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Remembering Luther – LOOKING FORWARD

Rev. Dr. Bong Ro, adjunct faculty and BIH Board member, reminded us recently that the year 2017 marks the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation which began on October 31, 1517. Dr. Ro is currently teaching a BIH class on the Book of Acts and Early Church Mission. He shared his biblical insight and expertise in Church history with us regarding Martin Luther and the Reformation. The following is taken from Dr. Ro's notes and comments.

Martin Luther was a special man for a special time, a 16th century Augustinian monk who became deeply troubled by the Church's corruption and neglect of its moral responsibilities. Chief among his complaints was the Church's practice of selling indulgences, a transaction whereby in exchange for money, the purchaser was granted forgiveness of sin, either his own, or another's. In addition, Luther held that the Church should emphasize the primacy of the Bible as the ultimate religious authority, rather than 'tradition' or the word of the Pope, as had become the Church's practice in that day. Luther was not alone in his determination to bring an end to unscriptural Church practices and teachings. Earlier, others had argued for change in the Church. Augustine from twelve centuries earlier; John Wycliffe and Jan Hus from a century before; Ulrich Zwingli, John Calvin, William Tyndale and Thomas Cranmer, were just a few of Luther's contemporaries who protested against the corruption within the Church.

In protest of these and many other unacceptable practices of the Church, Luther nailed what has become known as his '95 Theses' to the door of All Saints Church in the university town of Wittenburg, Germany. This act helped fuel the movement for change within the Church and led eventually to the formation of the Lutheran Church. It later was recognized as a primary stimulus for the Protestant Reformation. When, in 1521, Charles V, the Holy Roman Emperor, demanded that Luther recant his published views, he refused, saying, "Unless you show me from the Scripture where I err, my conscience is bound by the Scripture, and I cannot go against my conscience; therefore, I cannot recant and will not recant. Here I stand, O help me God. Amen."

Luther and the other Protestant reformers came forward with five core theological positions that to them represented the essentials of Christianity. These were in response to specific perversions of biblical truth that were being taught by the corrupt mother Church. They became rallying cries, and were known as the "five solas."

Sola Gratia - grace alone. Salvation is ours only by God's grace through Christ.

Sola Fide – faith alone. We are saved only by faith in Christ and not by 'good deeds.'

Sola Scriptura – Scripture alone. Scripture is the ultimate authority in all spiritual matters.

Solus Christus - through Christ alone. The saving power of faith resides in Christ, alone.

Soli Deo Gloria - to God alone be the glory. Man's chief end is to glorify God and to enjoy him forever.

It is reassuring today, 500 years later, to read that in the 16th century, a Catholic monk rose up and took a stand against unbiblical teaching in the powerful, but wayward, mother Church. Luther and the Reformers' concern was that biblical truth be taught. In the Book of Acts and throughout the Epistles, we learned that these were the same concerns the Apostles had as they built the first-century church. **The challenge for today is unchanged.** Teachers, preachers, and church leaders in our classrooms, pulpits and wherever the Bible and Bible history are taught, must encourage and inspire students to pursue and value biblical truth, so that they will then insist on it from our pulpits and reject the counterfeit. The Spirit spurred Luther and others to action at a time when much was at stake. The result of their actions was worldwide and has lasted for centuries. We think much is at stake today as well. As much as we are able, we must all seek to value, teach and preserve biblical truth with the same fervor that fueled the resolve of the Reformers.

Isaiah wrote first, and Peter later reminded us, **"The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever"**. It is by grace and faith in Christ that we are able to believe Isaiah's word. All glory to God, alone.



Dr. Bong Ro teaching at Korean Christian Church on the Book of Acts and Early Church Missions





SPRING QUARTER 2017 SCHEDULE OF COURSES

March 22 – June 4, 2017 (6–8 weeks)

Please refer to course descriptions for start and end dates. Early Registration deadline is **March 27, 2017**

Sunday

CNS104

One Day at A Time

Dr. Ruby Ovitt

This special class is for men and women experiencing divorce, physical or emotional separation, or widowhood. Discussions, small group sharing and prayer assist participants in developing or restoring a positive self-image and greater faith in God. New friendships and support will be built with others also undergoing one of life's most difficult crises.

Administrative Fee \$35 / \$40

April 2 – June 4, 2017

(8 weeks; no class 4/16 & 5/14)

Sundays, 4:00 – 6:00 pm

University Avenue Baptist Church

2305 University Ave., Honolulu

Tuesday

OT020

Wise Up: Wisdom from the Book of Proverbs

Pastor Rodney Wong

A practical study through the Book of Proverbs highlighting its major themes. This "straight talk" styled class will help students to assess and avoid the destructive tendencies of folly, while adopting sound biblical principles for a new life. They will learn to identify their current self-narrative in light of godly wisdom. They will also gain a greater understanding and appreciation for the Scriptures, a meditative walk, and a healthy "Fear of the Lord." *This course is specifically designed for inmates at the O'ahu Community Correctional Center (OCCC). They rely on your generous sponsorships to cover student costs. Your registration will be applied anonymously to sponsor an interested inmate. Feel free to sponsor more than one person.*

Administrative Fee: \$35 / \$40

(sponsorship per inmate)

April 4 – May 23, 2017 (8 weeks)

Tuesdays, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

O'ahu Community Correctional Center

(OCCC)

2199 Kamehameha Highway, Honolulu

 CBS: Wisdom Literature

NT002B

The Book of Acts and the Early Church Mission Pt. 2

Dr. Bong Ro

The Book of Acts II (Chapters 13-28) describes Paul's four missionary journeys. Paul was a missionary to the Gentiles while Peter was a missionary to the Jews. Modern churches need to learn the fervency of missions from the early church, especially from the Apostle Paul.

Administrative Fee: \$40 / \$45

April 4 – May 23, 2017 (8 weeks)

Tuesdays, 7:00 – 9:00 pm

Korean Christian Church

1832 Liliha St., Honolulu

 CBS: NT-Book of Acts

Wednesday

BST204

The Kingdom Come Already & Not Yet: The Effects of the Work of God in Christ in the Present Age

Pastor Ian McKnight

All of us are theologians. The question is not, "Do I have a theology?" but "What is my theology?" This class will help you discover and explore your personally held theology. This **Systematic Theology** course will cover Soteriology, Pneumatology, and Eschatology. There will also be an introduction on how to practice theological inquiry and discussion. **Course Textbooks:** "Benefit of the Doubt" and "Across the Spectrum" by Greg Boyd; and "An Exploration of Christian Theology" by Don Thorsen; and a blank Journal for entries (order hard copies or ebooks from any online or local Christian bookstore).

Administrative Fee: \$40 / \$45

March 22 – May 10, 2017 (8 weeks)


Wednesdays, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Community Church of Honolulu

("Makai" Rm.)

2345 Nuuanu Ave.

 CBS: Overview: Bible Overview

 This symbol denotes classes that are applicable towards the Certificate in Biblical Studies program.

NT006A

Book of Romans Pt. 1

Pastor Todd Capen

"Grace." We talk about it. Why is it so astounding? Where can I grasp its greatness? Enter the book of Romans. Anyone who explores Romans will be a changed person for the Gospel is revealed in all its glory in this book. Participants will know well chapters 1-8. Weekly handouts provided.

Administrative Fee: \$40 / \$45

April 5 – May 24, 2017 (8 weeks)

Wednesdays, 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Hope Chapel Honolulu

(American Saving Bank Bldg.)

1806 S. King St., 2nd floor, Rm. 24

(Parking available on Young or S. King St.)

 CBS: NT-Letters

Thursday

CNS201

Practical Theology: Introduction to Biblical Counseling

Pastor James Kwong

This course provides layperson training in how to use the Bible as a primary tool to help others (and yourself!) manage conflict, deal with sin, and bring restoration and reconciliation. II Timothy 3:16-17 tell us that God's Word "is useful for teaching, reproof, correction, and training in righteousness that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work." While this course is not designed to train professional counselors, Galatians 6:1 tells us that every believer has an obligation to counsel.

Administrative Fee: \$40 / \$45

April 6 – May 18, 2017 (7 weeks)

Thursdays, 6:30 – 8:30 pm

First Chinese Church of Christ (Rm. 207)

1054 S. King St., Honolulu

 CBS: Skills



Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) has approved Bible Institute of Hawai'i to offer course work leading to Continuing Education Units (CEUs) for ACSI Certification in the area of biblical studies.

Friday

BTS101

Reading the Bible for All its Worth (Bible Study Methods)

Dr. Martha Stinton

God's Word is rich with spiritual treasure. But we must learn how to mine the jewels that lie below a surface reading of the Bible. Join us to learn what to look for in reading the Scriptures. God will speak to you in new and life-changing ways, and you will experience the joy of discovery.

Administrative Fee: \$40 / \$45

March 24 - May 5, 2017

(6 weeks; no class 4/14)

Fridays, 9:00 – 11:00 am

Kailua Christian Church

317 Manono St.

 CBS: Skills



New Faculty:



Pastor James Kwong

B.A. Mathematics, the University of Hawaii at Manoa; M.Div. Pastoral/General, Talbot School of Theology. Ministry experiences with Kalihi Union

Church, Youth For Christ Hawaii, Chinese Baptist Church of Central Orange County, and Pastor of Administration at Faith Christian Fellowship; currently works at Kaimuki Christian School as the Student Services Coordinator. He attends Kaka'ako Christian Fellowship.

Bible Institute of Hawaii's Mission and Vision

OUR MISSION

To partner with churches to provide Christ-centered, life-changing biblical teaching.

OUR VISION

Communities and individuals loving, learning, and leading in response to Christ.



Spring 2017 Faculty



Pastor Todd A. Capen

B.A., Biola University; M.Div., Reformed Theological Seminary, Orlando; Pastor of churches in California, Michigan and Florida; Senior

pastor, Trinity Presbyterian Church, Kailua. BIH adjunct faculty since 2008.



Pastor Ian McKnight

M.Div. in Theology, Bethel Seminary. He now teaches theology, church history and critical thinking courses at Pacific Rim Christian University.

Previously Ian has served on staff at Imago Dei Christian Community, Honolulu Assembly of God, Hawaii Kai Christian Church and First Presbyterian Church of San Diego. He and his wife Grace have six kids.



Dr. Rebecca S. Ovitt

B.A. Philippine Normal University; M.A. Educational Administration, University of Hawai'i at Manoa; M.A. Administration and Policy

Analysis, Stanford University; D.Min., Hawaii Theological Seminary; author; retired principal, Hawaii Baptist Academy Elementary Division. BIH adjunct faculty since 1988.



Dr. Bong R. Ro

B.A. Bible, Columbia International University; B.A. History, Wheaton College; M.Div. Covenant Theological

Seminary; S.T.M. & Th.D. Concordia Lutheran Seminary; OMF Missionary: Singapore (1970-74), Taiwan (1975-89), Korea (1990-2000); Hawaii Theological Seminary (2000-2009), Director of Korean Program; Hawaii Theological Seminary, President. BIH adjunct faculty since 2009.



Dr. Martha Stinton

B.F.A., Art History, Northern Arizona University; M.A., Biblical Studies, Dallas Theological Seminary; D.Min., Gordon-Conwell Theological

Seminary. Vice President for Academic Affairs, Pacific Rim Christian University. Co-pastor New Hope Kailua. A women's conference speaker in Xouzou, China; Brisbane, Australia; Langley, British Columbia, and Nuku'alofa, Tonga.



Pastor Rodney Wong

M.A., M.Div., Th.M., Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary and International Graduate School of Theology. Lead Pastor of CrossCurrent

Fellowship in Manoa. BIH adjunct faculty/administrator and Prison Ministries at OCCC. He also is active with local youth ministries, and formerly worked with Youth for Christ and as a Pediatric Mental Health Counselor at Tufts Medical Center in Boston. BIH adjunct faculty since 2010.



Bible Institute of Hawaii Financial News Update

Income and Expenses Summary From July 1, 2016 thru December 31, 2016

Total Income.....\$63,427.70

Total Expenses \$40,140.00

Net Income.....\$23,287.70

Through the generous donations and prayers of BIH supporters, the board of directors are very pleased to report that there is a net income of \$23,287.70 for the fiscal period from July 2016 thru December 2016.

While cashflow and cash reserves have increased, we will continue to manage, minimize and meet our operational expenses in a very judicious manner.

To help us achieve this continued positive financial position, we humbly ask you to prayerfully consider helping BIH with your financial donations.

11-DAY TOUR TO GREECE & TURKEY



Santorini, Greece

BIH presents an 11-day Tour to Greece & Turkey including a 3-Day Cruise with Tour Host Dr. Randy Furushima

Dates: April 14-24, 2018

For More Info Call Faith Journeys at 1-877-732-4845



Course Registration Form Please print legibly

First time student Update/change information

Rev. / Pastor / Mr. / Mrs. / Miss / Ms. / Dr. (Circle One)

Last Name _____

First Name _____

Best way to reach me is by: (please write in phone number &/or e-mail address)

Phone: home/cell/work _____

E-Mail _____

Address _____

Church Affiliation (if any) _____

Please check all applicable boxes below



Yes! I'm registering with: same contact info as above (if different, fill out separate form)

Name: _____



Yes, I'm interested in the Certificate in Biblical Studies Program

Requesting a Certificate of Completion for:

ACSI Certification

Continuing Education / other: _____

See Schedule of Courses for more details

Course No.	Course Name	Admin Fee*	
		Through 3/27	After 3/27
<input type="checkbox"/> CNS104	One Day at A Time	\$35	\$40
<input type="checkbox"/> OT020	Wise Up: Book of Proverbs 卐	\$35	\$40
<input type="checkbox"/> NT002B	The Book of Acts Pt. 2 卐	\$40	\$45
<input type="checkbox"/> BST204	The Kingdom Come Already 卐	\$40	\$45
<input type="checkbox"/> NT006A	Book of Romans Pt. 1 卐	\$40	\$45
<input type="checkbox"/> CNS201	Intro. to Biblical Counseling 卐	\$40	\$45
<input type="checkbox"/> BTS101	Reading the Bible 卐	\$40	\$45

Total No. of People Registering _____
 Using "Bring a Friend" Discount
 Total Administrative Fee _____
 Optional gift to BIH _____
 TOTAL ENCLOSED _____

Directions: Fill out your name and phone no. and/or email address. One form per person unless you are family and have the same contact info. **First time student:** Fill out your mailing address (and church affiliation). Return completed form and administrative fee to BIH. **Checks payable to BIH.** For more info on How to Register, Schedule of Courses, and **Bring a Friend** discount OR to register online, go to www.biblehawaii.org

Early registration deadline: March 27, 2017



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