

Benefits of “MTSM” for your child

Your child will benefit in several important and unique ways:

First of all, and most important ...your child will receive an in-depth study of Bible books and subjects - including such as:

- Genesis
- Exodus
- Job
- Ezekiel and Daniel
- Bible Geography
- Minor Prophets
- Fundamentals II
- I & II Thessalonians
- Mark
- Scheme of Redemption
- N.T. Overview
- The Godhead
- Prison Epistles
- Gospel of John
- Romans
- Denominational Doctrines
- Eschatology
- Church History
- I & II Corinthians
- Revelation
- Acts
- Hebrews
- Ethics

They will study at the feet of godly brothers such as:

Willie Alvarenga	Gerald Ball
Charles Billingsly	Bill Burk
Perry Cotham	Ken Gardner
Ken Hope	Randall Morris
Pat McIntosh	Richard Stevens
Robert Stapleton	

They will spend their time in a wonderful Christian atmosphere, while attending classes in the School of Preaching. Hopefully, when they do go to college, they will search out such godly people to “*hang out with.*”

The knowledge they obtain will certainly serve them well in college (as well as the rest of their lives). “**MTSM**” may very well be the tool which keeps them from leaving college with doubts about God and their faith ... **or worst yet, an Atheist.** Certainly, that and that alone, would be worth a year of your child’s life ...wouldn’t you agree?

Closing information and comments...

In the 1976-1977 issue of the Brown Trail School of Preaching Catalog, Roy Deaver (Director of the S.O.P.) and the other elders made the following observation:

“The school is simply an extension of the teaching program of the Brown Trail church, and it is under the direction of the elders of the Brown Trail church.”

Being such, we the present shepherds, are making every effort to **Spiritually Mature** our young people with all the tools at our disposal! One of which, is The Brown Trail School of Preaching. Thus, the “M.T.S.M. PROGRAM.”

~ Ephesians 4: 13-15 ~

Should you be interested in this program, please contact:

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Moving Toward Spiritual Maturity



MTSM is a **FREE** one-year program offered by Brown Trail School of Preaching designed to Spiritually mature graduating seniors prior to their attending college.

The MTSM Program is under the supervision of Robert Stapleton (Director of the BTSOP) and the oversight of the Brown Trail church of Christ eldership.



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What is "MTSM?"

- ▶ An extension of the Brown Trail Education Program
- ▶ A **one-year** in-depth Biblical maturing study program
(same courses as preacher students)

take) designed solely for graduating High School seniors. The senior must be accepted by the B.T.S.O.P. Director, and must have written approval by his/her parents to attend. They must also have *health insurance coverage* while in school.

- ▶ A **free teaching program** offered by the B.T.S.O.P. to the graduating seniors of the Brown Trail congregation or other congregations that have seniors within driving distance of the building, and whose elders or congregation are willing to meet the financial requirement (approximately \$400.00 per year). This cost is for the student's instructional outlines, required books, etc. This payment does not cover the cost of *notebooks, note taking pads, pencils, pens, snacks, drinks, etc.* These items will need to be purchased by the student or his/her supporters.
- ▶ Upon completion of the MTSM Program - those seniors who have completed their one-year study, having had passing grades and having met all other requirements, will be recognized at the BTSOP graduation ceremony, (along with graduating *preacher students*) and at such time will be awarded a BTSOP Certificate of Achievement.

To Parents of College Bound High School Students:

The Psalmist stated, "...children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward." (Psalms 123:7). More truthful words could not be uttered! Yet many, even within the Lord's church, fail to see this fact. Secular education has become the "god" of many. Young people are sent to state run schools of "higher education," only to see them return with their faith either weakened or destroyed. Something needs to be done to stop this. Parents need to take a greater interest in their children's salvation than their secular education. Consider the words of Jesus, "For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" (Mark 8:36, 37). As Christian fathers, we still have the responsibility that Paul wrote of in Ephesians 6:4, "...provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord."

Recently, Larry Rice, one of the Brown Trail elders, suggested a program that can provide the help needed to solidify the faith of our young people, prior to their being sent on for further education. That program is "Moving Toward Spiritual Maturity," a one year program hosted by the congregation and the Brown Trail School of Preaching. As indicated on the title page, "MTSM is a one year free program offered by Brown Trail School of Preaching, and is designed to spiritually mature graduating High School seniors prior to attending college."

As Director of B.T.S.O.P., and a parent of four grown children, I easily see the eternal value of this program. Parents, I can assure you, your greatest responsibility to your children is to see they are brought up "...in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." As parents, we have one chance to get this right. It is now or never. Please let us hear from you, and allow us to explain how we may assist you in the work of preparing our youth for the skeptics they will confront on the University level.

Sincerely,
Robert Stapleton
School Director