, and the associate minister at **Centerville Road church of Christ**, will be directing this camp. Due to the camp's technical nature, we can only allow 20 campers, with openings for 17 for 2018. Please contact **Heath Stapleton** at browntrailheath@yahoo.com or 817-727-

1232 if you are interested in signing up your teenager or teenagers from the congregation where you attend, if you have any questions, or would like to receive an application.

Urgent Financial Needs

As mentioned in our last issue of **Fulfilling The Ministry**, we are in need of increasing the amount of funds that come in on a regular basis to support the efforts here. In respect to this, we hope to encourage congregations to set aside a special congregational contribution the first Sunday in April, 2018. For years many works, such as **BTSOP**, have had regular special contributions such as this with the bulk of their operational funds coming from them. If you would like further information on this, please contact **Heath Stapleton** at brown-trailheath@yahoo.com or on his cell at 817-727-1232 and he can provide you with what information you need.

Spanish Department

Please note that your continued support of the efforts of the **Spanish Department** are deeply appreciated. We realize that without the efforts of good brethren that support us, we would not be able to accomplish what we do in this area. If you would like information about supporting any area of the **Spanish Department**, please call the School and ask to speak with **Willie**, who will be happy to set up an appointment for someone to visit with you.

Please mark your calendars for November 4th as the Spanish Department will host its annual Lectureship here at the Brown Trail building. Each year several hundred brethren attend this lectureship as all lessons are delivered in Spanish.

“If ye love me, keep my
commandments.” - John 14:15

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 2017 below. Some changes have been made with the speakers and the times the programs are aired.

2017 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., Ronnie Fisher, Sr. & Victor Miles)	Monday	7:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.
Behold, I Thought (Michael Windham & Adrian Sampson)	Tuesday	4:35 p.m. 8:00 p.m.
Life in the Son (Brandon Ferguson & DuJuan Johnson)	Wednesday	6:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m.
Contending for the Faith (Dale Choate & Charles Murrell)	Thursday	4:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.
Foundational Principles (Rickey Brown, Joe Nimock & Joe Harris)	Friday	7:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.
In Search of the Truth (Cody McCoy, Nathan Boyd & Joe Moon)	Friday	4:00 a.m. 8:00 p.m.

Campaigns/Gospel Meetings

Each year we endeavor to conduct at least four door knocking Campaigns by both the **English** and **Spanish Departments**. There are two Sunday through Wednesday Campaigns and two Friday through Sunday Campaigns. With 2017 quickly coming to an end, we have wrapped up all the campaigns for this year. As we make plans for 2018 and beyond, if the congregation that you attend would be interested in such an event, please get in touch with us so your name can be added to the upcoming schedule.

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.

“For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!”
(1 Corinthians 9:16)

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. If you cannot reach us by phone, please leave a message giving your name, congregation name, dates when someone is needed, and a call back phone number and email address. We will get back to you as soon as possible.

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.

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 with your new mailing address as we have to pay First Class postage for each one that the Post Office returns.

Alumni Association Annual Lectureship

Please mark your calendars for the third week of January, 2018 as the **BTSOP Alumni Association** will be hosting its yearly **Annual Lectureship** here at the Brown Trail building. The dates will be **January 14-17** with the theme **“Homecoming: Rebuild, A Study of the Book of Nehemiah.”**

Please note that this Lectureship is not only for graduates of **BTSOP**. Although most, if not all the speakers will be graduates, it is for the benefit of brethren far and wide!! Presently we have plans to air the Lectureship over **btradio.net** and the Brown Trail web site at **<http://btcoc.com/index.php/multimedia>**.

If you would like further information on this event please contact us and we will see that you receive a brochure once they are printed.

Graduation Activities - 2017

Please take note that our **Graduation Banquet** will be December 15th at 6:30 p.m. in the multi-purpose room at the Brown Trail building and **Graduation** December 17th at the conclusion of the 2:00 p.m. Sunday afternoon services, also at the Brown Trail building. All are invited to attend these activities.

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

LET THIS BE THE YEAR

Luke 2:49

INTRODUCTION:

- We often postpone the things that ought to be done immediately.
 - As a result, at the end of each year, we find a large deposit of unfinished business on hand.
 - Thus, we enter each new year with the same old problems, weaknesses, failures and fears.
- With 2018 before us, why don't we determine that this new year should be different?
 - Let's make this the year we really "turn over a new leaf" and blaze down the trail of life victoriously.
- As Jesus so aptly mentioned in Luke 2:49, may we, too, be busy in the Father's service.
 - Let 2018 be the year....

BODY:

- ...WE MAINTAIN A SCHEDULE OF DILIGENT BIBLE STUDY - 1 PETER 2:15; 2 PETER 3:18; 2 TIMOTHY 2:15; HEBREWS 5:12**
- ...WE DEVELOP A GENUINE, DAILY, PRAYER LIFE**
 - Nothing is needed more; nothing is more uplifting - Matthew 7:7-11; James 5:16.
- ...WE HONESTLY TRY TO CORRECT OUR FAULTS**
 - Whether they be impatience or gossip, tardiness or stinginess, let us make a diligent effort to be more spiritual and less carnal or petty - Jude 21; 2 John 8; 1 John 1:7-9.
- ...WE COMPLIMENT INSTEAD OF CRITICIZE, ENCOURAGE INSTEAD OF BELITTLE; DO OUR BEST TO LIGHTEN THE LOAD OF OTHERS - HEBREWS 12:12; ROMANS 12:10**
- ...WE STRIVE TO BE CHEERFUL AND GRATEFUL IN VIEW OF OUR MANY BLESSINGS - HEBREWS 13:15; PHILIPPIANS 4:6; 1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18.**

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*"Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine."
 (2 Timothy 4:2)*

News from Alumni

Foy Forehand (1971)

Brother Forehand received his BA in church history from the *International Bible College and Seminary* in 2005. Although he notified us of this event, it somehow, got overlooked and not published. We apologize for the oversight.

Matthew Bransford (2014)

Matthew is the new preacher for the *Hermleigh church of Christ* in Hermleigh, Texas.

Sermon Outline Continued

6. ...WE FERVENTLY TRY TO LEAD SOME SOUL TO CHRIST

- A. So many are lost in sin.
- B. Heaven will be too sweet to miss.
- C. It is our task and privilege to work with the Lord in the salvation of lost humanity - 1 Timothy 4:16.

7. ...WE CEASE TO LIVE BENEATH OUR BENEFITS, BLESSINGS AND OUR RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. Let this be the year to take the parable of the talents seriously - Matthew 25:14-30; Hebrews 6:1.

8. ...WE BECOME TRULY AND DEEPLY CONCERNED WITH ERRING BRETHREN

- A. Let us care so much that they have gone astray that we go out and reclaim them - Galatians 6:1; James 5:19, 20; Hebrews 13:1; Acts 8:22.

9. ...WE ONCE AND FOR ALL STAND UP FOR TRUTH

- A. May we allow it to correct our faults - Hebrews 4:12; Ephesians 6:17; Galatians 4:16.

10. ..WE PURGE WORLDLINESS FROM OUR LIVES, HEARTS, AND AFFECTIONS

- A. May God help us to be "purer and yet purer" - 1 Peter 1:16; 2 Timothy 2:19; Matthew 5:8.

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

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: _____

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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.

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek." (Romans 1:16)

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

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