

BIBLE INSTITUTE OF MISSOURI

EVENING SCHOOL

Since "faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Romans 10:17), then one purpose that the *Bible Institute of Missouri's Evening School* serves is to help people to grow in faith. Each Monday evening for fifteen weeks in the fall and in the spring, three classes are offered for the development and maturity in the most holy faith of all those involved. Each week during each semester, there is a course on the New Testament, the Old Testament, and a topical study.

The *Bible Institute of Missouri's Evening School* started the spring semester of 2007 and is about to complete its fifth year. Since its beginning, we have had over fifty students. Some have taken one class while others have taken several courses. Since the curriculum is designed around a five-year plan, then we are about to finish up the full course of study for the first time. One brother, Jon Davis of the Kansas Expressway church, has taken every single course and, Lord willing, will be graduating in December 2011. Another brother, Eddie Goins of the Oldfield church, has taken courses every semester, but lacks a few more courses before he will graduate. All of our students are to be commended, but we especially commend these men for their dedication, study, and labor.

Beginning in the spring of 2008, the *Bible Institute of Missouri's Evening School* began broadcasting its classes over the internet. This has been made possible because of the cooperative efforts of the *Online Academy of Biblical Studies*. Since beginning internet broadcasting, we have twenty-four courses of study, consisting of over three hundred classes readily available to anyone

in the world who has an internet connection. It is not unusual for me to be visiting various congregations and learn about someone who has watched our classes. Also, every month or two, someone in various places writes to ask about materials used in our classes. Of course, we appreciate all of our students whether in the live classes, watching live on the internet, or watching our archived classes.

What about you? If you are in the immediate area of Springfield, Missouri, we hope you are taking advantage of the live classes, but if not, please accept our invitation to join us. If you are out of this area or are unable to be present, please take advantage of our classes online. Because we are dedicated to teach the Bible and the Bible only, you are sure to be benefitted by joining us on Monday evenings for a study of God's word.

—Chuck Northrop

Current Evening School Schedule

- 6:30 PM — *Minor Prophets* with Derek Yarber
- 7:30 PM — *Revelation* with Ray Sullins
- 8:30 PM — *Christology* with Chuck Northrop

The current Monday evening class schedule will continue until December 12, 2011. The spring 2012 semester classes will include *Synoptics*, *Pentateuch*, and *The Church*. Classes can be taken live in person and are also available [online](#).

BIM Second Quarter Classes

First-Year Classes:	Second-Year Classes:
Acts of the Apostles	Isaiah
New Testament Church	Romans and Galatians
Prison Epistles	World Missions
Preacher and His Work II	Preacher and His Work VI
English II	Greek II

Combined:
Hebrew History II

In order to complete our two-year preacher training program, students take an accelerated schedule of classes. Over their two years at BIM, students complete four years' worth of classes. It is intense at times but very rewarding for all who undertake it.

Current BIM Student Body



Allen Fischgrabe, Jesse Young, Kent Eakins, Uriah Greer

The upcoming issues of the *BIM Informer* will highlight and showcase the present student body of the Bible Institute of Missouri.

Check out the "[Resources](#)" page on our website to find daily devotionals and archived lessons from past lectureships.

Student Showcase



Uriah Maravilla Greer was born December 3, 1990 to Dr. Martin and Mrs. Jeanette Greer. He is from Arkansas. From his father side, he inherits a candy-making business and trade, and from his mother, a mission work in the southern Philippines. However, he inherited a love of God's Word from both of them. After completing the tenth grade of high school, Uriah went straight on to complete two years of college by the age of nineteen. During this time, he occasionally taught a youth group and preached. He loves to write fiction in his spare time, and though he has a myriad of other interests, his main desire is to continue in the Lord's work. He currently preaches Sunday evenings at Eastside church of Christ in Eureka Springs, Arkansas. Uriah is now in his second year at the Bible Institute of Missouri and is scheduled to graduate in June 2012. The article (right) is an example of his writing.

How Do We Exhort One Another?

Hebrews 10:23-25

Uriah Maravilla Greer

Ever asked if someone is faithful to the church? "Faithful? They're there every time the doors are open!" Though many factors come into play, a person's attendance in church service can say a lot. Simply put, when someone is not worshipping God as they ought to with the church, something is keeping them away. One might say, "Well, they might be sick or incapacitated." Well said! Red flags still ought to go up! Should we not visit and help those of our number who are sick and in need (Matthew 25:44-46)? However, what about those not worshipping with the church who are not sick or prevented? What about those who are perfectly able to attend services and simply do not?

The writer of Hebrews brings out this very point: to forsake the assembly is sin. (Please see Hebrews 10:23-25 for the following discussion.) This letter was written to Christians under great pressure to return to Judaism. The writer exhorts them not to fall away, not to go back to something as futile as the Old Law, but to stay faithful to Jesus. Is it really any wonder then that he makes the assembly out to be so important? To be clear, the above passage shows us that we have a direct command to assemble with the saints. If God said to do something, we must do it. As to why God would command it, however, we can find several reasons.

Firstly, the assembly shows our faithfulness to the hope of eternal life. If we truly believe that only the Bible can tell us how to be saved, why would we reject its teachings about the assembly? Secondly, we know the importance of loving our brethren (John 13:34), but do we make ways to do that? The assembly enables us to share our concerns for one another. By this show of care, we also—thirdly—exhort each other. When someone forsakes the assembly, that person forsakes encouragement. Is it any wonder that forsaking the assembly leads to sinful lives? We need encouragement from one another. Lastly, in so doing all of these things, we give ourselves a constant reminder of the judgment day to come—the very purpose of the Lord's Supper (1 Corinthians 11:26). Considering what Christ did for us, why would we ever want to forsake His commanded remembrance? Let us strive to give the assembly its value. Let us seek to be pleasing to God.