



BBS classes in north and south



This past autumn saw the resumption of British Bible School extension classes in Scotland and the first series of extension classes held in England. These were in the form of two Study Weekends in East Kilbride and two at the Wembley congregation in London.

East Kilbride

In East Kilbride the module on *Christian Ethics* (PRA01) was on offer with Jon Galloway (East Kilbride) and Jack Paton (Clarkston) teaching. Over the two weekends seven attended the sessions with

five present for all the sessions. Jack presented excellent material on an introduction to ethics, the Biblical basis of ethics, ethics as a part of our life. Jon's lessons centred on ethical issues that we face in our society today including same sex marriage, the Christian and war, abortion, euthanasia, stem cell research, and designer children. The teaching was presented with lectures, class discussions, DVDs, and prior research by students. The weekends presented a large amount of material and comments have been very positive and all expressed their appreciation and enjoyment of the time spent studying together. Food was provided by Christians at East Kilbride.

Wembley

In Wembley the tutors were John Griffiths (Wembley) and Steven Whitehead (Buckingham

Park, Aylesbury) who between them delivered the Old Testament module on *Psalms* (OLD09). Over the two weekends seventeen different people attended at least one of the nineteen sessions and three were present for all of them. It was, of course, impossible to study all the Psalms in the limited time available to us but students were given background material to help set the Psalms in context and shown different ways of approaching them. There was a variety of lectures, seminars and practical exercises with those students who wished to take the module for BBS credit making two presentations as well as submitting a portfolio of comments on selected Psalms. Both weekends were intense but enjoyable, student feedback has been positive, and all were well fed, courtesy of Margaret Griffiths.



Steve Whitehead and John Griffiths pictured (above) with students at Wembley during the second of our two Study Weekends on Psalms, and (top) Jack Paton teaching at the recent Study Weekend on Christian Ethics at East Kilbride.

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Thanks for a faithful servant

Brenda Harland was one of only a few members of the Corby congregation who were there when Joe Nisbet opened the British Bible School in 1979 and who were still there when the final residential students moved out in 2008. Anyone who attended a BBS Graduation, Reunion or Study Day has reason to be grateful to Brenda because the chances are she was there: often one of the first to arrive to help set up and the last to leave having finished the tidying away. And in the summer recess Brenda would be one of the volunteers helping to spring-clean student accommodation and the BBS building.

When the BBS moved into its new phase of distance and extension learning, Brenda continued to offer practical support on the occasions that the school building was open and also as the wife of David, the current BBS Bursar. Of course there have been others who have helped over the years but we doubt that there are many who have done so much for so long. On behalf of the BBS governors, teachers past and present, and graduates I want to thank Brenda publicly for her loving and faithful service of God's people through her work at the British Bible School for so many years. We will not forget.

Steven Whitehead

(Chairman of BBS Governing Body)

Diary dates ...

Study one of our Modules within a classroom environment. Numbers are limited and places **must** be booked in advance.

Study Break

Mission Studies (PRA05)

East Kilbride, Scotland
11th to 14th March 2013

Study Weekends (Modules t.b.a.)

East Kilbride, Scotland
4th to 5th October 2013
8th to 9th November 2013

Wembley, London

11th to 12th October 2013
15th to 16th November 2013



West of Scotland Study Break

Mission Studies (PRA05)

The British Bible School are providing the opportunity to study this module during a four-day period in March 2013. Classes will run from the Monday morning through to the Thursday afternoon.

Date: 11th to 14th March 2013

Venue: Meeting place on Scholars Gate, East Kilbride

Teachers: *Patrick Boyns* and *Trevor Williams*

Students are required to attend all sessions. The classes will be limited to a maximum number of twelve students. Preference will be given to students already enrolled on our Applied Biblical Studies course. There will be a small charge t.b.c.

For further information or to book a place please visit our web site or contact us.

Training day at Great Barr

With a number of options from which to choose, our *Missional Outreach In-House Training* option has so far proved to be the most popular choice among congregations, perhaps reflecting the growing concern felt by many that evidence of progress in sharing the good news of Jesus is often hard to see.

Having completed preliminary surveys prior to the event, the group at Great Barr was better able to understand some of their strengths and weakness in fulfilling their mission for Christ. Knowing our current position and state of health is of immense help when making plans to reach any desired outcome.

In an ever-changing world, yesterday's methods of outreach may no longer be appropriate or

effective, and relevant solutions need to be sought to make God's mission live within the heart of his people. The message is the same as it ever has been, but methods of communicating that message have certainly changed.

The seven training options currently being offered by the British Bible School are:

- Missional outreach
- Youth issues
- Back to basics
- Congregational growth
- Praise and worship
- Good stewardship
- Leadership

Congregations should have received a leaflet outlining these training possibilities and we are eager to visit you to help in whatever way we can. More details on the web site.



A thoughtful group in session during the recent In-House Training event on Missional Outreach held for the Great Barr congregation in Birmingham.