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BIM Contributors (2013)

An updated list of the contributors for this new year will be published in the next edition of the *BIM Informer*. We would love to add many more names to that list this year. If you have never supported the Bible Institute of Missouri, we hope that 2013 will be the year you choose to do so.

There are many who support the school itself and many others who support its students and faculty. Every investment in the school is an investment in the future of the church. Every man that trains receives a solid foundation in the Bible. Since 2005, graduates have left the Bible Institute of Missouri, preaching and teaching the truth of God's Word. Therefore, it is of necessity that we seek to continue training faithful men so that the church will have faithful preachers for many years to come.

Would you please consider making a one-time, monthly, or annual contribution this year?

Thanks to everyone and every congregation that has supported the effort of training preachers at the Bible Institute of Missouri before and since its inception in 2003.

May God bless you for your generosity, and may He bless the work of the Bible Institute of Missouri for many more years to come. Please keep the school in mind and in your prayers in 2013.

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“How Shall They Hear Without a Preacher?”

Jerry Sullins

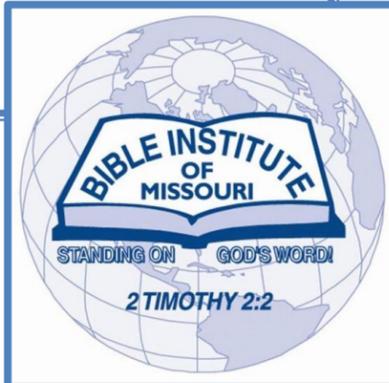
Paul once asked, “How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?” (Romans 10:14).

What I learned after having lived in Africa for just a short while is that if we did not train preachers to spread the gospel, then the job would never be accomplished. The people of this world will never hear the gospel unless we rise to the challenge of committing the Word of God to faithful men so that they will be able to go to their own people to proclaim the gospel (2 Timothy 2:2). Was that not what Jesus was doing when he selected twelve men to fulfill the task of taking the gospel to all the world? After twenty years on the mission field and after being involved in the establishment of five schools of preaching, I am convinced that this is the way that we will continue to evangelize the world. It is through the training of preachers that the gospel is proclaimed and faithful churches are established throughout the United States as well as throughout the world.

The Bible Institute of Missouri has been in existence since 2003. Our goal is to train as many faithful men as we can to reach out to the lost in the United States as well as throughout the world. Unlike Africa, fewer and fewer men in the United States desire to train to be preachers of God's Word. Most preacher training schools in the United States have to search for and recruit men who are willing to make the sacrifice necessary to serve the Lord as gospel preachers. As well, we at the Bible Institute of Missouri are constantly looking for prospects so that we can train more men to do the work of evangelists in the church today. We need your help! You may know of someone in your congregation who is thinking about attending a preacher training school. It could be a member of the church where you attend, a relative, or someone you know who could make an effective worker in the kingdom of God as a preacher. If you know of such a prospect, please contact me directly at 417-619-8197, or you can email me at jerrysullins@juno.com. I would be more than happy to contact any prospects you give us. You may also want to suggest to the prospect that he can find out all about us by going to our website at www.bim-us.org.

Please pray for us as we continue to strive to produce faithful preachers of the gospel!

“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



Faculty Focus

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



Jerry R. Sullins is the director and an instructor for the Bible Institute of Missouri. He holds a B.A. degree from Harding University. He has served the church in local works in the United States for more than twenty years in the states of Tennessee,

Indiana, Alabama, and Arkansas. For two and a half years he served as a missionary to Kenya, East Africa. During the years of 1988–1994, he established and directed the Botswana School of Biblical Studies in Botswana, Africa. The school was then moved to Zambia in 1995 where it was established as the [Zambia School of Biblical Studies](#). He worked with that effort until February 2003. Presently, he is still acting in a supervisory capacity with the school in Zambia. After coming back from Africa, Jerry began working to establish the Bible Institute of Missouri in Springfield, Missouri. The school began in 2003, and Jerry has continued this labor of love until the present.

BIM Third Quarter Classes

First-Year Classes:

Hermeneutics
Denominational Doctrines
Preacher and His Work III
English Grammar III

Second-Year Classes:

Ezekiel and Daniel
Romans and Galatians
Preacher and His Work VII
Greek III

Combined:

Numbers and Deuteronomy
Corinthians



Evening School Schedule

Monday evening classes started 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

Classes can be taken at the school or live [online](#).

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.



Russell Earl grew up in central Arkansas. He attended the Bible Institute of Missouri from August 2006 to July 2008. Russell was baptized in August 2003 after he was converted from a denominational background. His wife Lisa has been a Christian since 2000. Russell and Lisa were married in September 2004 and have a daughter, Chloe Jo. Russell has been actively involved in church work since he became a Christian. Recently, he preached for the Lord's church in Dillon, South Carolina. He has also served as an instructor at the Central Carolina School of Preaching. He also serves as an instructor for the [Online Academy of Biblical Studies](#). He currently labors with the [church of Christ](#) in Oologah, Oklahoma.

"Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore, get wisdom. And in all your getting, get understanding" (Proverbs 4:7). It is no secret that God wants His servants to be knowledgeable people. "Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Timothy 2:15). The Bible Institute of Missouri helps men in their journey to become faithful and

knowledgeable gospel preachers and teachers in the kingdom of God. The brotherhood always needs faithful, dedicated, and knowledgeable men. The Bible Institute of Missouri helps fill this need. If you are looking for a school of preaching to help you in your journey, I recommend you contact the [Bible Institute of Missouri](#)." —Russ Earl

Do Not Grow Weary

Russ Earl

In 2 Thessalonians 3:13, Paul says, "But as for you, brethren, do not grow weary in doing good." It is easy at times to grow tired and discouraged. We labor and reap what seems to be very little. We may go "door knocking" with little success. We may hold a gospel meeting or lectureship and have very few show up to support it. We may teach Bible classes and have very few attend. We may even preach a lesson, and meanwhile we see people falling asleep in their seats.

It is during these times we really have to focus on the tasks we have set forth. We have to remember everyone has hard times. Even the apostles had hard times. In Acts 14:19-20, Paul was stoned for preaching the truth, but then he returned into the city on his way across the land. He obviously was not well received, yet despite such hardships, he continued to preach the gospel. Never did he stop.

In Jeremiah 20:10-11, we see Jeremiah's attitude toward hardships: "For I heard many mocking: 'Fear on every side!' 'Report,' they say, 'and we will report it!' All my acquaintances watched for my stumbling . . . but the LORD is with me as a mighty, awesome One. Therefore my persecutors will stumble, and will not prevail."

It is hard to stay upbeat or happy during times of hardship. Paul reminds those at Galatia that they will reap if they do not lose heart. "And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart" (Galatians 6:9). These words should remind us that we are not the only ones who can grow weary.

Bible class teachers and preachers can at times grow weary when it seems as if the congregation is not responding to God's Word. They can begin to feel that they are doing something wrong or that they are no longer successful. It is during these

times that we should remember Paul's exhortation to those at Thessalonica (2 Thessalonians 3:13).

Members themselves can grow weary also. If they feel that the congregation is not growing, they may start to point fingers and blame others for the congregation not growing as they feel it should.

However, as Christians we cannot allow the feeling of weariness to burden us down. We sometimes have to remember the blessings we currently have and the good things that are going well. It is when we forget about the blessings we are currently enjoying that we can fall prey to becoming weary and then slack off in our work as Christians.

Consider the words of Paul in 2 Thessalonians 3:16: "Now may the Lord of peace Himself give you peace always in every way. The Lord be with you all." Paul here is telling them that if they abide in Christ always and do not lose heart, then they will find peace. Not in just one area in their lives but "in every way."

Paul also gave them words to remember when he said, "The Lord be with you all." We know this is true in Matthew 28:20b: "And lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. Amen." When we grow weary from doing the labors of the Lord, we can remember that He is with us. He knows of the hardships and the tribulations involved in doing the Father's will. In Hebrews 4:15, we learn that He was tempted as we are. We can be tempted with the idea of giving up and not wanting to continue when things are not so easy.

Paul here in 2 Thessalonians did not want these individuals to grow weary while doing good. Neither should we. We are told that our hope is to be in Christ. "Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ" (1 Peter 1:13). We can rest assured of our hope in Christ, and when we do this, we should not easily grow weary but pick ourselves up and carry on the work that needs to be done. Let us not grow weary in doing good, but by doing good cause those who do evil to grow weary. "But the LORD is with me as a mighty, awesome One. Therefore my persecutors will stumble, and will not prevail. They will be greatly ashamed, for they will not prosper. Their everlasting confusion will never be forgotten" (Jeremiah 20:11).