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The God of all Seasons



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Dr Terrel Manikam
Vice Principal BTC

AWARD CEREMONY

Rev Andre Harley
Dr Darryl Soal
Dr Charles De Kiewit
Rev Pholoso Diraditsile

PRAYER FOR GRADUATES

Dr Darryl Soal

PROCESSION EXIT

BTC Board & Faculty

*Please join us for some tea, coffee
and snacks in the hall after the
ceremony.*

Embracing all Seasons He leads us through

The year was 2006, and I remember very nervously and excitedly preparing for my Graduation. I was very eager to finish off the season of studies, assignments and all that go with it. But also nervous, as I had at that stage not yet known for certain what I would do as I had no call from a Church or any clear direction as to what the Lord had next planned for my life. What followed was a season of tremendous learning, shaping, and being pressed as I yielded to the Master's Hand. That process lasted about 5 years before I got my first call to ministry. I will be honest, there were days I felt okay, and there were also many days that I questioned God as to where He was and what He was doing. Some days it was just the sense in my heart that God had called me for service in His Kingdom, and that was all I knew.

As I prepare to celebrate with the class of 2025, I am very aware of this again. A timely reminder to us all that He is the God of all seasons!! So whether you are in a season of waiting, a season of preparing, or season of stepping out to what God may be calling you to: may you always know that He is near, and He journeys with us through every season.



Rev Andre Harley
Registrar

A MESSAGE FROM OUR BELOVED PRINCIPAL

I thank God for all He has done for us at BTC throughout this past year. We have witnessed His unmistakable hand at work in our college. We started with a great orientation at the Teach Every Nation campus and game farm. Now we end with a celebration of all those graduating. God brought to us a vibrant and dynamic first-year group whose energy and enthusiasm have breathed new life into our community. Through every transition, challenge and change, the Lord has strengthened us and enriched BTC with new staff and faculty members who serve with excellence and conviction. We can confidently testify that He has done for us what we could never have accomplished on our own.

This year, God has opened our eyes to the global need for biblically faithful theological training. We have been encouraged by alumni in Australia and by new friends in the United States who share our burden for the Church in Africa. While many churches still lack adequately trained pastors, the call placed upon BTC to equip the next generation of servants for Christ grows louder by the day.

We rejoice as we look back on a year marked by the Lord's generous provision. Local churches have faithfully supported our students with weekly and monthly groceries. Businesses have helped through bursaries and partial scholarships. We have also made important organisational strides, including the sale of our old student residence in a decaying urban area, as we continue to seek safer, improved accommodation close to our Randburg campus. BTC remains a beautiful and inspiring learning environment—a reflection of the God of order, creativity and majesty.

As we look forward, we do so with great hope. God has blessed us with outstanding lecturers and an enriched faculty from across the city—men and women who are training students to become faithful ministers of the gospel, leaders like Spurgeon, Billy Graham, and William Duma in their own generation. We thank God for our Board of Directors, who freely offer their time, wisdom and expertise to advance theological education among Baptists and many other denominations. Their strategic oversight continues to strengthen the mission and witness of BTC.



We are especially grateful to God for new faculty members who have joined our college this year, including Dr Johann Luface, and for the appointment of our new Registrar, Rev. André Harley, and his wonderful family. Every place in God's creation has its seasons, and BTC has just come through a season of significant change as some of our faculty were called into service at public universities. Now we enter a new season—one marked by renewed strength, highly trained lecturers, and a deep commitment to biblical truth that is relevant to our contemporary South African context.

May we, as a college, remain anchored to the inerrant Word of God—preaching it, teaching it, and living it with confidence and boldness in a broken world. May God continue to raise up men and women from BTC who will shine His light across the nations.

To our graduates, churches, supporters, faculty, staff, partners and students: thank you for standing with us. To God be the glory, great things He has done—and greater things are yet to come.

Soli Deo Gloria.

Dr Darryl Soal
Principal



2025 Graduates

Congratulations to the following students who have completed the requirements for the

Higher Certificate in Ministry

A One-year NQF5 qualification that aims to equip those who seek to further their skills in pastoral ministry.

Dingaan Boroko
John Kgosiemang
Palesa Ursula Matlejoane
Mmaletsatsi Elizabeth
Mokgojoa
Faith Busisiwe Motha

Desmond Manqoba Ngcobo
Elsie Mputhi Nkoane
Mantu Esther Phalane
Moegamat Salie Savahl
Msebenzi David Sibisi
Shahida Sterling

and the

Higher Certificate in Theology

Joshua Keith Aikman
Thifulufhelwi Patricia Banda
Aurelle Cazes
Gregory Sean Daly

Sinqobile Dube
Jonathan Shaun Isaacs
Mhlophei Samuel Malefane

Jason Mizen
Munyaradzi Musiwacho
Malcolm James Taylor
Lo-An Trudy Williams

Congratulations to the following students who have completed the requirements for the

Bachelor of Biblical Studies

our core three-year (NQF7) qualification.

**Miriam Cherotich
Bradford Charles Warren
Crofton-Ball
Nicolaas Johannes Erasmus
Mzwabantu Gwebani
Sithebisio Emmanuel
Herimbi
Mncedi Leon Homani
Ntombikayise Jack
Charity Kanyenze**

**Busisiwe Bulelwa
Mbongwana
Moiketsi Jacob Morake
Christian Monnamoholo
Mokoena
Kethin Nair
Lara Joan Nell
Thornton Taylor Pappas
Carsten Rembold
Thandeka Patience
Shelembe**

**Dehan Rink Van
Veenendaal
Yolanda Zweni-
Manyakanyaka
Mbongeni Yose**

Congratulations to the following students who have completed the requirements for the

Bachelor of Theology (Honours)

A one-year professional qualification which builds upon foundational theological knowledge at an in-depth level and is recognized for ministerial recognition within the Baptist Union of Southern Africa.

**Craig Botha
Mbuzeni Hamilton Tito
Buthelezi
Sitembiso Dlukulu
Timothy James Lewis
Houghting
Kevin Khosa**

**Mark Andrew Lawson
Kieck
Jan-Ernst Koekemoer
Lumkile Langa
Pakiso Mekgwe
Gift Mpho Mhlongo
Gary Keagan Vernon Roux**

**Doreen Setholow
Mcebisi Lenny Simelane
Elvis Pillay
Thelela Thelma Matilo**

Master of Theology

This qualification (NQF9) is completed over two or more years and involves intensive research in a chosen field of study. The final product of this degree is a dissertation of a minimum of 150 pages which is then defended through an oral examination. Students are also required to produce a publishable article as part of this degree.

Congratulations to the following students who are graduating with the Master of Theology degree:

Ayanda Umusobanzi Biyela

Towards contemporary holistic youth discipleship: a Gospel (Re)Positioning in deciphering African Traditional Churches' legalism

Supervisor: Dr Sam Ndogo

Jordan Heathcote

Spiritual warfare in South Africa: Constructing a Practical Theology for the Contemporary Church.

Supervisor: Dr Sam Ndogo

Robert Heuer

A critical analysis of the Millennial models from Revelation 20:1-6 and their application to ethics for contemporary Evangelical Christians influenced by the world.

Supervisor: Dr Terrel Manikam

Wayne Hoedemaker

The role of the Holy Spirit and human conscience on truth: A Biblical exploration to counter relativism in Christian Ethics in South African Baptist Churches.

Supervisor: Dr Darryl Soal

Damon Kotze

An investigation into spiritual decline among contemporary Urban Churches in South Africa: A Biblical response for Church Health.

Supervisor: Dr Darryl Soal

Sello Mothibi

Applying Imago dei identity as a Biblical ethical foundation to combat substance abuse among youth in the South African Lutheran township Churches.

Supervisor: Dr Walter Maqoma

Oxford Nkosikhona Simelane

The role of the Pastor in promoting effective administration and growth in the Local Church in the Evangelical Church in Eswatini:Mhlosheni District.

Supervisor: Dr Walter Maqoma

Joshua Soal

Exploring the convergence of the life, message and models in the Biblical office of Prophet for effective Evangelism in a contemporary South African context.

Supervisor: Dr Desmond Henry

Michael Andreas Zachwey

Discipleship as Participation. A Reflection on Analogical Metaphysics as a Contribution to an Evangelical Theology of Discipleship.

Supervisor: Dr Jeremy Lim

Awards



FIRST/ SECOND / THIRD / FOURTH YEAR AWARD

For the outstanding all-round student in each year group. Awarded for diligence, progress and general attitude to College and Studies

KURT HOLIDAY MISSIONS PRIZE

For the outstanding student in Missions

YOUTH PRIZE

For the outstanding fourth year student in Youth

PASTORAL PRIZE

For the outstanding fourth year student in Pastoral Studies

VICTOR BRANDT MEMORIAL PRIZE

For the outstanding student in Practical Ministry

THE REX MATTHIE PRINCIPAL'S PRIZE IN SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY

For the outstanding student in Systematic Theology

STUART AND STELLA AKERS MEMORIAL PRIZES FOR BEST DISTANCE STUDENTS

Two prizes are awarded to the best distance students graduating in the Bachelor of Biblical Studies and the Bachelor of Theology (Hons) degrees

CCLI WORSHIP LEADER AWARD

In recognition of a student most likely to excel as a worship leader in his/her local church

JOHNNY JONSSON ACADEMIC AWARD

For best overall achievement in the Bachelor of Theology Honours programme

BAPTIST UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA AWARD

For the highest mark achieved in the MTh

BAPTIST NORTHERN ASSOCIATION AWARD

Awarded to the MTh student whose research is most practically applicable to church ministry



Graduate Attributes

Graduates at BTC are formed holistically—intellectually, spiritually, and practically. They emerge as leaders of faith and service who embody Christlike character and demonstrate the knowledge, skills, and dispositions required for effective ministry and transformative engagement in church and society.

Below is a breakdown of how that is reflected for each of our Courses of Study.

Higher Certificate in Ministry NQF Level 5

ATTRIBUTE	DESCRIPTORS
Knowledge	Foundational knowledge of general theological and biblical concerns with broad ministry competencies in mind.
Biblical and Theological Proficiency	Introductory understanding of theological and biblical terms, definitions and concepts that influence thinking and basic research ability.
Integration	Basic integration of knowledge and skills learned into community contexts.
Practical Exposure	Exposure to Christian ministry within the local church context with basic participation.
Study Skills	Foundational ability to independently collect information using appropriate available tools.
Vocational Skills	Competency to participate in Christian ministry within the local church context.
Communication Skills	Ability to communicate foundational theological and biblical insights with understanding.
Critical Thinking	Ability to translate acquired knowledge and skills into the local church context.
Integrity	Awareness and modelling of academic and ministerial integrity informed by biblical personal ethics.
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Bachelor of Biblical Studies

NQF Level 7

ATTRIBUTE	DESCRIPTORS
Knowledge	Advanced knowledge in an elected ministry major and general understanding of broader theological and biblical concerns.
Biblical and Theological Proficiency	Intermediate understanding of theological and biblical terms, definitions and concepts that influence thinking and research.
Integration	Ability to integrate research and cognitive processes contextually in multiple contexts at an intermediate level of proficiency.
Practical Exposure	Exposure to varying ministry contexts and multiple facets of Christian ministry with an intermediate level of participation.
Research Skills	Clear ability to research over multiple disciplines and platforms.
Vocational Skills	Competency to participate in and lead ministry activities under supervision.
Communication Skills	Ability to communicate substantial theological and biblical insights on a variety of platforms.
Critical Thinking	Ability to translate acquired knowledge and skills into a variety of contexts and over multiple disciplines.
Integrity	Awareness and modelling of academic and ministerial integrity informed by biblical personal ethics.
Relational Skills	Ability to make and maintain emotionally healthy relationships that are characterized by empathy and mutual respect.
Personal Awareness	Demonstrate Christ-like servanthood and self-discipline with a commitment to self-development and care.

Bachelor of Theology (Honours)

NQF Level 8

ATTRIBUTE	DESCRIPTORS
Knowledge	Specialized knowledge in their specific elect major and advanced understanding of broader theological and Biblical concerns.
Understanding	Comprehensive understanding of theological terms, definitions and concepts that influence thinking and research.
Application	Ability to apply research and cognitive processes contextually at a high level of proficiency.
Practical Exposure	Broad exposure to varying ministry contexts and multiple facets of ministry in both a general and specific field.
Research ability	Clear ability to research independently over multiple disciplines and platforms.
Specialty	Advanced skills in elect major in preparation for Masters degree articulation.
Vocational Skills	These should be more developed as Christian service and ministry exposure is compulsory. This will differ from context to context, and from person to person.
Theological proficiency	Advanced - thinking through paradigms and macro-schemes.
Synthesis	An acute ability to synthesize various compartments of information into a cognitive whole.
Communication	Substantial, clear and concise in both a Christian and secular environment, within recipient culture and context where applicable.

Master of Theology

NQF Level 9

ATTRIBUTE	DESCRIPTORS
Knowledge	Specific knowledge in an elected research field and specialised understanding of broader theological, biblical, and practical concerns.
Biblical and Theological Proficiency	Comprehensive understanding of the theological field and biblical definitions, concepts and contemporary trends that influence thinking, praxis, and research.
Integration	Ability to integrate research and cognitive processes contextually at an advanced level of critical proficiency.
Practical Exposure	Exposure to specific ministry contexts and multiple facets of Christian ministry in a chosen field with a high level of strategizing and participation.
Research Skills	Clear ability to research competently over specific disciplines and platforms using appropriate methodologies.
Vocational Skills	Competency to lead within a chosen Christian ministry specialization.
Communication Skills	Ability to communicate specialised theological and biblical insights on a variety of platforms and at an advanced level.
Critical Thinking	Specialised ability to assess acquired knowledge and skills for a variety of contexts and over multiple disciplines.
Integrity	Awareness and modelling of academic and ministerial integrity informed by biblical personal ethics and wise discernment.
Synthesis	Inter-disciplinary ability to synthesize various components of information into a cognitive whole.
Leadership and Collaboration	Ability to inspire ministry teams through sound management, networking, and mutual involvement toward the achievement of a collective mission.
Relational Skills	Ability to make and maintain emotionally healthy relationships that are characterized by empathy and mutual respect.
Personal Awareness	Demonstrate a commitment to Christ-like servanthood, self-discipline, self-development, and self-care.

Student Stories



My 3 years of study at BTC has been phenomenal and has exceeded my expectations in every way. I was profoundly shaped and formed in my spiritual journey and I continue to grow as a child of God and a minister of the Word. My time here at BTC was not only about lectures, but there were also various weekly practices, such as sharing Chapel services together and enabled me to experience God's presence. I give all glory and honour to God for allowing me to study at BTC

Charity Kanyenze

I walked into the Principal's office in 2021 with a desire and zeal for God's Word but could not afford to study. Through the generous donors, BTC has allowed me to realize that dream and passion of studying God's Word. I have learnt the reality of loving God with all your heart, soul and mind. I have learnt the value of diligently applying oneself to understanding Scripture in an accurate and truthful way. Through the various seasons as a student, God's sovereignty always prevails. Thank you BTC for equipping me not only as a believer but equipping me as a believer for ministry globally.

Gary Roux



These stories represent a tiny glimpse into the testimonies of those who study at BTC.

Did you know that you are able to study part-time whilst working, raising a family or in retirement? Find out more at

btc.co.za/study



Heroes behind the scenes

Thank you to the army of people that make it possible for our students to graduate today.

To the **Board of Directors**, under the leadership of Dr Charles De Kiewit, thank you for your selfless commitment to BTC. To our **Faculty and Staff** – thank you for the love, attention and commitment that you show toward preparing our students for ministry globally. We really can't do this without you!

To our **Partner Churches** for your financial support, sending students for us to train, and your practical assistance. We extend a special word of thanks to **Edenvale Baptist Church** under the leadership of Rev Byron Mans for so graciously hosting the BTC Graduation this year.

Thank you to the **families** of our students. We know that you, too, have sacrificed so that your spouses, parents, sons or daughters can achieve what they have achieved in their studies at BTC. We don't take your sacrifice for granted.

To the **companies and organisations** that have supported us throughout the year, or provided prizes for this Graduation... we cannot train the next generation without you! (Remember to request your Section 18A tax certificate if you haven't received it yet).

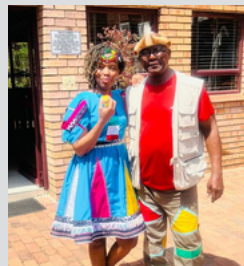
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College Day



Heritage Day



Random moments

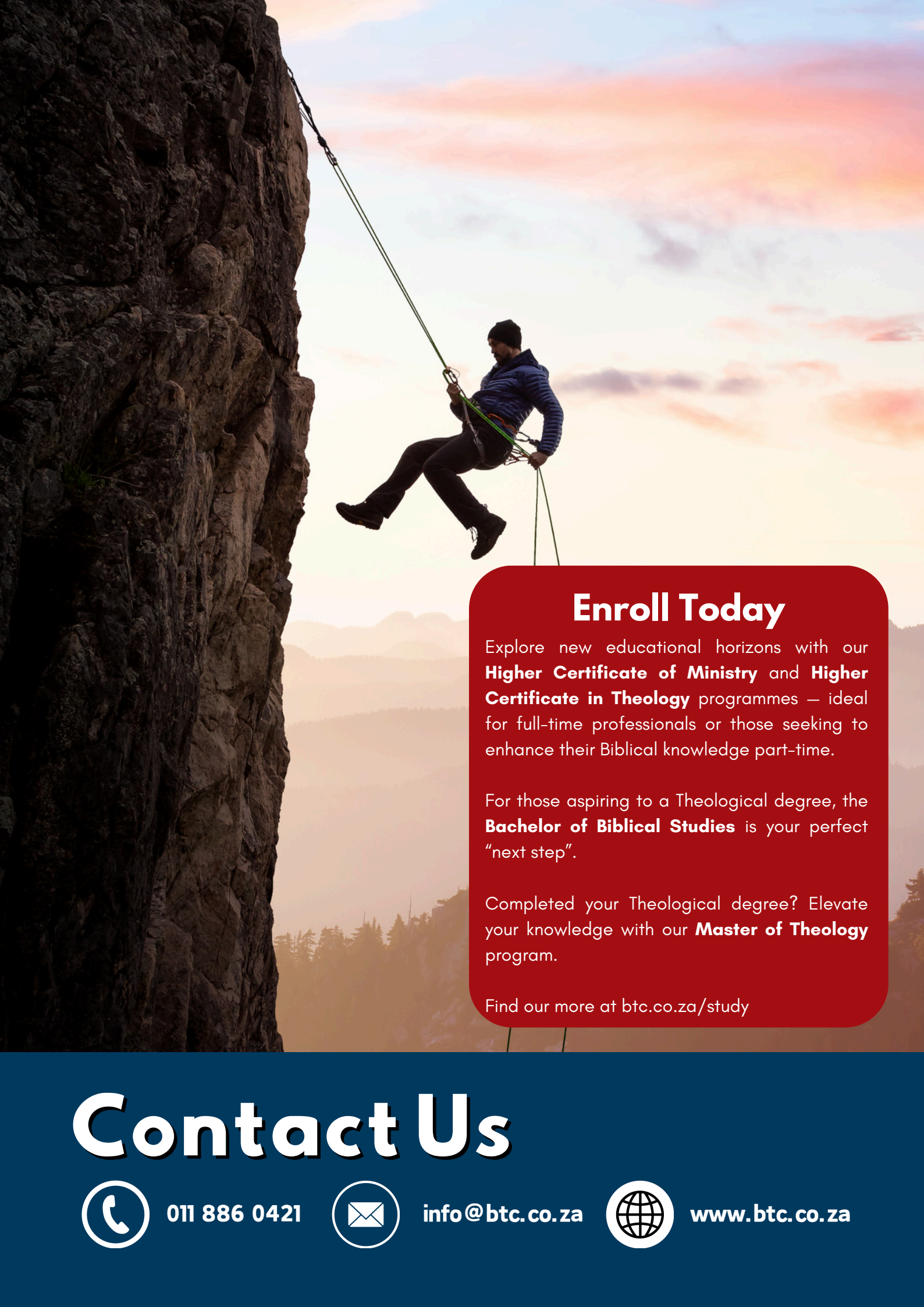


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Year End Dinner 2025





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