

Fulfilling the Ministry

Brown Trail School of Preaching

Transitions

Kevin W. Rhodes, Director



Transitions of any kind create a challenge for all involved, and a school of preaching is no exception. Concern, hope, fear, and anticipation blend together to

build a sense of apprehension due to the unknown. Most of us do not like change, even though it feels like the only constant in life. I understand, because the decision to accept the position of Director automatically brought with it a whole slew of changes for me and my family as we leave a work that has blessed our lives for the last fifteen years. Yet despite the challenges involved, both personally and professionally, the importance of this work brought us to this point, and now we embrace those challenges with every ounce of our being to give our best in the training of preachers for the next generation.

To that end, in the last several weeks I have sought out alumni, both reminiscing about the past and discussing the future. It is especially exciting to speak with alumni from each generation and hear about their current work. It is an experience I hope to enjoy with future graduates as well. Every era and every class has funny stories, favorite teachers, and unique experiences—memories that endure through a lifetime of ministry. It is now my privilege to enter that storied arena, and I solicit your prayers as I do so.

Since the school began in 1965 every

distinct philosophy for training preachers, and that is true for me as well. However, the aim throughout has remained the same—to train men to become faithful gospel preachers. The apostle Paul told Timothy, “And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also” (2 Tim. 2:2). Those words motivate the faculty to this very day. And while the names and faces have changed over the years— as time marches on—the commitment, the passion, and the heart to serve the Lord have not diminished.

In the future, we will explain some of the changes we will be making to the program. These will include schedule changes, curriculum changes, assessment changes, and event changes—all of which are designed to address various aspects of preacher training in a very precise way. We will address the text of scripture with attention to analysis, exegesis, and exposition, developing specific skills needed in a local work. From teaching an adult Bible class to doing personal work to counseling those in need to preaching topical, textual, and expository sermons, we aim to grow men spiritually so that they have the character and heart for the work of preaching as much as a knowledge of the Bible.

Throughout all of this, our design is to develop men who love God, love the brotherhood, love the souls of men, love the Bible, and love preaching the gospel. And I hope to earn your trust as I undertake this responsibility. But most of all, I hope that our efforts bring souls to Christ and glory to God (Matt. 5:16).

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Bobby Watts

Director

Kevin W. Rhodes

Director Spanish Department

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Assistant Director for Development

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Academic Dean

Pat McIntosh

Dean of Students

Roy Gafford

Field Representative Spanish Department

Salvador Del Fierro



Building knowledge. Building skills. Building character. Building..preachers.

Faculty and Alumni

Faculty. The Brown Trail faculty already boasts a number of faithful men who have served the school well for many years. In the past year, we have added a few new instructors to help during the transition. We are now pleased to announce that **Pat McIntosh** (Class of '89) has agreed to return to a full-time capacity with the school and also serve as our Academic Dean. In addition to this, **Dewayne Bryant** joins the staff to teach Bible Archaeology and Introduction to Hebrew, two courses that align well with both his education and experience. **Will Cammack**, a trained counselor and member of the Granbury Street Church of Christ, will teach Counseling. **Jon Warnes**, the Family and Youth Minister at Brown Trail, will now teach The Christian Home. Finally, **Eddie Parrish** (Class of '90), the pulpit minister at Brown Trail, will return to the Brown Trail classroom to teach Homiletics I and a new hybrid course covering Life and Work of the Preacher from 1, 2 Timothy, and Titus. **Marco Arroyo** (Class of '16) will join the Spanish Department as well.

Faculty Meeting. The faculty met with the new director on Saturday, September 22nd, to discuss his vision for the school, including both schedule and curriculum changes. They also considered how to incorporate some of the underlying philosophical changes into the classroom and how to encourage greater communication and cooperation in regard to class assignments.

Lectureship. We are working hard to reimagine the annual lectureship, which will be January 11-13th this year. This will now become a cooperative effort between the Brown Trail congregation, the Brown Trail School of Preaching, and the Brown Trail alumni association. We have already had a

great meeting laying out various plans for January and have high hopes for the future. The alumni association will meet for lunch that Saturday in the Multi-Purpose Room at Brown Trail to elect officers for the new year, to discuss specific ways that alumni can participate and help the school, and to have a meet and greet with the new director of the school. So put January 11-13, 2019 on your calendar and make plans to visit Brown Trail, to be strengthened in the faith, and to renew old acquaintances.

Polishing the Pulpit. Several teachers and alumni attend and sometimes speak at PTP each year. For those of you who do attend, would you be interested in some kind of meet up? We could reserve a room at a restaurant so that we can visit over dinner or just have a meet and greet in one of the rooms on site. This would be a great opportunity to see old friends, talk about your current work, ask questions about the school, and just enjoy yourself in general. Please let us know what you think!

How Can We Help? One of the things that we want to do is find ways to help our alumni. We continue to update our website with information and a variety of resources, but we also want to help personally. So if you have an idea of how we can help, please let us know.

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 contact us. You may e-mail the information to Kevin W. Rhodes at kevin.rhodes@browntrailsofpreaching.com, or fill out the form on our Web Site. Be sure to include your name, address, graduation year, the congregation with which you work, and the news item you would like to have included.

Notes and Needs

In Honor * In Memorium

The following have recently made a donation to Brown Trail School of Preaching as a memorial or honorarium.

JEFF AINSWORTH

Larry and Pat Benedict
Julia Bridges
Merlene Day
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John and Ann Dragoo
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LARRY RICE'S BIRTHDAY

MaryLea Stephens

Your financial contributions to Brown Trail School of Preaching, such as this, help immensely in the training of gospel preachers. Thank you so much for being part of our work in this way.

Please note...

- **Can we count on you?** We have increased the financial support for the school tremendously in the last year, but we still need help moving forward as we update various aspects of operations. So, as budget time draws near, please consider including Brown Trail in your budget and help us train the next generation of preachers.
- **Graduation time!** While it is only early October, some students are in their final quarter and looking toward graduation. This year the graduation banquet will be Friday night, December 14th, in the multipurpose room of the Brown Trail building. The cost for the meal will be \$5.00 for ages 12 and up, \$3.00 for ages 3-12, and free for those under 3 years of age. Graduation will follow on Sunday, December 16th at 2:00 p.m. in the auditorium of the Brown Trail building. Everyone is invited to attend!
- **Incoming!** We look forward to welcoming our incoming class in January, both in the English and Spanish departments. We are now accepting applications for students entering in July. So if you know of someone who might be interested, please let us know. We would love to talk with them about Brown Trail School of Preaching and how we can prepare them for the future.
- **Expositions**, Kevin Rhodes' television program, airs on GBN Monday nights at 7:30 pm, Thursday mornings at 10:30 am, Thursday evenings at 6:00 pm, and Saturday afternoons at 12:30 pm.
- **Beacon of Truth**, Pat McIntosh's internet radio program will soon be on Monday thru Friday at 7:00 AM on BTRadio.

Financial Needs

Circle One	Amount
Recording Equipment	-----
Student Books and Software	-----
PTP Student Expenses	-----
Willie Alvarenga Support	-----
Jesse Martinez Support	-----
Heath Stapleton Support	-----
Kevin W. Rhodes Support	-----
Pat McIntosh Support	-----
General Fund	-----
Student (English or Spanish)	-----
(Underline which)	
Tomorrow's Men Today	-----
(Future Leaders Camp)	
Where Needed	-----

Speaking Schedule

- Oct. 14-19 Recording *Expositions* at GBN
Kevin W. Rhodes
- Oct. 14 Lubbock Lectures
Heath Stapleton
- Nov. 11-14 Meeting in West, Texas
Kevin W. Rhodes
- Mar. 1-2 Arise!
Kevin W. Rhodes

Calendar of Events

- Oct. 1-Dec. 12 Fall Quarter
- October 15-19 Student Enrichment Week
- December 10-14 Finals Week
- December 14 Graduation Banquet
- December 16 Graduation
- January 7 New Quarter Begins
- January 11-13 Brown Trail Workshop
- February 10 New Student Introductions
- March 18-22 Spring Break
- April 6-10 Itasca Campaign
- April 29-May1 Tecumseh Campaign

English Faculty

- Willie Alvarenga
- Tavaris Armstrong
- Dewayne Bryant
- Bill Burk
- Will Cammack
- Robert Dodson
- Roy Gafford
- Ken Gardner
- J.J. Hendrix
- Bryan Hodge
- Ken Hope
- Richard Massey
- Pat McIntosh
- Randall Morris
- Eddie Parrish
- Rick Popejoy
- Kevin W. Rhodes
- Drew Robison
- Jason Sparks
- Jeremy Sprouse
- Heath Stapleton
- Richard Stevens III
- Jon Warnes

Spanish Faculty

- Willie Alvarenga
- Marco Arroyo
- Jaime Luna
- Jesse Martinez
- Obed Rodriguez

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