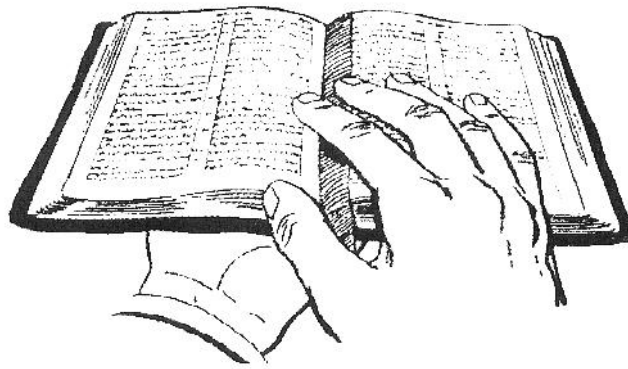


# *Brown Trail School of Preaching*



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## LOCATION OF THE BROWN TRAIL SCHOOL OF PREACHING

Nestled in the modern suburbs of North Texas, the school is located in the mid-cities community of Bedford, situated northeast of metropolitan Fort Worth. The school facilities are housed in the church building of the Brown Trail church of Christ.

The church building is located at 1801 Brown Trail just north of the Airport Freeway (Hwy. 183/121). The school enjoys a small-town atmosphere with big city conveniences. In addition to the high quality H-E-B- school district, the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex affords many other locations of interest: the DFW International Airport, the Dallas Cowboy Football Stadium, the Texas Rangers Ballpark, and the Northeast Shopping Mall, as well as scores of restaurants, grocery stores and other businesses.

**Distance to:**

(1)	Dallas .....	21 miles
(2)	DFW International Airport .....	8 miles
(3)	Downtown Fort Worth .....	11 miles
(4)	Texas Rangers Baseball Stadium .....	8 miles
	Dallas Cowboy Football Stadium .....	11 miles
	Northeast Shopping Mall .....	1.5 miles
	L.D. Bell High School .....	2 blocks
	Bedford Junior High School .....	3 blocks
	Shady Brook Elementary School .....	7 blocks



## **BROWN TRAIL SCHOOL OF PREACHING**

The Brown Trail church of Christ has served as the sponsoring congregation for the Brown Trail School of Preaching since its inception in 1965. The school is dedicated to the training of men to preach the gospel. Now into the 21<sup>st</sup> century, the church continues its dedication to this all important, eternally critical task.

The dream of establishing a school of preaching was rooted in the hopes and wishes of men like Frank McCormick and Roy Deaver in the early 1960s. As an elder, Brother McCormick frequently discussed the need for such a school with Brother Deaver. He was deeply disturbed about the failure of churches to show proper concern for training men to preach the gospel. He often prayed that the situation might be remedied. Although he did not live to see the establishment of the school, his memory lingers in the background of this work.

In September of 1965, the dream was brought to fruition and the school of preaching became a reality. By October, the school was moved into its new facilities in the present Brown Trail church building. Roy Deaver served as Director of the school from its beginning in 1965 until Wendell Winkler was appointed Director in 1979. Eddie Whitten became Director in 1982 and was succeeded by Maxie Boren in 1988. Dave Miller directed the school from January 1992 until August 2002 when Maxie Boren resumed directing the school on an interim basis. In December 2003 Robert Stapleton became the Director.

The Brown Trail School of Preaching affords the unique opportunity and privilege of intensive investigation of the Bible. Unlike seminaries and schools of theology, the school of preaching curriculum remains unencumbered by an emphasis upon "theology." Instead, students are able to concentrate upon the text itself, literally covering the entire Bible in a period of two years.

The school is under the oversight of the elders of the Brown Trail church of Christ and receives much of its funding from the congregation, supplemented by many other interested churches and individuals. Only eternity will reveal the good that has been accomplished by the sacrifice and dedication of so many to the task of training preachers at the Brown Trail School of Preaching.

## **ELDERS**



**MAXIE BOREN**



**KEVIN CARROLL**



**GUY ELLIOTT**



**LARRY RICE**



**BOBBY WATTS**

## **FACILITIES**

The facilities of the Brown Trail School of Preaching are housed within the Brown Trail church building. The school contains classrooms, a student break room, a study parlor, a spacious chapel and faculty offices.

The school enjoys a first rate library currently containing more than 8,000 volumes. Several Brown Trail members who spend many hours contributing to the quality of the library facility staff the library.

The school facilities received a complete renovation in 2000, and the students now enjoy a functional, updated, instructional environment fully conducive to acquiring knowledge of God's Word.

## **CLASS IN SESSION**



## **THE PURPOSE OF THE SCHOOL**

The primary purpose of the Brown Trail School of Preaching is to produce preachers of the gospel who engage in full-time church work -- (2 Timothy 4:1-5). However, other individuals, both men and women, can attend the school simply to enhance Bible understanding and improve skills for other areas of Christian service.

Consequently, several sub-purposes for the school's existence may be noted: (a) to deepen respect for the inspiration, authority and all-sufficiency of the Bible; (b) to develop individuals who possess a breadth of Bible teaching, having been exposed to the entire Bible to a significant degree; (c) to inspire a genuine love for people and a genuine commitment to influencing them with the truth; (d) to enhance personal spiritual and emotional maturity and deepen one's awareness of the need for God in one's life; (e) to prepare individuals to meet the challenges and threats posed by current culture and false religion within and without the church.

## **ACCREDITATION**

The Brown Trail School of Preaching is not affiliated with any accrediting agency. The school is more concerned with remaining true to the Bible and submissive to the shepherding oversight of the Brown Trail elders. However, graduates of the school have demonstrated the capability of "challenging" courses in other schools. Some have been able to transfer credit hours toward a degree program in Christian colleges affiliated with the church of Christ.

# CURRICULUM

The course of study is demanding in that it entails a two-year period of intensive training and study. Every course is directly related to the task of preaching. Classes meet Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Literally years of analysis and fine-tuning have gone into planning the curriculum to meet every possible need of the gospel preacher, whether he works locally or in the mission field. The student will accumulate 195 credit hours and enroll in 56 separate courses. His two-year stay will result in 2,200 classroom hours of study in addition to the hours spent in study outside the classroom. The curriculum is designed to provide in-depth, yet comprehensive, training for multiple areas of service. Every book of the Bible is studied in context with present day application. Courses in English, Greek, Preaching, Current Issues Facing the Church, and Missions and Personal Evangelism supplement the core curriculum.

Due to this intense and demanding workload, students must work full-time on their studies and refrain from secular employment while enrolled in the school.

## AUDITING CLASSES

Occasionally, individuals wish to sit in on classes and take advantage of the rich Bible teaching available without taking classes for credit, or wish to take classes on a part time basis for credit. Brown Trail offers two avenues through which this desire might be accommodated.

**"Audit"** This status enables an individual to attend classes in view of the following criteria: (1) the student receives verbal acceptance into the school from the Director or designate; (2) the student may select as many or as few classes as he chooses and attend on a consistent basis; (3) tests need not be taken; (4) the student does not disrupt classes with questions, etc.; (5) the student does not distract other students outside of class; (6) the student conforms to all other rules and regulations concerning dress, deportment and conduct which apply to full-time students; and (7) no certificate or diploma will be awarded.

**"Part-Time"** This status enables an individual to pursue classroom studies on the basis of the following criteria: (1) the student makes formal application to the school just as a full-time student and receives official acceptance - a personal interview may be required; (2) the student selects the classes he or she chooses each quarter and attends all classes consistently as a credit student; (3) all assignments are to be done and tests are to be taken; (4) the student is allowed full participation privileges in class; (5) the student conforms to all other rules and regulations concerning dress, deportment and conduct which apply to full-time students; and (6) upon completion of all courses, a certificate will be awarded to all female students and a diploma will be awarded to all male students.



# **CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION**

Occasionally students who faithfully attend classes may be unable to keep up with the course load. Grades may be less than what is required to receive a Diploma. With a desire to recognize the effort put into attending classes over the two year period of time, although unable to award a Diploma, we may award a Certificate of Recognition at the end of the two years. This may be done rather than dismiss the student for failing grades, etc.

## **ADMINISTRATION**

### **Robert Stapleton, Director**

Robert served in local work in Ohio and Indiana, along with over seven years of full-time missionary work in Tanzania, East Africa where he established the Chimala School of Preaching in 1987. He served as stateside "Coordinator" of Chimala Mission, Hospital and Schools until he assumed the role of the director of the Brown Trail School of Preaching in late 2003. He and his wife, Marcia, have four children. Their youngest son Jason preaches for the Graceton church of Christ, Gilmer, Texas. Their second son, Darrin, preaches for the Antioch church of Christ, Ramer, Tennessee, and their oldest son, Heath, preaches for the Kountze, Texas church of Christ. Their daughter, Lisa, is a CPA, and is a stay at home mother. She is married to J.J. Hendrix, Field Representative for the school.

### **Willie Alvarenga, Director Hispanic Department**

Willie is presently serving as Director and full time Instructor for the Hispanic Department. He preached for three years as the evangelist for the Hispanic congregation in Lufkin, Texas before coming to Brown Trail. He graduated from Brown Trail School of Preaching in 2001 and in 2003 he received his MA in Biblical Studies from Theological University of America and is currently taking courses through Heritage University. He and his wife, Maria, have two daughters.

## **FACULTY INFORMATION**

### **Gerald Ball**

Gerald received a B.S. Degree from Eastern New Mexico University, with a double major (Religion from the Bible Chair and History). He also earned a double minor in psychology and education with several courses in counseling. He has taught personal work training courses in five different states; teacher training courses in New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas and California. He began preaching in 1956 and preached eight years at Freetown Rd. in Grand Prairie, 12 years at Airport Freeway in Euless, and has preached at Bedford since 1985.

### **Bill Burk**

Bill graduated from Brown Trail School of Preaching in 1993. He began his full-time preaching at Rendon, Texas, and currently preaches for the church of Christ at Crandall, Texas. He frequently speaks on lectureships and conducts gospel meetings.

### **Robert Dodson**

Robert is a native of Irving, Texas. He graduated from the Preston Road School of Preaching in 1978. He preached two and a half years in Houston, Texas, eight and a half years in Sansom Park, Texas, over 20 years for the Birdville congregation in Haltom City, Texas, and presently preaches for the Northwest congregation in Fort Worth. He speaks on a number of lectureships and meetings each year. He currently preaches for the Northwest congregation in Fort Worth, Texas.

### **Ken Gardner**

Ken graduated from Brown Trail School of Preaching in 1979 and holds a Master of Science from Texas A&M University, which he received in 1996. He taught at East Texas State University for two years, beginning in 1989. He and his wife Belinda have three sons. He is presently preaching for the Plano East church of Christ in Plano, Texas where he also serves as one of the elders.

### **Ken Hope**

Ken received his B.S. Degree from Oklahoma Christian University in 1977. He preached twenty years at Fruitvale, Texas and has preached at the Centerville Road church of Christ since 1983. He has participated in lectureships, conducted gospel meetings and written for many brotherhood publications. He and his wife, Julie (Ramsey) have four children.

### **Jesús Martínez**

Jesús attended the Panamerican Bible Institute for a year and a half. He graduated from Brown Trail School of Preaching in 2003. He has done several gospel meetings in different cities in Texas and campaigns in Mexico. Jesús is now the full time preacher for the Brown Trail Iglesia de Cristo, and also a full time instructor for the Brown Trail School of Preaching Spanish Department. He is married to Susana and has two children, Sandy and Jesse.

### **Pat McIntosh**

Pat is a 1989 graduate of BTSOP. He has an earned B.A., M.S., MDiv from Amridge University (formerly Southern Christian University), Montgomery, Al. He served eight years as Assistant Director with the Bear Valley Bible Institute of Denver, Extensions Program. He coordinated works in Ukraine and Nigeria, and has taught in Ukraine, Nigeria, Tanzania (Arusha and Chimala), India, Panama and Peru. He teaches two classes in Bear Valley's graduate program. He and his wife Cheryl have three children.

### **Randall Morris**

Randall received a B.S.E. from Oklahoma Christian College. He has preached for twenty-four years, along with having directed the Mabank School of Bible Studies from 1986-1988. He has written for Christian Bible Teacher, and Pulpit Helps. Presently Randall preaches for the Robinson Road church of Christ in Grand Prairie, Texas.

### **Obed Rodriguez**

Obed graduated from Brown Trail School of Preaching in 2001. He is furthering his education through Bear Valley. He and his wife, Victoria, have one child. He has preached at the Everman church of Christ since before graduation from Brown Trail.

### **Richard Stevens III**

Richard is a native of the Dallas/Fort Worth area and graduated from Brown Trail School of Preaching in the Summer of 1999. He served the Hawn Freeway church of Christ in Dallas, Texas until 2013 when he relocated with the Beckley Heights church of Christ, also in Dallas. He has been privileged to speak on many brotherhood events, including local television and radio. He and his wife Angela have six children.

## **BTRADIO.NET**

**BTRADIO.NET** has been broadcasting Bible Classes and sermons over the internet throughout the Spanish speaking community since 2010. At the end of April, 2013, we began broadcasting in English. All full time School personnel, along with the students, take part in this effort that is reaching a listening audience all over the world. As part of our preparation of gospel preachers, each student will be assigned a weekly broadcast spot where he will learn the techniques of broadcast evangelism.

## **MTSM PROGRAM**

In 2009 the Brown Trail School of Preaching, under the oversight of the elders of the Brown Trail church of Christ, established the "Moving Toward Spiritual Maturity" Program that is designed to assist parents better fulfill their task of rearing their children as God would have it done. The MTSM Program is an extension of the Brown Trail Education Program. It is a one-year in-depth Biblical maturing study program designed solely for graduating High School seniors. In order to attend, the graduating senior must be accepted by the BTSOP Director, and must have written approval from his/her parents. They must also have their own health insurance coverage while in school.

## **WIVES' PROGRAM**

The wives' program is a vital part of the school. Courses and instructors have been carefully selected to help prepare the wives of our married students for their role of service and teaching in the church. These courses deal with basic Biblical doctrines, evangelism, Bible class teaching, and home and family life.

Because the wife's spiritual growth is a key ingredient to a preacher's success in his work in the church, participation in the wives' program is required. Therefore, a husband is expected to do everything in his power, such as providing transportation and child-care, to facilitate his wife's participation. Children are not allowed in class.

Wives who complete the two-year program are awarded a certificate of completion at the graduation exercises. On very rare occasions it may be impossible for a student's wife to participate in the program (i.e. health, family demands, or a job schedule that cannot be changed). In such cases, the students must submit a written explanation to the school administration. A plan will be developed for correspondence study through tapes of the courses and individual assignments or other arrangements will be made to accommodate the student's specific needs. The student will be responsible for the cost of the tapes and other materials. Special short-term arrangements may also be made.

Students are strongly encouraged to arrange work schedules and make the sacrifices necessary for their wives to be involved in this beneficial program.

## **WIVES' PROGRAM INSTRUCTORS**

### **Cheryl McIntosh, Program Coordinator**

Cheryl graduated from Stephenville High School in 1980. She is also a 1983 graduate of Tarleton State University where she earned a degree in Elementary Education. Cheryl has been a preacher's wife for more than 20 years. During that time she has taught children's classes and ladies' Bible classes in several locations. She has accompanied her husband, Pat, on several mission trips. On trips to Jamaica, Tanzania and Ukraine she has taught children's classes and seminars to the women of various congregations. Cheryl and her husband Pat have three children and two grandchildren.

### **Kathy Carroll**

Received her B.S. Degree from Abilene Christian University and M.S. Degree from Texas A & M University. She and her husband, Kevin, have two children. Prior to motherhood she worked six years in Texas public schools teaching mathematics and computer science. She is now happily home schooling her own two children. Kathy enjoys teaching both ladies' and children's Bible classes.

## **Stephanie Griffith**

Stephanie attended Abilene Christian University and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in education. She was an elementary school teacher for eight years and during that time taught first, second and fourth grades. She has been a Bible class teacher for fifteen years. She now stays at home with her three children and is currently a first grade Bible class teacher at Brown Trail.

## **Alma Payne**

Alma received a BS Degree in Family and Consumer Sciences from Texas Woman's University and did graduate work at the University of Colorado and TWU. She taught Family Living and Child Development for 30 years at Bell High School in Hurst, Texas. She received both the Texas Excellence and Teacher of the Year Awards. She teaches Ladies' Bible Classes and classes for the PTS Wives' Program. She is married to Don, and they have one son and one daughter.

## **Lisa Puckett**

Lisa graduated from Rice University in 1994 where she earned a degree in Biochemistry and French. She has taught high school chemistry and algebra as well as many other lab sciences. Lisa has taught children's Bible classes for many years, and she enjoys teaching ladies classes whenever opportunities arise. Currently, Lisa and her husband, Grant, are busy raising and homeschooling their three children.

## **Cheryl Selby**

Cheryl is a member of the Brown Trail congregation where she teaches children's and ladies classes. She is the Coordinator for the Teacher Resource Room for the Brown Trail congregation. She presently teaches the Scheme of Redemption in the Wives Program. Cheryl is married to Doug, and they have four children.

## **Sandi Smith**

Sandi received a B.A. degree from Lubbock Christian University. Upon graduation, she spent one and a half years working in Italy. Upon her return to the U.S., she met and married her husband, Joe. They have three daughters and one son. She teaches elementary grade classes and ladies' classes at Brown Trail.

## **Marcia Stapleton**

Marcia has served as a missionary and mother in Tanzania, East Africa for nearly eight years. While there she home schooled their four children. She was also involved in teaching classes on the mission. Over the years she has taught numerous children's classes. She has been a missionary/preacher's wife since 1977. Presently she serves as PTS Secretary.

**Robert Stapleton, School Director**

Robert has done mission work in Tanzania, and served three congregations as their full time preacher. He is presently preaching on Sundays for the Blooming Grove church of Christ. He has served as Director and full time instructor for the School since December, 2003.

## SCHOOL OF PREACHING WOMEN'S CLASSES

### **Quarters 1 & 5**

The Home As God Would Have It

Hebrews

### **July - September 2015**

Fran Boren/Cheryl McIntosh      6 weeks

Cheryl McIntosh      3 weeks

### **Quarters 2 & 6**

Acts

James - Jude

### **October - December 2015**

Sandi Smith      4 weeks

Sandi Smith      5 weeks

### **Quarters 3 & 7**

Romans & Galatians

Training to Teach

### **January – March 2014**

Kathy Carroll      4 weeks

Sheri Miller/Cheryl      5 weeks

Selby

### **Quarters 4 & 8**

Life & Teachings of Christ

### **March – June 2014**

Cheryl McIntosh      9 weeks

### **Quarters 5 & 1**

The Preacher's Family

The church of Christ

### **July – October 2014**

Marcia Stapleton      4 weeks

Stephanie Griffith      5 weeks

### **Quarters 6 & 2**

Scheme of Redemption

Personal Evangelism

### **October – December 2014**

Cheryl Selby      5 weeks

Lisa Puckett      4 weeks

### **Quarters 7 & 3**

Timothy, Titus, Thessalonians

Corinthians

Prison Epistles

### **January – March 2015**

Lisa Puckett      3 weeks

Stephanie Griffith      3 weeks

Alma Payne      3 weeks

### **Quarters 8 & 4**

O.T. Survey

Revelation

### **March – June 2015**

Cheryl McIntosh      6 weeks

Robert Stapleton      3 weeks

## **SPANISH DEPARTMENT**

In August of 2004, a new Department was opened as a part of the overall teaching program of the Brown Trail School of Preaching. For years the number of Spanish speaking people has increased in the U.S., along with numerous other countries. In view of this, the need was seen to train men to be sound gospel preachers in the language that these people speak. Thus, the Spanish Department was established at the Brown Trail School of Preaching for this specific purpose. Presently, many congregations in the brotherhood have Spanish speaking congregations associated with them. The major problem that many of them are experiencing is the inability of finding a Spanish speaking preacher who is sound in the faith. We are seeking to resolve this problem.

As indicated, this new Department is exactly that, a Department within the existing school. Although classes and chapel services are held at separate times and locations, other activities bring both the English and Spanish speaking students together. It is our desire to develop a life long bond between the students from each department, as they get to know one another, and develop a brotherly relationship. It is exciting to see the students as they intermingle with each other and strive to overcome the language barrier.

The Spanish Department follows the regular school schedule as is followed by those in the English Department. Classes begin and end at the same time each day. The course requirements are the same for both Departments. Actually, all requirements that are expected of those in the English Department are required of the students in the Spanish Department. We are endeavoring to make the Departments as equal as possible.

One requirement that must be met prior to students attending classes in the Spanish Department is that those students who attend must be legally in the US. We will not knowingly allow a student to attend school that has not followed through with this immigration requirement. We stand ready to do what we can to assist those who need it in obtaining proper immigration status.

We believe that this area of the overall program at Brown Trail is one that deserves brotherhood attention. All instructors are sound in the faith, and are committed to the work that is before them.



# FIRST YEAR COURSES BY QUARTERS

Course No.	Course	Clock Hours	Credit Hours
<b>Quarter I</b>			
1401	Mark	(45)	4
1402	Genesis	(45)	4
1403	Exodus	(45)	4
1404	Fundamentals II	(45)	4
1205	Current Issues Facing The Church	(22 1/2)	2
1206	Bible Geography	(22 1/2)	2
1407	English I	(45)	4
<b>Quarter II</b>			
1208	Fundamentals I	(22 1/2)	2
1409	Scheme of Redemption	(45)	4
1210	Preacher's Life and Work	(22 1/2)	2
1411	New Testament Overview	(45)	4
1212	Galatians	(22 1/2)	2
1413	Prison Epistles	(45)	4
1214	Homiletics III	(22 1/2)	2
1215	English II	(22 1/2)	2
1216	The Life & Teachings of Christ	(22 1/2)	2
<b>Quarter III</b>			
2417	Lev., Num., & Deut.	(45)	4
2418	Acts	(45)	4
2419	Greek I	(45)	4
2220	The Home As God Would Have It	(22 1/2)	2
2421	Homiletics I	(45)	4
2422	I & II Tim., & Titus	(45)	4
2423	Practical Principles	(45)	4
<b>Quarter IV</b>			
2424	Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther	(45)	4
2425	Eschatology	(45)	4
2426	Joshua - Ruth	(27)	4
2427	Greek II	(45)	4
2428	Homiletics II	(45)	4
2429	Denominational Doctrines	(45)	4
2230	Intertestamental Studies	(18)	2

## SECOND YEAR COURSES BY QUARTERS

Course No.	Course	Clock Hours	Credit Hours
<b>Quarter V</b>			
3431	History of Israel I (1 Chron., 1 & 2 Sam.)	(45)	4
3432	History of Israel II (2 Chron., 1 & 2 Kings)	(45)	4
3433	Luke	(36)	4
3233	Personal/World Evangelism	(22 1/2)	2
3235	Hermeneutics I	(22 1/2)	2
3236	I & II Thessalonians	(22 1/2)	2
3237	World Religions	(9)	2
3439	New Testament Church	(45)	4
<b>Quarter VI</b>			
3440	Old Testament Theology	(45)	4
3441	Job	(45)	4
3442	Psalms	(50)	4
3443	Jeremiah & Lamentations	(45)	4
3444	The Godhead	(45)	4
3445	Ezekiel & Daniel	(45)	4
<b>Quarter VII</b>			
4447	I & II Corinthians	(60 1/2)	4
4448	Proverbs, Ecc., Song of Solomon	(45)	4
4449	Ethics	(45)	4
4350	Revelation	(31 1/2)	3
4451	Isaiah	(45)	4
4452	Hebrews	(45)	4
<b>Quarter VIII</b>			
4453	Matthew	(45)	4
4454	Romans	(45)	4
4455	General Epistles	(45)	4
4456	Church History	(45)	4
4457	John	(45)	4
4458	Minor Prophets	(45)	4

# DESCRIPTION OF COURSES

<b>Course #</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>1401</b>	<b>MARK</b> -- A history of the ministry of the Lord from the book of Mark. Clock hours – 4
<b>1402</b>	<b>GENESIS</b> -- This study serves as a foundation for the rest of the Bible. Emphasis is given to the creation, the fall of man, and the unfolding of God's plan for man's redemption. Clock hours – 4
<b>1403</b>	<b>EXODUS</b> -- This course will emphasize the the Israelite nation, starting with the Egyptian captivity and continuing through the exodus to the giving of the Law of Moses at Mount Sinai. Clock hours – 4
<b>1404</b>	<b>FUNDAMENTALS II</b> -- An exploration of the philosophical foundations establishing the existence and attributes of God. Those postures which oppose the existence and attributes of God are also given treatment, including Atheism, Agnosticism, and Existentialism. Also considered is the role of logic and rationality in ascertaining God's existence. Clock hours – 4
<b>1205</b>	<b>CURRENT ISSUES FACING THE CHURCH</b> -- This course will explore some of the doctrinal issues that are currently causing division within the church. Among the topics for this study will be the New Hermeneutic, innovations in worship, the role of grace, works and baptism, the boundaries of Christian fellowship, etc. Clock hours - 2 ½
<b>1206</b>	<b>BIBLE GEOGRAPHY</b> -- Essentially a course designed to consider the geographical background and historical setting of the Bible. The contributions of archaeological discoveries will be considered. Particular attention is given to the gradual unfolding of the Old Testament message. Clock hours - 2 ½
<b>1407</b>	<b>ENGLISH I</b> --The primary aim of this course is to increase the student's ability to speak and write correctly and effectively. Attention is given to grammar, sentence structure, punctuation, spelling, writing style and dictionary use. Clock hours – 4
<b>1208</b>	<b>FUNDAMENTALS I</b> -- In addition to tracing the process by which the biblical documents have been preserved through history, this course examines translation methodology, New Testament textual variants, and English versions of the Bible. Clock hours - 2 ½
<b>1409</b>	<b>SCHEME OF REDEMPTION</b> -- A general survey of God's plan for man's redemption. Particular emphasis is placed upon the gradual unfolding of that plan by means of purpose, promise, and prophecy. The connected story of the Bible is stressed. Clock hours – 4

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<b>Course #</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>1210</b>	<b>PREACHER'S LIFE AND WORK</b> -- A practical discussion of the Biblical principles that pertain to the everyday life of the preacher's life, schedule, and his work. Also, his relationship to his family, to the congregation and to the lost are considered. Capable, experienced preachers of the gospel will be used to inform and provide a model for the students. Clock hours - 2
<b>1411</b>	<b>NEW TESTAMENT OVERVIEW</b> -- A study of the central theme and structure of each book of the New Testament. Attention is given to a basic outline and summary of its message. Clock hours – 4
<b>1212</b>	<b>GALATIANS</b> -- A careful study of the Mosaic law and the gospel. Justification by faith in Christ is contrasted with the Mosaic system. Clock hours -- 2
<b>1413</b>	<b>EPHESIANS, PHILIPPIANS, COLOSSIANS, PHILEMON</b> -- Attention is given to the themes of Christ, His church, and Christian living in the development of the eternal purpose of God. Clock hours – 4
<b>1214</b>	<b>HOMILETICS III</b> -- This practical class is a detailed treatment of the steps involved in the preparation and delivery of an expository sermon. Each male student is required to prepare and preach a 20 minute lesson. Clock hours - 2
<b>1215</b>	<b>ENGLISH II</b> - A continuation of English I. Clock hours - 2
<b>1216</b>	<b>THE LIFE AND TEACHINGS OF CHRIST</b> - The life, ministry, and teachings of Christ are introduced and discussed. Biographical and didactical phases of the life of Christ will be specifically examined. Clock hours - 2
<b>2417</b>	<b>LEVITICUS, NUMBERS &amp; DEUTERONOMY</b> -- This study traces the travels of the Israelites from their exit from Egypt culminating in Moses' preparation for their entry into Canaan. Clock hours – 4
<b>2418</b>	<b>ACTS</b> -- A study of the historical, apologetic, and religious value of the book of Acts. Special attention is given to the conversions and the spread of the gospel. The course is intended to show that the apostolic word is the basis for authority. Clock hours – 4
<b>2419</b>	<b>GREEK I</b> -- This course is the introductory course for a two quarter study in the principles and use of the Greek language of the New Testament. Emphasis is placed on the lexical, the grammatical, and the practical. Assistance is given in the effective use of Greek lexicons. Clock hours – 4

# DESCRIPTION OF COURSES

<u>Course #</u>	<u>Description</u>
<b>2220</b>	<b>THE HOME AS GOD WOULD HAVE IT</b> -- This course seeks to study the home as outlined within the Bible. Emphasis will be given to the Husband and Father in the home, the Wife and Mother in the home, and the Children in the home. Problems confronting the home today will be addressed. Clock hours – 2
<b>2421</b>	<b>HOMILETICS I</b> -- The main aim of this course is to help students develop their sermon delivery. Emphasis is placed on Scripture reading and communication skills. Students are video taped and critiqued. Students are exposed to several Bible study methods. A brief introduction to expository preaching is also included. Clock hours – 4
<b>2422</b>	<b>I &amp; II TIMOTHY AND TITUS</b> -- A detailed study of the books of I and II Timothy and Titus. Emphasis is given to the work and qualifications of elders and deacons and the work of the evangelist is also examined. Clock hours – 4
<b>2424</b>	<b>EZRA, NEHEMIAH, AND ESTHER</b> -- A study of the restoration of Israel and their preservation under Persian rule. Emphasis placed on the word of the prophets and the providence of God. Clock hours – 4
<b>2425</b>	<b>ESCHATOLOGY</b> - Class will be evenly divided between the study of the doctrine of Premillennialism and Realized Eschatology. Attention will be given to what the Bible says on these doctrines. Clock hours -- 4
<b>2326</b>	<b>JOSHUA – RUTH</b> -- This course covers the period of time from the death of Moses through to the time of the birth of Obed, the grandfather of King David. Attention will be given to the history and activities of the judges over Israel. Clock hours -- 3
<b>2427</b>	<b>GREEK II</b> -- A continuation of Greek I. Clock hours – 4
<b>2428</b>	<b>HOMILETICS II</b> -- A study of the meaning and practice of expository preaching. This class stresses the "nuts and bolts" of going from text to sermon in an expository manner, Male students are required to prepare and preach a lesson. Clock hours – 4
<b>2429</b>	<b>DENOMINATIONAL DOCTRINES</b> -- A study of some of the doctrines of popular denominations in light of the Scriptures. Investigation is made of Roman Catholicism, Pentecostalism, Cultism and the Ecumenical Movement. Clock hours – 4

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<b>2230</b>	<b>INTERESTAMENTAL STUDIES</b> – This study will seek to provide light upon conditions that were present at the time of the introduction of Christianity in the New Testament world. Clock hours – 2
<b>3431</b>	<b>HISTORY OF ISRAEL I</b> – This course will be a study of I Chronicles and I & II Samuel as they relate to the Nation of Israel historically. Clock hours -- 4
<b>3432</b>	<b>HISTORY OF ISRAEL II</b> – This course will be a study of II Chronicles and I & II Kings as they relate to the Nation of Israel historically. Clock hours - 4
<b>3533</b>	<b>LUKE</b> -- An analysis and in-depth study of Luke's account of the life and ministry of Jesus. Attention is given to the parables, teaching and miracles of Jesus. Special emphasis is placed upon the death and resurrection of Christ. Clock hours – 5
<b>3233</b>	<b>PERSONAL/WORLD EVANGELISM</b> - Attention will be given to the "why," "where," and "how" of personal evangelism. An examination of the excuses for not being evangelistic will be considered, along with excuses given by prospects for not obeying the gospel. Course is also designed to instruct and encourage men (and their families) to enter into foreign mission work with their eyes open. A study of the biblical principles and practices concerning mission work will be conducted. The New Testament emphasis on the subject will be considered. Clock hours - 2
<b>3235</b>	<b>HERMENEUTICS I</b> - An advanced study of the principles of Biblical interpretation. The course is designed to be of value to the student in ascertaining Bible authority and weighing the legitimacy of various human innovations. Clock hours - 2 ½
<b>3236</b>	<b>I &amp; II THESSALONIANS</b> -- Emphasis is given to the second coming of Christ, and to the life we are to lead as 'sons of light' in view of His coming. Clock hours - 2 ½
<b>3237</b>	<b>WORLD RELIGIONS</b> – This course will seek to examine the various religions of the world not normally considered to be denominational in nature. Such religions as Buddhism, Islam, Hinduism, and Judaism will be considered. Clock hours – 2
<b>3439</b>	<b>THE NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH</b> --This course will study the origin, nature, worship, and leadership of the church as outlined within the New Testament. Attention will be given to the possibility of applying these principles today, thus restoring the church of the first century in the present century. Clock hours – 4

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<b>Course #</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>3440</b>	<b>OLD TESTAMENT THEOLOGY</b> -- This course is designed to examine the different methods that can be used in a study of the Old Testament. This examination will include approaches such as canonical, chronological, covenants and thematic. Some emphasis will be given to a survey of some areas of higher criticism. The student will be confronted with various arguments easily refuted by an emphasis on plenary verbal inspiration. Clock hours – 4
<b>3441</b>	<b>JOB</b> -- An in-depth textual analysis of the central thesis of the book of Job. The student is given the opportunity to memorize key verses, develop sermon material, and identify fundamental philosophical premises that are indispensable to facing life with the proper spiritual perspective in the midst of suffering. Clock hours – 4
<b>3542</b>	<b>PSALMS</b> -- A study of the book of Psalms. Doctrinal, devotional, and Messianic elements are considered. Clock hours – 5
<b>3443</b>	<b>JEREMIAH &amp; LAMENTATIONS</b> -- A study of the prophet's calling and ministry with emphasis upon the Messianic message of the book. Clock hours – 5
<b>3444</b>	<b>THE GODHEAD</b> - The nature, mission, and work of each "personality" within the Godhead will be examined. Attention will be given to the attributes of deity to assist the student in understanding who God is, what He has done, and what He is doing. Clock hours - 4
<b>3445</b>	<b>EZEKIEL &amp; DANIEL</b> -- A detailed study of the text of Ezekiel and Daniel with emphasis on the historical background. Clock hours -- 4
<b>4647</b>	<b>I &amp; II CORINTHIANS</b> -- A verse by verse study of these early epistles of Paul to a problematic church. Students learn how to deal with important issues facing the church in every generation. Every preacher will identify with Paul's ministry at Corinth. Clock hours - 6
<b>4448</b>	<b>PROVERBS, ECCL., SONG OF SOLOMON</b> -- A study of wisdom and poetic literature with special emphasis on application of the messages to daily living and the praise of God. Clock hours – 4
<b>4449</b>	<b>ETHICS</b> -- This course deals with relevant, ethical, and moral issues of our day, including homosexuality, marriage and divorce, abortion, euthanasia, war, and genetic engineering. Topics are studied from a Biblical perspective. Clock hours – 4

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<u>Course #</u>	<u>Description</u>
<b>4350 REVELATION</b> -- A detailed treatment of the message of Revelation as conveyed through apocalyptic language. Clock hours – 3	
<b>4451 ISAIAH</b> -- A study of the life, ministry and Messianic message of Isaiah. Clock hours – 4	
<b>4452 HEBREWS</b> -- This study of the book of Hebrews emphasizes the superiority of the Christian system. Attention is given to the priesthood of Christ and the new covenant. Clock hours – 4	
<b>4453 MATTHEW</b> -- A study of the Gospel written with the Jews in mind. Attention is given to the parables, teachings, and miracles of Jesus. Special stress is laid upon the use of prophecy and its relationship to the scheme of redemption. Clock hours – 4	
<b>4454 ROMANS</b> -- This study of the book of Romans pinpoints the central theme and the pertinence of every verse to this theme. Clock hours – 4	
<b>4455 GENERAL EPISTLES</b> -- A detailed study of the books of James through Jude, highlighting the practicality of their messages for daily Christian living. Clock hours – 4	
<b>4456 CHURCH HISTORY</b> - A survey course dealing with the beginning and development of Christianity to the Restoration Movement. Special attention is given to the principles of biblical authority. Examples are studied which illustrate the proper application of biblical authority as well as improper application, which have lead to various errors and apostasy. Clock hours – 4	
<b>4457 GOSPEL OF JOHN</b> -- This study emphasizes the proof for the deity of Jesus Christ: His miracles, teachings, passion, and resurrection. Special attention is paid to the response of those who heard and saw the evidence that supported Jesus' claims. Clock hours – 4	
<b>4458 THE MINOR PROPHETS</b> -- A study of the books of Hosea through Malachi. Emphasis is given to the social, moral, economic, and religious conditions of that time and the permanent principles taught by the prophets. Clock hours – 4	



## **DRESS**

Since dress has a very important relationship to attitude and work, students are required to dress modestly and appropriately. Dress slacks, shirt, belt, and tie are required for all classes as well as attendance at all Brown Trail services. Students must evidence an attitude of concern about their personal appearance. On days the student is to preach in homiletics class or participate in the chapel service, he is to wear a coat and tie.

## **ATTENDANCE AT WORSHIP**

Every student is required to attend all regular services of the church. This includes Sunday Bible classes, morning and evening worship, and the mid-week service.

## **CHAPEL**

Chapel is conducted every day at 9:00 a.m. All students are required to be present. During chapel we sing, pray, and study a Bible lesson together. It is a period of devotion that prepares the student's spiritual disposition for the rest of the day. At times we have guest speakers. Twice each week students will preach in chapel. Song leading, leading in prayer, and scripture reading are also done by students. Chapel is also the time for making various announcements and taking care of other particulars related to the daily operation of the school and the lives of the students.

## **ENTRANCE DATE**

Registration assembly is conducted in January of each year. Classes begin on that day, following the registration assembly.

## **LECTURESHIPS**

Two lectureships per year are required of the students – The Fort Worth Lectures, hosted by the Brown Trail church of Christ, and the Spiritual Sword Lectures, hosted by the Getwell church of Christ in Memphis, Tennessee.



**Break Room**

## **FREE TIME**

Classes are suspended two and a half days for Thanksgiving and two weeks for Christmas. Classes are suspended between each quarter for a little "R & R". Between the second and third quarter of each year is a one month summer break.

## **CAMPAIGN TIME**

Two weeks are set aside each year, one in the second quarter of the year, and one in the third quarter, to allow students to participate in evangelistic campaigns. Occasionally, these are held in conjunction with a gospel meeting held by either the students or a staff member.

## **STUDENT LIFE ACTIVITIES**

Appropriate emphasis is given throughout the year to student life activities. The student body, along with the faculty, frequently enjoys wholesome fun together. The purposes of such activities are multiple: (a) we come to know one another better, (b) such activities afford a recreational outlet from the taxing studies of each day and (c) these activities give the students' families an opportunity to be together as family units. Throughout the year we enjoy picnics, field trips, visits to museums and other places of interest, attendance at athletic contests (Texas Rangers baseball games), devotionals, parties, banquets, special suppers, etc. At the beginning of each school year, a "student life activity calendar" is arranged. Students and staff should plan their schedules so as to be avid participants in these activities.

## **OPPORTUNITIES FOR GRADUATES**

Neither the school nor the Brown Trail church acts as a placement bureau. However, our graduates have never lacked opportunities in finding congregations upon their graduation. Many requests for our graduates to work with congregations come in throughout the year. These are appropriately referred to the graduates.

## **INSURANCE**

If possible, students should arrange for insurance in the event of illness or other emergencies. The school cannot assume financial responsibility for any student. Supporting congregations and relatives are good sources of assistance in this regard.

## **ADMISSION**

Admission is extended to any person of any race who is a member of the church of Christ and who is serious in his intent to prepare himself to serve the Lord more effectively. Admission is an individual matter and the Brown Trail School of Preaching reserves the right to admit or decline applicants upon the basis of personal qualifications. When all the application requirements have been met by the student and acted upon by the School Director, the applicant will be notified of his acceptance or rejection. A personal interview may be required as a part of the application process.

No person who has been convicted of a crime and who has been incarcerated will be permitted to enroll until at least 2 years after their release from prison. They must then meet all the usual criteria for admission including possessing an unquestioned Christian character and they must demonstrate a serious and sustained desire to serve the Lord. A personal interview will also be required as a part of the admission procedure.

## **INCOME TAXES**

Students should be aware they will receive IRS 1099 Forms at the end of each year while in school. Income Taxes must be paid on support received through BTSOP.

## **APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION**

Students who plan to enroll in the Brown Trail School of Preaching should complete the application and mail it to the school. Along with the application students should include a copy of all Transcripts, including High School.

Please arrange to submit all application materials to the school no later than one month before the enrollment of school. It is strongly recommended that the applicant initiate his application much earlier since several weeks are needed to complete the processing of the application.

## **BASIC QUALIFICATIONS**

- (1) The applicant must have at least a high school education, or equivalent.
- (2) He must be of unquestioned Christian character.
- (3) He must evidence a degree of maturity that will enable him to carry a tremendous workload.
- (4) If he is married, he must have the full support of his wife.
- (5) He must be in good health.

## **APPLICATION PROCEDURE**

Candidates for admission are required to complete the following procedure before official action can be taken by the school concerning the application:

- (1) The Application for Admission must be completed and signed by the applicant.
- (2) Recommendation forms must be completed by those given as references by the applicant. Thus, the Application for Admission needs to be submitted as much in advance as possible.
- (3) Transcripts of college courses completed under Veterans Administration assistance must be furnished.
- (4) Written evidence of adequate support must be furnished. A student must have sufficient financial support before his enrollment. The ideal situation is for a congregation that best knows the student to support him.
- (5) Proper notification will be given to the student and to the Veterans Administration where required. The school endeavors to approve or reject all applications at least one month before the enrollment date (though late-date applications are received and processed).

## **VETERANS**

The Brown Trail School of Preaching is approved for Veteran Administration assistance under the new GI Bill. Information concerning this appears elsewhere in this catalog.

## **TRANSFER STUDENTS**

Applicants transferring from another School of Preaching must complete requirements for new applicants with the following additions:

- (1) He must furnish an original transcript of grades from the school formerly attended.
- (2) He must furnish a favorable recommendation from the administration of the former school.

## **TRANSCRIPTS**

Upon request the school will provide, without charge, a complete transcript of study. The transcript will show the name of the courses, the length involved, the credit hours, and the grades. The transcript will include a copy of the course curriculum, information as to conduct, and records of the education and training of the student prior to enrollment.

## **COMPLYING WITH STATE AND GOVERNMENT REQUIREMENTS**

The Brown Trail School of Preaching, through its Director, agrees to furnish the state approval agency with any change of name, ownership, financial condition, location of institution, calendar, staff, schedule courses, and policies of operation at the time the change occurs.

The school does not and will not utilize advertising of any type that is erroneous or misleading by actual statement, omission, or intimation.

The school will not exceed its enrollment limitation as established by the state approval agency.

The school will not accept the enrollment or re-enrollment of a student under Chapter 35, Title 38, when more than eighty-five percent (85%) of the students enrolled in the course are having all or any part of their tuition, fees or other charges paid to or for them by the institution or the Veterans Administration.

Upon application for admission (or upon request) the complete catalog for the Brown Trail School of Preaching will be furnished. A receipt signed by the student indicating that the above information was furnished will be made a part of each student's file.

The school complies with, and will continue to comply with, all local, city, county, state, and federal regulations, such as fire codes, building codes and sanitation codes.

A copy of the "non-subversive oath" has been properly signed and notarized by the director and by at least one of the elders. These copies have been placed in the permanent files of the school.

## **GRADING SYSTEM**

The grading system employed in the Brown Trail School of Preaching is consistent with that used by standard colleges and universities.

98 - 100 = A+

94 - 97 = A

90 - 93 = A-

87 - 89 = B+

83 - 86 = B

80 - 82 = B-

77 - 79 = C+

73 - 76 = C

70 - 72 = C-

67 - 69 = D+

63 - 66 = D

60 - 62 = D-

Everything below "D" = failing (F)    Incomplete = I

Point values are assigned to letter grades as follows:

**A = 4**

**B = 3**

**C = 1.5**

**D = 0**

**F = - 1**

Each student is required to maintain a grade point average of 1.50 or higher. The grade point average is computed by multiplying the number of credit hours assigned to the course by the point value of the quarter grade received for the course. The total grade points are added and the total is divided by the total number of credit hours for which the student is enrolled.

### EXAMPLE

COURSE	CREDIT	GRADE	GRADE POINTS
Mark	4	A	16
Genesis	4	C	6
Luke	4	D	0
Fundamentals II	4	B	12
Galatians	2	A	8
Preacher's Life & Works	2	F	-2
Eschatology	4	A	16
<b>Total:</b>	<b>24</b>		<b>56</b>

**Total Grade Points = 56**  
**Total Hours – 24 = 2.33 = GPA Acceptable**

Any student failing to maintain a grade point average of 1.50 for the term just ended will be notified that he has been placed on academic probation for the next five weeks during a regular session. If, at the end of the five-week period, the student has failed to increase his grade point average to 1.50, his academic status will be converted to Audit Status.

## GRADUATION

Attending the Brown Trail School of Preaching is a privilege, not a right. Therefore, no student will be permitted to graduate who, in the estimation of the eldership, director, and faculty is not doctrinally stable or who does not possess personal honor and integrity.

Upon satisfactory completion of the courses prescribed by the elders and upon recommendation of the director, a certificate of graduation is issued to the student. The school reserves the right to refuse to graduate any student who has not satisfied all the necessary requirements. The graduation services are conducted in December each year. A reception for the graduates immediately follows the graduation service. A graduation banquet is held on the Friday night before the graduation service.

## INFORMATION AND SUGGESTIONS CONCERNING SUPPORT AND RELATED MATTERS

1. **NOTE:** The Brown Trail School of Preaching is tuition free. The only expenses a student will have while in school are expenses incurred for his books and living expenses. The schedule and curriculum does not allow for a full-time student to work part-time. Thus, arrangements for full support must be made. The student is responsible for his own support. However, we will assist as much as possible. All support should be arranged before the student's arrival at the school.
2. **COST OF LIVING:** The cost of living in the Fort Worth metropolitan area is about average for most southwest towns and cities. These costs vary from time to time, but it is safe to estimate an average cost of living rate. The majority of the students who attend the Brown Trail School of Preaching are here on subsistence level living.
3. **HOUSING:** All students must arrange for their own living quarters. The school will assist in making contacts. Unfurnished and furnished rental apartments are available. Unless the student is traveling a great distance to be in school, it is advisable for him to bring his own furniture. Otherwise, he can rent or purchase new/used furniture. Some houses are available. The amount paid for living quarters is largely up to the student. Trailer parks are also located in close proximity to the school.
4. **SCHOOLING:** The public school system in our area is one of the best. Our schools are located in the Hurst-Euless-Bedford School District. The Brown Trail building is located just a few blocks from the Tarrant County College.

### 5. FROM WHOM DO STUDENTS RECEIVE THEIR SUPPORT?

- (a) ***Some students furnish their own support.*** This is done by selling properties or using saving accounts. Some mortgage their home and other holdings. Some borrow money to supplement their support. Some receive support from their relatives and friends.
- (b) ***Wives of some students work.*** Any women willing and able to work can find employment in the Hurst-Euless-Bedford (metropolitan Fort Worth) area. There are opportunities for secretaries, clerks, nurses, substitute teachers, salespersons, etc. We do not encourage mothers of young children to work full time unless absolutely necessary.
- (c) ***Preaching opportunities are available.*** We do not normally allow first year students to engage in preaching opportunities. Rather, we prefer that they worship with the Brown Trail congregation. This preference is due to the heavy load that the student will be carrying, as well as the desire we have that the Brown Trail membership come to know the entire student body as closely as possible. However, most all of the second year students have preaching

appointments every Lord's day. By this means they are able to supplement their income.

- (d) **Veterans assistance is available.** The Brown Trail School of Preaching has been approved by the Texas Education Agency for Veterans Administration, for benefits for veterans, war orphans, and other eligible persons, under "GI Bill of Rights, Title 38, USC Chapters 34 and 35."
- (e) **Most students come with congregational support.** The procedure for securing help from the congregation varies because the congregations themselves vary in size, capability, and even in interest in such matters. We suggest some possible procedures.
1. Ask for a meeting with the elders of your home congregation and inform them of your desire to devote the rest of your life to proclaiming Christ. If your home congregation has no eldership, then call a meeting and talk with several of the most responsible men there.
  2. Tell them that you have made this decision after much prayer and deliberation. Ask them to advise you concerning the wisdom of your decision. Ask them if they feel that you could, with proper training, develop into a public proclaimer of the gospel. Sometimes congregations are reluctant to support a student because they are not convinced the student is in earnest or is capable of learning how to preach. A session with the elders will either verify their beliefs or eliminate them. In either event, a meeting with those who must make the decision regarding possible support should be helpful.
  3. Tell them that you have made application to attend Brown Trail School of Preaching and that this is a tuition-free study opportunity involving only a study of the Bible and Bible-related subjects. Inform them that it is not possible for one attending this school to work to support one's family while studying and that the only cost involved is the cost of living and books. Ask them if it would be possible for them to provide part or all of your needs.
  4. Some congregations are supporting a student through school with the understanding that the student continues working with the congregation in some mission area after graduation. Suggest this as a possibility.
  5. Telling your elders of your decision to enter Brown Trail School of Preaching before they set the budget for the coming fiscal year may enable them to arrange their expenditures in such a way as to provide for your needs.
  6. If the budget has already been set and if no funds are available to be tapped for your support, it may be that the only way they could be of assistance to you would be through an increase in the contribution, with your needs being the reason for the increase. If this be so, perhaps the elders would permit someone to pass out some 3x5 inch cards with the following message written on them.



## **TO THE ELDERS**

Lord willing, I will increase my contribution \$\_\_\_\_\_ per week over and above my present rate of giving, so this congregation can have a part in training JOHN DOE who wishes to preach the gospel of Christ throughout the world.

SIGNED

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When the cards are taken up, the elders know the amount of the increase which they can expect in the contribution each week and know also that each month they can write a check in that amount toward your support without affecting the program of work already underway.

7. If that does not bring a sufficient amount of support (and one should attempt to get by on the very least possible), perhaps you can recall other congregations where you are well known, where your wife is known or where someone preaches who knows of your abilities as a preacher to which you might turn for supplementary help.
8. If you are in a mission field where the church is weak, perhaps the churches supporting the preacher in that field would welcome the opportunity of giving support to a native from the area in the hopes that he would return to his hometown upon completion of his studies.
9. Getting your home congregation to endorse you as you go seeking support elsewhere would be an aid. Ask the elders and/or the local evangelist for a letter of endorsement.
10. Perhaps the local preacher or eldership would become actively engaged in setting up appointments with other elderships where you could present your plea for assistance. Better still; ask them to go with you.

### **ABOVE ALL:**

Do not leave the impression with those to whom you turn for assistance that they owe you the support you seek. Ask, do not demand. Commit yourself fully to going through with your announced intentions to publicly proclaim Christ. "If it be the will of God," then follow His leadership, confident that all will be done that needs to be done. Tell God of your needs, and then trust Him. Definite intentions on your part will help immeasurably in convincing others of the seriousness of your desire to serve God.



Chapel

## TEN GOOD REASONS FOR ATTENDING BROWN TRAIL

- (1) **Because of its emphasis on the Bible.** Much emphasis is placed upon having Bible authority for all we do in the field of religion. "How do you go about establishing Bible authority?" is discussed thoroughly while the student is in school. We believe without reservation in the verbal inspiration of the Scriptures, as well as in the finality and all sufficiency of the Word. When our students graduate, we desire sincerely that (a) they really **know the Bible**, and (b) that they really know **how to preach it in love!**
- (2) **Because of the curriculum.** Fifty-six different courses are studied during the two years a student is in school. Every book of the Bible is studied. Courses that are practical, courses that are devotional, courses that are doctrinal, etc., will be studied. The curriculum at the Brown Trail School of Preaching is one of the most thorough and comprehensive possible.
- (3) **Because of the number of hours dedicated to Bible study.** During the two years that a student is in the school, he will dedicate twenty-two hundred hours in class to a study of the Bible. In addition to these hours spent in class, there will be nearly a comparable number spent out of class. Accordingly, during the two years that one is a student at the Brown Trail School of Preaching, he will dedicate between four and five thousand hours to a study of the Bible. Indeed, upon this basis, it can be readily seen why a graduate of the school will be thoroughly acquainted with God's wonderful Word.
- (4) **Because of the credit hours accumulated.** The school is not accredited. However, using the same basis of calculation as used in colleges and universities, a graduate of the Brown Trail School of Preaching will accumulate one hundred ninety-five credit hours. Approximately one-hundred thirty-two hours (again, based upon the same calculation table) is required in our colleges and universities for a bachelor's degree. Therefore, our graduates accumulate more credit hours than is required to obtain a bachelor's degree.

- (5) **Because of the faculty.** Our faculty has been preaching for many, many years. Each member of the faculty is experienced in teaching. Their convictions are unwavering. They are well educated and they have also dedicated their lives to the training of men to preach the gospel. Each man is mature in age. Together they have had considerable experience in the writing field. All are experienced, tried and proven preachers of the gospel of Christ.
- (6) **Because of the extra-curricular activities.** In addition to the hours spent in the classroom, our students attend the Fort Worth Lectures each year as well as the Spiritual Sword Lectureship in Memphis, Tennessee.
- (7) **Because of the tenure of the school.** The Brown Trail School of Preaching has been in existence since 1965. It is one of the oldest among us. It is a proven arrangement for the training of men to preach the gospel of our Lord.
- (8) **Because of the successful record of our graduates.** By and large the majority of our graduates are still preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ. It is very conservatively estimated that our graduates are responsible for baptizing at least one thousand per year, to say nothing of the other responses that take place under their preaching. Our graduates have served in foreign countries (Africa, Australia, Japan, Puerto Rico, Ecuador, Philippines, Jamaica, Ukraine and India) as well as in a number of the mission states of our country (Wisconsin, Minnesota, Idaho, Oregon, Montana, Iowa, etc.). Upon the basis of these facts, we rejoice in the Lord's teaching, "Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them" (Matt. 7:20).
- (9) **Because of the cost involved.** There is no cost at all for tuition. The student pays for his books and maintains his living expenses. The Brown Trail congregation contributes immeasurably to this work. Sister congregations also assist.
- (10) **Because of the calls for our graduates.** Our graduates have no difficulty in locating preaching assignments upon their graduation. As a rule, all of our graduates are placed at the time of their graduation. We rejoice over the reception given to our students by our wonderful brotherhood.

**SCHOOL CALENDAR**

**2014**

**QUARTERS 3 & 7**

JANUARY 6, 2014 - MARCH 21, 2014  
JANUARY 12 - 15 - FORT WORTH LECTURES  
JANUARY 26 - STUDENT INTRODUCTION - P.M. SERVICES  
MARCH 17 - 21 - FINALS WEEK

**MARCH 23 - 30 - SPRING BREAK**

**QUARTERS 4 & 8**

MARCH 31, 2014 - JUNE 13, 2014  
CENTRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST, DENISON, TX -  
CAMPAIGN - MAY 4-7, 2014  
JUNE 9 - 13 - FINALS WEEK

**JUNE 16 - JULY 13 - SUMMER BREAK**

**QUARTERS 1 & 5**

JULY 14, 2014 - SEPTEMBER 19, 2014  
ANTIOCH CHURCH OF CHRIST, RAMER, TN -  
CAMPAIGN - DATE PENDING  
SEPTEMBER 15 - 19 - FINALS WEEK

**SEPTEMBER 21 - SEPTEMBER 28 - FALL BREAK**

**QUARTERS 2 & 6**

SEPTEMBER 29, 2014 - DECEMBER 12, 2014  
OCTOBER 19 - 23 - SPIRITUAL SWORD LECTURESHIP  
NOVEMBER 26 (NOON) - NOVEMBER 30 - THANKSGIVING  
DECEMBER 8 - 12 - FINALS WEEK  
DECEMBER 12 - 14 - GRADUATION WEEKEND