



THE VISION

Breckbill Bible College

Biblical Wisdom: Our Foundation By Pastor Kern Wickware

Jesus said that wisdom is justified by her children in Luke 7:35. The result of what we believe is manifest in the results that it brings forth. What one believes is either based on fallacy or truth. The wisdom of this world is at variance with the wisdom of heaven. The devil introduced lies and myths at the very beginning of man's existence. From the onset of mankind, man has been led astray with the lies of Satan, believing them to be the truth. The world's state today results from the wholesale rejection of Biblical truth. The state of the "Christian Church" today also results from the rejection of Biblical truth.

What we "know" and believe affects every aspect of our lives. Not only our eternal of future, but our everyday existence and of how we live our lives. Jesus put this perspective on truth in the Sermon on the Mount. Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: And the rains descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house: and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock. And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: And the rains came and the winds blew and beat upon that house and it fell: and great was the fall of it. (Matt.7: 24-27)

The gaining of Biblical wisdom is not for college alone, it is for everyday life. I can never be successful in any phase of Christian life if I do not know the truth and believe it. Biblical wisdom is the only basis for pleasing God in our life and it is the only thing that gives our life stability in a world of insanity. The battle for truth is never ending and has consequences for eternity and for daily living. Make wise choices in what you rely on. For when the rains come and the floods rise, the only foundation that will steady you is the eternal truth of the scripture.



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Where there is no vision the people perish. Proverbs 29:18a

ALUMNI UPDATES

Danielle Reider Tipton Class of 2000

My education at BBC has equipped me spiritually. It has taught me how to properly study the Word of God. This has given me a solid foundation and proper worldview. BBC has also helped me deepen my love for ministry and missions.

Throughout my life, I have had a lot of wonderful, loving, godly teachers. They had such a positive impact on my life. Not just because they helped me learn to read or solve a math problem, but because they invested their time and love. They made learning exciting. When they read, books came to life. They also prayed for me, corrected me, and forgave me. They showed me, by example, how to follow Christ. My love for teaching stems from the impact their investment has made in my life.

At BBC I was taught so much about God's Word. Not only was I fed spiritually, I was also taught to share what I learned with others. I was given so many ministry opportunities. These helped strengthen my teaching abilities and broaden my vision for foreign and local missions. The girls' Sunday school class I taught has left me with many unforgettable moments. We had exciting classes and adventures, most of which were caught on film. I never knew teaching could be so much fun.

If you are a student at BBC, I would encourage you to savor every moment. Dig deep in the Word. Study more, and work less. Prov 3:5-6

Trust the Lord to direct your path.



Danielle and her husband Jason reside in Kingsport, TN with their puppies Cosmo and Oliver. She teaches middle school at Cedar View Christian School.



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A Legacy of Educators

“Christianity should have an educational system of its own...by this and this only will the darkness of ignorance be dispelled and the light of Christian truth be spread abroad in the land” J. Gresham Machen

One of the main reasons Manahath Educational Center was founded was to train Christian educators. Over the years many dedicated, godly teachers have graduated from our institution and gone on to serve in schools all over the United States and the mission field. Some of our notable teachers include, Patti Ballard Director of 7-12 Special Education at Harford Christian School in Darlington, Maryland and Bobbi Kragl Elementary Special Education at the same school.

Another distinguished alumna is Mary Fields Class of 1969 who served as an educator at Cedar View Christian School in Kingsport TN from the school's founding in 1971 until just a couple years ago. Sharon Babe has served as missionary and educator in Haiti since the late 1980's. Barbara Hess Shertzer has served as an educator in several states and now serves as a home economics teacher in central PA. These are just a few of the outstanding laborers in Christian Education who have graduated from Manahath Educational Center over the years.

Dr. Breckbill believed that Christian schools founded on the Word of God were the only answer for our country, his legacy lives on in each Manahath teacher who graduates and heads out into the world to reach young people for Christ.



Michelle Hess Hilton
Class of '1994

“I love to see the lights come on when a child finally understands a concept that I have been teaching. This age is always in wonder of the teacher and her ability to do anything.”

Michelle lives with her family in Conestoga, PA. Her husband Randy is the Director of the Promised Land Christian Camp. Her son Tanner is 18 a Senior who will attend Arizona Christian University next fall- he will be a part of their running team. Kristopher- 15, Emily -14 are both freshman and involved in school through sports and music. Michelle is the Developmental Kindergarten Teacher and Nursery School Director at Dayspring Christian Academy.

When asked about her education at Manahath, Michelle said, “The classes in education at Manahath helped me to have a solid foundation for teaching. The student teaching class made me realize how much I loved the early education side of school. The opportunity to go to Africa on a missions trip helped me to realize how much I like to educate others. I will always remember when Dr. Cooke would tell us about his mother in law and the different foods she would make from the PA Dutch side, and how questions about those things would make it onto our tests.”

Michelle's advice for current students is “Learn all that you can now, hide it in your heart, you can then always pull it out and use it through life.”

The Importance of A Christian Education

It is estimated that a child will spend 16,000 hours in school from Kindergarten through High School Graduation. During those 16,000 hours a child learns arithmetic, reading, and writing as well as history and science. The ultimate goal of this endeavor is that the child be prepared for his or her future. Whatever vocation he or she may choose a modern education opens that door. However, if the child attends a public school there is an added agenda. Mixed in with the core curriculum are the ideals of a humanistic society. While the subjects themselves may appear “neutral and harmless”, found lurking behind every lesson is the ideology of a society that excludes the Bible and prayer from the schoolroom.

A book that every Christian educator and parent should read is *Education, Christianity and the State* by J. Gresham Machen. In this book Machen’s defense of Christian education is found. He makes it clear that Christian education should be favored because it protects Christian liberty and it promotes Christian religion. Public education should be avoided Machen rightly says, “If you give the bureaucrats the children you might as well give them everything else.”

Some would argue that Christian schools are unnecessary, that Christian children can function well within the walls of a public school. The argument being that Christianity is a way of life that should be lived out within society not cloaked behind the walls of a Christian school. Machen argues however, that “Christianity is, indeed, a way of life; but it is a way of life founded upon a system of Truth... The Christian life cannot be lived on the basis of anti-Christian thought. Hence the necessity of the Christian school.”

Cheri Mumey

With my Bachelors Degree in Christian Elementary Education/Manahath School of Theology

(1966-1970), I was able to secure my most recent teaching/tutoring position @ CCPS (Cecil County Public Schools), Maryland. I even got a little pension after spending five years (2008-2013) there before retiring from teaching in 2013.

When I was a young teen, our EMC Youth Group from Hope Church, Youngstown, PA, travelled to Altoona, PA, to visit the "Old" Manahath located on 5th Street. God touched my heart to follow His will and attend Bible College upon high school graduation (1966). By then, your school had moved to Hollidaysburg, PA, where I was introduced to studies under godly men & women; Max McCall, Tom Parsons, Sheldon Bard, Leon & Brenda Foote, Stan & Lila Winder, George Mundell, Wayne Rhodes, Jr., Peter Bloom, Martha Yanke, Judith Wright, Sanford Shetler, Dr. Han, Richard Runyeon whose dear mother (our housemother) was lovingly called Mama Runyeon, and W.W. Breckbills, Sr. and Jr. Other local church members who taught us how to live and work together for the glory of God and for His Kingdom were Ted Zoller & his wife, Rush Turner, Steve Crile & his wife Diane, Betty Schultzaberger, Wayne & Doris Walker, Gus & Thelma Willis, Doc Gibbons & his wife, the Coffmans, and Anna Breckbill to name a few off the top of my head.

My best friend for life, Bobbie Mallonee, now Mrs. Barbara Kragl, and I will have been like sisters since we met as freshman at MANAHATH, September 1966. Next year marks our 50 years as sisters in the Lord, and it all started when we were made roommates at college. God always has a plan to prosper our lives and it reflects His goodness for His Glory. "Faithful is HE Who calleth you, Who also will do it."

I Thessalonians 5:24.



Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, and be strong.

I Cor 16:13

WHERE ARE THE MEN?

In Malawi whenever we have our college classes the men stand up and sing in beautiful harmony, in Chichewa.

“Stand up, stand up for Jesus ye soldiers of the cross, lift high his royal banner, it must not suffer loss.

Then the second stanza,

“Stand up stand up for Jesus the trumpet call obey,
Forth to the mighty conflict in this His glorious day,
Ye that are men now serve him against unnumbered foes,
Let courage rise with danger and strength to strength oppose.”

The phrase “YE that are men now serve Him” is a paraphrase of the Scripture above. The question of the day is: Where are the real men today in the church?

In the aftermath of the Super Bowl we perhaps could sing:

“Sit down, sit down for the ball game ye men of sport
and ease
Lift up the colors of your team; they must not suffer loss,
From victory unto victory the coach his team shall lead,
till all other teams are beaten—for the Super Bowl indeed.

Sit down, sit down at ease Christ’s call we can disobey,
Forth to the mighty game in this the gospel day,
Ye that are men like infants, do not have a care,
Where duty calls forget it; be always absent there.

The Bible says that physical exercise profits little, i.e. for a little time, meaning this brief life; but godliness is profitable for all things, having the promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come. (I. Timothy 4:8) The Bible says NOTHING about spectating: only exercising physically and spiritually.

QUIT YOU LIKE MEN- This phrase is ONE word in the original; The Greek noun for MAN is simply made into a verb form. “ACT LIKE A MAN.” What a word for the church of today in the 21st century.

In the old classical Greek it was used even of women. In those days many women fought beside the men in battle. When they were girded for the battle they would be exhorted to be like a man- Courageous in the battle. Sadly, while millions of men think the sports area is where the REAL men contend for honors; the number of women on the mission fields of the world now approaches three times the number of men!

Presidents Corner



No matter how much babbling goes on about sports in the media today, all sports is just a game and NOTHING MORE. No matter how much hype, money, mammon, effort, propaganda, is put into it; it is just a little game and nothing more.

The apostle Paul said, when I was a child—actually infant- I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought-or literally, reasoned as a child: but when I became a man I put away childish things. (I. Corinthians 13:11)

Children like fun and games. Someone has written the book *The Juvenilization of the Church*. There is nothing wrong with good healthy sports for the body; but when sports become MORE then we start descending the ladder into childishness and even idolatry. Paul says that those who love pleasure more than those who love God are among all the other gross sinners he mentions in the context.

Adults cannot forever be in pursuit of fun, pleasure, and games. The fashion of this life, Paul says, passes away. This life is fleeting and the issues in it are much more than fun and games; they are about sin, death, salvation, immortality, and eternal all destinies, if the Bible is the Word of the Living God.

The gospel must be preached. Men are those who are supposed to proclaim it. We cannot make self-justifying appeals forever. Like the Lawyer who confronted Jesus, when Jesus put him to the test, the Bible says, “but willing to justify himself.” The Laodicean church was a self justifying church that had need of nothing; so it did not know that it was really poor, blind, miserable, wretched and naked in Christ’s estimation of it, concerning the truth’s that really mattered. C. T. Studd said, “If Jesus Christ be God and died for me, then no sacrifice can be too great for me to make for Him.” The REAL MEN OF GOD since the days of the Apostle Paul fought a good spiritual fight, kept the true faith and finished the real course, looking for their rewards in the world to come not in the arenas of this fleeting world, the fashion of which is quickly passing away.

Alumni Couples

Jean Kragl Clark and Cecil Clark

Current Occupation:

Cecil - Director of Administration and Finance for Southern Methodist Church Ministries Office (2004 to present)
and Business Manager for Southern Methodist College (2009 to present)

Jean - Manager of Foundry Press Christian Bookstore

Currently residing in Orangeburg, South Carolina for the past 16 Years.



How our education helped in our life?

Cecil - I am extremely grateful for the academic training that I received while at Manahath, it has been of great assistance in discerning the Biblical accuracy of various ministers, organizations and publications that I have encountered over the years. It has been the basis of preparation of sermons, messages and lessons that I have delivered. It has also been very beneficial in my daily devotions.

Jean - Manahath gave me a better/deeper knowledge of the scriptures and helped prepare me in my teaching of early education, working with children in Sunday School and Vacation Bible Schools as well as teaching and rearing my own children.

How we met?

We met at lunch on the first day of classes (1979) when all the dorm students sat down together to eat. We got to know each other after evening classes when the students would congregate in the Tennessee Room for just a casual talk time.

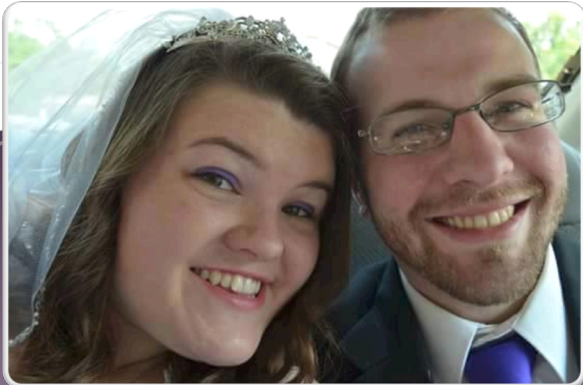
A favorite memory/professor?

There are so many wonderful memories, I guess the thing that stands out most is the closeness that we shared, not just among the students but with the staff and faculty as well, we were family.

Advice to a young person choosing a college?

Cecil - If you want a sound, fundamental, Bible based education you cannot do better than Breckbill Bible College. To anyone contemplating attending a Christian college my advice is to pray, pray, and pray some more. Spend much time seeking the Lord's will in your decision and once knowing His will, do it with confidence and without hesitation. Several times when things became difficult and discouragement set in I had to remember I was where the Lord wanted me. If you do not attend the school of His choosing you will miss so many of His blessings. Pray and seek His guidance.

Jean - Seeking God's will and direction for your life is the most important decision in your life. Be willing and open to what He has for you, focus on Him, not on what you want to do!



William Lueke Jr. & Maggie Clark Lueke

adventure at BBC. BBC was like a second-home for Billy. Many memories and friendships were begun at BBC. There are not many good Christian colleges that have strong standards anymore; Breckbill is one of the few remaining. The education is superior to many other Bible Colleges and its small campus makes for a better atmosphere for study. The faculty really cares about their students and it really shows.

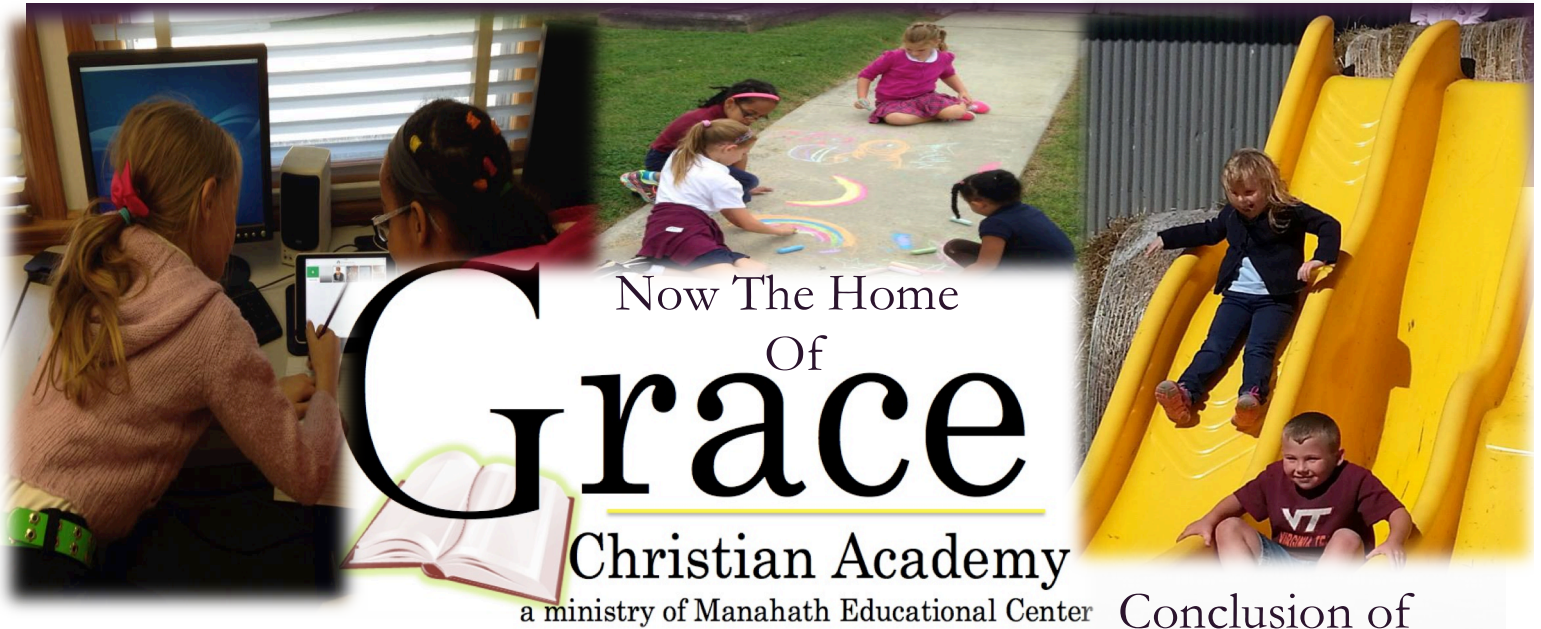
We don't have an official title at this time. We are young workers at Hope EMC, and Lake Union EMC, Billy is on a pastoral internship at Hope EMC.

We are currently living in Latrobe, PA. Life is very busy between Billy working part time at Subway and various Church related activities.

The education we received at BBC has helped us go forth and minister to others. Our education has given us a firm, Biblical based foundation upon which to build our lives together as a family and to teach others the Scripture. Not many schools are teaching theology on the level that BBC does and we have been greatly helped by such studies to learn more about our God.

We met on the first day of the fall semester 2011. Maggie didn't really like Billy the first few weeks, but he quickly won her over with McDonald's Sweet Tea. Maggie's favorite memory of BBC was created by Mr. Munro during class one day. Shortly after the Boston Marathon bombing, a neighbor started up their dirtbike, which proceeded to backfire loudly, causing Mr. Munro to panic and dive to the floor for cover.

Maggie also fondly remembers her first snow sledding



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Conclusion of A Christian Education

When Dr. W.W. Breckbill founded Manahath Educational Center he founded it with the idea of it being the home of a college and a Christian day school. The name he had registered for this purpose was Grace Christian Schools. This past year at Breckbill an opportunity to glorify God through the education of children came to us. It was clear to us that the Lord had opened the doors for this work to begin and Grace Christian Academy was opened on our campus.

We praise the Lord for what was accomplished in the academy's first year and we look forward to the future. Grace is serving K4-9th Grade students. Our knowledgeable and experienced teachers share our mission to reach young people with the gospel. All of the staff and faculty associated with Grace have the same burden for Christian education and recognize the responsibility that lies before us.

Grace also provides an excellent training ground for our Christian Ed students, where each student can practice first hand the knowledge gleaned from the classroom. Pray for this endeavor of your Alma Mater to provide a quality Christian education to our area. Pray for our teachers as they sacrificially give of their time for the work of the Kingdom of God. Encourage young people to join us at BBC and learn first hand the importance of a biblical education for all ages.

"The chief obstacle to the Christian religion today lies in the sphere of the intellect." The goal of Breckbill Bible College has always been to protect the Christian intellect. To train students to "Think Biblically" to attach themselves to what they believe in such a way that when they stand they know the Foundation upon which they stand.

"We are witnessing in our day a worldwide attack upon the fundamental principles of civil and religious freedom." The only answer to such an attack is a people educated with the principles of Christ and His gospel. A generation of young people educated in Christian Schools and Bible Colleges. Young people educated with one purpose in mind that they may know Christ and make Him known. This objective is the reason Christian education is necessary. This goal is why Manahath Educational Center exists.

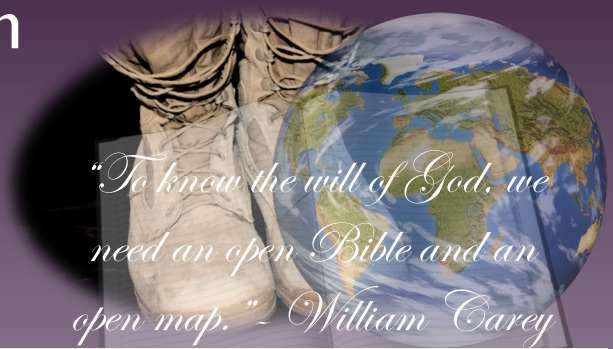


16,000 hours!

- SRC

Coming Soon: Boots on the Ground

The next edition of the Vision will focus on our Alumni who have been the “boots on the ground” of the Lord’s army. Seeking to go to the nations of the world with the gospel of Jesus Christ.



“To know the will of God, we need an open Bible and an open map.” - William Carey

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