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## Important BIH Announcement



### WHAT IS THE BIBLE?

Dr. Randy Furushima,  
BIH Executive Director

In 2020 a study was conducted to discover the top theological questions people ask on Google. "What is the Bible?" came in 1st, at 823,000 times a month. Second was "What is salvation?" at 201,000 times a month. Thus, there appears to be four times more interest in knowing the Bible than in discovering what salvation means. For Christians, these are not separate topics, since we learn of our salvation and personal faith in Jesus Christ through what the Bible reveals. But for the average person today, the Bible remains a book about which people are curious. Interest in Jesus increased to 1.83 million searches a month in 2020, up from 1.5 million in 2019. These numbers from Google are not to be considered as definitive insights into the spiritual life of people. Yet it does reflect the spiritual curiosity of people, religious or not. Might it also indicate a yearning to seek answers beyond what we receive through the myriad of media sources today? Are people searching for a deeper life in God as revealed in Holy Scripture? Or do they simply want to know more about what God has to say to us today, just as God spoke in the past through prophets and saints of old?

All these thoughts are relevant to the mission of Bible Institute of Hawai'i. In the three years I have served as Executive Director, I have been most impressed by the singular and focused mission of BIH to teach the Bible in partnership with Christian churches in Hawai'i. Beginning in July BIH will welcome a new Executive Director who will lead BIH into the future. My commitment to BIH was agreed to be for three years (2018-2021). During this time, we have had significant progress in advancing the mission of BIH through two Hawai'i Bible Conferences, "IN THE WORD: Encounter, Empower & Enrich," held at the Kroc Center in 2019 and 2020. (Due to COVID-19 there was no conference in 2021.) We also began offering classes online through Zoom due to pandemic restrictions that prevented us from meeting in-person. I believe God has blessed us through this season by providing students, faculty, and resources that allowed us to maintain our vision during even the most challenging of times.

Another grace of God is that we have had an overwhelming response to the BIH Study Tour of Greece and Turkey, covering the seven churches of Revelation and the steps of the Apostle Paul. Originally scheduled for the fall of 2021, this trip has been rescheduled for April 28 – May 14, 2022, a safer time to travel internationally. More information will be forthcoming for those interested in this trip.

I leave my position at BIH with gratitude for everyone who has supported BIH. We count on your support in the future so that we can be present to answer the question, "What is the Bible?" for the many who seek such answers. Personally, I hope to continue teaching classes at BIH so that together we can be faithful in bringing God's Word to enrich and encourage all people. Thank you for all that you mean to us at BIH as we work to fulfill God's mission in Hawai'i.

### AS TO THE FUTURE ..... A Message from the Board

The BIH Board of Directors learned in February that Dr. Randy Furushima would be resigning his position as Executive Director at the end of his 3rd year of service with us, and as you have just learned, that third year ends on June 30, a few days from now. In July 2018, Randy came to work at BIH following lots of prayer, and in a short while, our prayers will follow him as he continues His excellent work for the Lord. It gives us comfort knowing that Randy will continue as an adjunct faculty member for BIH teaching Bible classes as often as he is able.

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Sharon Dumas awarded BIH CBS Certificate at First Baptist Church of Honolulu Service - June 6, 2021  
Rodney Wong, Sharon Dumas, Randy Stone, and Pastor Barry Lovett



# SUMMER QUARTER 2021 SCHEDULE OF COURSES

July 12 – September 2, 2021  
(6 – 8 weeks)



All classes Zoom online

Register online at [www.biblehawaii.org](http://www.biblehawaii.org)  
Mail-in Registrations Postmarked by July 6  
\$15 – \$45 per household

## Monday

**NT218**

### **The Great Events of the Bible: The Life of Jesus**

**Mr. Gary Lau**

You've read about the people, places, and events: Lazarus, the disciples, Pilate; Sychar, the Temple, Galilee; the Sermon on the Mount, the Transfiguration, the Last Supper...but how do they all fit together? Learn the 100 great events of the life of Jesus to understand the grand storyline of the Gospels, the geography of the land, and how Jesus fulfilled Old Testament prophecies about the Messiah.

**Administrative Fee:**

**\$45 per household**

(Registration includes downloadable workbook)

**July 12 – August 30, 2021 (8 weeks)**

**Mondays, 6:30 – 8:00 pm**

**Zoom Online**

 *CBS: NT Gospels*

**BST302**

### **The Holy Spirit, the Christian Life, and the End of the World**

**Dr. Matt Sanders**

In this course, we will look at what the Bible teaches about the Holy Spirit, how we should live as Christians, and God's ultimate plan for this world. Topics will include the roles and gifts of the Spirit, the Christian relationship to the world and each other, and end time prophecies.

**Administrative Fee:**

**\$40 per household**

**July 12 – August 30, 2021 (8 weeks)**

**Mondays, 7:00 – 8:30 pm (7:30 – 9:00 pm on 8/6 only)**

**Zoom Online**

 *CBS: Theology*

## Tuesday

**BST116**

### **40 Days of God's Kingdom**

**Dr. Rick Stinton**

For 40 days after Jesus rose from the dead, he taught his disciples one thing: the Kingdom of God (Acts 1:3). What does this Kingdom look like? This course leads you on a journey of discovery from Genesis to Revelation. It invites you to walk closely with King Jesus and shows you how to live in Christ's Kingdom today.

**Administrative Fee:**

**\$35 per household**

**July 13 – August 17, 2021 (6 weeks)**

**Tuesdays, 7:00 – 8:30 pm**

**Zoom Online**

 *CBS: Bible Survey*

## Thursday

**CLV311**

### **Hermeneutics: How to Study the Bible**

**Dr. James Kwong**

Through the study of genre, thematic structure, and biblical backgrounds, the student will learn to approach a passage from the Bible and derive the author's intent for that passage to his audience, generalize biblical principles from it, and apply these principles to today's life where appropriate. Each week's class will examine a different genre of Scripture and require participation through readings, homework, and discussion. **Required Book: "Playing with Fire" by Walt Russell** (order on Amazon or other).



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

**Administrative Fee:**

**\$35 per household**

**July 15 – September 2, 2021 (6 weeks)**

**Thursdays, 7:00 – 8:30 pm**

**Zoom Online**

 *CBS: Skills*

**BTS133**

### **Adoption: Living as Sons and Daughters**

**Pastor Todd Capen**

Are you guilt-ridden? Under a constant burden to be better? The course will explore how we underestimate the saving power and glory of the cross. In light of the cross, a key goal will be to learn to rely upon the love of Christ. Another goal will be to love like Christ loved.

**Administrative Fee:**

**\$40 per household**

**July 15 – September 2, 2021 (8 weeks)**

**Thursdays, 7:00 – 8:30 pm**

**Zoom Online**

 *CBS: Skills*



# SUMMER 2021



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.

**SEM201**  
**One-Day Seminar**  
**"For Women Only"**

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

**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 will 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**  
**August 28, 2021 (one-day only)**  
**Saturday, 9:00 – 12:30 pm**  
**Zoom Online**



**Summer 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

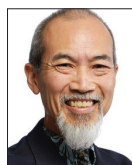
pastor, Trinity Presbyterian Church, Kailua. BIH adjunct faculty since 2008.



**Dr. James Kwong**

B.A. Mathematics, the University of Hawaii at Manoa; M.Div. Pastoral/General, Talbot School of Theology; D.Min. 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 Kalihi Union Church.



**Mr. Gary Lau**

B.A., University of Hawaii; M.Div., King's Seminary. Creator of 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.



**Bible Institute of Hawaii Financial News Update**

**Fiscal Year Budget**

- July 2020 thru June 2021 ..... **\$82,456.00**

**Total Income**

- July 2020 thru April 2021 ..... **\$81,084.00**

**Total Expenses**

- July 2020 thru April 2021 ..... **\$72,644.00**

**Net Income (Loss) ..... \$8,440.00**

A net gain during the 10 months of the fiscal period has been recorded. The gain is the result of generous donations and the implementation of cost containment measures for 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.



**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.



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In moving forward and securing our future with the Executive Director position is the good news that our current and longtime Faculty Administrator, Rodney Wong, will step up and fill the position as the next Executive Director for the Bible Institute. He will officially begin work as ED for BIH on July 1st, and will continue to serve in his current position as well. We are determined to not overwork Rodney though, and will be adding staff to support him to ensure that does not happen.

Rodney was our first choice to succeed Randy as our Executive Director, so his acceptance of the position has been a blessing and confirmation of God's amazing grace. As a Board, we are looking forward to Rodney's leadership in the work of BIH, where his happy energy and love of the Lord have already been making an impact on the Christian community in Oahu for a number of years. You will hear more about Rodney in our next Newsletter. God bless and stay tuned!



Commencement Ceremony, James S. Kwong, Doctor of Ministry, Talbot School of Theology at Biola University - May 7, 2021



Dr. James and wife, Aya Kwong

## 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](http://www.biblehawaii.org)

**Mail-in Registrations Postmarked by July 6**

See Schedule of Courses for more details

Course No.	Course Name	Admin Fee
<input type="checkbox"/> NT218	The Great Events of the Bible 🕊	\$45
<input type="checkbox"/> BST302	The Holy Spirit, the Christian Life 🕊	\$40
<input type="checkbox"/> BTS116	40 Days of God's Kingdom 🕊	\$35
<input type="checkbox"/> CLV311	Hermeneutics: How to Study the Bible 🕊	\$35
<input type="checkbox"/> BTS133	Adoption: Living as Sons and Daughters 🕊	\$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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