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FAITH - A Work of the Word By Randy Stone

IF YOU WERE ASKED WHY YOU STUDY THE BIBLE, HOW WOULD YOU ANSWER? AND HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE THE EFFECT THAT IT HAS HAD ON YOU? These are self-examining questions, helpful to all of us, and we hope our students, past, present and future, will ask themselves these types of questions. What motivates you to study the Word of God and what effect does it have on you?

In John 6:44, Jesus told His detractors in the crowd that if anyone is drawn to Him, it has been accomplished by the power of God. I think the same is true of being drawn to His Word. God has many ways and options for accomplishing the work Paul spoke of in Philippians 2:13 "...for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure." And they are all effective! I'm convinced that it is by God's grace alone that I find myself involved with the church, the Bible, BIH and its mission.

So, if it is God that draws us to His Word, what is the effect of it on our lives? Do you remember the words God spoke through Isaiah, describing the effect His Word will have on those who receive it? "*For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there, but water the earth making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.*" (55:10-11). The Apostle Paul also wrote of the effect God's Word can have on believers in his 2nd letter to Timothy - "... and how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus (3:15). But again - How does having read and studied the Bible manifest itself in us, so that we notice?

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GREECE & TURKEY TOUR

April 14-24, 2018

Ancient Archeological Site of the Basilica in Philippi

BIH'S UNIQUE STUDY TRIP TO GREECE AND TURKEY continues to receive applications with almost 30 people already signed up! There are some spaces left for this once-in-a-lifetime experience of the significant locations in Greece and Turkey that comprise the book of Acts and Paul's letters. We will trace Paul's steps on his missionary journeys and follow the life and growth of the early Christian church. One of the key stops will

be in Philippi (pictured here), which is a UNESCO (*United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization*) World Heritage site. It is here that Paul is accompanied by Silas, Luke and Timothy, and where Lydia (Acts 16:14-15), the purple-dye merchant became the first Christian convert in Europe and where she began her house church. We know that this church was beloved by Paul as evidenced by his remarkable letter to the Philippians.

At each of these sites, we will be led in biblical study and devotion. This is not a tour just to see these exciting sites, but to study God's word in the context of the culture, history, and environment that shaped the writing of Scriptures. Please be in prayer as you consider joining us for this remarkable journey together. We will begin scheduling pre-tour Bible sessions for those who sign up beginning in 2018, so watch for this announcement.

If you are interested in finding out more information about this study experience, please contact Dr. Randy Furushima directly at (808) 371-8591, who will be leading this trip with Dr. Timothy Mullner of Faith Journeys. Please browse the itinerary online at www.myfaithjourneys.com/login and enter Group #18002 for a full brochure. Convince a friend to join you, and you will never regret investing in your own development and deepening of your faith in Christ!



WINTER QUARTER 2018 SCHEDULE OF COURSES

January 9 – March 1, 2018 (6 – 8 week classes)

Please refer to course descriptions for start and end dates. Early Registration deadline is **January 3, 2018**

Tuesday

NT303 Walking in Victory Pastor Rodney Wong

This introductory class will help students understand and tap into the freedom and joy found in Christ. They will study and memorize key Scripture passages on overcoming and perseverance. Each student will draw out a practical action plan, addressing victory over fear, anxiety, addiction, and anger.

This course is 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)
January 9 – February 27, 2018 (8 weeks)
Tuesdays, 6 – 8 pm
O'ahu Community Correctional Center (OCCC)
2199 Kamehameha Highway, Honolulu

 CBS: NT-Letters

NT010 Paul's Epistle to the Ephesians Dr. Bong Ro

Paul emphasizes what God has DONE (Chapters 1-3) for us through Jesus Christ and what we should DO (Chapters 4-6) for God in our Christian life.

Administrative Fee: \$40 / \$45
January 9 – February 27, 2018 (8 weeks)
Tuesdays, 6:30 – 8:30 pm
Korean Christian Church
1832 Liliha St., Honolulu

 CBS: NT-Letters



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

Wednesday

CNS103A Be a Meaningful Disciple Pastor Dale Vallejo-Sanderson and Cheryl Takabayashi-Foo

Skills and Insights for living a deeper life with Christ, others and ourselves

Join us for 8 weeks of applying Biblical truths for emotional and spiritual health in our daily lives. Discover fresh tools that invite God's transforming way into all of our relationships.

Administrative Fee: \$35 / \$40
January 10 – February 28, 2018 (8 weeks)
Wednesdays, 12 – 1 pm
First Hawaiian Tower
26th fl. Conference Rooms
999 Bishop St., Honolulu
(No parking validation available)

BST123 Women of the New Testament and Early Church Dr. Martha Stinton

Meet the many women whom God used to influence and help build the early church. In a world where women lacked equal status with men, you will be inspired by how Christian women represented Christ in their culture, serving as teachers, evangelists, theologians, politicians, artists, and sometimes as martyrs. Their example will encourage you to pursue God's kingdom vision for your life.

Administrative Fee: \$40 / \$45
January 10 – February 14, 2018 (6 weeks)
Wednesdays, 6:30 – 8:30 pm
Makiki Christian Church
(Older Adult Ministry Rm.)
820 Pensacola St., Honolulu

 CBS: Overview: Bible Overview

BST206 The Church and the Spirit of God 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. We will utilize biblical plotlines to introduce you to Systematic Theology. The course will

cover *ecclesiology and pneumatology*. The apostles testified that with the resurrection and ascension of Jesus Christ we are living in the "Last Days". Using the 3 areas of study, this class will flesh out what that means. 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
January 10 – February 28, 2018 (8 weeks)
Wednesdays, 6:30 – 8:30 pm
Community Church of Honolulu
("Makai" Rm.)
2345 Nu'uauu Ave.

 CBS: Overview: Bible Overview

NT023 The Heart of a Disciple & Mentor - A Study of the Book of 1 John Pastor John Honold

One of the privileges of being a Christian is to encourage and enrich other believers by nurturing them in their lifetime calling to be active disciples of Jesus, who in turn disciple others. Our study of 1 John will explore the heart and character of being a Disciple & Mentor. Among our topics will be 1. What does it mean to have "active fellowship" with God? 2. How is my worldview affected by the Kingdom of God? 3. God's perfect love is never restricted by fear. So how does my own hunger to know and to grow in the perfect love of God affect how I view/treat others?

Administrative Fee: \$40 / \$45
January 10 – February 28, 2018 (8 weeks)
Wednesdays, 6:30 – 8:30 pm
Hope Chapel Honolulu
(American Savings Bank Bldg.)
1806 S. King St., 2nd floor, Rm. 24

 CBS: NT-Letters



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.

Thursday

OT026

God's Glory in Exile: The Book of Ezekiel

Dr. Randy Furushima

What is God's message to His people in Exile? How does He reveal Himself to a people whose lives have been changed forever because of their rebellion against God? We will focus on the meaning of the message given to the prophet Ezekiel ("whom God makes strong") through his visions and actions that are filled with vivid literary images. Ezekiel's extraordinary imagination and gift of allegory will ultimately reveal a message of hope and restoration that is significant to our lives today.

Administrative Fee: \$40 / \$45

January 11 - March 1, 2018 (8 weeks)

Thursdays, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

First Chinese Church of Christ (multipurpose room, in the gym)

1054 S. King St., Honolulu

 CBS: OT-Prophets



Cheryl Takabayashi-Foo

Director of Meaningful Discipleship at Wellspring Covenant Church. For the past two years, I've served on staff co-leading classes with Pastor Dale that encourage a lifestyle of emotionally healthy spirituality and meaningful relationships with God and others. I also have a law practice where I specialize in wills, trusts, and probate. More recently, I earned a Masters Degree in Marriage and Family Therapy. I value good relationships, deep conversations, and people. I am grateful for opportunities to serve and help others. Other passions I enjoy: spending time with my husband Nathan, my two children Rylan and Jensen, and my two stepdaughters Bethany and Jessica; good food; good books; a day of rest; and most recently...traveling!



Dr. Randall Furushima

B.A. University of Hawaii; M.Ed., Boston College; Ed.D., Columbia University (New York). President Emeritus and Dean of the Graduate School, Pacific Rim Christian University. Co-chair of the Bible and Practical Theology group of the Society of Biblical Literature.



Pastor John Honold

BSOE Christian Studies, Wayland Baptist University; MA in Christian Ministry; Pacific Rim Christian University.

Associate Pastor, Hope Chapel Kaneohe Bay; Founding and Senior Pastor, Hope Chapel Kapolei; Executive Pastor, One Love Ministries; Founding and Senior Pastor, Journey Church Hawaii. Married to Brenda for 31+ years; father of three adult children; grandfather of two.



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. 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. Bong and Alma have been married for 54+ years, with three adult children and eleven grandchildren.



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.



Dale Vallejo-Sanderson

Senior Pastor of Wellspring Covenant Church which we started with a team, 15 years ago. I served as pastor and

youth pastor in other churches for over 40 years in Hawaii. I received my M.Div. from Fuller Theological Seminary. Bev and I have been married for over 35 years with three sons and daughter-in-law and two wonderful granddaughters. I have a passion for God's church to become genuine, deeply devoted, emotionally and spiritually healthy people who love and serve God and others more freely. I love my family, most people fairly easily, traveling, sharing good coffee and conversations and movies.



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

Fiscal Year Budget - July 2017 thru June 2018.....	\$101,518.00
Total Income - (3 months) July 2017 thru September 2017	\$19,882.00
Total Expenses - (3 months) July 2017 thru September 2017	\$15,364.00
Net Income	\$4,518.00

Along with the good news of having a 'plus' net income of \$4,518.00, we want you to also be expecting our End of Year Appeal letter in the mail a few days from now. In it we are announcing a most hopeful plan for BIH in 2018 that will require your help. Keep us in prayer and join us in expecting His enabling grace to abound!

Do any of you remember Charles Templeton? He was a contemporary and good friend of Rev. Billy Graham. They traveled, preached, roomed and ministered together for a number of years in the 1940's. He slowly lost his faith in God and eventually became an atheist. To sum up the story of his leaving a life with Christ - *he one day told Billy Graham that for him it was simply no longer possible to believe many major biblical accounts; for instance, the biblical account of creation.* A young, energetic, on-fire evangelical, seemingly in the mold of Billy Graham, left the church and became an atheist, citing that he could no longer believe.

When John Stott, rector emeritus of All Souls Church, an evangelical, and David Edwards, liberal church historian, both Anglicans in the Church of England, together wrote the book titled, *'Evangelical Essentials: A Liberal Evangelical Dialogue'*, they agreed the format for the book would be that Edwards pen a critique on six of Stott's published positions on biblical doctrine, and then following each critique Stott would respond. In the section of the book titled *'The Authority of the Scriptures'*, Edwards gave a particularly stinging critique of Stott's widely published views and teaching on the authority of Scripture. Stott, in responding to Edwards' critique, reminded him of how, 500 years earlier, Luther had responded to his antagonist, Erasmus, in a similar circumstance; *"The difference between you and me, Erasmus, is that you sit above Scripture and judge it, while I sit under Scripture and let it judge me.*

Here's where I'm going with this. Templeton, Edwards, even Erasmus, read and understood the same Bible stories that you and I have. However, in the process, the effect it had on them played out void of God and His Spirit. Left with only human intellect to work through the Scriptures, many essential passages became troubling to them, so that eventually they couldn't, or wouldn't, believe. We should always pursue knowing God and understanding His Word and His ways. But

we must remember that there is a realm belonging only to God where human knowledge and understanding will fail us, where faith and belief must stand in for reason.

The writer of Hebrews, in 11:1, perfectly described this for us ... *"Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen."* Friends, this is heavenly information. When we are assured that something we hope for is already ours, we can proceed with an attitude that is impossible otherwise.

There is little benefit to us if our study of the Word means the accumulation of enough knowledge and facts about God, and Creation, and the Trinity, the miracles, and Heaven, and at the end of it we finally decide if we are convinced enough to believe, or not. Rather, like Luther and Stott, we find confidence, peace, and great benefit from being *under* Scripture as we study, becoming secure, assured, and with strengthened faith unaffected by things beyond our understanding. And it is that faith, unaffected by things beyond our understanding, which is the effect that Scripture can have on true believers.

In spite of his apparent intellect and brilliance, I think the Apostle Paul thrived on his faith alone. At the end of Romans 11, in the last four verses, Paul demonstrates to us how, when he had reached the end of his own understanding, he rejoiced in confessing the immeasurable greatness of God!

³³ *Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!*

³⁴ *"For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?"*

³⁵ *"Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?"*

³⁶ *For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.*

Course Registration Form Please print legibly

First time student Update/change information
 Rev. / Pastor / Mr. / Mrs. / Miss / Ms. / Dr. (Circle One) _____
 Last Name _____
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 Best way to reach me is by: (please write in phone number &/or e-mail address)
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 Church Affiliation (if any) _____

Please check all applicable boxes below
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Name: _____
 Yes, I'm interested in the Certificate in Biblical Studies Program
 Requesting a Certificate of Completion for:
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 Continuing Education / other: _____

See Schedule of Courses for more details

Course No.	Course Name	Admin Fee*	
		Through 1/3	After 1/3
<input type="checkbox"/> NT303	Walking in Victory 🕊️	\$35	\$40
<input type="checkbox"/> NT010	Paul's Epistle to the Ephesians 🕊️	\$40	\$45
<input type="checkbox"/> CNS103A	Be a Meaningful Disciple	\$35	\$40
<input type="checkbox"/> BST123	Women of the New Testament	\$40	\$45
<input type="checkbox"/> BST206	The Church and the Spirit of God 🕊️	\$40	\$45
<input type="checkbox"/> NT023	The Heart of a Disciple & Mentor 🕊️	\$40	\$45
<input type="checkbox"/> OT026	God's Glory in Exile 🕊️	\$40	\$45

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 Total Administrative Fee _____
 Optional gift to BIH _____
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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

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