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"GO INTO ALL THE WORLD"

"... and preach the gospel to all creation."

Mark 16:15 (NIV)



BIH Certificate Program Empowering People on Mission

By Joanne Naai

In 2010, Sharon Dumas took her first BIH class, held at First Baptist Church of Honolulu (FBCH). It was the Gospel of John taught by Brad Smith, now-retired BIH faculty member and pastor. That first experience has led to over ten years of BIH classes integrating lifelong learning and ministering.

Sharon has taken Jesus' command to heart, having visited 25 countries, many of these as part of a missions team sent out from FBCH, her home church. Were it not for the current Covid-19 pandemic which led to worldwide travel restrictions, this number would undoubtedly have been higher. The silver lining for Sharon, however, is that she has had more time at home to take BIH classes, and is set to receive her Certificate in Biblical Studies from BIH in April. (See page 4 for Certificate requirements.)

Sharon arrived in Hawaii in 1969, armed with a bachelor's and master's degree, the latter from DePauw University in Indiana. She quickly joined FBCH at the suggestion of her soon-to-be-husband, Homer. Now retired, she taught social studies, Hawaiian studies, French and Spanish for years while raising their two children and becoming more and more active at church. At FBCH, she served on the Diaconate Board and as a Sunday school teacher and Superintendent. She is currently the church historian and Director of Missions, and even volunteers on the Sunday tech and music teams. "God has ways of taking me out of my comfort zone!" she jokes.

A love of languages led Sharon to study Hebrew at the University of Hawaii and at BIH with Yamit (McCormick) Slater. After studying with Yamit, Sharon went on a life-changing trip to Israel to minister to Holocaust victims. To top off an already surreal experience in the Holy Land, she was baptized in the Jordan River, where she sang in Hebrew.



Dedication of Burundi's Urukundo (love) Church and Community Center in Central Africa



Singing in Hebrew at the Jordan River at her Baptism by Dr. George Rhodes



Sharon and Foster Children at Jireh Home in Malaysia

What made Sharon decide to work toward the Certificate in Biblical Studies? "Why not? I like studying the Bible. And you get more out of class if you do the homework!" The Certificate has also provided her with teaching opportunities. After taking an Ezra & Nehemiah class, she taught a midweek Bible study at her church. She also shared what she had learned in a course on Spiritual Disciplines via a Zoom class on Contemplative Bible Study. After she receives her Certificate, she plans to continue taking classes. "BIH has good teachers who know the Word and have a fresh outlook."

Other plans include more missions trips. Sharon's eyes light up as she remembers a trip to Musinga, Burundi, where the team helped fund the building of a new sanctuary and provide clean water, goats, and bikes for pastors. Nicaragua, Thailand, Myanmar, Indonesia and Malaysia have provided other extended ministry opportunities. We can't wait to see what's next for this mission-hearted disciple.

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SPRING QUARTER 2021 SCHEDULE OF COURSES

April 12 – June 28, 2021 (6 – 8 weeks)

Monday

BST205

What the Bible Teaches About Humanity and The Church

Dr. Matt Sanders

The Bible has much to say about who we are, who we were intended to be, and who we can be. This course will address these questions and then look at what the Bible teaches about what the church is and God's purpose for it.

Administrative Fee: \$40 per household
April 12 – June 7 (8 weeks, except 5/31)

Mondays, 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Zoom Online



CBS: Theology

NT010

Ephesians: Foundations of Discipleship in a Hostile Culture

Pastor Ty Tamasaka

In his letter to the Ephesians, Paul the Apostle gives encouragement and instruction to a group of disciples in a culture overwhelmingly hostile toward Christians. He calls them first to understand their identity in Christ, then reveals truths for living out their new identity.

In this course we will journey with Paul the Apostle and discover our *Christian doctrines* (what we believe) about God's great grace and our identity in Christ in Ephesians 1-3, followed by our *Christian duty* (how we live) including powerful lessons on Christian living including marriage, family, work, and spiritual warfare in Ephesians 4-6.


Administrative Fee: \$40 per household
April 12 – May 17, 2021 (6 weeks)

Mondays 7:00 – 8:30 pm

Zoom online



CBS: NT Letters

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

BTS102

The Great Events of the Bible Series - Old Testament History

Mr. Gary Lau

You've read about the people, places, and events: Joshua, Samson, and David; Israel, Judah, and Babylonia; the Conquest, the Exile, the Return...but how do they all fit together? Learn the 100 great events of Old Testament History to understand the grand storyline from Joshua to Malachi, the geography of the land, and how the events point to Jesus Christ.

Administrative Fee: \$45 per household
(Registration includes downloadable workbook)

May 10 – June 28, 2021 (8 weeks)

Mondays, 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Zoom Online



CBS: OT Historical Books or OT Survey

Tuesday

OT001

Genesis: In the Beginning

Dr. Rick Stinton

Genesis is the foundational book of the Bible. It reveals who God is, who you are, and what the purpose of your life is. It's the "seed-plot of Scripture": every major doctrine of the Bible finds its roots in Genesis. Most importantly, the book introduces you to the Lord Jesus Christ. Join us on the journey through this amazing book of the Bible!

Administrative Fee: \$40 per household
April 13 – June 1, 2021 (8 weeks)

Tuesdays, 7:00 – 8:30 pm

Zoom Online



CBS: OT - Pentateuch



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.



All classes Zoom online

No Bring-a-Friend Discount

Mail-in Registrations

Postmarked by April 5

\$15 – \$45 per household

Thursday

BTS132

How People Change

Pastor Todd Capen

This course will explore living out our identity in Christ and provide the biblical vision for how one grows as a Christian. Participants will be renewed in hope and see more clearly the resources of God's grace for daily living.

Administrative Fee: \$40 per household
April 15 – June 3, 2021 (8 weeks)

Thursdays, 7:00 – 8:30 pm

Zoom Online



CBS: Skills

SEM201

One-Day Seminar "For Women Only"

The Uniqueness of Being Woman: What God's Word says about Identity and Relationships

Dr. Martha Stinton

Why does the creation account about male and female matter? What does biblical marriage really look like? Can I use my leadership gifts in the church? We'll answer these questions and many more as we discover what Scripture says about women in relationship to family, church and ministry.

Administrative Fee:

\$15 per household

Saturday, May 22, 2021

(one-day only)

9:00 – 12:30 pm

Zoom Online



**ONE DAY
SEMINAR**

Summer Quarter Sneak Peek

GRK102 Elementary Greek Reading Part 2

Mr. James Kwong

July 15 – Sept 2, 2021 (8 weeks)

Thursdays, 7:00 – 8:30 pm

Zoom Online



Spring 2021 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.



Mr. Gary Lau

B.A., University of Hawaii; M.Div., King's Seminary. 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 and BIH Adjunct Faculty.



Dr. Matt Sanders

B.A., University of Hawaii; M.A., Theology, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary; Ph.D. Theology, University of St. Andrews in Scotland. 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.



Dr. Martha Stinton

B.A., Northern Arizona University; M.A., Dallas Theological Seminary; D.Min., Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. Pastors with her

husband, Dr. Rick Stinton at New Hope Kailua. Served as Dean of Faculty at Pacific Rim Christian University. Adjunct faculty at Pacific Rim Christian University and BIH.



Dr. Rick Stinton

B.S. and B.Ed., University of Calgary; Th.M.; D.Min., Dallas Theological Seminary. Senior Pastor at New Hope Kailua, which was planted in 2007

along with his wife, Dr. Martha Stinton. He is also on the faculty at Pacific Rim Christian University and BIH adjunct faculty.



Pastor Ty Tamasaka

B.A. Psychology and Religious Studies, University of Hawaii at Hilo; M.A. Christian Ministry, Pacific Rim Christian University. In addition to

having served as a Lead Pastor, Youth Pastor, and Teaching Pastor, in Hilo and Honolulu, Ty serves as Teaching Faculty for Pacific Rim Christian University and has authored two books: *Starting Fresh: Following Jesus on the Adventure of a Lifetime* and *More than a Conqueror: 5 Pathways to Personal Revival*.



**SPRING
2021**

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 interested in the Certificate in Biblical Studies Program

☐ Requesting a Certificate of Completion for:

☐ ACSI Certification

☐ Continuing Education / other: _____

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 April 5

See Schedule of Courses for more details

| Course No. | Course Name | Admin Fee |
|---------------------------------|---|-----------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> BTS205 | What the Bible Teaches About Humanity 🕊️ | \$40 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NT010 | Ephesians: Foundations of Discipleship 🕊️ | \$40 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BTS102 | The Great Events of the Bible Series 🕊️ | \$45 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> OT001 | Genesis: In the Beginning 🕊️ | \$40 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BTS132 | How People Change 🕊️ | \$40 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SEM201 | One-Day Seminar "For Women Only" | \$15 |

Total No. of Households Registering _____

Total Administrative Fee _____

Optional gift to BIH _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED _____



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The Certificate in Biblical Studies (CBS)

aims at making you a competent, knowledgeable student of the Word of God and a more faithful disciple of the One who is central to that Word: Jesus Christ.

Requirements include the completion of 12 courses from four categories:

- **Overview Courses (Choose 2)** Bible Overview, Old or New Testament Survey, and Theology.
- **Old Testament Courses (3)** A Historical, Prophetic, Wisdom, and Poetic Literature Books.
- **New Testament Courses (5)** A Gospel, Book of Acts, an Epistle, and the Book of Revelation.
- **Skills Courses (2)** "How to ..." (type classes) listing a few examples: Discipleship, Evangelism, Worship, Spiritual Leadership, and Spiritual Disciplines.

Email Rodney@biblehawaii.org for more information

ZOOMing in on the WORD

By Rodney Wong

In Colossians 4:3, the Apostle Paul writes, "...pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains." (NIV)

As the lockdown slowly releases its restrictive grip, the people of Hawaii begin to exhale...cautiously. Without a doubt, welcome news! Timely, considering the church's much-needed ministries to our Islands. But prayerfully, the pandemic has revealed a fresh perspective on our stewarding of the Lord's work.

Today, we are all recipients of Paul's persevering ministry. The mission through his work flourished, despite his imprisonment. With limited freedom and physical restrictions, his ministry could have sidelined quickly. Instead, he prayed and called on others to do the same for an *open door*, not to his prison cell but for the Gospel. Unable to reach out in person, he reached out for quill and parchment, or dictated to his *amanuensis* (professional scribe) the Word of the Lord. His mission remained relentless and unfazed by his restrictive physical chains.

Last year, with growing concerns over the pandemic, BIH's mission likewise could have been sidelined. Instead, the unexpected hurdle presented an open door for BIH's ministry to expand beyond its usual scope through virtual means. New class registrations and visitors came as far as Japan, Canada, the South Pacific Islands, and the US mainland. The at-home format was also inviting to those on-the-go or simply homebound. There were new faces to BIH, as well as familiar ones from years past.

Delightfully, even teenagers found their way to our BIH family, experiencing the full impact of God's Word when taught diligently. One student, Ocean Nakamitsu, a junior at the Kamehameha Schools, recently trusted Christ as his Savior and Lord. Ocean learned the Gospel message through friends Josiah Wong (junior at Kamehameha Schools) and Tadashi Enne (senior at Waipahu High School). These boys met virtually for encouragement and Bible reading. That commitment would eventually lead to



Bible Institute of Hawaii Financial News Update

Fiscal Year Budget

- July 2020 thru June 2021 \$82,456.00

Total Income

- July 2020 thru January 2021 \$69,551.00

Total Expenses

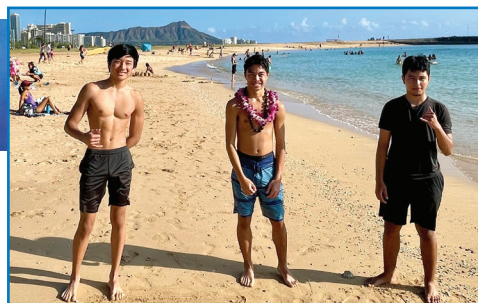
- July 2020 thru January 2021 \$50,218.00

Net Income (Loss) \$19,333.00

A net gain for the above fiscal period has been recorded. The gain is realized through generous donations and the management of minimizing expenses.

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.



Magic Island Baptism
- Teens: Josiah, Ocean,
and Tadashi



Mom (left) watching her son get baptized

Ocean's decision to follow Christ in faith. These young men persevered through pages, chapters, and books of the Bible. To strengthen their study, they attended several BIH classes, helping foster Ocean's first steps as a new believer.

On January 17, 2021, Ocean was baptized in the... "ahem"...water! (I am showing restraint to avoid the collective groans). Public park restrictions were still in force; however, this did not deter the baptism celebration. Many witnessed this joyous occasion. Participants "zoom-ed" in live to see this surreal moment for a new follower of Christ, including his parents and supportive BIH classmates from, "The Heart of Spiritual Disciplines" class.

Evidenced by these teens, along with countless stories just this past year; the Gospel in unanticipated ways continues through the discovery of open doors. Moving forward, BIH continues to uphold God's Word in highest regard and steward it to others through faithful, sound biblical teaching. Would you commit to praying for this ministry and others like it? Would you also commit to reading the Holy Bible, personally and in community with other believers? To help, why not study with us this spring!