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CELEBRATING 60 YEARS OF FAITHFUL SERVICE



As we celebrate our diamond anniversary this year, the college has been able to host a number of international speakers who have challenged us as

we think of the next 60 years of theological education. **Dr Don Wilton** who is senior pastor of the First Baptist Church of Spartanburg, South Carolina, challenged us towards excellence and servanthood in ministry. His sentiments dovetail that of his brother **Dr Murray Wilton** who was our guest a year ago and did a series of revival messages that were certainly life-changing.

It was an equal blessing to host **Dr Phil Roberts**, the President of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, who is an expert in Mormonism. His message revealed insightful expertise on dealing with falsehood that is prevalent and damaging the church today.



Our College Chapel services every Friday at 09h30 remain a highlight. We trust that those of you who live close to the college can take advantage of it and attend our services.

Celebrating with international voices ...



Don Richardson, of the 'Peace Child' fame was our chapel speaker in September where he challenged us towards a missiological renewal that he suspects is less and less emphasized in our theological institutions today. In a message uniquely entitled "*The Blessor*

Franchise", Richardson recounted the salvation story from a Christological perspective which ought to remain our contemporary preoccupation. He has also authored a number of books on issues in current debate and discussion.

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Special points of interest:

- BTC Application forms are available online on our webpage www.btc.co.za
- Last day for foreign applicants: 28 October 2011
- Closing day for local applicants (early bird applications): 30 November 2011
- Graduation: 30 November 2011



Dr Martin Pohlmann, delivering his speech at the 2010 graduation ceremony.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW ...

Graduation is always an exciting end-of-year event. It is a culmination of years of hard work. It also serves as an endorsement of all our graduates; that they are ready to serve as the Lord has gifted them. We, as an institution play our part to sharpen their skills.

It is also great for us to follow up on some of our graduates to see where they are serving.

Geoff Bailey—Senior Pastor Manna Community Church

Veliswa Bembe—Community work and Master studies with Stellenbosch

Craig Bosman—Associate Pastor Wychwood Baptist

Lindie De Wit—ministry and further studies at University of Pretoria Bay Associate Pastor

Barry Francis—Youth Pastor Honeyridge Baptist

Bafana Mohale—Pastor Free Baptist

Ishmael Motsiri—Pastor Vosloorus Baptist Convention

Raymond Sibeko—Pastor Vosloorus Community Church

“I see a man cannot be a faithful minister until he preaches Christ for Christ’s sake”
Robert M. M’Cheyne

Faithfully serving...

Paul Vuntarde—Church Plant and further studies

Tembani Zani—Westville Baptist Church

Billy-Joe Zwart—Associate at Sonlife Church Kempton Park

Aidan Albertyn—Associate Pastor Gonubie Baptist

Nigel D’Aubrey—Senior Pastor Scottborough Baptist

Harm Du Plessis—White River Baptist

Jeremy Dykman—Associate Pastor Horizon Baptist

Siraj Hartley—Associate Bosmont Baptist

Dean Meistre—Senior Pastor Glenwood Baptist

Mzwandile Nkuta—Associate New Covenant Church

Mwezi Noko—Police

Chaplaincy

Aquiline Mundwa—Hidden Treasure Associate Manager and MTh graduate

Herbert Masarakufa—MTh Ministry to Muslims

Martin Fortuin—MTh grad. and on sabbatical

... and many more! ...



Mohau Radebe, the 2010 SRC President now serving with BYSA.

Where are they going?



John-Charles Stay has accepted a call to serve as Youth Pastor at Trinity Baptist Church, Port Elizabeth.



Johnson Akintola is currently involved with a church plant in the Roodepoort area where he will serve fulltime.



Michael Lear, who is the current SRC President will be moving to Scottsville Baptist, Pietermaritzburg as a Youth Pastor

BTC PROGRAMS

Bachelor of Theology remains our flagship degree. The four-year qualification has four majors—Pastoral, Youth, Missions and Counseling. This program is attracting students from across the continent such that 30% of our students now come from outside the country. We now run a satellite school in partnership with Open Baptist Church, which has opened the possibility for similar arrangements with other churches.

Masters of Theology is designed with the need to conserve evangelical education at post-graduate level. All BTC qualifications are fully accredited by the Department of Education for Higher Learning, which is at University level. We are advantaged that we have retained our theological distinction. The program is research-based and allows participants' work situation to be uninterrupted during the minimum two-year study.

The one-year **Certificate Program** is designed for students requiring minimum theological exposure for ministry.

Our three-year **Diploma Program** has credits equivalent to a 360-credit degree and gives our students maximum exposure and skills for ministry entry.

Students with any prior learning and experience may apply for credits towards a BTC qualification.



Paul Jones one of the first BTC graduates.

In the Pipeline ...

Advanced Diploma in Leadership

This is a biblically-based leadership program. It emphasizes aspects of ethical-moral dynamics and competence in the leadership disciplines of disposition, character, margin, and impact. This ensures effectiveness in leading teamwork, change, responsibility, and succession.

Bachelor of Divinity (Honours)

and

Masters of Divinity

The first program will admit candidates with non-theological degrees, to obtain this qualification after a year of full-time studies. This bridging program will enable them to pursue our Master of Divinity studies, which will specialize in practical theology.

BTh Counselling Major

This program is offered in partnership with a recognized counselling institution where candidates will complete mandatory courses with BTC and a complimentary counselling major from the partner institution.

"The excellence of a sermon lies in the plainest discoveries and liveliest applications of Jesus Christ"
John Flavel

What BTC means to them ...



Murendeni Nefale says "Being equipped for ministry and deepening his walk with God" makes all the difference for him at BTC.



"As a Distant Learner BTC has forced me out of my comfort zone into newer and higher heights."
Kaylene Arendse



Chikondi Tamaona from Malawi has gained "profound biblical knowledge and being equipped to lead and manage the church".



For **Andre Matthee** BTC is "profoundly challenging and soul searching"

LIBRARY UPGRADE



Our Library has had a significant facelift. The facility now sports a comfortable and user-friendly environment. However, with the introduction of our MTh and other post-graduate programs, we will need to add at least 8 000 new volumes and introduce more Journals. Also computers are needed in order to decongest our current facilities. These developments may also necessitate extension of our floor space. Please prayerfully consider partnering with us in this noble project.

Designated contributions could be made to
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Standard Bank
Randburg Branch
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Worthy contributions to the Church



Martin Fortuin one of our 2010 MTh graduates

With the introduction of our MTh program, we were able to find nuggets of gold to enrich the body of Christ. An example of such is found in Hebert Ma-

sarakufa's thesis on *Comparison of the Christian and Moslem understandings of Jesus as a tool to Evangelize Moslems more Effectively*. His research is particularly relevant especially in a context where we avoid Moslems in our evangelistic thrust.

Another compelling read is Martin Fortuin's research entitled *The Biblical Concept of Under-Shepherding and its Influence on the Political Relationships between Pastors and Church Leaders in the Creation of Church Community*. This will be helpful in fostering good leadership relations.



Hebert Masarakufa graduating with his MTh in 2010.

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