

BST EVENTS CALENDAR

Discover what is happening on campus. Join us and bring someone along.

Bible College is often one of the most formative experiences in a person's walk with God—a place where they find purpose, a deeper connection with God, a sense of mission, and a firm foundation in the Word of God.

Who do you know that is searching for that kind of formative experience?

Invite them to one of our BST Open Events this semester. They'll meet staff and students, sit in on lectures, experience our vibrant community and have their questions answered.

BST is dedicated to the study of God's Word. We're interdenominational, welcoming and passionate about allowing the Word of God to transform us for a life of service.

Register at bst.qld.edu.au/events

OPEN DAY TUESDAY, 18 APRIL

Come and get a taste of Bible College life. Join chapel, lectures, fellowship groups and lunch.



OPEN NIGHT THURSDAY, 20 APRIL

ON CAMPUS – Tour the campus, meet students and staff, and sit in on a sample lecture and info session.



VIRTUAL OPEN NIGHT THURSDAY, MAY 11

Join us online! Meet staff and students, sit in on a sample virtual lecture and have your questions answered.



SAVE THE DATE



In 1943 Pastor G.J. Morgans had a vision to see young people shaped by God's word and serving His world.

With 16 eager students, the Queensland Bible Institute began.

Now 80 years on, 12 principals, over 1800 students, and four name changes later, the spirit of the Queensland Bible Institute is still strong at Brisbane School of Theology.

Save the date—Saturday 29 July, 2023—for a celebration of God's great work through the BST community over the past 80 years and a time of prayer for the next 80 years.

There will be a community fun day plus Alumni Dinner.

MARK DRAMA AUSTRALIA

The Mark Drama is a theatre ministry that performs the life, death and resurrection of Jesus as recorded in the book of Mark.

The Mark Drama turns Mark's biographical account of Jesus into a 90 minute, fast-paced, theatre-in-the-round stage production. Fully immersed in the action,

the audience hears the words of Jesus as recorded in Mark's gospel.

Earlier this year, BST played host to the Mark Drama Directors conference—their first since 2020. Directors and trainers from Canberra, Sydney, Melbourne, Townsville, and Brisbane gathered together for practical drama workshops,

directing advice, discussion, and prayer. Our principal Rev Dr Richard Gibson presented some Bible Talks on the day.

If you are interested in checking out Mark Drama, or hosting a performance at your church or ministry, you can learn more at markdramaaustralia.com



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A GENERATION IN DESPERATE NEED OF SHEPHERDS

*A message from our Principal
Rev Dr Richard Gibson*

One of the constants throughout Scripture is the need of God's people for faithful shepherds. When Moses was informed by the LORD that he would not enter the promised land, one of his greatest concerns was that the people would be left like sheep without a shepherd. He begged God to raise someone to fill the void, "that the congregation of the LORD may not be as sheep that have no shepherd" (Numbers 27:17).

It is a fear that echoes through the Bible. The prophet Ezekiel railed against those who should have been feeding God's flock. Instead of strengthening the weak, healing the sick, binding up the injured, bringing back the strays and seeking the lost, they had exploited their positions of trust and authority. They ruled with "force and harshness," fleecing the sheep and feeding themselves (Ezekiel 34:4, 8). As a result, God's people are scattered and vulnerable to all kinds of predators.

In that same chapter, the LORD promises to come and shepherd his sheep, searching, seeking out, rescuing, gathering and bringing them into green

pastures (Ezekiel 34:11-16). And to do that, he will raise up the True Shepherd, 'my servant David' to be a prince among them (Ezekiel 34:23-24).

So, Jesus came into our world, moved with compassion for the people because they were harassed and lost, "like sheep without a shepherd" (Mark 6:34). He declared that he was the Good Shepherd, who knows the sheep by name and loved them enough to lay down his life for their safety and their eternal life (John 10:11, 14-15).

"Our generation is no exception: we still desperately need faithful shepherds."

The apostle Peter, had watched this Good Shepherd and he knew the desperate need in his generation for leaders that would "shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain,

but eagerly; not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock" (1 Peter 5:2-3).

Our generation is no exception: we still desperately need faithful shepherds. At our recent Graduation ceremony, we celebrated the completion of the studies of our graduates. They have been shaped deeply by God's word; now they begin new chapters in their service of his world. Many go into leadership positions in churches and on the mission field. Please pray that they will be faithful, humble shepherds. Pray that when the chief Shepherd appears, they "will receive the unfading crown of glory" (1 Peter 5:4).

**Rev Dr Richard Gibson,
BST Principal**

THANK YOU

*Christmas Appeal Update -
New Faculty Member*

Last Christmas we asked for your support in helping to cover the cost of wages for our newest faculty member, Jason Bryan-Brown. Jason has been lecturing and tutoring at BST for some years, and has now joined our full-time teaching staff.

The additional hours he has taken on as part of his new role left us with a \$22,000 shortfall in his wages moving into 2023.

Together, friends like you have already met a quarter of that need, and we are very grateful for your prayers and financial support for this college and its people!

If you would still like to give to support Jason's ministry, you can donate via the website, bst.qld.edu.au/christmas-appeal



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TREASURES OF THE GOSPEL

Jonno Lee reflects on his time at Brisbane School of Theology—his first impressions, his formation, and how God captured his heart for ministry.

Watch the full video interview at bst.qld.edu.au/alumni-stories or scan the QR Code.

Sitting on the bench on the front lawn of BST looking over the city, Jonno Lee prayed "God, where would you have me go?"



Starting Bible College at BST in 2015, Jonno did not know where God was leading him. Having come to faith in his teenage years from a Buddhist background, Jonno was hungry to know God better.

"I wanted to really know God...I wanted to be in awe of who He is, so I went to Bible College."

The first thing that stood out to Jonno about BST was the community life. From long discussions over the Word, community lunches, camps, mission trips, hacky sack, and table tennis, Jonno grew in appreciation of the Good News of God and the bonds that grow in a Christian community.

"[BST is] gospel centred—not only were they teaching the gospel but they were living it out...it was just amazing to experience that".

Jonno's hunger to know God better was being filled through exploring the



Word of God in lectures and interacting with students from different Christian denominations and backgrounds.

"I appreciate all the classes that I sat in... The wisdom from all the lecturers, particularly [I remember] Richard Gibson's class on Romans and just seeing the letter come to life. Opening up the book and walking through it... [thinking] 'wow I didn't realise that, I didn't see that before.'"

"[God] really did a heart work in me [at BST], he opened my eyes, opened my heart to see how the gospel changes everything."

What Jonno didn't know, sitting on the BST bench as he dreamed and prayed for his future, was that his time at BST was **Continued on page 3**

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Join us in praying for a generation of faithful shepherds in the church

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

Reflections on God's faithfulness with Kylie Moody



Starting her studies at BST in 2000, 19-year-old Kylie felt challenged to pursue God's call on her life - wherever that may lead.

At college, Kylie grew not only in her knowledge of the Word of God but also experienced deep stretching and growth as a person. "I was often pushed out of my comfort zone, and had to learn—sometimes the hard way—what trust and obey looked like...I became aware—as my journals attest—of how much I had yet to learn."

One of these growing times came as she taught Religious Instruction (RI) at a local primary school as part of her studies.

"During a lesson on what Jesus had done... It was as though there was a tangible hush that settled over the class. One of the students raised their hand and asked if they could become a Christian. Then another one, and another one, until it seemed the whole class asked if they could receive the Lord Jesus into their heart and life.

"I didn't quite know what to say or do! I told them to go home and think about what I had said and that I would come back next week (after I had consulted with my [BST] superior, John Lawson!). The following week... the children were absolutely jumping with excitement at being able to pray and ask Jesus into their lives. So I did. They all bowed their heads and prayed—confessing their sin, asking for Jesus to forgive them—making them His own... The excitement that fell was breathtaking.

"But I was concerned as well. What would happen now? Many of these children

didn't even have a Bible! And what on earth would their parents say? The following week I was handed an envelope from a student's parent. I opened it with trepidation. I was expecting outrage. What I read blew me away.

"The mother wrote to thank me. She said she had been struggling with her son's behaviour for so long. The past week he had changed, and the only thing she could put the transformation down to was the fact that he had prayed in RI... The tears and joy and relief [I felt] was overwhelming. God was at work... This experience was both a challenge and an adventure of learning to trust God."

"Once again, He drew near, through His Word in such a real, practical and personal way."

After graduating from BST, Kylie completed postgraduate studies in Primary Education. She married Amos Moody, who happened to be a boarder at BST, and began serving and growing their family together. Years later, as a family of seven and relocating for the second time in two years, Kylie found herself longing again for more of God's Word.

"My hermeneutics and Old and New Testament classes were invaluable to my growth at this time. They gave me the tools to know how to deal with Scripture... Once again, He drew near, through His Word in such a real, practical and personal way... I found myself saying to people that I wished every growing believer could do at least those three subjects, because they are so foundational for ongoing growth."

From here, Kylie combined her teaching degree with her Bachelor of Ministry from BST to establish *Women Thinking Biblically*. "I began a regular night for women of all ages and stages... These nights were practical—workshopping God's Word for everyday Christian women. We'd eat a meal, share around the Word, and then pray... These were amazing nights."

From here, Kylie was encouraged by her husband to put some of the content from these nights into a book. And in May 2021, Kylie's book *Women. Thinking. Biblically.* was published by Arkhouse.

Just a few weeks ago, Kylie's path led her back to BST. "When I saw the workshop on teaching God's Word effectively at BST, 'The very words of God', I was keen."

Along with 60 other participants, Kylie explored how to teach the Word of God through the expository preaching method—allowing the Word of God to speak for itself. "Three hours felt like 15 minutes! I'm preparing to speak at a Women's camp in two weeks and just soaked up the teaching like a sponge."

Amidst the nostalgia of returning to BST for more training, Kylie reflects on BST's place in her journey to follow God's call on her life.

"The college was the beginning of a road of trust - formative for me in so many ways. It equipped me with a tool kit to take into my life - a tool kit that is still powerfully needed...I am so aware of God's incredible faithfulness. Morning by morning new mercies I see. Great is Thy faithfulness. Lord, unto me."

"I want people to see the treasure that is the gospel. God's Word—it has shaped me, it's transformed me and it's fuelled me to share His Word."



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not just a personal journey of growing in his love for God—it was the beginning of his journey into pastoral ministry.

"[God] really did a heart work in me [at BST]; he opened my eyes, opened my heart to see how the gospel changes everything—it changed my life, and [I could] see how it's changing my fellow friends' and students' lives.

The Lord showed me during that time at Bible college to step into pastoral ministry; to be a pastor... to shepherd his flock."

Jonno's opportunity to serve in pastoral ministry came after completing his BST Field Education Course at Birkdale Baptist Church. Jonno was invited by the Senior Pastor to stay on as a student intern in

2017 and he has been there ever since. Today, Jonno is the Generations Worker at Birkdale Baptist Church, and is in the process of becoming a pastor.

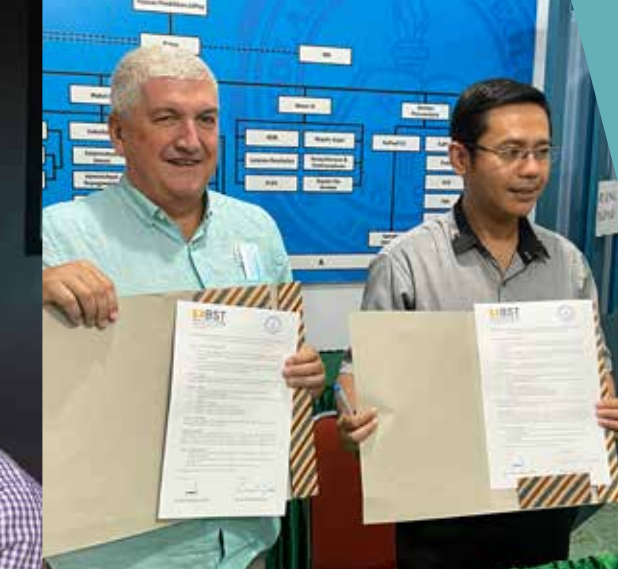
"I oversee the youth ministry, the young adults, we have an evening service that I oversee that as well... I'm very blessed also to be a part of the leadership team, helping with the visioning and the caring of the people that attend Birkdale Baptist Church."

As Jonno reflects on his time at BST he can see how it shaped his heart for his current ministry.

"My heart for my role here at Birkdale is similar to what I learnt at BST. I want people to see the treasure that is Jesus; the treasure of his Word is life-changing. There is an absolute joy when we discover the treasure that is him. I want people to see

WATCH THE FULL STORY

Watch Jonno's full story in his own words by visiting bst.qld.edu.au/alumni-stories/ or by scanning the QR code below.



Indonesia is the fourth most populous nation in the world, and the largest Muslim-majority country, with 275 million people over 17,000 islands.

BST's Centre for Asian Christianity has a vision is to be an Australian hub for the acceleration of gospel growth in the Asian Church. As such, we have been investing in spreading the gospel throughout Indonesia through a partnership with a Bible College on the island of Sulawesi—STFT Jaffray Makassar (JTS).

This Bible College is strategically located in the largest city in Eastern Indonesia and is one of its largest Bible Colleges, with more than 700 students. STFT Jaffray Makassar and BST share much in common in terms of our vision, values and ethos. We are both evangelical,

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committed to the authority of Scripture, emphasise the spiritual formation of students alongside their academic study, and are passionate about faithfully fulfilling the Great Commission through training godly men and women for ministry.

In August 2022, Dr Samuel Goh and I visited STFT Jaffray Makassar. We were very grateful for the hospitality and warm reception extended by Principal Dr Panggarra, Dr Luthy, and the faculty and staff at JTS. During our visit we explored what partnership between BST and STFT Jaffray might look like. In January 2023, BST Principal Dr Richard Gibson spent a week ministering at STFT Jaffray to cement and advance our partnership.

Richard had the exciting opportunity to teach at several significant events, including preaching at the Opening



Service for the entire student body, leading a Bible teaching seminar, and delivering the opening and closing addresses at Festival Misi (a three-day Mission Conference). Richard also met with Jaffray faculty members who are being supported in training by CAC, along with other Christian leaders.

During his week of ministry Rev Dr Gibson and Dr Robbie Panggarra historically signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to formalise the partnership between BST and STFT Jaffray. Please continue to pray for our ongoing ministry together and for generous supporters to help finance the partnership.



Rev Dr Andrew Prince, CAC Director

CAC FUNDRAISING DINNER REACHING ASIAN COMMUNITIES: WHAT WILL IT TAKE?

THURSDAY 27 APRIL, 2023 | 6:15PM-9PM | BST CAMPUS | \$37.50PP



KEY NOTE SPEAKER: FELIX CHUNG

Topic: Challenges and opportunities for the 1st generation Chinese church in Australia



Join us on 27 April as we celebrate our sixth Centre for Asian Christianity Fundraising Dinner. This will be a wonderful evening of fine dining, fellowship, testimonies, and updates on the Asian church and the Centre's ministry in Australia and around the world.

This event is a significant part of the CAC calendar; we have a goal of receiving **\$50,000** in donations to the Centre by the end of the dinner, which will be **matched dollar for dollar** by one generous donor! This amount will make up the bulk of our funding for all of 2023.

Seating is limited. Visit bst.qld.edu.au/events to book your tickets.

INTENSIVES

There is always more to learn. Continue to grow your knowledge and love for God by auditing the following two intensives in Semester 2, 2023.

INTERPRETING & APPLYING JOB

At some point in the Christian life most of us have asked, "Why is there suffering in the world?". Join Sam Goh as he walks through the book of Job—unpacking themes of suffering, the nature of God and the application of Job for modern Christian life. **24 July** Introduction Session & **4-8 September Intensive**. Available for audit or credit.

JOHANNINE EPISTLES

Join Bill Salier, former Vice Principal of Moore College, for this highly relevant exploration of the letters of the Apostle John. Examine John's teachings and discover how they can be applied today for Christian living and ministry. **24-28 July**. For audit or credit. **Call 07 3870 8335 or email info@bst.qld.edu to express interest in either intensive.**



TELL US YOUR STORY

What has God been doing in your life and ministry?

No matter how far back you studied with BST, we'd love to hear the story of God's work in your life and ministry. Every story matters.

Sharing stories of God's work in each other's lives builds up our faith and spurs us on to more love and good deeds. How can your testimony encourage others?

Contact info@bst.qld.edu.au for more information.