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Thank You to all who supported the Bible Institute of Missouri in some way in 2012. Without you, this great work would not be possible. Please keep the school in mind and in your prayers in 2013. May God bless you for your generosity.

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Resolutions for a New Day

Brent Green

When the calendar resets on January 1, it wipes the slate clean. People feel as if they get a fresh start and a new beginning in life. Therefore, at the first of every year, many people make New Year's resolutions. Some will resolve to quit a bad habit. Others will resolve to get out of debt. Many will resolve to lose weight. Countless resolutions will be made by people around the world at the beginning of the year.

Making plans for the future and setting goals is a good thing. Some plans and goals simply cannot be accomplished in one day; therefore, planning is required. However, making future plans should not overshadow the present. Every day of life is a blessing from God and should be lived as such. James says, "Come now, you who say, 'Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell, and make a profit'; whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away. Instead you ought to say, 'If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that'" (James 4:13-15). James is promoting an "if the Lord wills" attitude. When making plans for the future, people must remember that the days needed to fulfill their plans and accomplish their goals are given by God. Furthermore, this attitude should bring greater significance to every day of life.

After making plans and setting goals for the year, try narrowing the scope to just one day. Think about those things that can be accomplished in just one day, and then try to do them every day of life. Try making resolutions for each new day. Start each day with a prayer. Study the Bible. Laugh. Eat a meal as a family. Bring joy to someone's life. Do something good for someone else. Spend time with family and friends. Say "please" and "thank you." Count life's blessings. Say "I love you" and give a hug. Smile. Talk about God. End each day with a prayer. Truly, there are just so many good and wholesome little things that everyone can accomplish every day of life.

While trying to accomplish long term goals, do not forget to live one day at a time. People should not live so much for the future that they forget to live in the present. With a new year ahead, resolve to make the most of it on a daily basis.

(Remember to pray for the Bible Institute of Missouri daily also!)

"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



Evening School Schedule

6:30 PM — *Book of John* with Adam Orr
7:30 PM — *Hebrew History I* with Brent Green
8:30 PM — *The Godhead* with Chuck Northrop

The current Monday evening classes will come to an end on December 17th. In case you missed a class or would like to watch a past class at your leisure, all of the classes have been archived on our [website](#). The next semester of Monday evening classes will begin on January 14, 2013.

6:30 PM — *Acts of the Apostles* with Jerry Sullins
7:30 PM — *Doctrinal Issues Facing the Church*
8:30 PM — *Hebrew History II* with Brent Green

Please take advantage of this great learning opportunity available to all. Classes can be taken in person at the BIM or watched live online.

BIM Second Quarter Classes

First-Year Classes:	Second-Year Classes:
Prison Epistles	Isaiah
New Testament Church Preacher and His Work II	Thessalonians and Hebrews Preacher and His Work VI
English Grammar II	Greek II

Combined:
Exodus and Leviticus
Life of Christ II



Current BIM Student Body



Allen Fischgrabe, Jesse Young, Dustin McCrickard, Ethan Young

Allen and Jesse are in their second year of studies. Dustin McCrickard and Ethan Young are in the second quarter of their first year of studies.

From the Field

Jesus exhorted His disciples, “The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest” (Matthew 9:37-38). Upon graduating from the Bible Institute of Missouri, our graduates go out into the field to labor for the Lord. In this issue and in upcoming issues of the *BIM Informer*, we will be sharing with you where some of our graduates are and what they are doing now.



Derek Yarber graduated from Southwest Missouri State University (now Missouri State University) in West Plains, Missouri in the spring of 2005. He then attended the Bible Institute of Missouri, graduating in 2007. Derek

married his best friend and college sweetheart, Vanessa, on August 18th, 2007. On December 29th, 2011, they were blessed with the new love of their lives, Raegan LeAnn. For four and a half years, Derek worked with the Camdenton church of Christ on a full-time basis, serving in the capacity of preacher. In November of 2011, he began serving with the Conway church of Christ, in which he continues to labor to the present. In his spare time, Derek enjoys spending time with his wife and baby girl, watching sports, fishing, and golfing.

“August of 2005 marked the beginning of my life. Though being challenged in ways of intellect and time I had never experienced made me think it was the end, the Bible Institute of Missouri was merely stimulating in me a much needed spiritual awakening. An institution of this level is to be commended not because students are force-fed in two years all they need to know for the rest of their lives, but because they are equipped with the necessary tools of how to learn for themselves. This is what occurred during my time at the BIM; capable instructors shared of their knowledge, while imparting the wisdom required to properly apply those facts, enabling students to utilize that very formula to discover new information and understanding to employ on their own. We are distinctly blessed to have such an upper level of

spiritual learning in the Ozarks. Since it is our divine honor, consequently, it is our spiritual duty to be behind this type of worthy effort to establish more churches for Jesus and to fortify His existent congregations in our area. From my *personal* experience, the Bible Institute of Missouri is up to this task!” —Derek Yarber

“Hope and Change”

Derek Yarber

It was the message that resonated with masses of American voters just four years ago. Not hope or change; hope *and* change. Like, love, or hate its political tone, the motto itself twangs a Biblical string. At the forefront of this sort of piece is the staple “that the Most High rules in the kingdom of men, gives it to whomever He will, and sets over it the lowest of men” (Daniel 4:17b) and that the eventual success or demise of a land is totally predicated upon its recognition of the One who has established it and upon its following of His moral guiding. “Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD” (Psalm 33:12a); “the wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God” (Psalm 9:17); and “righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people” (Proverbs 14:34). When a country rises to prominence by His blessing, then gives itself over to vile practices, it had better be on high alert. “And the instant I speak concerning a nation and concerning a kingdom, to build and to plant it, if it does evil in My sight so that it does not obey My voice, then I will relent concerning the good with which I said I would benefit it” (Jeremiah 18:9-10). Yet, even in the most abysmal of downward spirals, there is prospect. “The instant I speak concerning a nation and concerning a kingdom, to pluck up, to pull down, and to destroy it, if that nation against whom I have spoken turns from its evil, I will relent of the disaster that I thought to bring upon it” (Jeremiah 18:7-8). But is the United States too deeply immersed in her depravity plunge ever to return? Not at all! As long as there is willingness to change, there is always hope!

HOPE

The nation of Judah had been carried off as captives into a foreign land, when she was informed by the Most High: “For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord,

thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope” (Jeremiah 29:11). The message had to be a breath of fresh air, considering the misery the country was reaping for the wicked seed she had sown. However, “Judah was God’s people of old, and America is just *another* people of today,” it could be interjected. True, but ponder only a sampling of additional peoples from the olden days with whom God exhibited inordinate patience: Sodom and Gomorrah (Genesis 18:20-21), the Ninevites (Jonah), and the entire antediluvian world (Genesis 6:5-7, 3)! If He held out some temporary hope for these civilizations of grave wickedness, would He not do the same for America?!

CHANGE

Our land needs it, badly! Hope was possessed for Judah, because she was willing to change. “Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart” (Jeremiah 29:12-13). Who is the hope to lead a change movement in this country? The very element from every nation where hope exists, the salt and light of the earth (Matthew 5:13-16)! “If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, *then* I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land” (2 Chronicles 7:14). There is hope for change in the United States, but only if the righteous care enough to spearhead it!

Can we change the evil workings in our country, reversing the course of cursing we have brought on ourselves? “YES WE CAN.” But will we? Such merely depends on the strength of our hope!

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