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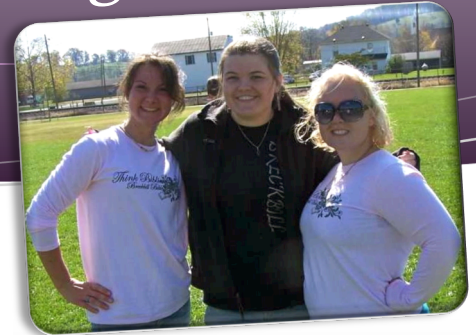
By Faith and Not By Sight Ocular Hypnosis

Paul wrote in his Galatian epistle, "I am crucified with Christ" (2.20). This statement is an unknown truth in much of the "church" today. The issue of the wisdom of the world and worldliness is not mentioned in many churches today. Before he makes this statement, Paul writes that Christ "gave himself for our sins, that He might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father"(1.4). Here God's will is expressly stated in connection with our deliverance from this present evil world.

The world's wisdom, ideas, music, and message have now invaded the church. Whether it is the new legalism, the new orthodoxy, the new evangelicalism, the new fundamentalism, the new liberalism or the new Calvinism, the issue of the world is simply not addressed. Paul says, he is crucified with Christ and now lives by faith "the just shall live by faith" (3.11). So he asks the question "O foolish Galatians who has bewitched you? That you should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ has been evidently set forth crucified before you"? (3.1).

Foolish here, is the Greek term describing the mind with the Alpha privative negating it, O "mindless" Galatians, who has bewitched you? Bewitched is an ancient word used only once in the New Testament meaning who has fascinated you with ocular hypnosis? The Galatians should have been able to see Christ crucified clearly, evidently, even placardly (as Weymouth had it and Lenski follows him) set forth before them, but they were so hypnotized by their error of works religion, and the desire to make a fair showing in the flesh, that they could no longer see Christ crucified. They wanted to make a fair show in the flesh. The Galatians desired to do this so they would escape the persecution the cross always brings. Simply put the Galatians walked by sight and not by faith.

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FEATURED ALUMNI



Jessica Miller (Wiggins)

graduated from Breckbill in 2008 with her Associate Degree in Family and Women's Ministries. Jessica and her husband Mike reside in Max Meadows, Virginia where Jessica is the owner of Celebrate with Cake, a cake decorating company she operates from her home. Jessica serves as the church pianist at her home church in nearby Rural Retreat, Virginia. Besides cake decorating,

Jessica also works as a part-time realtor and a receptionist at a veterinary clinic. Jessica honed her cake decorating skills following her Art and Science of Baking class at BBC. As part of that class students spend one week with an experienced cake decorator learning recipes, skills and techniques. Jessica also fondly remembers her Art and Science of Cooking Class. Her favorite day being the day the students learned how to make their own pasta. Jessica recommends Breckbill's Family and Women's Ministry major to all girls who want to serve the Lord in the home and church. She said, "At Breckbill I learned a lot of skills and techniques of cooking and baking that I had no idea about before attending BBC." Jessica's advice for current students is "don't quit, just keep going, things get difficult sometimes but everything will be all right."



Back Row: Erica (daughter-in-law) Katie (18), Julie (Frank's wife)
Front Row: Matthew (22), Thomas (17), Bryan (25) and Frank

As for current students Frank says, "they need to take charge of their education and be responsible for it. My passion was and is missions. So, if I was writing a paper in Pastoral ministry class, I did my research into an area of Pastoral Ministry in a mission field setting."

Frank believes that his time at Manahath helped him to prepare for Graduate school "When I was 30, I went to seminary in North Carolina. After Manahath/Breckbill, the M.Div. was a cakewalk. I was very prepared academically and vocationally. As a missionary for 8 years and as a missiologist and professor, I am thankful for the firm academic foundation that I received at Manahath/Breckbill."

Chris Drinnon Class of 1998 is currently the Pastor of Grace Baptist Church in Vero Beach, Florida. He and his wife Kristen have been married thirteen years. Kristen is homeschooling their three children, Meagan (10), Brock (9), and Tyler (7). His wife and children all play musical instruments and Chris considers each member of his family a tremendous blessing to his ministry.

When asked to comment on his time at Breckbill Chris said, "BBC was a tremendous influence upon my life I grew more spiritually during those years than at any time in my life...I had never heard some of the hymns we sang in church and chapel. Dr. Cooke emphasized the words rather than the music. It has stuck with me every since. History of Fundamentalism, Theology, Characters of Church History, profoundly caused me to think about whether I would stand for the faith or go along with the flow of religion."

We asked Chris to reminisce about his time at BBC, "There are so many favorite memories.

More than anything would be gym class, regardless of what we would be playing, Dr. Cooke getting hit or run over by some student and he would be lying on the ground faking his anguish. The students would gather around and laugh and he'd look up with this serious shocked facial expression and say, "Doesn't anybody care about your poor professor?" Of course, there's also the start of every one of his classes with "Does anyone have an inspiring thought this morning?" "Silence is golden". I could go on."

Chris also offered some helpful advice to current students "stand firm for the truth and don't get caught up in the idea of the entertainment church. Get back to the book of Acts concept of men being empowered by the Holy Spirit to reach people the Lord has to be reached. Don't ever, ever, compromise the Truth."



Frank "Chip" Lamca graduated from Manahath in 1986. After which he entered the pastorate and then went on to Graduate school. He and his wife Julie served as missionaries to Peru for 8 years. Frank is now an Instructor in the College of Theology at Grand Canyon University in Phoenix, Arizona. He continues to take student teams to Peru every year.

Frank says, "There are times when I hear Dr. Brantner, Dr. Cooke and Kern Wickware's voices ringing in my memory. I also remember Dr. Cooke saying that we should study more than we needed so that we could "preach out of the overflow."

Our little college is regarded as nothing by those who walk by sight and not by faith. We have a small campus and a small student body. That fact should not worry anyone who is walking by faith and not by sight. We get asked about buildings, and numbers, we seldom get asked about Truth. People are impressed with what is material and physical, the fact that the truth has been lost in many ways from Christian academia does not seem to be realized. The issue of the Truth, or the Spirit, or the Soul does not get much traction today. When Christians are bewitched by the world and walk by sight and not by faith, the fair showing in the flesh and the world becomes their obsession.

Much of modern Christianity, especially in the western world is Laodicean. They equate bigness, fast growth, increase of buildings and goods and riches with Christianity. Whereas Christ gave his unerring estimate of the Laodiceans by noting first of all they were ignorant, just like the mindless Galatians and did not know just how wretched, miserable, poor, blind and naked they really were, spiritually speaking. The church described in Galatia was enamored, fascinated, fixated, and hypnotized by everything outward and material, walking by sight and not by faith.

Paul emphasizes the walk by faith and the walk in the Spirit. "If we live in the Spirit let us walk in the Spirit" (Galatians 5. 25). If we are really living in the Spirit then let us walk – keep in line-with that which is spiritual, not material. Walking carefully and precisely in step with the Word and the Spirit and not walking as the world walks. Not walking as the world walks in the vanity of it's mind, governed by that which is seen; that which is material and physical. The true believer has no interest in making a fair show in the flesh to please the world but seeks to major in grace, in faith, and in Christ alone as an all-sufficient Savior, NONE of which are seen. He endeavors to walk by faith and not by sight.

The one great mark of historic Christianity for centuries was its simplicity in worship. Biblical Christianity sought to avoid like the plague, all ostentation, superstition, tradition, abomination,

blasphemy and idolatry in its plain services. The reformers and Puritans were concerned about true worship and the ever-recurring danger of idolatry. Bullinger notes, "The word "idol" means, literally, something that is seen, and thus all worship that involves the use of sight and indeed the use of the senses (hence called SENSUOUS WORSHIP) rather than the heart, partakes of the nature of idolatry, and is abomination in the sight of God." (Emphasis his) When we walk by sight and not by faith we are idolaters.

The cross that crucified Christ, Paul says crucified him with Christ. The cross-crucified the world to the believer and the believer to the world. So that makes most of modern Christianity the non-crucified kind. For the wisdom of the world has now invaded the church and the fact that the worldly wisdom is now present in the church is in many places not even addressed much less seen as needing to be crucified.

At Breckbill Bible College we strive to teach our students to value that which is unseen and eternal, and to crucify the flesh so that life is lived by faith and not by sight. We maintain simplicity in our worship services and chapel so that the focus is the object of our faith the Lord Jesus Christ and not ourselves. We uphold the Cross of Christ, which is to the world foolishness that we might bring others to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. We take the Bible as our only authority for faith and practice. We strive to teach our students to glory not in their academic achievement but in the Lord who is our Supreme Teacher. The Lord Jesus said the laborers are few. We seek to turn out laborers who will further the cause of the Gospel. Pray for Breckbill Bible College; pray that the Lord of the harvest will send forth laborers into His harvest fields.



--Dr. Ronald N. Cooke
College President

Meet a Member of our Faculty:

Dr. Wayne Rhodes Jr.

We asked Dr. Rhodes a few questions:

1. Why do you like teaching ?

"I like teaching for a number of reasons. I find it so interesting. I love to learn myself. I like the challenge of it also. However, I suppose one of the main reasons I love to minister the Word is that the Lord has done so much for me and I want to please Him. I realize that Peter was told by the Lord in so many words "If you love me, feed my sheep" Because of my understanding of the amazing potential of the truth in human hearts and the power of the gospel, I am motivated to be deeply involved in the educational task of the church and of BBC."

3. Can you offer some advice to current students ?

"One of my favorite verses is Joshua 1:8-9. Do you want to be a success? In whose eyes do you want to be a success? Do you want to be a success for the glory of God and for the eternal good of others? Check out the so-called recipe for success in the Word of God in Joshua 1:8-9. Proverbs 3:5-6. At one time I almost quit in the midst of my theological education. God told me definitely through His Word that whoever trusts in his own heart is a fool (Proverbs 28:26). I am so glad I didn't make the decision of a fool and that I went back to continue my theological studies. After 45 years of ministry I am happy I am in the service of the king. "Only one life it will soon be past and only what's done for Christ will last." The kind of education that one receives at BBC will equip you to do for Christ what He wants done."

2. Why is a biblical education important?

"A Biblical education for young people is very important as it is for believers of all ages. BBC imparts with understanding the knowledge of the truth of God's Word and prepares students well for living the Christian life, worshipping and serving our Lord and Master Jesus Christ, and engaging the enemy in the battle for truth in this world that is so replete with a host of false teachers, philosophers, prophets and evil forces which war against the soul, that is the souls of the students and the souls of those that they would save with fear pulling them from the fire. A Biblical education we trust will lead to a life in the will of God and His service which will bring glory to God, much eternal good to many others, and great gladness in our hearts as we anticipate hearing the voice of the One we love the most say, "Well done thou good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of thy Lord." Other students seek a career with a motivation, which focuses on temporal success and personal fulfillment. Those born again believers in whom the Word of Christ dwells richly have the glorious prospect of living and serving the Lord in such a way that the work God does through them will yield eternal results to the glory of God's name. BBC is the place to get equipped and to "join in the battle for truth." Many pastors need help in educating their young people and here it may be found."

Dr. Rhodes first began teaching at BBC in 1968, he was the Dean of Students from 1968-1971 when he left to further his own education. From 1979 to the present time Dr. Rhodes has taught Modern Cults , Personal Evangelism, Methods of Bible Study and Pastoral Theology.



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