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LISTEN WITH OUR HEARTS

by Dr. Randy Furushima, BIH Executive Director

The book of Nehemiah tells us what happened on October 8, 445 B.C. in Jerusalem. In case your memory needs jogging, this was the auspicious day when the scribe and priest Ezra began to read to all the people the Book of the Law of Moses (Nehemiah 8:1-12). Men, women, and children gathered in front of a large podium constructed for the purpose of reading the Bible in public for six hours, from daybreak to noon. And "all the people listened closely to the Book of the Law" (8:3). It was a time of celebration because the Temple had been rebuilt and the walls of Jerusalem repaired after the exiles returned. This is an inspiring scene. But what we overlook is what was the actual result of this reading and hearing of God's Word. The act of reading and hearing the Bible is a powerful experience that reaches our mind and heart. But Scripture calls us to a deeper listening than just hearing with our ears – we need to hear and listen closely with our hearts. When we do this, our lives will be different, changed, and even transformed.

The result of all the people listening to the Word of God that Ezra read that day led them to an immediate and momentous decision. On the very next day, October 9th, everyone "met with Ezra the scribe to go over the Law in greater detail" (8:13, NLT). The result of our hearing God's Word is that we want to hear it again, in more detail and with a deeper understanding. It is not enough for those of us who consider ourselves disciples of Jesus Christ to simply give God's Word a superficial and initial reading. While this is important, the effect is limited. A first reading answers the question, "What does it say?" But a second and third reading answers the question, "What does it mean?" So the post-exilic people who were part of rebuilding and restoring Jerusalem's Temple and city walls wanted the answer to what the Scriptures meant. They had already started to listen with their hearts.

When "they studied the Law" (8:14) for its meaning, they concluded that they needed to keep observing the Festival of Booths (Tabernacles) held that month. This was a festival to remind the people of God's faithfulness after their exodus from Egypt and their years in the wilderness where God kept them in their own shelters (booths). This is what God's Word does for us, too. Scripture reminds us of who God is – and of God's faithfulness. As we continue to live in this time of pandemic and varying degrees of shutdown in our world, we are reminded of God's faithfulness to keep us where God has called us to be. No matter where we are or in what condition we find ourselves, we live to praise and honor God, who loves us. The people of Israel consistently forgot the faithfulness of God. When we forget what God has meant for us in the past, we fail to anticipate what God can be for us in the future.

God has been faithful to BIH in these months of the pandemic, guiding us where adjustments were needed to continue our mission. We have a solid and growing number of participants in our online Zoom classes which we will continue to offer as we seek God's answer as to the timing of resumed physical class sites. We all certainly miss being with you in-person at our usual teaching sites in churches and elsewhere. Nevertheless, God has made it possible for the Bible to continue being taught, read, and understood through an online presence. We thank you and we appreciate you for considering the new courses shown here in the Winter Quarter Newsletter. We continue to learn how to best carry on the ministry of Ezra in bringing God's Word to all of Hawai'i. Thank you for your journey with us.

Keep strong and deep in God's Word.





WINTER QUARTER 2021 SCHEDULE OF COURSES

January 19 – March 22, 2021
(8 weeks)




All classes Zoom online

No Bring-a-Friend Discount
Mail-in Registrations
Postmarked by January 11
\$40-\$45 per household

Monday


BTS301 Who Is Jesus? Dr. Matt Sanders

This course will look at what the Bible tells us about who Jesus is. How can He be all God and all man? What did He accomplish in taking on flesh, living among us, dying for us, and rising from the dead? We will study the biblical foundation for some of the church's most important beliefs.

Administrative Fee:
\$40 per household
January 25 – March 22, 2021
(8 weeks; except 2/15)
Mondays, 7:00 – 8:30 pm
Zoom Online
 CBS: Gospels

BTS350 The 100 Great Events of the Pentateuch Mr. Gary Lau


You've read about the people, places, and events: Abraham, Noah, and Moses; Canaan, Egypt, and the wilderness; the Flood, the Exodus, and the wanderings... but how do they all fit together? Learn the 100 great events of the Pentateuch to understand the grand storyline from Genesis to Deuteronomy, the geography of the land, and how the events point to Jesus Christ.

Administrative Fee:
\$45 per household
(Registration includes downloadable workbook)
January 25 – March 15, 2021
(8 weeks)
Mondays, 6:30 – 8:00 pm
Zoom Online
 CBS: OT-Historical Books

Tuesday

NT003 The Gospel of Mark: Christology & Discipleship Pastor Todd Capen


Who is Jesus and who do you perceive yourself to be? These two questions will frame an exciting study in Mark's Gospel. Participants will see the teaching and miracles of Jesus through the lens of what the disciples saw. Participants will be provided a guide to the course content. This course offers the hope of a richer understanding of the kingdom, which was the central message of Jesus.

Administrative Fee:
\$40 per household
January 19 – March 9, 2021 (8 weeks)
Tuesdays, 7:00 – 8:30 pm
Zoom Online
 CBS: Gospels

Wednesday

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 per household
January 20 – March 10, 2021
(8 weeks)
Wednesdays, 7:00 – 8:30 pm
Zoom Online
 CBS: OT-Prophetic Book

Thursday

GRK101 Elementary Greek Reading Mr. James Kwong

This eight-week class will introduce the student to *Koine Greek*, the original language of the New Testament. Students will gain a new perspective in biblical study through exposure to Greek vocabulary and grammar basics in order to read the week's selected Bible passage(s). Suggested weekly homework time: 30 - 45 minutes reviewing vocabulary words. **No previous language study or textbook required.**


Administrative Fee:
\$40 per household
January 21 – March 11, 2021
(8 weeks)
Thursdays, 7:00 – 8:30 pm
Zoom Online
 CBS: Skills



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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.

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

Course Registration Form Please print legibly

See Schedule of Courses for more details

☐ 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 interested in the Certificate in Biblical Studies Program

☐ Requesting a Certificate of Completion for:

☐ ACSI Certification

☐ Continuing Education / other: _____

Course No.	Course Name	Admin Fee
<input type="checkbox"/> BTS301	Who Is Jesus?	\$40
<input type="checkbox"/> BTS350	The 100 Great Events of the Pentateuch	\$45
<input type="checkbox"/> NT003	The Gospel of Mark	\$40
<input type="checkbox"/> OT026	God's Glory in Exile: Ezekiel	\$40
<input type="checkbox"/> GRK101	Elementary Greek Reading	\$40

Total No. of People Registering _____

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 and Schedule of Courses OR to register online, go to www.biblehawaii.org

Mail-in Registrations Postmarked by January 11



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**Winter
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Dr. Randall Furushima

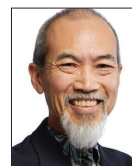
B.A. University of Hawaii; M.Ed., Boston College; Ed.D., Columbia University (New York). President Emeritus and Co-founder of Pacific Rim Christian University. Former Associate Conference Minister of the Hawaii Conference United Church of Christ. Member of the Society of Biblical Literature, Evangelical Theological Society, and Foursquare Scholars Fellowship.



Mr. James Kwong

B.A. Mathematics, the University of Hawaii at Manoa; M.Div. Pastoral/General, Talbot School of Theology. Ministry experi-

ences 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 Kalihi Union Church.



Mr. Gary Lau

is the creator of the Learn the Bible Fast methodology. He has been a National Instructor for Walk Thru the Bible Ministries, teaching pastor for New Hope Central Oahu, and Executive Dean and Adjunct Faculty with Pacific Rim Christian University. Gary has a B.A. from the University of Hawaii and an M.Div. from King's Seminary.



Dr. Matt Sanders

is the lead pastor at Waialae Baptist Church. He was a professor at The College at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Matt

and his wife, Cheryl, grew up in Hawaii and lived most of their lives here. They have three daughters, Kiyomi, Ariel, and Keiko. Matt has a B.A. from the University of Hawaii, an M.A. in Theology from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, and a Ph.D. in theology from the University of St. Andrews in Scotland.





Bible Institute of Hawaii Financial News Update

Fiscal Year Budget	
- July 2020 thru June 2021	\$82,456.00
Total Income	
- July 2020 thru October 2020	\$36,548.00
Total Expenses	
- July 2020 thru October 2020	<u>\$26,406.00</u>
Net Income (Loss)	\$10,142.00

A net gain for the period July 2020 thru October 2020 has been recorded. The gain is realized through generous donations and a successful Foodland Matching Donation Program.

We humbly ask for your continued prayers and financial support for a positive financial trend for this fiscal year.

Sincere thanks to all of you.

