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* Mission Opportunities
* Two-Year Program
* 40+ Courses
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Congregations:

- 39th Street Church of Christ, Independence, MO
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- Carthage Church of Christ, MO
- Freedom Church of Christ, MO
- Highlandville Church of Christ, MO
- Kansas Expressway Church of Christ, Springfield, MO
- Mountain Grove Church of Christ, MO
- Washburn Church of Christ, MO
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- Barnes, Jimmie Heavin, Clyde and Robbie
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- Dalton, Gary and Marilyn Sanders, Tiffany
- Eakins, Kent and Angela

Note:

Churches and individuals who send monthly contributions to support faculty and students are not listed here due to a lack of space.

BIM Classes

After a short summer recess, classes will resume in August at the Bible Institute of Missouri. Dustin McCrickard and Ethan Young will be returning this fall to start their second year. A new intake of students will also take place at that time. While school is out, teachers and students will be engaged in mission work, local work, making reports to supporters, and spending time with family.

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2013 BIM LECTURESHIP

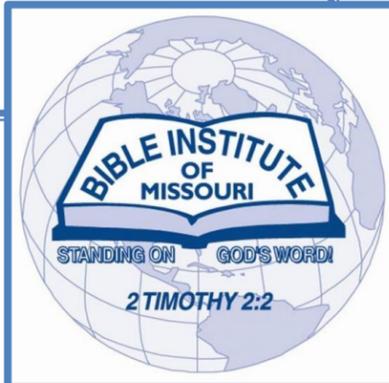
THEME: "THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY"

- "INTRODUCTION TO THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY" – CHUCK NORTHROP
- "THE HOME AND THE FAMILY" – RAY SULLINS
- "SANCTITY OF AND PREPARATION FOR MARRIAGE" – DEREK YARBER
- "MARRIAGE, DIVORCE, AND REMARRIAGE" – MAX PATTERSON
- "CHRISTIAN HUSBANDS AND FATHERS" – BRENT GREEN
- "CHRISTIAN WIVES AND MOTHERS" – JESSE YOUNG
- "RESPONSIBILITIES OF PARENTS AND CHILDREN" – TIM KIDWELL
- "YOUTH AND AGED IN THE HOME" – ALLEN FISCHGRABE
- "WHAT GOD WANTS OF US IN OUR HOMES" – JERRY SULLINS

The BIM lectureship on May 12-15, 2013 was a success. The theme was focused on the Christian family, and those in attendance heard some great lessons about a dire need in today's society. As in years past, the lectureship was also broadcasted live over the internet. That means that there were potentially people from all over the world watching. A big thanks is in order once again to the [Online Academy of Biblical Studies](http://www.oabs.org) (OABS) for making this happen. Without their abilities and resources, this would not have been possible. Another exciting fact is that all of these lectures have been archived online. All of the lessons can be watched in their entirety by either following the links from the Kansas Expressway Church of Christ website (www.kecoc.org) or the Bible Institute of Missouri website (www.bim-us.org). This is just another example of how the internet and technology can be used as powerful tools for spreading the gospel and proclaiming the truth.

Check out this great resource today!

"And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also." 2 Timothy 2:2





Congratulations Class of 2013

Jesse Young (left) and Allen Fischgrabe (right) graduated on June 2, 2013 at 2 PM at the Kansas Expressway Church of Christ after completing their two years of training at the Bible Institute of Missouri. Please keep these men in your prayers as they get ready very quickly to go out into the world preaching and teaching God's Word.

Thank You Notes

“Thanks Inexpressible”

“A spelunker is a person who spends a great deal of time exploring caves. Not afraid to get dirty, he may get down on his hands and knees or even his stomach to reach the deepest, darkest, most inner recesses of the inside of the earth. Biblically speaking, we are instructed to ‘examine ourselves.’ When I look deep within my most inner self, try as I might, I cannot find the words to express my gratitude for the privilege of having spent two years here at the Bible Institute of Missouri, studying God’s Word. My knowledge has grown, and with it, my faith. Only God Himself can see the joy and thankfulness that I feel (Psalm 26:2). While inexpressible with words, I intend to use the skills acquired here to show with actions my deepest appreciation for the support and encouragement that I have received. Most of all, the prayers that were offered on my behalf have been answered. My prayer for you is that the Lord will bless you in return (Philippians 4:17).”

—Allen Fischgrabe

“Thank You”

“It has been a great experience to attend the Bible Institute of Missouri (BIM). I have grown more as a young Christian man these last two years because of it. The training I have received is precious to me. I truly do desire to proclaim the gospel to the world (Romans 1:16). It has kindled the fire which already burns within me. I thank our God and Father for the opportunity and privilege I had to attend this school.

I also want to thank the wonderful teachers that helped guide me in God's Word. I want to thank Ray Sullins, Jerry Sullins, Chuck Northrop, Brent Green, and Tim Kidwell for all the patience and instruction. I enjoyed not only the instruction, but also the wisdom each of these men have imparted to me.

I want to give my thanks to all the people who supported me financially, including the congregations of Sparta, Fordland, 39th Street (Independence), Mountain Grove, Highlandville, and Kansas Expressway and also the individuals who gave from their working hands so freely. I appreciate this so much. I also want to thank all those who kept me in their prayers to help me through the last two years of school.

I look forward to the years to come as a gospel preacher, Lord willing. I again want to give every person who helped me along the way another thanks. This reminds me of the encouragement Paul gave when he said, ‘I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me’ (Philippians 4:13). These words are as true today as in the day Paul wrote them. God’s Word is never changing.”

With brotherly love,
Jesse Young

Technology Update



During the early months of this year (2013), broadcast equipment was purchased and setup, and men were trained to operate this equipment for the Kansas Expressway Church of Christ to broadcast their Lord’s Day adult Bible class and worship services via the internet. The first Sunday

in February our broadcasts began, and since that time, we have received many encouraging words from various brethren — mostly those who are shut-in and who have been ill. Though some minor bugs must be worked out, which is always ongoing, this will be a great tool for the work of the church and for broadcasting lectureships and gospel meetings. We are so grateful to brother Ted Thrasher and the [Online Academy of Biblical Studies](http://www.kecoc.org) for helping make this a reality. So, if you find yourself sick, at home, and unable to get out on a Lord’s Day, please remember to go to www.kecoc.org and click on the “Live Internet Broadcast” button. Though it is certainly not a substitute for being with brethren, it is a door of opportunity of service to those who wish they could be present but are not able.

—Chuck Northrop

Faculty Focus

In this issue and in upcoming issues of the *BIM Informer*, we will be highlighting different faculty members. Each instructor of the Bible Institute of Missouri is an important asset in the fulfillment of the school’s mission. These men bring to the classroom their years of experience in preaching and teaching, both locally and abroad. They each are truly committed to teaching “faithful men who will be able to teach others also” (2 Timothy 2:2).



Ray Sullins is an instructor for the Bible Institute of Missouri. He is a graduate of Freed-Hardeman University with a B.A. Degree in Bible. He has served in local works in Tennessee, Missouri, and Mississippi. He served as a missionary to Botswana, Zimbabwe, and Zambia for more than seven years. At the Botswana School of Biblical Studies, he served as a faculty member and dean of evangelism. At the Zambia School of Biblical Studies, he was a faculty member and the assistant director of the school. After coming back from Africa, he worked for Truth For The World as director of world-wide correspondence courses. Since 1998 he has also served as the evangelist for the Kansas Expressway Church of Christ in Springfield, Missouri.

I Will Never Again Eat Meat

Ray Sullins

There are many areas of expediency in religion. These are areas where elders or the men of the congregation must decide how their congregation will carry out different needs facing it. Within these decisions there is often a great deal of difference in opinion, and this often creates friction or even problems among the members. We must all be careful not to allow our opinions to become “commandments of God” in our own minds (Matthew 15:9). Standing on a personal opinion is not worth losing a brother, and it might possibly result in losing our own souls!

The apostle Paul said, “Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never again eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble” (1 Corinthians 8:13). Paul did not want to do things which would offend his fellow brother’s beliefs. If something offended one of his brethren, he simply refused to do it. Again in Romans 14:21, Paul said we should not do anything which might cause a brother to stumble, to be offended, or to be made weak.

Why should you or I want to be involved in something which would offend a fellow brother or cause him to sin? It is wrong and sinful to “put a stumbling block or a cause to fall in our brother’s way” (Romans 14:13). In Romans 14:20, Paul said, “Do not destroy the work of God for the sake of food. All things indeed are pure, but it is evil for the man who eats with offence.”

Brethren, there are battles we have to fight as Christians in order that we strive for purity within the church and amongst the faithful of God. However, when it comes to what you think or what I think or what you like or I like, some battles just are not worth fighting. We must strive for peace as those who love God and His purpose.

So, let us not be guilty of causing our brethren to fall or sin over our personal opinions. As the saying goes, “There is more than one way to skin a cat.” Let us choose methods and plans in our work for God which are acceptable to all involved “lest somehow this liberty of yours become a stumbling block to those who are weak” (1 Corinthians 8:9). May God give us the strength and wisdom to be like Christ in this matter.