

Worldwide Preacher Training

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Good-Newsletter

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First Year in the Books!

WPT Concludes 2022

Having concluded our first year in the work of Worldwide Preacher Training, I wish to thank each of you for your support of this ministry. The church should be pleased to hear of the fine men who are preparing themselves to preach the gospel. In just the first year of this ministry, in four different schools, I was able to teach approximately 100+ preachers, teachers, elders, deacons, and Christian women in the Lord's church. A reasonable guess would be that 70% of these students were men training to preach or are already preaching somewhere.

Courses Taught

United States

Judges, New Testament Church, Isaiah, Last Things (Nashville School of Preaching); Romans (MTSP)

Philippines

Historical Books of the Old Testament, Ministry in the Contemporary World, Church History, Last Things, Denominational Doctrines, Introduction to Graduate Studies

South Africa

Parables of Jesus, Acts, Preacher and Evangelism, Church Growth, 1&2 Thessalonians

Textbooks Published in 2022

According to His Promise: Studies in the Last Things

Doctrines of Men: A Comparative Study of Denominational Doctrines and the Word of God



Preaching Workshop in Cape Town, South Africa (December 3, 2022)

Preaching Workshop in Cape Town

A Great Day Was Spent Encouraging Others to Preach the Word!

A preacher's workshop was hosted by the Central church of Christ in Cape Town on December 3. Between 20-30 preachers and church leaders attended the event.

The workshop centered on 1 Timothy 4:16: "Take heed to yourself and to the doctrine. Continue in them, for in doing this you will save both yourself and those who hear you."

From this text we discussed (1) The Man; (2) The Message; and (3) The Ministry. My plans are to take the

notes used in this and other workshops and print them in book form sometime in 2023, Lord willing.

While at Central, I was blessed to learn about Thomas William Hartle. He was a great gospel preacher who was a pioneer for restoring New Testament Christianity in South Africa. Brother Hartle labored and sacrificed greatly for the cause in South Africa.



Church Leaders Workshop: A Great Success!

On December 10, the Hilltop church of Christ in Johannesburg hosted a church leaders' workshop. Approximately 80 prospective elders and deacons came together to discuss the qualifications, work, and responsibilities of elders and deacons in the Lord's church.

Unfortunately, these brethren are also facing false teaching concerning the role of women in the leadership of the church. Much time was given to answering their questions to prepare them to answer false teaching and practices.

I was privileged to spend time with Chris Burke and Ben Little during this weekend. Chris preaches for Hilltop and Ben preaches for Benoni. Both men are associated with Southern Africa Bible College. I was blessed to preach for the Benoni congregation while visiting there. It is a fine church with friendly and loving people.



Prospective Church Leaders from Johannesburg and Other Areas (Dec 10)

More Details from South Africa Trip

Under this beautiful chestnut tree Southern Africa Bible College began meeting for classes in 1966. Today's administration building is pictured below. Covid-19 hurt the enrollment for the school, and they are now trying to build it back to its normal figures.



Brother George Bailey was instrumental in the beginning and growth of the college. Many Americans have taken a special interest in this school over the years.

The school has a large campus and facilities are in place to be successful. Plans are underway to restart their annual Bible lectureship in 2023. Much good has been done through their efforts. Let us pray that much good is yet to be done!



While in Cape Town, I stayed with Paul and Hettie Gerber. Paul is the director of the school of preaching and the preacher for the Somerset West church. I love these folks!



I was also able to meet the elders of this good church. I enjoyed visiting with one of them and staying with another. These men and their wives are precious workers and are doing great things for the kingdom. They are proactive and visionary in the work of the Lord.

One of the works they are about to begin is to provide housing for aged Christians in houses purchased by the church. Funds are currently being raised for the effort to provide for them.

Some of my online students came to hear me preach at Somerset West. I was also able to teach on campus for the week. One of my students is blind and brought me a brail copy of Ephesians 4:17-32. A wonderful gift indeed!



Plans for 2023

Philippines

Looking ahead to 2023, a trip is scheduled to the Philippines for February 15-27. I will be speaking on the lecturership for Asian Christian University, preaching in area churches, and conducting a workshop for preachers and church leaders in Manilla. It is likely that I will return to the Philippines in May to teach at the school and assist in conducting an evangelistic campaign with my students. I will also be teaching online throughout the year.

United States

I will be teaching the book of Revelation and Great Chapters of the Bible in the Nashville School of Preaching beginning in January. Plans are underway for a one-day course on preaching for the summer term. Plans have not been set for the fall term.

I will also be teaching for the Middle Tennessee School of Preaching at the Smyrna church of Christ in Culleoka beginning in January. Two hours each Monday night will be given to a study of the book of Hebrews.

South Africa

I will be teaching courses in the Minor Prophets, Survey of the NT, Revelation, Hebrews, NT Church, and Homiletics. A trip is also likely sometime in the fall.

More plans are likely to develop in other countries. Nothing has been set as of printing.



Andy and Melanie Erwin and Family



Church leaders, preachers, and businessmen gathered for an Authentic Leadership Workshop in Pretoria (Dec.12)

Authentic Leadership Workshop

I traveled to Pretoria on Sunday evening, December 11, to stay with Ashley Paulse and his wife. Brother Paulse is one of the elders for Summerset West. He desired a workshop be conducted in his home for church leaders and businessmen alike to address leadership in the areas of faith, family, and work.

Emphasis was given to establishing core values personally and professionally which must never waver. The values of honesty, integrity, hard work, and humility were discussed. We also studied shepherd leadership principles from scripture.

It is plain to see that the principles for life which are set forth in scripture will lead to better lives, homes, churches, businesses, governments, and societies. The answers to life's problems and world

issues are found in the Bible, if we will only look for them and faithfully apply them.

It may seem out-of-place to say to a group of business leaders, but we made clear that being truly successful requires more than making money. "What shall it profit a man" after all?

If we will do what is right, true, and good, God will bless us personally and professionally. We should strive to operate on the biblical principles of what is good, true, and right. Is it good? Is it true? Is it the right thing to do? Scripture must provide the moral compass for determining the veracity, goodness, and correctness of the decision being made and the work being done.

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