



THE VISION

Breckbill Bible College



Third Generation Arrives

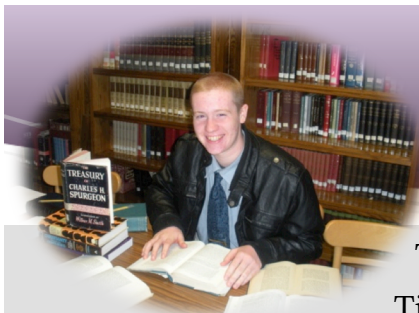
When David Hess Jr. first came to Manahath in the 1960's he probably did not realize that years later his eldest son Paul would also graduate from the same school and that his grandson would follow in their footsteps. He remembers his time at Manahath fondly especially Dr. Breckbill's love and concern for world missions. Because of the missionary prayer bands he gained a whole new perspective of the needs of the world. David graduated from Manahath in 1969 and November of that same year he and his wife Linda (Peck 68') who he met at Manahath, went to Jamaica as missionaries. They served there for 6 years before the then socialist government expelled them from the island. Since then David continued his service for the Lord as Director at Promised Land Camp in Conestoga, PA, he held that title until 2008. All the while taking many missions trips to Suriname and Jamaica. He feels that his son Paul benefited from attending Breckbill because it gave him the "Desire to raise his family to follow and serve the Lord and to see them grounded in the Word and to see them always walk in the truth that is found in the Word of God." He hopes that his grandson "will learn the Word of God and follow the principles set down in the Word; that he will surrender fully and allow the Lord to use him where ever the Lord calls and that he will be used to add souls to the heavenly kingdom and to walk in spiritual wisdom and knowledge."

Paul Hess graduated from Manahath in 1993. Paul is now the owner of Hess Advantage Group specializing in cabinetry and exterior doors. He and his family have also been involved in missions trips and serve in their local church. Paul recalls fondly the many Wally ball matches with Dr. Cooke while at Manahath. He said that his college years gave him the chance to spend more time studying the Word of God than he would have done had he not been at Manahath. Paul explained why he wanted Timothy to attend Breckbill, he said, "it was important for Tim because he needs that alone time away from "normal life" to study scripture without interruption. I feel BBC will help him obtain a strong scriptural foundation upon which he can build his future life."



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"WHERE THERE IS NO VISION THE PEOPLE PERISH"
PROVERBS 29:18A



Third Generation Continued...

Timothy Hess is the latest of many Hess family members to join the BBC family. Timothy is a freshman at BBC majoring in Bible. He says, "I am proud to tell people where I go to school because my grandparents went to this school, my parents went to this school and a lot of my aunts, uncles, and other relatives have come here too. I hope that some day my future children will attend Breckbill." Timothy went on to say that he likes Breckbill because he is able to take classes on individual books of the Bible. "I like studying the books of the Bible in depth, so I particularly like my class on Luke." Timothy encourages others to join him at BBC. He said, "You won't find another Bible college anywhere with such skilled and knowledgeable professors for such an affordable price."



HOMECOMING 2013

This year 17 graduating classes were represented at homecoming. The speaker Kern Wickware (89') gave a stirring homecoming address; the warm fellowship was enjoyed by all.

The students put forward a great effort in the Turkey Bowl, fighting against the Faculty-Alumni advances; in the end the faculty overpowered them in a 5-3 lead. If you missed out this year plan on attending next year's event and joining in the fun!



Turkey Bowl Results

Faculty – Alumni Victory

5-3

“One Thing Is Needful, Choose That One Thing”

“If you have not chosen the Kingdom of God first, it will in the end not matter what you have chosen instead.” William Law

The theme for this semester at Breckbill is “Be still and know that I am God.” At Breckbill our primary goal and hope is that our students will “Be still” and grow in the knowledge of the Lord. When one visits the campus it will become quickly apparent that there is an element present not found in many secular universities and large Christian colleges, that element is quiet. One of our Alumni put it well when she said “I had time to hear the Lord because I could be still [at Breckbill], I could not be still at the Christian university I was at before. [At Breckbill] I could be still and hear the Lord’s voice.”

The world we live in is always a hustle and a bustle, rushing forward toward eternity in a flurry of activity. Christians at times get caught up in this whirlwind too. When young people choose colleges they look for the ones that offer the most exciting sports programs and academic competition, the cutting edge technology and the bright lights of performing arts. While nothing is particularly wrong with any of those things in themselves, if they keep us running so fast that we cannot “Be Still” those things can lead us to neglect the “one thing that is needful.” We do not need all those “things” we need Jesus.

Jesus said, “One thing is needful: and Mary has chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her.” (Luke 10:42) The psalmist said “One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, and to behold the beauty of his temple.” (Psalm 27:4) Jesus also says, “Seek ye first the kingdom of God and all these things shall be added unto you.” (Matthew 6:33) The first thing, the most important thing, the only “thing” that matters is our relationship with Jesus and our service for Him.

So then why do the “things” matter to Christian academia at all? The technology, the sports programs, the academic competition and fine arts programs? The “things” matter because they make Christian colleges less objectionable; they make Christian colleges more accepted in the world. The world trivializes the Bible College; her students are not welcomed as brilliant scholars in the world’s eyes. Her small campuses are disappointing to the world. Her influence seems small. But change the face of the Bible college, make college “Christian” but not too “Christian” add sports programs, fine art programs, cool majors and suddenly the world is impressed, suddenly the Christian youth are impressed because they do not have to be trivialized. When they graduate the world will accept them. The church will praise them and they will drop the name of the college they attended at every opportunity.

These “things” can very easily help us elevate ourselves instead of Christ. So at Breckbill we choose to worship in simplicity. We choose to regulate our activity levels so that the focus does not become man-centered. We have modern technology, we have sporting events, we put on Choral Readings and musical productions occasionally, but these things are not our main focus. Our focus is laborers for the harvest field. We are not in competition with the world. We are providing a place of refuge from the world, so that our students can prepare to reach that world for Christ. Our legacy is servanthood-Missionaries, Pastors, Youth Pastors, Christian Camp workers, Christian Educators, Homemakers, and Sunday school teachers.

We chose “Be still and Know that I am God” as our theme this semester because we want to elevate the GREAT I AM. Not the self of man that the world wants to idolize and the church sadly wants to idolize too. We want our students to know the Great I AM, who He is (The Way, The Word, The Life, The Light etc.), and What He taught (The Truth). We put the focus on Christ because we want our students to choose that “One needful thing that passeth not away.” All the other “things” pass away. Our bodies will get old and sports will no longer interest us. Our voices will get weak and performing will become difficult. Technologies glories will fade, as we get closer to eternity. Our lives are short, we want our students to realize that, to realize at the end of our life only one thing is going to matter.

When we face eternity “things” will not help us. Our glowing academic accolades will not help us. Our sports career will not help us. How many musical productions we were a part of will not matter at all. One thing will matter, the thing that passeth not away. I hope our Alumni remember that truth, and live for eternity; that our students embrace Christ and serve Him; that parents would recommend and young people would crave the Christ-centered education that Breckbill provides. For in the end, if you have not chosen the “ONE” needful thing, it will not matter what you have chosen instead.

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A work team composed of Alumni and Friends from Bible EMC in Lancaster, PA came in October to replace the deck around the faculty housing on the main campus and paint one of our classrooms.

The deck had been blocked off and not in use for several years due to its deteriorating condition. The classroom was in need of the sprucing up that only a fresh coat of paint can provide. The Men labored diligently sun up to sun down for two days to complete a beautiful and sturdy new deck. The ladies worked the same hours to complete a lovely paint job in the classroom. We thank this team for their labors.

The next project planned is a remodel of the school kitchen. The kitchen is the original one built in the 1950's. The linoleum is broken and cracked in several places, as are the countertops. The kitchen was never intended to be used commercially so lacks the needed countertop space for preparation and serving. Paul Hess and his team plan to gut the kitchen and start from scratch to meet all the above needs and more. The project is planned for January 2014. Funds are needed for this project. Please give as the Lord leads to help this team be able to complete the work on schedule. Please send any donations to BBC marked kitchen.



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