



# Bulletin

*“And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.” — 2 Timothy 2:2*

### ▼ MISSION STATEMENT

*The unchanging mission of BBI is to teach and train men and women for service to the Master. The Word of God is the most precious book in the world. An institution like BBI is a fortress for its defense and preservation and these truths are to be taught in every classroom. The Ancient Landmarks are not to be removed from this institution.*

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**THE PRESIDENT'S PODIUM**  
TONY MOSER, DBL- President

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

Jesus Christ desires His children to become disciples. He makes a strong appeal to His churches to make disciples in the great commission:

| *“Go ye therefore and teach all nations ...”*(Matthew 28:19). |

The word “teach” means “to make disciples.” So, Jesus is saying, “Make disciples of all the nations.” Jesus explained how His churches accomplish this imperative mission. His churches are to baptize those who accept Christ in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all things whatsoever Jesus has commanded (Matthew 28:19-20). With our supporters help, BBI is fulfilling this great commission by teaching the Word of God.

The sole purpose of BBI is to train its students in the Word of God. Those whom God has called to teach and pastor or to plant churches must become skilled laborers in God’s truths to interpret it properly with the correct application. BBI gives its students the spiritual tools necessary to fulfill their purpose. It is also necessary for men who pastor to know the practical side of ministry. The instructors at BBI and many students are pastors, so, the classroom becomes more than an academic exercise in theology.

If you desire to broaden your knowledge of Jesus Christ and become a skilled disciple in His Word, then we pray you consider enrolling at BBI. During your time at the seminary, you will also develop friendships that will aid you throughout your ministry and life. God has saved us by His grace and given us eternal life through His Son Jesus. Therefore, we are indebted to Him and to the churches we serve to be the best we can be. We hope to see you become the best you can be!

In Christ,  
Brother Tony Moser ■



**FROM THE DEAN'S DESK**

JASON BAILEY, ThD - Dean of Students

In the last edition of the BBI bulletin, I wrote concerning two defining characteristics of Landmarkism. The first was, “*Landmarkers have always believed that Christ commissioned only His churches to preach His Gospel and to teach His Word.*” Based on biblical account, Christ’s churches only, have the authority to propagate His Word to the world. This is a privilege that we should neither take for granted, nor rely on other organizations to do for us.

Secondly, “*Landmarkers have always believed that God has granted each of His churches the authority to elect and ordain their own officers.*” The evidence for this is obvious in places such as Acts chapter six as well as Acts chapter thirteen.

The third defining characteristic is, “*A church alone is authorized to receive, to discipline, and to exclude her own members.*” This, as in every other characteristic, is the responsibility of each of the Lord’s New Testament Churches. Therefore, it would be inconceivable, according to the New Testament pattern, for a church to delegate the receipt and or discipline of her own members to another “church.” Furthermore, since we are no longer the recipients of apostolic authority, the pastor of a church can only recommend the receipt, and or discipline to the congregation to which he pastors. The final authority lies in the local congregation. The local congregation has direct input in each case.

Bro. J.R. Graves stated, “*If a church can fellowship a certain person, it is not her business or duty to inquire if another church possibly exists on earth that can not; and for this reason reject him. I do not discuss here what would be policy in a case where the church was knowing to the fact that the applicant had been excluded for unchristian conduct from a sister church; but I am asserting the abstract right of one church to dictate to another whom she may or may not fellowship.*” It is indeed possible that one might not agree on the decision of another church to receive or discipline her members, but that does not negate the authority of that congregation. Ultimately, it is their decision.

The fourth defining characteristic is, “*It is the right and responsibility of a True church to administer the ordinances Baptism and the Lord’s Supper.*” While this might seem obvious to many, there are even more who believe that these ordinances were given to Christians. However, Jesus gave these ordinances to His churches, not Christians outside those churches. Additionally, no association can administer baptism or the Lord’s Supper.

There might be several who believe that the characteristics of Landmarkism started with J.R. Graves. However, in his book *Landmarkism Revisited*, Robert Ashcraft highlights Landmarkism beliefs that predate J.R. Graves. This excerpt was from the 1800 Doctrinal Statement of the Green River Association in Warren County, Kentucky:

1. We believe that the visible church of the Lord Jesus Christ is a congregation of faithful persons, who have obtained fellowship with each other and have given themselves up to the Lord and one another, having agreed to keep up a Godly discipline according to the rules of the Gospel.
2. We believe that Jesus Christ is the great Head of the Church, and that the government thereof is with the body.
3. We believe that water baptism and the Lord’s Supper are ordinances of the Lord, and to be continued by his church til His second coming.
4. We believe that none but regularly baptized church members have a right to commune at the Lord’s Table.

The authority to preach the gospel and to administer the ordinances has been given by Christ to his churches. If a church believes that the authority to serve Christ resides in its pastor, then it is probably not a church of the Lord Jesus Christ. If it believes that its authority has been given to it by a council of bishops or by the denomination, then it is not a church of the Lord Jesus Christ. Church authority belongs to the Lord’s church, and that church may start another church, passing its authority on to it, but authority to do the work of God can never be found outside of one of the Lord’s churches.

It is my prayer that the Lord will convict each of us to follow after the pattern that He has laid before us. When we do, we can say with Paul,

“*To Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen*” (Ephesians 3:21).

May the Lord bless you.  
Jason Bailey  
Dean of Students ■

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	SALARIES & COMPENSATION .....(5915.00)
	SOFTWARE .....(49.40)
	<b>OPERATING FUND RECEIPTS .....7171.69</b>
	<b>REGISTRATION, TUITION, &amp; BOOKS .....350.00</b>
	<b>BALANCE FORWARD .....2391.07</b>
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