

Reflections

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Bringing you news from the British Bible School, Corby, U.K.

BBS web site sees relaunch



In today's world, a web site is a virtual necessity if one is to have a sense of public presence. It is like a shop window, where passers by can stop and stare awhile to consider whether there might be anything inside worth their closer attention. It is like a front garden, affording the casual observer a glimpse of the likely state of things beyond the front door.

If you have recently visited the British Bible School web site, you will see that we have made a lot of changes. Not only is there a whole new look, but there is a good deal of information inside giving details of many of the changes that are being made to the school's programme. In addition, you will also be able to download a copy of the new Prospectus which gives further

information of the study options we are developing.

You will find an explanation of our modular curriculum which we have tried to make as accessible as possible. We realise that here in the U.K., as also further afield, study practices have radically changed in recent years and our new programme is being designed to reflect that.

So, we invite you to take a look at our site and explore. It is a developing site so we are still making additions - you might want to bookmark it so you can return later. All thoughts and ideas are welcome - either drop us a note or make a comment on our guest book page.

Ah, just so you don't miss it ... the web site address is:

www.britishbibleschool.com

Patrick Boyns

The Text of the Old Testament

Friday, 22nd to Saturday, 23rd May 2009

and

The Text of the New Testament

Friday, 12th to Saturday, 13th June 2009

Two Special Study Weekends

- A part of the British Bible School extension programme
- Hosted by the congregation in East Kilbride, Scotland
- See www.britishbibleschool.com for more details
- Some accommodation available • Sign up today!



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The **British Bible School** is a work of the congregation meeting in Corby, U.K.

WHAT are they doing NOW?

Ian Starrs (1985-87)



Ian Starrs, now working with the congregation in Aberdeen

Having become a Christian in his late 20s with no real 'church background,' **Ian Starrs** wanted to accelerate his learning of the Bible. He saw the British Bible School as a way to fast track a greater knowledge and so he attended the School from 1985-87.

Other people encouraged Ian to attend the British Bible School. Whilst visiting the Corby Holiday Fellowship Ian met students and teachers and heard more of the School's reputation. On hearing students' reasons for attending and being impressed with visits of those involved with the School to preach in his congregation, Ian's thoughts

on why he should attend were confirmed.

Over time, Ian thought to pursue full-time, funded service. The School gave him a solid base of Bible knowledge. The Biblical teaching, along with classes on counselling and other practical advice developed a broad-based grounding. Ian comments that he gained knowledge that would have taken many years to acquire personally and through church group studies. Other big influences whilst at the School were the kindness, consideration and generosity of the members at Corby, along with other individuals and congregations who supported the School.

Since graduating in 1987 Ian has worked full-time with newly started works and established congregations. The School provided the Biblical knowledge and presented many opportunities to preach which helped him gain experience. Ian recognises that on leaving the School he wasn't the finished article but it was a good platform from which to start. As an apprentice he gained experience from others who had been in 'the work' for some time.

Twenty years later, having married **Barbara**, another former British Bible School student, Ian is in full-time work in Aberdeen and is thankful for those people of the past that made it possible. Practical application has put the theory into practice. It has been a privilege to go back to the School from time to time to teach at the place that was such an invaluable tool for his current work.

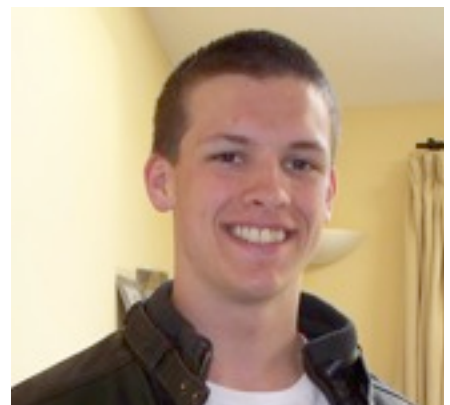
New image revealed ...



With so many changes to the structure and provision of the British Bible School, it seemed a good time to reconsider the suitability of the school's logo. The previous logo had been designed by artist and former student **Dewey Franklin**, in 1983. It was in the form of a shield, showing a Bible over the four national flowers: an English rose, Scottish thistle, Welsh daffodil and Irish shamrock. It appeared in many places including letterhead, ties and sweatshirts, serving us very well for over a quarter of a century. Thank you Dewey!



Our new logo (top), designed by graphic designer **Aubrey Boyns** (below), retains an image of the Bible over which a globe is suspended, illustrating the impact which the school continues to have in many parts of the world. Arrows represent our mission to teach others to teach the Word to all the world, one of which points home, showing the need we have to help train workers for the U.K. and Europe.



British Bible School Open Day

Including the launch of our

Distance Learning Programme

Saturday, 27th June 2009
at Corby, Northamptonshire
from 10 a.m.

More details to be posted soon on our web site ...