Welcome to Spread the Word June 2013

Ministry Experience Week 2013
Preparations

David Wright and students attending training in dealing with children and creating child safe environments in preparation for Ministry Experience Week in Port Pirie.

Key Dates

2013

Ministry Week
16/6 - 22/6

Mid year break
24/6 - 19/7

Church Systems & Congregational Health
with Dr Jeff Pugh
15/7-19/7

Youth in the Churches
2 x 3 day Intensives
17/7-19/7 & 25-27/9

Semester 2 commences 22/7

Study Week
19/8 - 23/8

Mid semester break
23/9 - 4/10

Preaching the Book of Acts
with Dr David Peterson
23/9 - 27/9

Semester 2 Exams
11/11 - 15/11

End of Year Celebration
23/11

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Subject Offerings
Semester 2 2013

Undergraduate / Graduate
• Early New Testament Church
• Church History 1550 to Present Day
• Old Testament Prophets & Writings
• Theology - God and the Work of Christ
• Introduction to Greek
• Electives
  • Youth In the Churches
  • Cross Cultural Communication
  • Introduction to Preaching

Post Graduate
• Church Systems and Congregational Health
• Preaching the Book of Acts

All subjects can be taken for assessment or audit

Contact the College office for more details or visit our website
www.biblecollege.sa.edu.au

Students who are completing their studies mid year

Caitlin Searle
Bachelor of Ministry

Katrina Newman
Graduate Diploma of Divinity

Congratulations and Well Done!

June 2013
Change is inevitable and this is nothing new to Bible College SA. We have changed locations several times over the years – Payneham, Victor Harbor, Malvern; the College’s name has changed – From Adelaide Bible Institute to Bible College SA; our logo has changed in the past and may do so again; personnel (council members, faculty, staff, and volunteers) has changed numerous times over the years (though I think Jan Whitford has been around forever); courses have changed and will again; and subjects change all the time.

BUT, some things never change and never will:

Our commitment to the principles of evangelicalism will never change – we are committed to the authority of Scripture for life and practice, the necessity of conversion through faith in Jesus Christ, the centrality of the cross as the place where salvation was won, and the importance of service in church and community.

We remain utterly dependent upon God for life and breath and everything else – including our continued existence as a college. We know that we can depend on an unchanging God – cf. Ps. 102:25-27; Heb. 1:10-12; 6:17; 13:8; James 1:17.

Our goal as a college will always be to see people learning, growing and serving – whether that be in career ministry, lay ministry, or just being salt and light in our world.

Despite all this, over the years the college has faced some challenging times and in every case God has been good to us. Just recently I was at a meeting where we sang that great old hymn, “O God, our help in ages past, our hope in years to come” and it occurred to me that this is a great truth to hold on to in times of change. Indeed, because God has been our help in ages past, we have confidence in him for the future, he is our hope for years to come.

The hymn also reminds us that God never changes:

Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God,
To endless years the same.

In this we take comfort and again can be confident that God will be there whatever our future holds. Another line in the hymn reads “Sufficient is your arm alone” which reminds us that God is the all sufficient one who can meet every need.

As we go through some changes at BCSA over the next few months, be assured that while some things will change, others will remain the same, and God never changes. He has been our help in ages past and he is our hope for years to come.

Mark Kulikovsky
Acting Principal

From the College President

Dear College Friends,

The guest speaker at the Bible College Foundation Dinner on 31st May was David Cook, former Principal of Sydney Missionary and Bible College. David spoke on Luke 16:1-15 and explained why giving to theological training is a shrewd investment for eternity. Thirty-nine Foundation Partners and fifteen prospective Foundation Partners attended. All giving to the Bible College Foundation is tax deductible. If you would like details of how to support the College through the Foundation, please contact Glenn Clarke, Administrator of BCSA on 8291 8188.

The College Council has set up a team to search for our new Principal. The team comprises Paul Harrington, Russell Bartlett, David Walter, Glenn Clarke, Katy Smith, Phil Lock and Bill Dickson. After considering the qualities, skills, abilities and possible categories of candidates, along with on-going prayer for discernment, the initial long list of candidates has been whittled down. Extensive background checks and referee reports were obtained. Some of these candidates were interviewed and one particular candidate was unanimously endorsed by the search team. A special Council meeting is scheduled for 20th June to consider the selection report and decide on an appointment with effect from January 2014.

Bill Dickson
President - Bible College SA Council
**Post Graduate Studies Intensives**

*Rev Dr Jeff Pugh*

‘Church Systems and Congregational Health’

15 - 19 July

Jeff is Dean of the Postgraduate Institute of Melbourne School of Theology.

Church Systems and Congregational Health is a course designed to equip pastors and ministers with the understanding and tools to recognise which aspects of a church’s culture are hindering or producing growth. The subject explores essential issues such as leading through conflict, recognising the potential for both growth and disease, and identifying which leadership style is appropriate for the maturity of a particular church culture.

*Rev Dr David Peterson*

‘Preaching the Book of Acts’

23 - 29 September

David is Senior Research Fellow and Lecturer in New Testament at Moore College in Sydney.

This subject studies in detail key passages accompanied by an examination of particular theological themes such as Christology, the fulfillment of Scripture, the Holy Spirit, evangelism and witness, church growth and the ministry of the Word. Candidates will be challenged by the different models of ministry in Acts and so encouraged to preach more appropriately and effectively.

*Places are still available for both subjects. Contact the College office for further details.*

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**Student Weddings**

Chris and Stephanie Seglenieks

David and Kate Spencer

Congratulations to Chris and Stephanie who were married on 6th April and to David and Kate who were married on 27th April. Chris, David and Kate all graduated in 2013.

Chris is associate pastor at Cheltenham Baptist Church. David and Kate have move to Port Pirie where David is assistant pastor at Port Pirie Baptist.

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**Claire Taylor**

The College is very pleased to welcome Claire who has been appointed as Development Manager on a six month contract.

Claire has recently moved from the UK. She is delighted to be working on promoting Bible College SA in the coming months.

Claire brings a range of skills to her new position. Her previous roles include National Director of a Christian organisation in the UK (called The Besom) and she has also been Sales and Marketing Manager of a company called Cocoa Loco, producers of handmade, organic and Fairtrade chocolate.

She hopes to become a part of the community of the College and be pro-active in talking to churches in Adelaide and beyond about the benefits of study at Bible College SA. If you are a part of a church or organisation that would like to know more – please get in touch!

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**Semester 1 Open Night**

Student President Phillip Lock supervises preparation of the coffee

A very successful Open Night was held on 15th May. 69 people attended with many enquiring about studying at Bible College SA. Attendees enjoyed a light meal, dessert and coffee as well as an introductory lecture and information about the College.

There is still time to enrol for Semester 2. For more information please contact the College office 8291 8188.

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*Student President Phillip Lock*
**Volunteers Needed**
The College needs volunteers for work in the library and general gardening and maintenance.

- Do you have data entry skills and possibly some library experience?
- Are you a keen gardener?

If you feel you would like to assist the ministry of the College in one of these areas, please contact the office.

**Situations Vacant**
**Clerical Assistant**
The College is seeking to appoint a clerical assistant to assist in the Front Office. Duties will include reception, banking, processing documents and invoices, data entry, record keeping and other duties as required. Competency in MYOB, MS Office, and Abode InDesign will be well regarded. The position is 0.5FTE. For a Job Description please contact the College office 8291 8188 or admin@biblecollege.sa.edu.au.

**Coming Up**
**June 15-22**
**Ministry Experience Week**
Students are off to Port Pirie for a week of practical ministry

**June 22**
**Australian College of Theology Consortium Conference**
Principals and Presidents of affiliated colleges meet to discuss matters affecting theological education

**August 9**
**SA Preaching School**
Registrations will soon be available for this popular event. Contact the College office for more details

**Introducting Part time Lecturers**
**Semester 2 2013**

- **Geoff Sunstrom**
  - New Testament

- **Ken Noakes**
  - Introduction to Preaching

- **Corey Akeley**
  - Theology

- **Frank Tucker**
  - Cross Cultural Communication

- **Michael Hyam**
  - Youth in the Churches

**Bible College SA highly values our part time faculty and we warmly welcome those who are lecturing in Semester 2**

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