BTS is a non-profit Alabama corporation and an independent, Reformed evangelical seminary.
I started pursuing a seminary degree at BTS in 2005, right after I was hired by a church. Although I grew up in a home where Christ and church were important, that had not fully translated to my life until I was twenty-four. For years, I thought I could be good enough for God to accept me rather than having to solely trust in our Lord Jesus Christ to save me and sustain me. And that concept floated a little while until I got a full dose of the depth of my sin and my inability to merit salvation. Once this hit me, I went running to Jesus’ solution to my sinful situation.

This embarked me on an adventure of faith where I was able to experience spiritual growth, additional friendships, and opportunities to serve. But I was still looking for that life purpose or unique niche that the Lord had fashioned me for. At the time I became a Christian, I had just begun a graduate degree in counseling; therefore I finished it and went into my field of study with a secular organization. I found that I was wanting for more. That’s when I started praying through the possibility of working in pastoral ministry. God clearly opened the path in unexpected ways: I truly had no idea that it was going to take me 13 years and much sweat and a few tears to make it through seminary. I had no idea what the Lord had in store for me and how He was going to shape and mold me through this process.

You see, seminary training at BTS is so unique and such a blessing. We are non-traditional students, which is a fancy way of saying we work and go to school. What’s challenging about this set up is obvious, but I would be remiss to focus on that and not the blessings which far outweigh the challenges at BTS. What’s so wonderful about BTS, besides the inexpensive tuition, Irene’s reminder letters and the free bumper stickers is the overall support system that is in place. Our professors, the seminary’s staff, and fellow students all come together to help us fulfill the calling that the Lord lays on our hearts. Not only that, but the chance to be able to experience ups and downs with these people as we do work, family, ministry and school together. What a ride, what a blessing!

My take away from seminary is that it is not an academic exercise. No, you will learn, but BTS did more than teach me. It has been a tool that the Holy Spirit has used to equip me and many others for the work of God Kingdom.
A Lifetime of Learning
Hyung Sub Han

I entered BTS in 2009, and I finally graduated in May with an M.Div. It is a great honor and privilege.

I could not have completed my M.Div without the help, encouragement, and support of many others. First, I am thankful for my wife, Minjung, who graciously supported and encouraged me throughout my studies. She sacrificed much to allow me to complete this program. Second, I am thankful for my wonderful children for their encouragement, patience, and love. They came to America and struggled to settle down, but never complained and did everything very well.

Third, I owe a greater debt than I can pay to Dr. Thad James and Dr. Michael Reese. I could not have entered the Doctoral Program at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary without Dr. James’ great help. Dr. Reese taught my preaching classes at BTS. He has greatly influenced my next choice of study, expository preaching. I am indebted to them for their wisdom and guidance over these years. Fourth, I am thankful for the BTS staff and faculty. The professors at BTS exposed me to Reformed Theology. It was a revelation to me. I have never read the Bible in the same way again. Through their teachings I learned to love my Lord God with all my heart and with all my soul and with all my mind. And I have to thank BTS staff members. I am a foreigner and I am still very poor at English. Nonetheless, every time I came to the BTS Office, I was always welcomed. They never once told me “No” and they kindly helped me solve all the difficulties in America. They have always been a shining example to me of what it looks like to be faithful to neighbors and God’s church.

The BTS Staff and Faculty have showed me Jesus from the day I entered this school and God has used them to encourage my faith, grow me in Christ-likeness, and encourage me in the gospel. Finally, I want to thank God. Without His amazing grace I can do nothing. It was only by His grace that I have the strength to complete this course. Therefore, to Him be all the glory.
FALL SEMESTER: September 4 - December 14
Drop/Add Period Ends: September 14
Fall Break: October 8-12 • No classes Thursday or Friday November 21-23 for Thanksgiving
Walk-Through Nativity dates: December 5-7 No classes at Briarwood

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(1) BC7501 Intro to Biblical Counseling is a prerequisite for all counseling courses except BC7630 and BC7502.
(2) PT55223 Ministry of the Word I is interchangeable with PT5722 Expository Preaching I.
(3) VBC: BC7505 meets at Valleydale Baptist Church (2324 Valleydale Road /Birmingham 35244). Class will begin September 12 and end December 12.
(4) ST3550 Bible Interpretation is a prerequisite for BC7606 Using the Bible in Counseling.
(5) OT8791 is offered as a tuition-free class for new students or students who have been inactive for two years or more. Please contact the seminary office for details.
(6) PT5537 Personal Evangelism - Seminary students must also register with the Briarwood Evangelism Ministry. Contact Leigh Ann Reese at lreese@briarwood.org or 205-776-5301.
(7) All Master of Arts in Ministry and Master of Arts in Apologetics students seeking to graduate in May 2019 are required to take PT7802 Clinical Research Development this semester.
(8) Logos Bible Software Training Seminar is free to BTS students and graduates. You must register in advance and have the Logos Software loaded on your laptop to participate.

V/C - These classes are also offered via video conference.
Extension campus students are encouraged to take advantage of these classes. There is a $25 fee.

*Old Testament I-III, New Testament I-II, and Systematic Theology I-VI do not have to be taken in any particular order.
Calhoun County:
Anniston Bible Church- 3230 Coleman Rd. Anniston, AL. 36207
Extension Coordinator: Dennis Bradford- 202-821-7409/anniston@bts.education

OT1511 Beginning Hebrew I Dr. Stephen Schrader Mon 5:30-7:30pm
AP8532 Contemporary Cults Dr. Vic Minish Mon 7:30-9:30pm
BC7501 Introduction to Biblical Counseling Rev. Brown & St. John Thu 5:30-7:30pm

Demopolis:
Christian Chapel Baptist Church- 500 W Decatur St.
Extension Coordinator: Albert Jackson- 205-496-4133/demopolis@bts.education

PT5527 Communications Rev. Major Burrell Tues 5:30-7:30pm
PT5637 Personal Evangelism Rev. Major Burrell Tues 7:30-9:30pm
OT1021 Old Testament I (Genesis-Ruth) * Rev. Fred Moore Thu 5:30-7:30pm

Dothan:
Westwood Presbyterian Church- 5480 W. Main and Dothan Community Church- 4390 Westgate
Extension Coordinator: Leslie Hicks- 334-718-1000/dothan@bts.education

ST3511 Survey of Systematic Theology Dr. Todd Baucum Tue 5:30-7:30pm WPC
OT1021 Old Testament I (Genesis-Ruth) * Dr. Todd Baucum Tue 7:30-9:30pm WPC
PT5527 Communications I Dr. Charles Lewis Thu 5:30-7:30pm DCC
PT5637 Personal Evangelism Dr. Charles Lewis Thu 7:30-9:30pm DCC

Huntsville:
Westminster Presbyterian Church- 5744 Oakwood Rd. NW
Extension Coordinator: Rob Nelson -703-909-6667/huntsville@bts.education

NT2022 New Testament I Dr. Blair Waddell Thu 5:30-7:30pm

Montgomery:
Young Meadows Presbyterian Church -5780 Vaughn Rd and Trinity Presbyterian Church- 1728 Hull St.
Extension Coordinator: Lydia Picket- 334-284-5056/montgomery@bts.education

ST3511 Survey of Systematic Theology Rev. Lee Bloodworth Mon 5:30-7:30pm YMPC
OT1021 Old Testament I (Genesis-Ruth) * Rev. Brannon Bowman Tues 7:30-9:30pm YMPC
HT4528 Early & Medieval Church History Dr. Harrison Taylor Wed 5:30-7:30pm TPC
NT2022 New Testament I Mr. Douglas Stelzig Thu 5:30-7:30pm YMPC

(9) OT1021 in Montgomery is being offered as a tuition-free class for new students or students who have been inactive for two years or more. Please contact the seminary office for details.

Tuscaloosa:
Contact the BTS Office: 205-776-5356/BTSAdmin@briarwood.org

No classes offered in Tuscaloosa this semester. Please see videoconferencing courses (marked VC) on the Birmingham schedule. Distance education courses are also available. Please contact the BTS office if you have any questions.
### Announcements

**October Mini-Term:** Stay tuned for more information about intensive course offerings this October.

**Degree Audits** were sent about a month ago. We hope these checklists will help you to plan your schedule. If you have not declared a degree or certificate program, please let us know your plans. Please contact our office with any questions at 205-776-5356. We are here to help.

**Graduation 2019:** Are you planning to graduate in May of 2019? Please contact the BTS office at 205-776-5356 or BTSAdmin@briarwood.org so we can get you on the list.

**Register Online:** Look for details about how to register on-line!

The **2018-2019 Student Services Fee** is due this semester. Please plan to pay $30 along with your tuition during registration week.
Pathways to Learning
Ike Reeder, President

Fall is an exciting time for BTS! Whether it’s getting to know our new students who are launching into their graduate careers, or seeing students approach graduation, it always feels fresh and new! One of the important pillars for BTS is helping these students achieve success through learning and personal spiritual growth.

Our commitment to student success can be summed up in two words: opportunity and affordability. As you can see from looking through our course offerings this fall, we build a class room schedule framework that compliments our students’ busy lives—early morning and evening classes, mid-semester intensives, extension campus courses, and video conferencing options are all designed to afford the BTS student the capability of engaging quality, relational theological learning while managing busy lives of work and ministry. This challenges BTS students to take what they are learning in the classrooms out into their lives: churches, families, and workplace. Reducing the opportunity cost increases real life application. This is one of the principal definitions of student success for us here at BTS.

The second commitment of our pathway to success is our commitment to affordability. By reducing the burden of student cost and minimizing the potential of student debt, we believe we can engage learning in the classroom at a cost affordable to all: $100 per credit hour. This creates a classroom that is open to students across diverse backgrounds: geographic, cultural, ethnic, and social. This is only possible with the help of generous donors and church partners, but by centralizing affordable theological education around Christ instead of economic capability, we can build classrooms where learning crosses multiple barriers. Success for BTS is not only defined as the life application of consistent theological principles, but also the opportunity to learn from others unlike ourselves.

Whether you want to train for pastoral ministry, become a counselor, grow as a teacher in your local church, or just deepen your relationship with Christ, come join us this fall to find out more about the unique theological education you can achieve at BTS. Join us on the pathway to learning!

Testimonial From a Teacher's Perspective
Jay Haley

It has been my pleasure and great blessing to teach at BTS since 2011. When I consider my personal experience with BTS students over these years, a number of thoughts come to mind. First, part of the uniqueness of BTS is the opportunity to teach students biblically, theologically, and pastorally in a seminary setting. This affords a wonderful dynamic of teaching what the Word of God means, and what it says to us today as teachers and students who desire to live impactful lives for Christ.

Biblically speaking, our teaching is based upon the authority God’s Word revealed to us in the Scripture. One of my great joys is to see how the Word of God impacts the thinking of students, not because of what I say, but because of what God’s Word says. It makes my day when I hear a student say, “I never saw that before”, or “I never understood this before.”

Theologically speaking, I have been greatly encouraged to see students embrace the magnificence of God’s sovereign grace and love demonstrated towards us in the person of Jesus Christ. It is always a thrill to hear a student explain how a theological truth helped them personally, or in their ministry to others. Moreover, I have greatly benefited during class discussions on the biblical basis of Reformed Theology and its demands upon our lives.

Pastorally speaking, I have been blessed to come to know many fervent students who are pursuing seminary training at various stages of their lives and ministry. Although BTS is a seminary that is structured in an academic setting, it is not divorced from opportunities to minister to students as a pastor. Many times this simply means to listen to a student who is personally struggling with an issue in their life.

The Christian life is a life based upon a personal relationship with Christ, which extends to other believers in His church. It’s this sense of relationship between teacher and students who desire to grow in their knowledge of Jesus Christ in the work of His church that continues to bless me as a teacher at BTS.
Tuition Free Courses

We are pleased to offer the following courses tuition-free for new and returning inactive students. Inactive students are those who have not taken a class in 2 years or more. Invite your friends and Church members to take a class tuition-free!

**Birmingham**

**OT8791 Temple Symbolism & Christ in the Old Testament**
Dr. Harry Reeder III/Guest Speakers
Wednesdays, 6:30-8:30 PM

**Montgomery**

**OT1021 Old Testament I (Genesis-Ruth)**
Rev. Brannon Bowman
Tuesdays, 7:30-9:30 PM